

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Confirmation Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Join us for
Shabbat.



We are proud to have celebrated the grand reopening of our sanctuary, marking the end of this phase of our renovation. We are grateful for those who have already generously contributed toward this project.

If you've not yet had an opportunity to give, or if you are able to increase your pledge, please contact the Temple office.

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FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JULY 8

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AM Oren Akresh Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, JULY 15

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, July 22

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, July 29

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Special Off-site service. See below.

Interfaith Service

On Friday, July 29, Sinai Temple joins with our partners in the interfaith community to call for an end to gun violence. We will welcome an innovative presentation from a group called RAWTools that works to repurpose firearms into gardening instruments, echoing the prophetic call, "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks." The weekend-long program begins on Friday, July 29 at the Randolph Street Gardens; at 7:30 PM, following the program, we will hold a Shabbat evening service onsite. **There will not be a service at Sinai Temple that evening.**

For more information, [Click Here](#).

From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



A few days after our dedicatory event for the revitalized sanctuary and pods, a few of us met with representatives from Landau/Zinder, the architects who helped to design this reimagined space. At one point during the conversation, temple president Julia Rietz posed the question, “What is your favorite feature of the renovation?”

I have many favorite components, to be honest. I love that our bima has been lowered, and now has a ramp, so that service leaders and participants are closer to the congregation and no one is barred from access to the pulpit. I love the natural light that pours in through the new windows on the north and south walls of the sanctuary. I love the new screens and other audiovisual components that allow us to present liturgy in the sanctuary in new and creative ways while also conducting hybrid programs for those unable to join us in person.

But when Julia asked the question, I answered without hesitation. My favorite feature is a somewhat hidden one. You can best see it if you are seated in one of the three chairs on “stage right” of the bima. From that vantage point, if you look at the inside of the beautiful new Torah reading table designed by artist Amy Reichert, you will see this feature in the wood grain:



To me, this represents arms reached out in a gesture of blessing or embrace. To me, this is what our congregation is all about.

At our annual congregational meeting, I shared a teaching from Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker. Rabbi Charlie bravely endured, and escaped, a harrowing hostage situation at his congregation in Colleyville, Texas back in January. He spoke at the New York commencement ceremonies for Hebrew Union College, and remarked on a passage in the Talmud in which the rabbis debate whether a two-headed person is actually considered one person or two. He noted that the rabbis ultimately determined that if one were to pour hot water over one of the heads, and the other cried out in pain, we would understand that this was a single creature with two heads, whose pains and joys were intertwined.

Rabbi Charlie continued, saying that the same is true of the Jewish community—when one Jew is in distress in Colleyville, Texas, a Jew in New York, or Paris, or Champaign feels empathy.

On a more compact scale, we can say the same is true of Sinai Temple. We join in one another's simchas; we strive to provide one another with uplift at moments of sorrow. The image in the wood of our table will serve as a reminder to me, each time I look at it, of the embrace (literal and figurative) in which we hold one another within this congregation.

At the conclusion of each Shabbat service, I spread my fingers in the style of the *Cohanim* of old and offer a benediction. Recently, others have copied this stance; some weeks I look out and see the entire congregation with their fingers held in this manner. This brings me great joy, as we gather in sacred community, and extend our blessings to one another.

May we always do so.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

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Announcements

BOOK GROUP



The Book Group meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

June 12: Clementine : The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell

OR Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

READER'S CHOICE: You may choose to read either or both.

Host and Facilitator: Susan Cohen, 3506 S. Vine, Urbana (217) 384-7871

July 10: Where I Come From: Stories from the Deep South by Rick Bragg

Host and Facilitator: Ann Sapoznik, 308 Yankee Ridge Lane, Urbana (217) 367-5262

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



Thank you to retiring Board Members: Treasurer, Art Siegel; Secretary, Ben Hankin, Trustees: Carmen Glezer, Dana Kopolow, Holly Rosencranz, and Kirsten Wilcox.

Welcoming new Board Members: Treasurer, Jennie France; Secretary, Janet LeRoy. Trustees: Richard Akresh, Leanna Cossman, Shari Fox and Amy Roady.

There is one trustee vacancy on the Board. If you are interested, please contact Jennie France.



The family and friends of Shirley Newman will gather in Sinai Temple's Davis Chapel at 1:00 PM Sunday, June 26, to share memories of Shirley. The Newman family is looking forward to seeing many old friends. The family asks that you please join them for dessert as we share stories about Shirley.



GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open by appointment only. Please contact Jessica Kopolow at 217-417-8699 or jessicakopolow@yahoo.com

All proceeds from the Gift Shop go to the Religious School.



GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - ONLINE

PLEDGE REMINDER

As the 2021-22 Fiscal Year is coming to a close, we would like to remind those with outstanding pledges that they are **due by June 30th**. Feel free to contact Kathy in the Temple Office for balances: 217-352-8140 or stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.

Bat Mitzvah

Please join us as Hannah Ruthie Libman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 11. Hannah is the daughter of Andrew and Lisa Libman, and sister of Sophia and Max Libman. Hannah has been a student in the Sinai Temple Religious School since age two.

Outside of Sinai Temple, Hannah attends middle school at Countryside School in Champaign, where she plays on the school's basketball team and runs for the school's cross country and track clubs. Hannah is also a dedicated competitive gymnast.

For her Mitzvah project, Hannah has focused on helping to spread kindness in the community and beyond. She has created a website, Kindness Connection, that shares thoughtful acts performed across the country, and helps inspire others to spread kindness too. She has been going into elementary classrooms talking about kindness and working with the students in kindergarten through fifth grade on collective acts of kindness.

More details about Hannah's project can be found on her website at <https://kindnessconnection.wixsite.com/linkingtogether>.





Oren Henry Akresh will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on July 9, 2022. Oren is the son of Richard Akresh and Ilana Redstone and has an older brother Ezra, a younger brother Zachary, and his favorite sibling, Mango (our golden doodle).

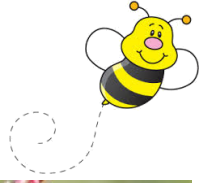
Oren will be an 8th grader at Countryside this fall. He plays soccer for the Illinois Football Club and loves playing video games and studying math. While he may say video games are his priority, anyone who spends time with Oren knows that he very much enjoys conversations and will debate pretty much any topic, sometimes both sides. And whether it's computer programming, calculus concepts, foreign languages, board games, baking, or playing the guitar, Oren loves to learn new things.

He is very grateful for his tutors Rob and Diane Ore, especially given Diane probably wasn't expecting to be challenged to a snickerdoodle bake-off.

Hoping you can join us in person or via Zoom on July 9!



The Green Team *BRINGS THE GREEN TO SINAI TEMPLE*



Join in a Green Team project in 2022!

Green Team is looking for Sinai Temple members to further our goals to live sustainably in our beautifully refurbished building, on our grounds, and in our community.

Do you have time to maintain and expand our pollinator area? Can you volunteer once or twice in the kitchen to reduce our use of disposables? Would you like to work with the Building Committee on reducing our energy costs? Do you have ideas for engaging with area Green Teams and the greater community?

Help us shape Green Team activities for 2022 and beyond – please get in touch with Alice Berkson at berksonalice@gmail.com.



Sinai Temple Board Meeting May 2022

- ✧ Rabbi Alan delivered his D'var Torah focusing on the “golden rule”.
- ✧ Art Siegel made his Treasurer’s Report expecting to be “in the black” with a small surplus due to Religious school, less janitorial service and conservative budgeting.
- ✧ Rabbi Jody reported on the successful in-person school year. She has a few summer programs planned including Tie Dye with Rae Spooner
- ✧ The Building Committee reported that a freezer was replaced in the kitchen, lighting was added to the Levin Lounge and more volunteers are needed for a Spring Clean-up Day.
- ✧ The Temple Rededication Event was held May 20th.
- ✧ Jennie France presented a data retention policy that was approved via electronic vote.
- ✧ The proposed budget was approved to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 22.
- ✧ The new Shul Cloud database was discussed along with an update on the Administrator search.
- ✧ There was a motion to create a cemetery obligated fund to use solely for cemetery related needs such as a tombstone cleaning and general upkeep. Motion carried.

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Giving

BUILDING FUND

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in memory of Flora Sholem
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William Youngerman

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Emily Levin
Judith Siess & Stephen Bremseth

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Richard Newman, in memory of Pearl Miller, in memory
of George Miller and in memory of Beverly Newman

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William & Phyllis Gingold
Dan & Jessica Kopolow
Emily Levin
Ruth Youngerman
William Youngerman

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Paula Kaufman

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



Memorials for June

Friday, June 3	Susan Linowes Allen (9 Siv) Solomon Alpiner (10 Jun) Elaine Sweital Avner (10 Jun) Celia Blockman (10 Jun) Irvin Bloom (9 Jun) Naomi Dietchweiler (8 Jun) Burton H. Fagan (4 Jun) Judit Isa Halberstam (10 Jun)	Edwin Harlib (5 Siv) Shirley Muriel Kalmanson (6 Siv) Irving Kohen (9 Jun) Alvin Konick (5 Jun) Adele G. Libman (8 Jun) Ida Libman (5 Jun) Molly Mayorwitz (6 Jun) Alfred Smith (6 Jun)	Frederick Sosnoff (9 Jun) Walter W. Stern (10 Jun) Rosalia Blumenfeld Fagan Treuman (8 Jun) Lynn Lazarus Weisskopf (8 Jun)
Friday, June 10	Nita Aprill (13 Jun) Dorothy Bauer (13 Jun) Alfred Beller (17 Siv) Donald Brotherson (15 Jun) Hyman Diness (12 Jun) Linda B. Harris Hanau (15 Jun) Robert L. Harris (11 Jun) Sophie Perlman Lenik (14 Siv)	Judy Levin (11 Jun) Phoebe S. Libman (15 Jun) Arthur Mayorwitz (15 Jun) Lawrence J. Pass (15 Jun) Louis M. Schutz (14 Jun) Harry Siegal (15 Jun) Harry Sudman (17 Jun) Robert Arlen Swartz (12 Siv)	Myron C. Topson (12 Jun) Murray Trupin (14 Jun) Amalia Rosenheck Weinberger (16 Siv) Leonard Weiner (17 Siv)
Friday, June 17	Sumner Thurman Bernstein (23 Jun) Milton Bruner (24 Jun) Helene Dikelsky (25 Siv) Maurice J. Ginsberg (23 Jun) Manfred Isserman (18 Jun) Dora Lovett Lapedes (19 Jun) Ellis Lipson (22 Jun) Herman Mautner (22 Jun)	Harry Robinson (21 Jun) Sonya Rosenberg (20 Jun) Milton Rudick (23 Jun) Isaiah Scheeline Jr. (22 Jun) Esther Reizman Steinberg (19 Siv) Mortimer Stern (23 Jun) Davida Lynda Stotland (22 Siv) Joseph Towlen (21 Jun)	
Friday, June 24	Sam Barker (26 Jun) Max Caron (29 Jun) Roy Wesley Downie (27 Jun) Samuel Druker (27 Siv) Estelle Finkelman (29 Jun) Louis Freudenstein (27 Jun) Millard Freudenstein (25 Jun) Ronald David Gersten (28 Siv) Rubin Hamburg (25 Jun)	John Kermit Helgesen (27 Jun) Raymond L. Holm (30 Jun) Jerome Kaufman (26 Jun) Megan Kemp (26 Jun) Dorothy Krakower (2 Tam) Rhoda Solomon Levant (25 Jun) Rose Linowes (1 Tam) Ernest E. Pombert (29 Jun) Seymour Robinson (27 Jun)	Eva Vodkin (29 Siv) Virginia Williams (27 Jun)



Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office 217-352-8140 or email us at 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.

Memorials for July

Friday, July 1

Alvin Berland (2 Jul)
Julius X. Davis (5 Jul)
Dorothy Eisen (2 Jul)
Rachel Filinson (7 Jul)
David Garrick (7 Tam)
Samuel Goldstein (3 Jul)
Edythe Goodman (5 Jul)
Joseph Hamburg (4 Jul)

Kathleen Kohn (8 Jul)
Donald Lachman (6 Jul)
Lois E. Mecklenburger (3 Jul)
Libby Miller (3 Jul)
Rose Wolf Rotman (7 Tam)
Irving Z. Sherman (4 Jul)
Renee Soskin (8 Jul)
Frederick Steigmann (4 Jul)

Victoria Sunshine (6 Jul)
Edward Weinberger (6 Tam)

Friday, July 8

Frances Reiss Adler (14 Jul)
Paul Bercovitz (10 Tam)
Hersz Yidl Bursztyn (12 Tam)
Rose Adler Einhorn (11 Tam)
Nathan Ferrer (16 Tam)
Ella R. Hauptman (11 Jul)
Lauren Beth Katz (13 Tam)
Leon Korr (14 Tam)

David Saul Lavey (11 Jul)
Toby Levenson (9 Jul)
Henry Levin (15 Jul)
Ben Libman (11 Jul)
Frank Monahan (10 Jul)
Maurice Rosefelt (10 Jul)
Rebecca Evelyn Shapiro (12 Tam)
Hattie Ross Sturmthal (13 Jul)

Eugene A. Weinberg (9 Jul)

Friday, July 15

Jean Libman Davis (16 Jul)
David Gordon Goodman (23 Tam)
Jack Grusby (21 Tam)
Emmy L. Holm (22 Jul)
Stanley Louis Kaufman (22 Jul)
Anita Cohen Lieberman (18 Jul)
Oscar S. Loeb (19 Jul)
Florence Korr Lurie (21 Tam)

Birdie Moritz (20 Jul)
Justin Rachamim Pregent (21 Tam)
James R. Smith (18 Tam)
Albert W. Stern (18 Jul)
Hyman Vodkin (22 Tam)
Freddie Fabert Witte (21 Jul)

Friday, July 22

Marvin Samuel Didech (28 Tam)
Michael Dietchweiler (26 Jul)
Inge Sender Glezer (24 Jul)
Solomon William Herman (1 Av)
Harry Kaufman (25 Tam)
Lotta Rosenberg Kling (1 Av)
Louis Levitt (28 Jul)
William Libman (26 Jul)
Josie Loeb (29 Jul)

Joseph Reiss (25 Tam)
Sam Rudnick (27 Jul)
Betty Shapiro (29 Jul)
Irvin Levitch Wasserman (28 Tam)
Marion Waxman (29 Tam)
Hilda Damick Weiss (24 Jul)

Friday, July 29

Miriam Lasker Appelbaum (31 Jul)
Elizabeth F. C. Aub (3 Aug)
Beverly Brown Caron (2 Aug)
Norma Dodge (2 Aug)
Sidney Faiman (7 Av)
Arthur Gitler (4 Aug)
Herbert Goldberg (7 Av)
Carlyn Gottschalk (30 Jul)
Dora Kalis Joffe (4 Aug)

Harry H. Kozoll (30 Jul)
Lester Lowenstein (5 Aug)
Yetta Marco (1 Aug)
M. Richard Mehl (4 Aug)
Sidney Newman (1 Aug)
Cantor Moses Schwimmer (8 Av)
Ray Spooner (4 Av)
Abraham Stern (31 Jul)
Harriet Solomon Stern (2 Aug)

Muriel Branson Stolarsky (2 Aug)
Ruth Reyman Tager (3 Aug)
Mikhail Tsipursky (31 Jul)
Fanny A. Wagman (3 Aug)
Bernice Weinstein (31 Jul)