

## Schedule of Services

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service-B'nai Mitzvah Class-Led

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

10:00 AM Avery Benson Bat Mitzvah

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service



### SATURDAY, MAY 14

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service-Rededication Event and Special Service. See invitation to the right.

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

10:00 AM Helen Fisher Bat Mitzvah

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan



## Help Us Celebrate!

Friday, May 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

The Torahs are returning to the Sanctuary!

There will be speakers, invited guests, music, noshing and celebrating.

5:00 PM doors open. Come visit with your Sinai Temple friends and community members.

5:30 PM Dinner. Seating will be available for you to enjoy your dinner. Dinner will be available for a small cost with pre-reservation.

6:15 PM Gala Reopening Program

7:00 PM Family-Friendly Shabbat Evening Service, followed by a fabulous oneg.

Please visit <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/zik0s9z0toy49o/> to register for the event and sign-up for dinner.

## *From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk*



I am writing this message during Chol HaMo'ed Passover, the intermediate days of the festival of Passover. Though the Torah describes Passover as a seven-day observance (and some in the diaspora add an eighth day to the holiday), the rabbis recognized that celebrating each day as a full

holiday—with work restrictions, limitations on lighting fires and cooking, etc.—would be too burdensome. So they instituted the practice of Chol HaMo'ed, literally, the ordinary time of the festival. These days occupy a numinous space between the sacredness of the holiday and the mundaneness of our everyday lives.

This year, Passover and Easter converged. That's not so rare; in Western Christian traditions, the date of Easter is explicitly tied to Passover. But in an occurrence that I am told only happens about every thirty years, Ramadan also was observed during this season. Because the Muslim calendar is a lunar calendar that is never corrected to bring it back in sync with the solar calendar, Muslim holidays and observances are moveable: some years Ramadan will fall in the spring, and sometimes it will take place in the winter.

To have key celebrations in three major Abrahamic faiths coincide (the festival of Ridván, a holiday for another Abrahamic faith, the Baha'i, began earlier in April) is sacred and instructive. We are reminded that there are multiple avenues that each lead the way to heightened spirituality, and we are grateful that our human intellect grants us the insight and the autonomy to determine which path we each find personally

meaningful. We see similarities in the way the holidays are observed—the day-long fasts of Ramadan, the self-deprivation of the Lenten season leading up to Easter, refraining from eating leavened foods on Passover—and we rejoice in our commonalities, even as we recognize the divergent theological underpinnings that inform these celebrations. We find space to acknowledge both that which we share and the places in which we differ, and we come to appreciate the beauty in both, and the numinous space between.

For it is in that ephemeral place—the Chol HaMoed of our festival, the holy tension between that which we have in common with our neighbors and that which differs—where we find true sanctity. In a world that so often seeks to categorize people and items into carefully labeled boxes, it is meaningful and instructive to look beyond these oversimplified clear-cut categorizations and celebrate the sweetness of these in-between spaces of complexity and diversity and overlap.

May we strive to recognize and lift up our bonds with others, to build bridges of understanding and fellowship among all peoples.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



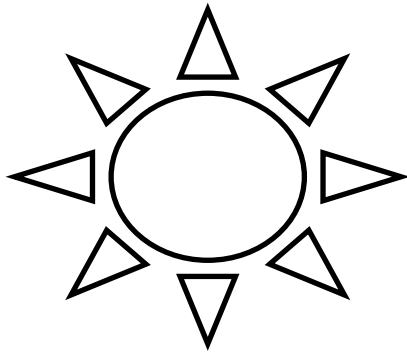
## From President Julia Rietz

### Annual Meeting, May 22, 2022

7:00 PM, Ice cream Social

7:30 PM, Meeting

- ∴ Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of Sinai Temple.
- ∴ Review materials. including the 2022/23 budget, will be available by May 12.
- ∴ We will be conducting the meeting via Zoom (Meeting ID:311 716 3729 Passcode: 61822) and in person. Please watch your weekly email for details.



### Annual Meeting of Sinai Temple Sunday, May 22, 2022 Ice Cream Social at 7:00 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM

#### Slate of Candidates

##### Officers

Secretary - Janet LeRoy

Treasurer - Jennie France

##### Trustees

Richard Akresh - 3 year term

Leanna Cossman - 1 year term

Shari Fox - 3 year term

Amy Roady - 3 year term

Stacy Trager - 2 year term

If interested in serving on the Board of Trustees please contact Jennie France at 217-552-5686 or

[v-france@illinois.edu](mailto:v-france@illinois.edu)

Annual Report documents, including the FY22-23 Budget will be available by May 12. The meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

### End of the Fiscal Year is Fast Approaching

Please have your membership pledges and payments into the office by the end of June for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Call Kathy, 217-352-8140, if you have questions about your pledge or payments.

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

# Announcements



This will be the last monthly newsletter from the Sinai Renovation Committee, as we will celebrate the grand opening on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

During April the final pieces came together: the millwork (cabinets) on the east wall, the bimah furniture, and (of course) the ark. As some of these final pieces were put in place, the final audio/visual work could take place, such as the installation of the TVs on the east wall and the wired connections to the bimah.

You can imagine how exciting it is for the members of the SRC to see the final stages of this project come together. It has been more than four years since the Committee was formed and began pulling together ideas and contacting architects. The process has had its ups and downs, but as we near its completion everyone is thrilled with the final product. We hope that the result of this effort is a modern, comfortable, and accessible space that honors the past of Sinai and “wows” first time visitors. Thank you to everyone who supported the project financially and (for the SRC members) with donations of their time. And finally a massive THANK YOU to Art Siegel for his energy, patience, and effort to manage this project throughout the construction phase.

Sanford Hess  
Chair SRC

## 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). She is leading a class on Tuesdays at 9:30 through the Zoom website or app.

Do you believe it? After a long renovation process, on May 20th we will celebrate our grand opening!

Much thanks for the support you have given to the Yesod Le'Atid campaign. You still have time to make another contribution to help build the Foundation for the Future.

<https://sinaitemplecu.org/foundation-for-the-future-donation-form/>

Wynne Korr



## Book Group

The Book Group meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. Since the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day, the Book Group will meet May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

Host and Facilitator: Natalie Frankenberg, 3705 Marjorie Lane, Champaign (217) 390-4168

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



# Announcements



Please join Sara and Eric Benson as they celebrate their beautiful, talented, intelligent daughter, Avery, becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 7, 2022 at 10am at Sinai Temple. Avery attends Campus Middle School for Girls where she excels in math and art, iPower School of Gymnastics, Fierce Girls, and is a caring member of the Sinai Temple and the Champaign-Urbana Jewish community.

Avery's grandmother, Amy Grossman, will also celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on this special day.



Helen Rachel Rose Fisher will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 21st, 2022. Helen is the daughter of Kim and Mitch Fisher and has three siblings: Isaac (17), Moses (14), and Aaron (10). Helen is a rising 8th grade student at Edison Middle School.

Helen loves to play soccer and is a member of the Midstate Soccer Club in Decatur. She plays trombone for the Edison Middle School Band. She also enjoys watching and attending sporting events, reading, hiking, Animal Crossing, and playing fetch/chase in the backyard with our dog, Clyde.

A very special thank you to Sara Harkins, Rabbis Jody and Alan, and Mr. Herman, who have helped Helen prepare for this special day.



# Announcements

## GREEN TEAM TIP

Did you know that our Sinai Temple Green Team is part of **Faith in Place**?

Faith in Place has Green Teams like ours at churches, synagogues, and other faith groups in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin sharing this vision:

People of diverse faiths and spiritualities leading the environmental movement to create healthy, just, and sustainable communities for all.

Learn about their programs at  
<https://www.faithinplace.org/>



### SINAI TEMPLE April 2022 BOARD MEETING

Rabbi Alan provided his D'var Torah.

Renovation is coming to a fabulous completion. The Board provided hearty laurels and congratulations to the Renovation Committee, and in particular its stalwart leader Sanford Hess.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary circulated financial reports and investment portfolio report, all of which the Board reviewed. Presently the Temple continues in reasonable fiscal health.

Still, building updates and maintenance cost money. The Building Committee present updates on ongoing work, including landscaping, parking lot repair, library upkeep, replacing lights, painting ceiling, and updating a new phone contract.

The Nominating Committee has done excellent work recruiting, selecting, and nominating new members to serve. The Board reviewed and discussed the Annual Budget; motion was passed to provisionally accept the budget to be presented at Annual Meeting. Both the slate for Board members and the Annual Budget will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Meeting, May 22.

## Ukrainian Relief

Sinai Temple collected \$3180 for HIAS to aid in Ukrainian relief efforts. HIAS specializes in refugee and humanitarian aid.



# Giving

## **BUILDING FUND**

Hilda Banks  
Gary & Tonya Bernstein  
Robert Ferrer  
Mitch & Kim Fisher  
Sheryl Goldberg  
Diane Gottheil  
Brian & Jacque Kahn  
Samuel Mall & Kristina Hale

## **GENERAL FUND**

William & Phyllis Gingold, in memory of Lillian  
Gingold  
Gayle & Ira Kopin, in memory of Rose (Bebbe) Mandel  
and in memory of Jack Diamond  
Judy Lachman, in memory of Ruth Lachman

## **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

Diane Gottheil  
Richard Newman, in memory of Shirley Newman  
Rae Spooner, in honor of the marriage of Sophia &  
Yoni Segev

## **LEWIS FUND**

In memory of Leon Ades and Edward I Siegal

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Diane Gottheil

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Madeleine Hymowitz, in memory of Ted Hymowitz  
Martin Hymowitz, in memory of Ted Hymowitz  
Richard Newman, in memory of Charles Miller and in  
memory of Shirley Miller Newman

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Diane Gottheil  
Linda & Alan Kurtz, thank you to Joyce Eisenstein and  
the Religious School for the Purim Basket  
Richard Newman, in appreciation of the Purim Basket  
Judith & Steve Ullom, thank you for Purim Basket

## **SECURITY FUND**

Sheryl Goldberg  
Diane Gottheil  
Myron & Sonya Sholem

## **TREE OF LIFE**

Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer, in honor of Bill and Reva  
Egherman

## **YESOD LE'ATID**

David Dorman & Barbara Jones  
Diane Gottheil, in gratitude for the Purim Basket  
Alan & Lynne Grusby, in memory of Allan Berman  
Paula Kaufman, in honor of the 10th anniversary of  
Dana and Erez Cohen  
Wynne Korr, in honor of the 10th anniversary of Dana  
and Erez Cohen  
Alexander Polischuk  
Elyse Rosenbaum & Robert Smith

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



# Memorials

Friday, May 6

William Adelston ( 9 May)  
 Samuel Agran (12 May)  
 Leah Cohen Bojar ( 7 Iya)  
 Edward Dessen ( 8 May)  
 Sonia Doppelt ( 9 May)  
 Della Faiman ( 9 Iya)  
 Carolyn Kuhn Feffer ( 7 May)  
 Herbert E. Francisco ( 8 Iya)  
 Donald M. Ginsberg ( 7 May)

Becky Glaser (11 May)  
 Morton S. Glaser ( 8 May)  
 Sarah Gofseyeff Heller ( 6 Iya)  
 Ernest W. Lane (12 May)  
 Harry David Lebenon (12 May)  
 Sara Lewis ( 8 May)  
 Simon Litman ( 7 May)  
 Mariane Tager Melnikoff ( 8 May)  
 Pearl Miller (10 May)

Beverly Newman (11 May)  
 Sarah Braudes Olefsky ( 7 May)  
 William Edward Perkel (12 May)  
 Sidney P. Radeloff (12 May)  
 Lee E. Roland (10 May)  
 Lillian G. Stauffer (11 May)  
 Amelia Alpiner Stern (12 May)  
 Herman Edward Waisvisz ( 9 May)

Friday, May 13

Ruth B. Barker (17 May)  
 Barbara Ann Berg (17 May)  
 Henry Jacob Blum (16 May)  
 Agha-Jan Gahvari (13 Iya)  
 Morris Garfinkel (17 May)  
 Edythe Klavans Goodman (19 May)  
 Alice Grossman (17 May)  
 Mildred Hirshenson (18 May)  
 Armin H. Koller (17 May)

Samuel Lenik (15 Iya)  
 Adele Lipson (15 May)  
 Jacob Royce Nathan (13 Iya)  
 Jack Rothenberg (18 May)

Friday, May 20

David Ralph Berkson (24 May)  
 Abe Blockman (21 May)  
 Doris Sweital Brody (23 May)  
 Estelle Brotherson (26 May)  
 Addie Bernstein Cohen (25 May)  
 Lila Ziven Katz (22 May)  
 Rachel Lewis (26 May)  
 George Miller (21 May)  
 Ethel Lydia Olson (26 May)

George Perlstein (26 May)  
 Bernard Regardie Perry (26 Iya)  
 Rose Lillian Lipman Rigberg (24 May)  
 Sarah Savran (23 Iya)  
 Harold Morris Schomer (26 Iya)  
 Lillian Sherman (26 May)  
 Flora Sholem (22 May)  
 Moses Guy Soskin (25 May)  
 Minnie Stern (23 May)

Blanche Berland Sudman (24 May)  
 David Jacob Waisvisz (21 May)  
 Sophie Weinberg (22 Iya)  
 Morris Zimmerman (21 May)

Friday, May 27

Trudy Averbuch ( 2 Jun)  
 Zelda Trenner Derber (30 May)  
 Bessie S. Greenspon (29 May)  
 Rhunette Haywood (29 May)  
 Frank Helman (29 Iya)  
 Ethel Herman (29 Iya)  
 Lucille Koenigsberg (30 May)  
 Katherine Schlesinger Koller ( 1 Jun)

Stephen Kotok ( 2 Jun)  
 Gertrude S. Kushner ( 1 Jun)  
 Doris Manaster ( 1 Jun)  
 Hortense (Moritz) Mischakoff ( 2 Jun)  
 Ruby Carol Ginsberg Miskie ( 2 Jun)  
 Esther S. Mittleman ( 1 Jun)  
 Martin Pierce (29 May)  
 Maxine Pombert (28 May)

Marion Sherman ( 2 Jun)  
 Hyman F. Simonson ( 3 Jun)  
 Marie Simon Simonson (29 May)  
 Albert Sunshine (30 May)  
 Marjorie Katz Weiser ( 1 Siv)  
 Emilio Weiss (30 May)

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.