

## Schedule of Services

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 PM Purim Spiel

8:15 PM Egalitarian Minyan Megillah Reading

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

Join us for  
Shabbat.



Welcome

Please welcome our newest Temple member,  
Percy Focazio-Moran.

## Purim

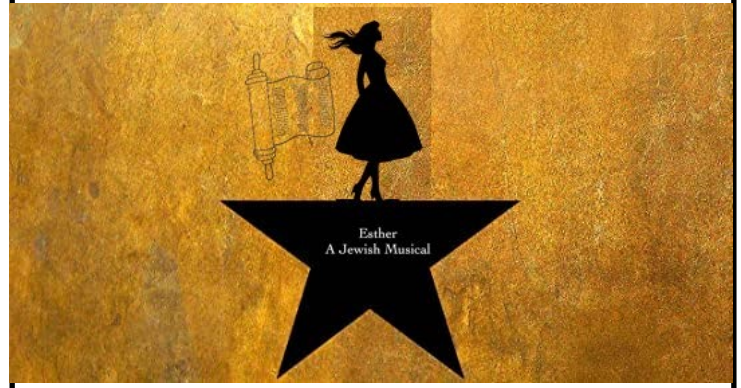
Purim begins Wednesday evening, March 16.

Join us at 7 PM for our fabulous Purim Shpiel based on the songs of Hamilton!

At 8:15 PM we'll have a brief egalitarian traditional festival service, and a reading of the full Megillah.

We'd love to see you in person, but if you can't make it, the shpiel can also be viewed on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85879499627> Please note the special passcode, Purim 22.

Bring your graggers and get ready for a great time!



**Bulletin Submission:** The deadline to submit information for the **April Bulletin is March 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** Kathy Douglas, [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org).

## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



*MiSheNichnas Adar, Marbim B'Simcha.* The rabbis teach us that when the Hebrew month of Adar enters, our happiness increases. Adar is the month in which the festival of Purim occurs, which is traditionally a raucous and silly time, so it is understandable that the sages sought to extend this frivolity to the entire month. This year happens to be a Jewish leap year, when an additional month of Adar is added to the calendar (it “corrects” the lunar calendar to ensure that Passover remains in the spring, Chanukah remains in the winter, etc.). This means that we are treated to even more of an opportunity to experience joy and happiness.

In the musical “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” based on the Peanuts cartoons by Charles M. Schulz, lyricist Clark Gesner concludes the show with a song titled, “Happiness Is.” Each of the characters reflects on the simple pleasures in life that bring them satisfaction and delight:

Happiness is two kinds of ice cream  
Knowing a secret  
Climbing a tree  
Happiness is five different crayons  
Catching a firefly  
Setting him free...

The characters in the musical, Charlie Brown and his friends, are elementary school children (and a beagle of indeterminate age). But in giving voice to the things and experiences that make them each happy, they remind us to seek and embrace those moments of bliss, fleeting though they may be, at any opportunity we may find.

The compendium of aphorisms known as Pirke Avot quotes Rabbi Ben Zoma teaching, “*Eizehu ashir? HaSame'ach B'Chelko*—who is wise? One who is happy with the lot they have been given.” In other words, we needn't wait for Purim, or for the month of Adar, to feel gleeful—we should strive to find happiness in every moment of our existence.

We are extraordinarily happy to be able to return to our beautifully re-imagined sanctuary space to celebrate Purim with one another this year. You may recall that the last time we gathered in great numbers for a festival celebration was Purim of 2020, when we enjoyed our “Annie” shpiel. Last year, we were able to produce a fun and fabulous “Little Shop of Horrors” shpiel on YouTube, but we are so excited to be able to perform this year's shpiel, based on “Hamilton,” before a live audience.

The shpiel will take place on Wednesday evening, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We do recognize that not everyone may be ready for public gatherings yet (or may be travelling), so there will also be an opportunity to watch the shpiel on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85879499627>. We'll use a special password for the event: **Purim22**. Following the shpiel, we will have a brief Egalitarian Traditional festival evening service, and a reading of the whole megillah. Please see elsewhere in the bulletin for further details.

I will be very happy to see each of you—either in person or on Zoom, for Purim and for other programs coming up at Sinai Temple.

Happy Purim!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Congratulations to Aiden Harms-Aronoff on his Bar Mitzvah on February 19th. Aiden is the son of Christie Harms-Aronoff and Justin Aronoff

Congratulations to Joanne Bross on her Bat Mitzvah to take place April 2nd. Joanne is the daughter of Datia Rosenberg and Benjamin Bross.

# Announcements

## GREEN TEAM TIP

You might be ramping up plans for your yard or garden this year since we have occasional warm days that lure us outside.

Consider planning a rain garden or swale to reduce run-off into our drainage system. At the same time, you can introduce some native species and a variety of pollinators to your yard.

Local garden centers have some native species but our best local source is the annual spring plant sale from Grand Prairie Friends.

This is a great way to reduce the amount of mowing in what might be a low or problematic part of your yard.

Sources for Rain Garden information include University of Illinois Extension and an overview from Prairie Rivers Network: <https://prairierivers.org/raingardens/>



## The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners

**April 27—May 4 (weekend excluded)**

Grand Opening Event: April 27, 6:00-8:30 PM, Illini Hillel, 503 E John St

Sponsored by the Holocaust Education Center of CUJF and Illini Hillel

Please join us to view this prominent exhibition comprised of artwork by 12 survivors of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp who documented their experiences during the Holocaust. This exhibit featuring 60 pieces of art is on loan from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland. It is our honor to premier this exhibition in the U.S.

Please register for the April 27th Grand Opening of to take a tour at <https://illinihillel.org/artofprisoners>.

For more information about the CUJF Holocaust Education Center please visit <https://cujf.org/programs-and-services/holocaust-education-center>.



Begins Sunday March 13th

# *Purim Carnival*



## **Sinai Temple Religious School will Host a Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 13 from 10-12:30 (games will close at noon, there will be an option to stay for pizza lunch)

We will have games and activities set up throughout the newly renovated North and South Pods as well as in the foyer. Don't forget to wear a Purim costume (and a COVID facemask – required for all over the age of 2).

Come ready to catch a fish, bowl down Haman's 10 sons, toss rings at the palace, decorate crowns, make mishloach manot, get face paint and more! We will have a quieter area of activities including building the palace in Shushan, reading and crafting.

Punch cards will be available for purchase at the door, to be used for games. Cash or check payments accepted. There will be an opportunity to give tzedakah for a Purim mitzvah, to choose prizes and to win larger raffle prizes.

Please pre-order your lunch so we know quantities. Similar to how we do religious school snacks and Sinai Café, we will have tables set up for those who are comfortable eating in public spaces and ask people to spread out while eating. You are also welcome to eat in a classroom or outside, weather permitting.

Please send a lunch order to Rabbi Jody by March 10 at 3:00, indicating the number of lunches you will purchase. Lunch will include 2 pieces of cheese pizza, a drink, a fruit, and a veggie. Cost is \$8 per person, please pay at the door but order in advance. We will order a few extra portions, but pre-orders will be served first.

Please watch for a sign up to help run a station! We won't have most of our teachers available due to the carnival coinciding with spring break, so we will need community help to open booths!

# Announcements

## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 13th: The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross

Host: Carol Belber, 2105 S. Mills, Urbana (217) 384-3030

Facilitator: Susan Schomer

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).

## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

Sundays in March: 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) when school is in session, and make us an offer we can't refuse... (Clearance items only; all reasonable offers entertained)

**Mark your calendars** for the **Passover Showcase** to be held April 3 and April 10th in the West Lobby

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



Foundation for the Future

## Sinai Renovation Committee

The renovation is entering its final phases, but as with so much else in the construction everything is taking longer than we wish. By now, many of you have seen the

sanctuary in person, and others on photos. It looks mostly done, and you may not see many changes over the past few weeks, but there are small steps of progress. For example, the bimah's steps were stained and some of the final wiring was put in place. However, these are minor changes and not noticeable unless you know where to look.

Other work is happening off-site, like the creation of the wood cabinets (“millwork”) that will go along the east wall and the fabrication of the ark. These larger components will come to Sinai as pieces that will be assembled on site. The timelines for these are still changing, as final details get worked out and the materials become available.

A final area of progress is the formal process of inspections with the City. These are occurring for individual components (mechanical, electrical) before a final review occurs.

In short, there's progress occurring and everyone on the SRC and its sub-committees are looking forward to a grand opening celebration this Spring!

## Development Committee

As we plan to celebrate our return to our renewed spaces, please consider contributing to help us finish strong.

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.



# Giving

## **BUILDING FUND**

May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Edward & Nancy Tepper  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel

## **GARDEN FUND**

David & Jan Sholem, in memory of  
Jerome J. Sholem and in memory of  
Faye Siegal Sholem

## **GENERAL FUND**

Sue Brim, in memory of Henrietta  
Schwartz and in memory of Abraham  
Lapedes  
William & Phyllis Gingold, in memory  
of David Gingold  
John & Benita Katzenellenbogen, in  
honor of Orli Cook's Bat Mitzvah  
William & Eileen Kohen, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Frederick Reeves, in honor of Orli  
Cook's Bat Mitzvah  
Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of  
Ruth Youngerman  
Dvora Tager, in memory of Pauline  
Tager, in memory of Marcus Tager,  
in memory of Jessica Underberg, in  
memory of Marianne Melnikoff, in  
memory of Florence Reyman, in  
memory of Isaac Reyman, in memory  
of Solon Reyman, in memory of Ruth  
Tager, and in memory of Stephen  
Tager

## **INTERIORS FUND**

Diane Gottheil, in honor of Orli Cook's  
Bat Mitzvah

## **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel

## **MUSIC FUND**

Julia & Gene Robinson, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
Joy Thornton-Walter, in memory of  
Sophia Lambert

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Garth Gersten & Janet Bercovitz, in  
honor of Orli Cook's Bat Mitzvah

## **SECURITY FUND**

May Berenbaum & Richard Leskosky  
Richard Newman, in memory of Ralph  
Newman  
Edward & Nancy Tepper  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel

## **TREE OF LIFE**

Maury & Janis Topolosky, in honor of  
Paul Weichsel

## **YESOD LE'ATID**

Sheila Hess, in honor of Carol Belber's  
birthday  
Barbara Jones & David Dorman  
Ira & Cecile Lebenson, in memory of  
Linda Weiner  
William & Reva Egherman, in memory  
of Linda Weiner  
Paula Kaufman  
Leslie & Gary Mason, in honor of Carol  
Belber's birthday  
Diane & Rob Ore, in memory of Linda  
Weiner, in memory of Rosalind  
Weinberg, and in honor of Carol  
Belber's birthday  
Edward & Nancy Tepper  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel  
Barry Weiner

## **MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

Honor the loving memory of a departed family member or close friend by having his or her name inscribed on a solid brass Memorial Plaque for placement on our Memorial Wall outside of the Sanctuary. Sinai Temple affords those who have lost a loved one the opportunity to perpetuate the cherished memory of their departed by donating a Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque. Each nameplate is inscribed with the name of the departed along with the English or Hebrew date of death. The name of the departed inscribed on the Memorial Plaque is also published annually at Yom Kippur in the Sinai Temple Roll of Remembrance. Cost: \$325.00 each. Contact the Temple office if you would like to order a Memorial Plaque.



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-February. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins.

# Memorials

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| Friday, March 4  | Mack Bernard Braun ( 8 Mar)<br>David S. Choldin ( 6 Mar)<br>Arthur Fagan ( 7 Mar)<br>Murray Friedman ( 9 Mar)<br>Bernard Karsh ( 7 Mar)<br>William Klaiman ( 6 Mar)<br>Sam Klugman ( 8 Mar)<br>Harriet Mildred Lavey (10 Mar)          | Mollie Leavitt ( 9 Mar)<br>Shirley M. Newman ( 8 Mar)<br>Solon Aaron Reyman ( 9 Mar)<br>Edith Sapoznik (10 Mar)<br>Ted Sher (11 Mar)<br>Hiram Gene Slottow (11 Mar)<br>Minnie Slutsky ( 8 Mar)<br>Ruth Marieke van Es ( 6 Mar)                            | Rosetta Kuhn Victor ( 9 Mar)<br>Maxine Weiner ( 8 2Ad)<br>Colonel Uzi Yairi ( 6 Mar) |
| Friday, March 11 | James Adler (17 Mar)<br>Fritz Braunfeld (18 Mar)<br>Sylvia Kadish Cohen (13 Mar)<br>Bess Frankenberg (15 Mar)<br>Philip Freedman (15 Mar)<br>Zola Joseph Goodfriend (12 Mar)<br>Carl Greenstein (15 Mar)<br>Shirley L. Kaplan (15 Ada) | Sarah Westerman Konick (15 Mar)<br>Paul Michael Mischakoff (12 Mar)<br>Raymond Perlov (15 Mar)<br>Pauline Lou Rabin (15 Mar)<br>Abraham M. Reider (13 Ada)<br>Gayle Riches (13 2Ad)<br>Eugenia Coleman Roddis (13 Ada)<br>Delores Jean Rosenbaum (15 Mar) |  |
| Friday, March 18 | Edwin M. Banks (24 Mar)<br>Sidney S. Feldman (19 Mar)<br>Gary Fromm (23 Mar)<br>Annette Lewis Glaser (20 Mar)<br>Harry Hirshenson (25 Mar)<br>Christopher Kanis (21 Mar)<br>Ben Kaufman (24 Mar)<br>Joyce Levy (22 Mar)                | Harry Lipson Sr (20 Mar)<br>Charles F. Loeb (25 Mar)<br>Alan Pall (22 Mar)<br>Sonya Pearlman (23 Mar)<br>Evan Gordon Sarney (25 Mar)<br>Edward I. Siegal (25 Mar)<br>Helen Tepper (22 Mar)<br>Irving Weinberg (21 2Ad)                                    | Bill Wiese (21 Mar)  |
| Friday, March 25 | Rose Shore Applebaum (30 Mar)<br>Phillip Bedein (28 Mar)<br>Samuel Cossman (28 Mar)<br>John Porter Davis (29 Mar)<br>Edward L. Edlitz (26 Mar)<br>Bertha Ginsburg (28 Mar)<br>Isadore Ginsburg (29 Mar)<br>Paul Karsh ( 1 Apr)         | Ida Klugman (28 Mar)<br>Arthur Lerner (31 Mar)<br>Fania Levin (30 Mar)<br>Rose (Bebbe) Mandel (29 Mar)<br>Charles Miller (26 Mar)<br>Harry Miller (28 Mar)<br>Beverlee Mirell ( 1 Apr)<br>Annette Schoenberg (27 Mar)                                     | Anna B. Vineberg (27 Mar)  |
| Friday, April 1  | Jack Diamond ( 3 Apr)<br>Barbara Ferdman ( 4 Apr)<br>Joshua David Gottheil ( 4 Apr)<br>Martin H. Katz ( 4 Nis)<br>Adam Koslofsky ( 4 Apr)<br>Lena Loeb Kuhn ( 8 Apr)<br>Aaron Kurland ( 8 Apr)<br>Hermine Ruth Lachman ( 7 Apr)        | Wolf Lewis ( 2 Apr)<br>Irma Lipson ( 4 Apr)<br>Abraham Loeb ( 4 Apr)<br>John P. Melhado ( 1 Nis)<br>Woodrow Pearlman ( 6 Apr)<br>Nina Nelson Seidenberg ( 4 Apr)<br>Lenore Levy Simon ( 6 Apr)<br>Marcus Tager ( 4 Apr)                                   | Anne B. Weisel ( 3 Nis)  |

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 yahrzeit. If you are unable to attend services and wish to reschedule the observance, please let us know a few days in advance.