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# Schedule of Services

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Join us for Shabbat.



## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11:00 AM Zoom Session with Rabbi Dr. Joshua Garroway (See below)

# Jewish Utopia:

## Can We Really Repair the World?



Or Ami congregation you're home



Saturday, February 26

9:00-10:30 am PST

10 am MST / 11 am CST / 12 pm EST

online and in person



with

Rabbi Joshua Garroway, PhD

Leading Scholar of Ancient Judaism and Christianity  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

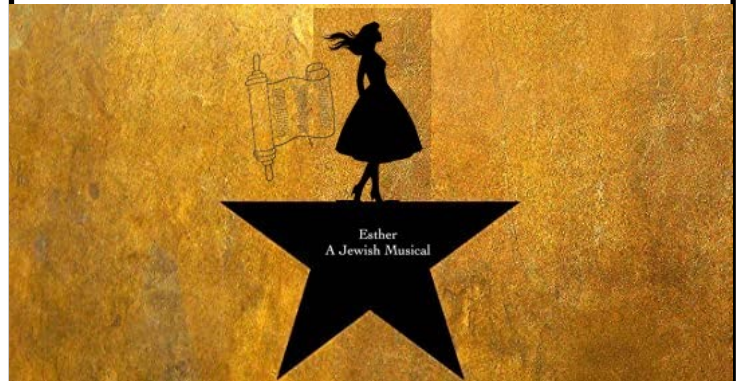
REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO AT: [ORAMI.ORG/RSVP](http://ORAMI.ORG/RSVP)

## Purim is coming!

Join us on Wednesday, March 16th, the evening of Purim.

More information will be made available soon.

Be amazed by a wonderful Hamilton-themed Purim shpiel.



## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



The Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests, is an important one. The Union for Reform Judaism began promoting “Audacious Hospitality” as a key goal for its member congregation, and it’s a precept we’ve tried to adopt. Though COVID has caused us to place our food-related events on hold for the time being, we do look forward to the eventual return of our First Fridays, which allowed

us to share the joy and company of a Shabbat dinner together.

So, I can understand why a rabbi, seeing an individual approach a synagogue building looking cold and uncomfortable, might invite that individual in for a cup of hot tea and some conversation.

As has been widely reported by now, this is how Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker began his Shabbat morning on January 15. He ended it more than eleven hours later, when he and three congregants finally were able to escape from their captor. Thankfully, all were physically unharmed.

In the wake of this ordeal, Rabbi Charlie has been asked if he would extend the same hospitality if he had the chance to do it all again. He has replied that indeed he would.

None of us can truly know how we will respond to a given situation until we do indeed find ourselves in that situation. But I think Rabbi Charlie’s larger point is this: we must not let isolated bad actors destroy our instinct for goodness. We must not allow them to make us callous and closed off to the broader world. Rabbi Cantor Angela Buchdahl, who was also drawn into the hostage crisis by the perpetrator demanding to speak with her, preached the following weekend that we must not permit others to force us into making our synagogues and gathering places into fortresses.

We are fortunate to have safeguards in place to protect all who come to Sinai Temple. While it would not be prudent to list all of them in print, they include alarm systems and physical security features in our building, along with ongoing positive relationships with the Champaign Police Department and other law enforcement and security personnel. We will take precautions, but we will not cower.

I firmly believe that the alternative that we must embrace to building fortresses is the building of bridges. I continue to be proud that Sinai Temple maintains positive relationships within the local interfaith community. Many faith leaders and laypeople reached out with messages of support and solidarity following the incidents in Colleyville, just as they did in the past after the incidents at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and at Chabad of Poway. By being in conversation with people of other faiths, by extending our hands and hearts to them, we create a network that will stand with us when we face challenges.

We won’t always see eye-to-eye with our non-Jewish neighbors on every issue. But by building and continually reinforcing our connections, we learn how to respectfully disagree and how to lovingly challenge one another’s pre-conceptions. We cannot allow our hurt and fear and frustration to present itself as Islamophobia or racism or xenophobia or bigotry. We must resolutely stand for mutual understanding and respect. Together, let us build a brighter tomorrow.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Mazal  
Tov

Mazal tov to Lynn and Ira Wachtel on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Brooks Wachtel (Aharon Nahal). Aaron is the son of Yoni and Jackie Wachtel, the great-grandson of June Gronik, the nephew of Shira and Dan Epstein, and the cousin of Jacob Epstein.

# Announcements



## SINAI TEMPLE JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING

Rabbi Alan meaningfully connected the annual memorial of MLK Jr with the Sabbath of Shirah and its moving Song of Sea in his D'var Torah. He highlighted the piece, “then Moses and the Children of Israel sang” and the tense of “sing/ sang” (future or past) in his commentary. Rabbi Alan encouraged that every one of us consider how the words in that piece of the song were appropriate for that moment when the last boat left Egypt as well as now and for every future generation to rejoice freedoms, justice and opportunity.

Art Siegel as Treasurer circulated financial reports that the Board reviewed. It is expected that the Temple will complete the fiscal year in the black.

The Board voted to approve bema furniture with the contract in place with Amy Reichert Architecture & Design.

The Board voted to approve expenditures to purchase white boards and their installation in numerous classrooms for the Religious School. This follows on the excellent previous presentation to the Board from teacher Ranon Herman and the current B’Nai Mitzvah class and their request to enhance technology in classrooms. A focused select committee will meet and gather needed information for specifics relevant for purchasing and installing improved instructional equipment in the classrooms.

Former Temple Sinai President, Jacob Sosnoff, had his birthday on the date of the Board’s meeting—January 10. Although he was unable to be present, the Board celebrated his birthday and noted the fabulous service, great fellowship, and many contributions that Dr. Sosnoff and his lovely family shared with the Temple over many years.



### TREE OF LIFE LEAF

Our synagogue is proud to possess the EitzChaim, a “Tree of Life”. This beautiful sculpture, given to us by the Hymowitz family, is permanently displayed in the Sinai Temple lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings,

anniversaries, B’nia Mitzvah, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family “Simchas” on our synagogue’s “Tree of Life”. This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful, and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is \$250. For more information, please call the Temple office at (217) 352-8140.



# Announcements



## GREEN TEAM TIP

### COMMUNITY SOLAR KICKS IN!

If you signed up for Community Solar you may already be seeing a reduction in your power bill. Have you looked into this?

Here's an example based on participating with Nexamp: when signing up through Nexamp, the new account is linked to the household's Ameren Illinois account. Each bill from Ameren includes in the Usage Summary, a credit called "Off-Site Gen kWh" that is the amount generated by Nexamp solar. The number of kWh included in the Electric Supply charges reflects this reduced amount charged to you.

When the Nexamp bill arrives, it shows the amount their solar generation provided for your usage and you receive a 20% discount. One congregant's household got credit for several hundred kWh each month last fall, and with the 20% discount, is saving \$6 to \$7 per month. Of course, each household's credit will vary with how much electricity they use.

The nonprofit Illinois Citizen's Utility Board website has an overview of Community Solar, along with a chart that lists the active projects in Illinois.

<https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/solar-in-the-community/>

Note that while there are several state-wide projects, you must sign up for one of the projects that is specific to your residential territory. Because there are so many other charges (for electric delivery, gas supply and delivery, and taxes and fees) you may feel this is not a huge savings compared to the total bill.

But the savings are real and ongoing and you don't have to take any additional steps once you sign up. Most of all, you will be directly supporting the growth of solar energy in our community!

If you have questions please get in touch with Green Team chair Alice Berkson at [berksonalice@gmail.com](mailto:berksonalice@gmail.com)



## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

Sundays in February: Sinai Temple Gift Shop  
**"Make-an-Offer" Sale!!!**

Don't miss out on your LAST CHANCE to score some great merchandise from our clearance room! Stop by during Sunday Hebrew and Religious School hours (9am-12:30pm), and make us an offer we can't refuse... (Clearance items only; all reasonable offers entertained)

Can't make it on Sundays? Contact Jessica Kopolow ([jessicakopolow@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicakopolow@yahoo.com)) to make an appointment.

## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 13th: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

Host and Facilitator: Judith Bernstein, 1724 Lakeside Dr., Champaign

(847) 826-6508

We meet in a hybrid format, both in person and via Zoom.

## GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

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).

## The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners

**This event has been postponed. Stay tuned for the rescheduled dates.**

# Renovation



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## Sinai Renovation Committee

The renovation hit an important milestone on January 21st and 22nd with the first services held in the renovated sanctuary! The combination of lights and sunshine made for a beautiful “Tu BishBat Mitzvah” for Orli Cook, and the pods received their first use as a multi-purpose space, also.

There’s still work to be done, however – mostly on the bimah. Cabinets will be installed, flooring must be finished, and of course the ark and bimah furniture are all still under construction. Some of the electronics are also not fully installed, like the spotlights and cameras.

During the month of February, efforts will focus on closing out the work and also on preparing for final inspections, both from the City and from the architects.

It’s exciting to be back in our beloved sanctuary again with new seating, bright lights, new sound system and gorgeous Jerusalem stone east wall. We now look forward to completing the final phases over the next few months!

The Return to the Temple Committee is hard at work arranging a Grand Opening with dignitaries, food, speeches and acknowledgements. We are still waiting on the timing of the bimah completion to have a specific date. Stay tuned!

## Development Committee

Do you have the PayPal app on your phone? You can scan this QR code and your doantion will go directly to the Renovation account.



## DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER,

*please call ahead for office closures & and  
watch for email updates about event  
happenings.*



# Announcements



## New Member Introduction



Mimi (Miriam) Greenberg is originally from Chicago. Since 1979, she has lived in West Chicago, a suburb about 35 miles west of the city. While Mimi has never lived in Champaign, her sister, Natalie Frankenberg, has been a member of Sinai for around 50 years, and their mother, Gertrude Kushner was also a member for many years. Because of them, Mimi has had involvement with the Temple when she visited for extended periods of time, and considers many members of the Sinai community her friends. (Her husband, John, and she would often help with the Gift Shop Holiday Showcases.)

Mimi doesn't really have a "family" photo, because her son has been living in England for almost 20 years and her stepchildren are scattered all over the United States. They've never been able to get everyone in one place at the same time for any kind of a family photograph. She included a recent picture of herself with her sister, Natalie.

Mimi has one child from her first marriage (divorced 1994) and four step children from her second marriage (widowed 2019). Her son is the oldest and she has 12 grandchildren (11 boys and 1 girl).

She retired from employment with the State of Illinois in 2010. Even though she lives 150+ miles from Champaign, she has been involved with the temple and has been making donations to Sinai Temple on many occasions. Her sister suggested that instead of just sending a donation check that she use that amount toward a membership - and she did.

Mimi was raised with a Traditional practice, but has come to enjoy Reform from the many years of attending the services with her sister. Her favorite Jewish holiday is a toss-up: She has always been partial to Passover and Hanukkah. - she loves the tradition of Passover Seders and chanting the prayers while lighting Hanukkah Lights. There are many years that she celebrates her December 19th birthday on Hanukkah.

For hobbies & activities Mimi loves to read, garden, and sew. She's relearning to cook, because her second husband did the cooking for the 25+ years of their relationship; he loved to create in the kitchen. They used to joke that he was the chef and she was his Sous Chef.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND

Arne & Deborah Fliflet  
Natalie Frankenberg  
Roger & Angie Marsh  
Diane & Rob Ore  
Gary & Fraeda Porton  
Sharon Shavitt & Steven Zimmerman  
John & Bette van Es

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.

This listing only reflects donations received through mid-January. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins.

# Giving

## **BIRNBAUM CAMP FUND**

Elisa Birnbaum, in memory of Freda  
Birnbaum and in memory of Howard  
Birnbaum  
Scott Birnbaum, in memory of Freda  
Birnbaum and in memory of Howard  
Birnbaum

## **BUILDING FUND**

Judy Bach  
Howard Berenbaum & Megan  
McLaughlin  
May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Laura & Anthony Bleill  
Stephen Downie & Deborah Katz-  
Downie  
Scott & Susan Lerner  
Lilyan Levant  
Leslie & Sherrie Levy  
Robert Manaster  
Diane & Rob Ore  
Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky  
Karen & Geoffrey Ray  
Robert and Lucy Rich  
Elyse Rosenbaum & Robert Smith  
Sharon Shavitt & Steven Zimmerman  
Myron & Sonya Sholem  
Maury & Janice Topolosky  
Ehud & Janie Yairi

## **GARDEN FUND**

Michael & Peggy Grossman  
Linda Miller, in memory of Linda Weiner

## **GENERAL FUND**

Annette & John Buckmaster, in memory  
of Linda Weiner  
Aaron & Andrea Canowitz, in memory of  
Susan Woods  
Ann Einhorn, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Ben & Shari Fox, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Marcia & Charles Growdon, in memory  
of Linda Weiner  
Ted Hymowitz, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Judith Kaufman

Susan Lieberman, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Roger & Angie Marsh, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel, in memory of Linda  
Weiner

## **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

Howard Berenbaum & Megan  
McLaughlin  
May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Stephen Downie & Deborah Katz-  
Downie  
Leslie & Sherrie Levy  
Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky  
Karen & Geoffrey Ray  
Sharon Shavitt & Steven Zimmerman  
Maury & Janice Topolosky

## **LEWIS FAMILY FUND**

Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of  
Jerome J. Sholem

## **MUSIC FUND**

Tom & Sue Falender, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Paula Kaufman, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Rabbi and Andrea Klein, in memory of  
Linda Weiner, in memory of  
Rosalind Weinberg, and in honor of  
the birth of Richard & Judith  
Kaplan's granddaughter  
Wynne Korr, in memory of Linda Weiner  
Michael Shapiro & Elizabeth Klein  
Carol Weissler, in memory of Linda  
Weiner

## **SECURITY FUND**

Judy Bach  
May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Howard Berenbaum & Megan  
McLaughlin  
Laura & Anthony Bleill  
Stephen Downie & Deborah Katz-  
Downie  
Scott & Susan Lerner  
Lilyan Levant

Leslie & Sherrie Levy  
Robert Manaster  
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Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky  
Karen & Geoffrey Ray  
Robert & Lucy Rich  
Sharon Shavitt & Steven Zimmerman  
Myron & Sonya Sholem  
Maury & Janice Topolosky  
Ehud & Janie Yairi

## **YESOD LE'ATID**

Samuel & Judith Bernstein  
Scott Birnbaum  
Dov Cohen & Andrea Aguiar, in memory  
of Linda Weiner  
Shira & Dan Epstein, in memory of  
Linda Weiner and in memory of  
Rosalind Weinberg  
Arne & Deborah Fliflet  
Natalie Frankenberg, in memory of  
Rosalind Weinberg, in memory of  
Joli Ginsberg and in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Diane Gottheil, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Alan & Lynne Grusby, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Ben & Michelle Hankin  
Rabbi Norman & Andrea Klein  
Wynne Korr, in honor of the birth of  
Richard and Judith Kaplan's  
granddaughter  
Stanley & Joan Levy  
William & Lisa Libman, in memory of  
Jolie Ginsberg, in memory of John  
Walter, in memory of Rosalind  
Weinberg and in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky  
Elyse Rosenbaum & Robert Smith  
Jacob & Ruth Sosnoff, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Buddi Tepper, in memory of Linda  
Weiner  
Edward & Nancy Tepper, in memory of  
Joli Ginsberg  
Jon & Kathryn Weisbaum

Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office 217-352-8140 or email us at [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org) and let us know the name of the deceased, their relationship to you, and the secular or Hebrew date you wish to observe their yearzeit. If you are unable to attend services and wish to reschedule the observance, please let us know a few days in advance.

# Memorials



Friday, February 4

Frances Aub Bloomfield ( 8 Feb)  
 Abram Dankowicz ( 9 Feb)  
 Lena Garber ( 8 Feb)  
 Martin Glezer (11 Feb)  
 Charles Hammer ( 6 Feb)  
 Boris Isaac Katz (10 Feb)  
 Jacob M. Kaufman (10 Feb)  
 Anna Klein ( 5 1Ad)  
 Charles A. Kulwin (11 Feb)  
 Juliana Wertheimer Neuwirth (10 Feb)

Tony Novak ( 8 Feb)  
 Alice Ore ( 8 Feb)  
 Ann Brodsky Pass ( 8 Feb)  
 Lionel (Rick) Romero (10 Feb)  
 Frances Rosenberg ( 8 Feb)  
 Edward Louis Roth ( 6 Feb)  
 Faye Roth ( 8 Feb)  
 Florence Schutz ( 6 Feb)  
 Bernice E. Schwartz ( 9 Feb)  
 Faye Siegal Sholem ( 6 Feb)

Ruth Weinberg ( 5 1Ad)  
 Florence F. Weingarten ( 7 Feb)  
 Stanley J. Wolowiec ( 7 Feb)

Friday, February 11

Marilyn E. Adleman (12 Feb)  
 Allen Bach (12 Feb)  
 Nora Beloff (12 Feb)  
 Joshua Eisenstein (12 Feb)  
 Samuel Garber (12 Feb)  
 David Gingold (12 Feb)  
 Harriett Gore (14 Feb)  
 Robert Graff (18 Feb)  
 Betty Barker Greenstein (14 Feb)  
 Florence Dorothy Hamburg (12 Feb)  
 Marcus Maxwell Joffe (18 Feb)

Ann Kapulskey (14 1Ad)  
 Barbara Klein (17 Feb)  
 Rose Adler Kuhn (14 Feb)  
 Marian Brenner Matzkin (16 Feb)  
 Gerald William Pafford (13 Feb)  
 Isadore William Pearlman (14 Feb)  
 Harriet Sherman (14 Feb)  
 Martin Spatt (17 Feb)  
 Edward S. Talley (12 Feb)  
 Howard E. Zimmerman (12 Feb)

Friday, February 18

Marilyn Deborah Agran (23 Feb)  
 Mildred Brusiloff Appel (23 Feb)  
 Stanley Depper (24 Ada)  
 Milton Derber (19 Feb)  
 Hannah Freudenstein (23 Feb)  
 Rita Mae Goodman (22 1Ad)  
 Ethel Hymowitz (22 Ada)  
 Rossie Kohen (21 Feb)  
 Alice Kushner (20 Feb)  
 Malcolm Lachman (25 Feb)  
 Edith Levy (19 Feb)

Ruth Morton Lynx (21 Feb)  
 Jenny Mandel (21 Feb)  
 Leo I. Nagel (22 Feb)  
 Ralph Newman (24 Feb)  
 Rebecca Rous (20 Feb)  
 Maurice Silver (20 Feb)  
 Dora Banks Simon (23 Feb)  
 Lillian Spivak (21 Feb)  
 Sylvia G. Stolurow (19 Feb)  
 Stephen Nathaniel Tager (25 Feb)  
 Anna Tepper (21 Feb)

Arthur Winakor (25 Feb)  
 Edith Zecher (24 Feb)

Friday, February 25

Marilyn Deborah Agran (28 Feb)  
 Sakip Altay ( 4 Mar)  
 Beverly Rosenfeld Cohen (28 Feb)  
 Irving Cohen ( 3 Mar)  
 Oscar Einhorn (25 1Ad)  
 Adam Ira Feinberg (28 Feb)  
 Bernice Goldstick Hess ( 3 Mar)  
 Orville S. Kahn (27 Feb)  
 Lloyd Kraus (26 Feb)  
 Clarence Libman ( 2 Mar)

Jack Marco ( 4 Mar)  
 David Markoff (27 Feb)  
 Harry Rosenberg (27 Feb)  
 Aron Rosenstein (28 Feb)  
 Dorothy Rosenstein (26 Feb)  
 Charles O. Silverman (25 Ada)  
 Mortimer B. Sitron ( 2 Mar)  
 Daniel L. Smith (26 Feb)  
 Joseph Solon ( 2 Mar)  
 David Tepper (29 Feb)

Fay Tepper (26 Feb)  
 Judy Green Tupac (26 Feb)  
 Louis Vineberg (26 Feb)  
 Jerome S. Wachtel (28 1Ad)  
 Rosalie Willis ( 3 Mar)