

WELCOME TO  
September

2021



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Fri, Sep 3	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service, Sudman Patio, weather permitting
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## Rosh Hashanah

- Mon, Sep 6** 7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
- Tue, Sep 7** 9:00 AM 1st Day - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service, Davis Chapel  
10:00 AM Jewnior Congregation, Faith United Methodist Church  
10:00 AM Reform Service, Faith United Methodist Church  
2:30 PM Children & Family Service, Faith United Methodist Church  
4:30 PM Tashlich at Maynard Lake (*access lake between 1846 & 1850 Maynard Dr.*)
- Wed, Sep 8** 9:00 AM 2nd Day - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service, Davis Chapel

Fri, Sep 10	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service, Sudman Patio, weather permitting
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## Yom Kippur

- Wed, Sep 15** 6:15 PM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Kol Nidre Service, Davis Chapel  
7:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Reform Service, Faith UMC
- Thu, Sep 16** 9:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service w/Yizkor, Davis Chapel  
10:00 AM Reform Morning Service, Faith UMC  
1:30 PM Yom Kippur Study Session, Faith UMC, ("Al Chet Shechatanu" - Rabbi Alan leads a discussion of the sins we confess, and why.)  
2:30 PM Children and Family Service, Faith UMC  
4:00 PM Reform Neilah and Yizkor, Faith UMC  
5:00 PM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Mincha and Neilah, Davis Chapel

Fri, Sep 17	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service, Sudman Patio, weather permitting
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## Sukkot

- Mon, Sep 20** 7:30 PM Erev Sukkot Service & Program, Sudman Patio in the Sukkah
- Tue, Sep 21** 10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service, Davis Chapel

Fri, Sep 24	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service, Sudman Patio, weather permitting
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## Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

- Tue, Sep 28** 10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Shemini Atzeret Service w/Yizkor, Davis Chapel  
7:30 PM Simchat Torah Service and Consecration, Sudman Patio

## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



This summer, Pixar Animation Studios released its latest film, *Luca*. Pixar films are pretty popular in our household, and this one was no exception; we recommend it.

Without giving too much of the plot away, since I believe the movie is most charming when you don't know what to expect, I will tell you that *Luca* is set in Italy and chronicles a

friendship between two imaginative and adventurous boys. Luca begins the movie a bit more timid; his friend Alberto encourages him to be more daring. He tells Luca that whenever he hears a voice of uncertainty in his head, telling him that he can't accomplish something, he should just shout out, "*Silencio, Bruno!*" (be quiet, Bruno!) as a way of pushing aside those doubts. The movie never identifies who the "Bruno" is who inspired this rallying cry, but the message still resonates: we each have the choice as to whether or not we will allow our doubts and misgivings to prevent us from exploring opportunities and reaching our full potential.

A new Jewish year, 5782, is about to unfold. A world of opportunity lays before us. The High Holiday season we are about to enter calls us to take stock of the lives we have led up to this point and to consider what we would like to change for the coming year and beyond.

A good deal of our liturgy for this moment focuses on atonement—acknowledging our shortcomings and sinfulness, and trying to correct that behavior. But the Hebrew word most frequently used for sin is "*chet*," which literally means "missing the mark." Certainly, there are moments in our lives when we "miss the mark" because we have deliberately transgressed rules or expectations. When we do so, and recognize the error of our ways, we should

strive to make amends. But there are other times when missing the mark is due to timidity and fear of failure. In such situations, we may find that we've missed the mark because we haven't even attempted to act in the first place. Our reticence to take that first step keeps us from being our best. God wants us to be aware of this, as well, and seek to broaden our horizons and try new things in the coming year. We should learn to say, "*Silencio, Bruno!*" and subdue the voices in our head that cause us to question our talents and abilities.

As we stand at the threshold of this new year, may we each strive to be the best that we can be, to make an indelible positive impression on all whom we encounter and upon our world, and to be proud of who we are.

Wishing you a sweet, happy, and healthy 5782.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



## Welcome to Sinai Temple

Carolyn Applebaum, Becca Kasdan and  
Barbara Schwimmer



Mazal Tov to Gene and Julia Robinson on the birth of their granddaughter, Alice Miriam Robinson. Parents are Aaron and Diana Robinson.

## From President Julia Rietz

Earlier this week I had a phone conversation with a friend who had moved from our community years ago. This friend and his wife had been members of Sinai Temple for many years. He told me that he and his wife were keeping up on what has been happening at Sinai and were very happy with what they were seeing. He also told me that despite the fact that years have passed since they have been in the building that they still considered Sinai to be their synagogue, their home.

So much has been happening at Sinai despite the fact that we are not fully in the building due to construction and ongoing COVID-19 concerns. Inside the building, construction workers have made great progress in the sanctuary, lounge, library and gift shop. Those of us who have been involved in the renovation are so excited to be moving forward. I do not want to share too much so we can save it for the big reveal, but you can catch the updates on our Sinai Temple Facebook page. Like, share and follow! Inside the building Rabbi Jody is busy getting ready for Religious School so the classrooms can be filled with our children, ready to learn from our dedicated teachers. We will be following all the state and federal mandates for COVID-19 safety, and appreciate everyone's cooperation and support. Inside the building on Friday nights members are gathering for services in the Davis Chapel with Rabbi Alan, and joining from home on Zoom. Outside the building you can see the new sidewalk connecting the parking lot to the Sudman Patio, making it safe and accessible for our members and guests. We are also working on updating our gardens and landscaping, and there will be opportunities to support those efforts coming soon.

We all wish that the work being done on our facilities would wrap up in time for us to join together in our renovated space for High Holiday services. Unfortunately, that will not be possible. But we are so appreciative of our friends at Faith United Methodist Church for sharing their home with us so we can worship together. Thanks goes to Rabbi Alan and his work over the years to establish relationships with our interfaith community. The strength of those ties he has created has been evident during this COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that you will join us at High Holiday services this year. Although we will not be in our physical home, we will be together as a community in the home of our friends and neighbors, celebrating and worshipping together.



I am so glad to know that my friend is pleased with what he and his wife see happening at Sinai, and that they consider Sinai to be their home despite the miles between us. I hope that those of us who are closer physically also see ourselves as part of the Sinai family and take advantage of the opportunities we have to worship, learn and find community. There is, as always, much work to be done. Your contributions are always appreciated, whether it be through volunteering or through your financial support or through your joining in at services. We are part of a community here at Sinai, and it is a community that is growing stronger and moving forward.

Julia Rietz

Sinai Temple President

### SINAI TEMPLE AUGUST 2021 BOARD MEETING

The Board is delighted to welcome new members, Carolyn Applebaum, Barbara Schwimmer, and Becca Kasdan. Please join the Board in welcoming them to our Temple community!

High Holiday services are fast approaching with plans for in-person option for Reform Service at Faith United Methodist Church and ETM services in the Davis Chapel with all members masked, following CDC guidelines. Plans may change pending Board decisions or health policy guidance being revised.

Plans for the Renovation and other updates in the Temple continue. The Board voted to approve an expenditure to update the Gift Shop with new cabinets. The Library will be refurbished with some new furniture and seating to update this important space. Duct work in the sanctuary ceiling is being installed, and portions of the Jerusalem Stone have been delivered.

A new fiscal year has started, and several members have pledged and paid dues. The Board requests that members remember to pledge and send in payment for continued excellence in the Temple, as there are many exciting new updates and positive energy in our community and spaces.

An updated investment policy was approved. Shari Fox and others contributed substantial time and expertise in revising the Temple's investment policy.

Religious School will begin soon. Rabbi Jody has been working diligently over the summer to prepare another outstanding year of religious education for the students with the plan to meet in person with everyone masked.

# Announcements

## Board Introduction

### Shari Fox

My husband Ben and I moved here in 2014 and became members of Sinai Temple only a few months after arriving, thanks to early encouragement from Alaina and Larry Kanfer and Wynne Korr and a very warm welcome from Rabbis Alan and Jody and many, many members of the congregation. I'm originally from a small college town in West Virginia and have lived in the Midwest my entire adult life—first and longest in Cincinnati, then Ann Arbor (sorry, fellow Illini), and now here in lovely Champaign. After nine years in banking and trust work following college, I have spent my career in major and planned gift fundraising and am currently with the University of Illinois Foundation, which affords me the privilege of working with all three U of I universities in Chicago, Springfield, and here in Urbana-Champaign. When not working, I enjoy reading, creative writing, travel, and time with Ben and our friends.



## The Green Team

Sinai Temple's Green Team is affiliated with FAITH IN PLACE, which works statewide with communities of faith, advocating for a sustainable and equitable future.

Everyone has the opportunity to attend their virtual summit Sept. 12 - 14, 2021. Sessions feature the keynote **Healing from an Eco-Womanist Perspective**, and include such topics as **Healing with Land & Water** and **Healing with Youth**.

The summit takes place between Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur, a perfect fit for the time of introspection and planning to take action in the coming year.

Register for free at <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/2021-registration>

For questions, get in touch with Green Team chair Alice Berkson at [berksonalice@gmail.com](mailto:berksonalice@gmail.com).



## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Due to the High Holidays, the Book Group will not meet during September.

Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

*(All Gift Shop profits go to support the Religious School)*

**The Gift Shop is now open by appointment only. Please contact Jessica Kopolow to schedule an appointment, 217-417-8699 or [jessicakopolow@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicakopolow@yahoo.com)**

## GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

**ONLINE: Tuesdays and 9:30 AM**

For those who would like to do chair yoga, online, with Robin, while in your home, please contact her at [robinfans1@gmail.com](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com).

She is leading two classes, on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 through the Zoom website or app.

Please send your donations made payable to Sinai Temple. Only donations of \$15.00 or more per fund and honoree will be listed in the Bulletin.

# Announcements



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Foundation for the Future

Throughout the summer, the focus of the renovation energies has been on the stone wall. From the beginning of the design process, the Renovation Committee loved the idea of a stone facade on the East wall, both to lighten up the room and to evoke the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

During the design process (which occurred during the height of the pandemic in 2020), it appeared that the proposed cost of the stone would put it out of our reach. At the time, the committee “settled” for a tile version that would look like stone but was actually ceramic tile.

As the saying goes, however, “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”.

Supply chain issues and other factors at the beginning of the construction led to the tile not being as effective a solution as we had hoped. The planned order of construction became complicated because the ceiling and bimah couldn't be built until the wall was done!

In July, however, a new option suddenly appeared in Sammy the stone seller. Sammy had Jerusalem stone (real stone!) and – more importantly – he had it available – and for not too much more than the ceramic tile would have cost. Where things looked bleak in early July, we now had a plan and Sammy who was ready to drive out almost immediately.

By mid-August, Sammy was in town and his team made fast work of the wall – and it's beautiful. Art Siegel has shared pictures in the weekly bulletin if you want to see. As important, lots of phases of the project can now proceed – like the bimah, ceiling, and flooring. Many aspects are underway, and the construction can now pick up speed compared to the slower pace while we waited early in the summer.

It's an exciting time for the renovation, and we look forward to talking more about the progress during the High Holy Days in September.

Renovation Committee Chair Sanford Hess



Sanctuary wall with Jerusalem stone installed.



Sanctuary ceiling in progress



## Giving for August

### **BIRNBAUM CAMP FUND**

Joyce Nagel Eisenstein, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Linda Fisch, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Michael & Peggy Grossman, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Madeleine Hymowitz  
Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Maxine Mirowitz, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Mary Perlstein, in memory of Freda Birnbaum  
Gene & Julia Robinson, in memory of Freda Birnbaum

### **BUILDING FUND**

Paul & Celia Arnold  
Allen Avner  
Linda Bauer  
Carl & Carol Belber  
David & Mary Ann Berg  
Allison Bernstein & Andrew Garin  
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein  
Brian & Terre Braun  
Leslie Cooperband & Wesley Jarrell  
Ron & Leanna Cossman  
Nathaniel & Eliza Forsythe  
Melissa Frydman  
Marshall & Karen Garrick  
Jeffrey & Carmen Glezer  
Stacy Gloss & Charles Suggs  
Bart & Pamela Greenberger  
Michael & Peggy Grossman  
Charles Kahn & Jennie France  
James & Karin Imlay  
Richard & Judith Kaplan  
William & Eileen Kohen  
Wynne Korr  
Lyle Konigsberg & Susan Frankenberg  
Judy Lachman  
Warren Lavey & Holly Rosencranz  
Benjamin & Jessica LeRoy  
Robert & Sondra Libman  
Louis Liebovich  
Stephen & Kathryn Marshak  
Richard & Jacqueline Ross  
Morganit Rotman  
Alex Scheeline & Alice Berkson  
Sara Schwebel  
Barbara Schwimmer  
David & Jan Sholem  
Judith Siess & Stephen Bremseth  
David & Carole Sinow  
Marc & Avigail Snir

Ron & Yuko Toby  
Stacy & Jason Trager  
Monique & Michael Tsipursky  
Jon & Kathryn Weisbaum

### **GENERAL FUND**

Annette & John Buckmaster, in memory of Bernice Weinstein  
Julia Kling, in memory of Lotta Kling  
Richard Pikowsky, in memory of Harry Pikowsky

### **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

Paul & Celia Arnold  
Allen Avner  
Linda Bauer  
Carl & Carol Belber  
David & Mary Ann Berg  
Allison Bernstein & Andrew Garin  
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein  
Brian & Terre Braun  
Leslie Cooperband & Wesley Jarrell  
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Benjamin & Jessica LeRoy  
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Alex Scheeline & Alice Berkson  
Sara Schwebel  
David & Jan Sholem  
David & Carole Sinow  
Marc & Avigail Snir  
Stacy & Jason Trager  
Monique & Michael Tsipursky  
Barry & Linda Weiner  
Jon & Kathryn Weisbaum

### **LEWIS FAMILY FUND**

Linda & Marsha Lewis, in honor of Bonnie and Ralph for your love and hospitality.  
Much love, your sisters

### **SECURITY FUND**

Paul & Celia Arnold  
Allen Avner  
Linda Bauer

Carl & Carol Belber  
David & Mary Ann Berg  
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein  
Brian & Terre Braun  
Nathaniel & Eliza Forsythe  
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Barry & Linda Weiner  
Jon & Kathryn Weisbaum

### **TREE OF LIFE**

Lee & Evan Melhado, in honor of Paul Weichsel's 90th birthday  
Elliott & Rosalind Weinberg, in honor of Paul Weichsel's 90th birthday  
Russell & Arielle Weinstein, in honor of Paul Weichsel's 90th birthday

### **YESOD LE'ATID RENOVATION FUND**

Robert & Lauren Boucek  
Paula Kaufman  
Charles & Joan Kozoll  
Ira & Cecile Levenson  
Gene & Julia Robinson  
Arielle & Russell Weinstein

**Bulletin Submission:** The deadline for **October Bulletin** is **September 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** [kathy.douglas@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:kathy.douglas@sinaitemplecu.org).

# Memorials for September



Friday, September 3

Annette Bernstein ( 9 Sep)	Jerry Levant ( 8 Sep)
John Boby ( 6 Sep)	Albert Abraham Liebovich (10 Sep)
Florence Braverman ( 4 Tis)	Blanche Loeb ( 8 Sep)
Donald Brieland ( 2 Tis)	Rachel Loeb (10 Sep)
Loretta Dessen ( 4 Sep)	Sadye Zimmerman Marco ( 4 Sep)
Joseph Freudenstein ( 4 Sep)	Jennie Z. Mashkes ( 4 Sep)
Dorothy Katz ( 1 Tis)	Henrietta Schwartz ( 7 Sep)
Jana Katz ( 8 Sep)	William Sholem ( 4 Sep)
William Konick (10 Sep)	Rachel Towlen ( 9 Sep)

Friday, September 10

Alejandro Victor Medina Abulafia (16 Sep)	Abe Leavitt (14 Sep)	Samuel Slutsky (11 Sep)
Carrie Wiener Adler (15 Sep)	Marvin N. Lesht ( 5 Tis)	Sarah Spitzer (11 Sep)
Daniel K. Bloomfield (12 Sep)	Abraham Levy (11 Sep)	Marcia Robin Taylor ( 6 Tis)
Jorge Covarrubias (11 Sep)	Abaraham Mizrachi (14 Sep)	Baruch Yairi (10 Tis)
Curtis Coyle (12 Sep)	Jack H. Nessel (12 Sep)	
Jerome Ex (12 Sep)	Dorothy Selicovitz Novick (15 Sep)	
Beatrice Herman ( 5 Tis)	Louis Roddis ( 7 Tis)	
Leonard Heumann (13 Sep)	Leonard Ross (15 Sep)	
	Jean Siegel (15 Sep)	

Friday, September 17

Lucille J. Birkett (24 Sep)	Penny Elizabeth Magence-Ginsberg (20 Sep)	Rachel Sitron (24 Sep)
Gloria Liss Bortman (18 Sep)	Zelda Hamburg Maus (19 Sep)	Anna Ruth Steigmann (18 Sep)
Selma Cooperband (19 Sep)	Elsie Mautner (23 Sep)	Annette Winakor (23 Sep)
Marion G. Eskow (23 Sep)	Sol Orden (20 Sep)	
Bertha Freudenstein (19 Sep)	Rose Rubinstein (19 Sep)	
Alvin Friedman (13 Tis)	William Savran (20 Sep)	
Steven Gingold (18 Sep)	Ronald Senoff (12 Tis)	
Pauline Gitler (18 Sep)	Joel Serlin (21 Sep)	
Jeffrey Paul Kaufman (17 Tis)		

Friday, September 24

Shirley Silver Berenbaum (25 Sep)	Gabriel Lilienthal (29 Sep)
Solomon Bernstein Cohen (29 Sep)	Sandra Lipson ( 1 Oct)
Ralph L. Dietchweiler (25 Sep)	Esther Solomon (28 Sep)
Louis Ferratier (24 Tis)	David L. Stone ( 1 Oct)
Behrooz Gahvari (22 Tis)	
Sol Goldberg (27 Sep)	
Ann Braun Goldfein (30 Sep)	
Becky S. Kozoll (30 Sep)	
Allan Levy (29 Sep)	

Friday, October 1

Jerome Aprill ( 3 Oct)	Max Kushner ( 8 Oct)	Henry Sapoznik ( 7 Oct)
Dr Richard Back ( 5 Oct)	Estelle Langendorf ( 3 Oct)	Abraham Simon ( 7 Oct)
Mathilde Back ( 5 Oct)	Isadore Jack Levy ( 7 Oct)	Victor Stolarsky (29 Tis)
Fela Bankier ( 5 Oct)	Dorothy Lowenstein ( 5 Oct)	William Martin Youngerman ( 8 Oct)
Sali Wintner Blum ( 3 Oct)	Mortimer Merkel ( 4 Oct)	
Rose Creinin (28 Tis)	Leah Norian ( 7 Oct)	
Hormozd Gahvari ( 3 Oct)	Emily Sara Peterman ( 6 Oct)	
Lewis Ginsberg ( 3 Oct)	Charles S. Prince ( 8 Oct)	
Shirley Zibel Gunther ( 2 Oct)	Norma Rosenberg ( 5 Oct)	
Merle Garber Hamburg ( 6 Oct)	Ceil Rubinstein ( 3 Oct)	

## End of the Fiscal Year Report Account Balances - June 30, 2021

Heartland Checking	107,406.43
Midland States Bank Checking	0.00
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b>107,406.43</b>
Midlands-MM - Renovation Fund	750,305.83
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$965,118.69</b>
CUJEF-Managed Endowed Funds (Market Value)	\$1,413,765.39

Sinai Temple Investment Accounts		Midland States Bank Wealth Management
Obligated Funds, total	\$	395,039.22
Building Fund	\$	342,880.74
Cemetery Fund	\$	109,954.61
Reserve Funds		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>847,874.57</b>

### Fund Balances

Individual Obligated Funds	
31205 Flower Fund	907.06
31206 Condolence	2,259.34
31207 Einhorn Garden & Grounds	7,944.38
31211 Howard Birnbaum Camp	28,577.63
31215 Kitchen/Oneg	10,962.02
31216 Library	3,786.52
31219 Music	9,153.88
31220 Neuman Garden	10,149.73
31221 Paula Deckard (B'nai Mitzvah)	15,394.00
31222 Prayer Books	897.47
31223 Traditional Minyan	7,327.89
31224 Senior Member	1,657.80
31227 Social Action (Naomi Siegel)	2,493.63
31232 Religious School	53,117.18
31234 Social Events	551.86
31240 Playground Fund	661.65
<b>Total Obligated Funds</b>	<b>\$155,842.04</b>
Cash Reserves	\$83,938.98
Building Fund	\$312,731.80
Cemetery Plot	\$107,804.65