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## Celebrate Sukkot Sunday, October 9 beginning at 5:30 PM

At 5:30 PM, we will join together for a delicious celebratory dinner. RSVPs for dinner are **required** no later than **Thursday, October 6** to ensure that we have sufficient food quantities. Weather permitting, we will have the option of dining in the sukkah on the Sudman patio, or in the pods. All will also be welcome to fulfill the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and etrog.

**We ask for a donation of \$8 per person to help offset food costs, up to a maximum of \$30 per family.**

To RSVP, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/sukkot22>

(Rabbi Alan welcomes assistance with food preparation on Friday, October 7. Please email him at [rabbialan@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:rabbialan@sinaitemplecu.org) if you are able to assist.)



Following dinner, we will continue with a brief festival service and a lively celebratory concert featuring Jewish musician Steven Chaitman. Steven Chaitman is a Chicago-based songleader drawing on the power of music to create an engaging and inspiring atmosphere within Jewish communities of all shapes and ages. Visit "Steven Chaitman Music" on Facebook to hear examples of some of his music!

***Please also plan to join us on Monday morning, October 10 at 10 AM as we welcome Sukkot with an Egalitarian Traditional service.***



## Monday, October 17 A Fun and Festive Program For All Generations (all times approximate)

**5:30 PM Dinner from Garcia's Pizza in a Pan,**  
Courtesy of Ralph Senn, Davis Chapel

**6:30 PM Simchat Torah Service**  
Please join us for a celebratory worship experience for the festival. We'll also honor our newest students at Sinai Temple Religious School with the ceremony of Consecration.

**7:15 PM Music and Dancing with the Torahs!**  
Many of our musically talented students will join forces with Frances Harris to play rousing Klezmer tunes as we dance our way through the building and have fun celebrating our holy text.  
**Come experience the joy of Torah as you never have before.**

*Please also plan to join us on the morning of Monday, October 17 at 10 AM for an Egalitarian Traditional service in celebration of Shemini Atzeret.*

### September Schedule of Services:

10/7: 5:30: Erev Shabbat Service

10/14: 7:30 Erev Shabbat Service

10/21: 5:30: Shabbat Rocks!

7:30 Erev Shabbat Service

10/28: 7:30 Erev Shabbat Service



## *From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk*



I don't think it's a secret at all that I love being Jewish and I love encouraging others to embrace Jewish pride. Since coming to Sinai Temple, I have also gained an even greater appreciation of all of the varied expressions of Judaism that can be found in our community.

Every individual has their own

interpretation of how to lead a meaningful Jewish life, and I think that this diversity ultimately enriches our congregation and our community. For more than 115 years, Sinai Temple has assisted Jewish households and Jewish individuals in forging their spiritual and/or cultural connections to their God and to the heritage of their people. We have members who grew up in all of the streams of American Judaism; we have members who grew up in another faith entirely, or who profess no faith, and we value all who seek a home with us.

So it was intriguing—and somewhat disheartening—for me to read two recent news stories about American Jewish institutions that chose to so emphasize their interpretation of how to maintain their Jewish character that they lost sight of, in my opinion, the important human elements of compassion and dignity which I find so central to modern Jewish expression. Rabbi Hillel taught that the most essential truth in Judaism is, “What is hateful to you, do not do to any person.” This sentiment is often reworded as, “Treat others the way you would like to be treated.” Yet too often, we fail to act in a manner that appreciates and acts upon this imperative.

Late last month, the New York Times released a stunning expose, taking the extraordinary additional step of having the report translated into Yiddish. They interviewed more than 250 students who had grown up in a *cheder/ yeshiva* environment, immersed in Jewish-only education. Among other things, they found that such students had severe educational deficiencies in secular subjects such as math and science. Additionally, there were allegations of physical abuse carried out against some students. And New York state officials are investigating whether government funding for such schools has been used in an appropriate manner.

I received a Jewish parochial education until eighth grade; I later taught in a Jewish Day School before becoming a rabbi. While these schools were not quite as intensive as the schools profiled in the New York Times article, they still faced the challenge of finding an appropriate balance between Jewish and secular curricula. I am not here to denigrate Jewish education in any way, but rather to point out that when we celebrate our Jewishness at the expense of appreciating our role in the wider world, we do a disservice to ourselves.

This was highlighted, in my opinion, in another story that emerged last month, in which Yeshiva University sought, on the grounds of religious principle, to deny an LGBTQ+ student group recognition as a school-sanctioned organization. The administration argued that allowing the group to stand would be equivalent to condoning homosexuality, which they feel is proscribed within traditional Judaism.

Here again, I think a desire for insularity is harmful to the broader Jewish community. Denying LGBTQ+ Jews access to Jewish congregations and organizations will not somehow change the sexual orientation of such individuals (nor should it). Rather, it will drive them away and make them feel unwelcome in a faith that is supposed to be embracing and welcoming.

I believe there are ways to celebrate the richness of Jewish heritage and culture without retreating to a totally insular view of the world. As 5783 unfolds before us, let us build bridges instead of closing doors. Let us share our pride in Judaism with all who seek to honestly engage with us in friendship and love.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook





## Updates & Announcements



### Gentle Chair Yoga

**Tuesdays at 9:30 AM—ONLINE**

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

### October Book Group

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

We have some exciting news for October. The October book is **The Exiles** by **Christina Baker Kline**. Christina has been invited to meet with our group and has accepted! We read one of her previous books, ***Orphan Train***, which just went into its 54th printing! So, mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9th at 2:00PM

The Book Group will meet over Zoom only that day.

If you're not a regular member of the group and would like to join us for the October book, please email [nataliefr@comcast.net](mailto:nataliefr@comcast.net)

### Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

The Gift Shop is now open by **appointment & during Sinai Temple Religious School Hours!**

Please contact **Jessica Kopolow** to set up an appointment. You can reach her by phone at **417-8699** or email at [jessicakopolow@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicakopolow@yahoo.com)

Cash or checks are always welcome. Credit cards accepted for charges over \$25. We now accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover, using SQUARE.

# Temple Donations & Announcements

## GREEN TEAM UPDATE

Globally and in the United States, food waste contributes to greenhouse gases (globally, 8 percent) and while a portion of this is at the production end, there is a lot of household food waste that we can address.

Fall is a great time to institute less waste at home. Meal planning that uses up leftovers, labelling food in the refrigerator or freezer, and scheduling a regular time to go through our current supply are easy steps to take if we just get into a new habit.

Enlist a member of the household to do this as a regular chore. If you're not technologically challenged, you can download an app or create a simple spreadsheet to keep track of your purchases and expiration dates.

Remember to "shop the pantry" before you stock up for the winter. You might have over-purchased in the early stages of the pandemic, when a continuous supply was definitely not guaranteed. Rummage around back there and add the canned or dried foods to soups or stews before they expire. Combine these with your garden or local produce for some great new combinations!



## New Prayer Books

Due to quick and generous funding, we were able to purchase 125 sets of new Prayer Books for the Temple, before the High Holidays came!

Thank you to Nancy and Ed Tepper and Marion and Bob Smith for generous starting gifts, and thank you to these households who also contributed to the prayerbook fund:

- Janet & Michael LeRoy
- Shari & Ben Fox
- Lil Levant
- Stacy & Jason Trager
- Celia & Paul Arnold
- Julia Rietz & Al Johnston
- Jessica & Benjamin LeRoy
- Yael Gertner & Mahesh Viswanathan
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- Cecile & Ira Levenson
- Jennie France & Charles Kahn
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### **HIGH HOLIDAY CANTOR FUND**

Linda Bauer in Memory of  
Daniel Klaiman

### **FLOWER FUND**

Joyce Eisenstein  
Natalie Frankenberg in Memory of  
June Gronik

### **MUSIC FUND**

Natalie Frankenberg in Memory of  
Elizabeth Kruger

### **GENERAL FUND**

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### **GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

Richard Newman in Memory of  
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## *Memorials for October*

**Friday, September 30**

Jerome Aprill ( 3 Oct)  
 Dr Richard Back ( 5 Oct)  
 Mathilde Back ( 5 Oct)  
 Fela Bankier ( 5 Oct)  
 Sali Wintner Blum ( 3 Oct)  
 Hormozd Gahvari ( 3 Oct)  
 Lewis Ginsberg ( 3 Oct)  
 Shirley Zibel Gunther ( 2 Oct)  
 Merle Garber Hamburg ( 6 Oct)

Estelle Langendorf ( 3 Oct)  
 Isadore Jack Levy ( 7 Oct)  
 Sandra Lipson ( 1 Oct)  
 Dorothy Lowenstein ( 5 Oct)  
 Mortimer Merkel ( 4 Oct)  
 Leah Norian ( 7 Oct)  
 Emily Sara Peterman ( 6 Oct)  
 Louis Roddis ( 7 Tis)  
 Norma Rosenberg ( 5 Oct)

Ceil Rubinstein ( 3 Oct)  
 Henry Sapoznik ( 7 Oct)  
 Ronald Senoff (12 Tis)  
 Abraham Simon ( 7 Oct)  
 David L. Stone ( 1 Oct)  
 Baruch Yairi (10 Tis)

**Friday, October 7**

Gertrude Bach (12 Oct)  
 Morris B. Berenbaum (11 Oct)  
 Morris Berg (13 Oct)  
 Alvin Friedman (13 Tis)  
 Sylvia Gordon (11 Oct)  
 David Z. Hamburg (13 Oct)  
 Jeffrey Paul Kaufman (17 Tis)  
 Jack Kemp (11 Oct)  
 Max R. Klein (12 Oct)

Max Kushner ( 8 Oct)  
 Rachel Frank Litman (10 Oct)  
 Aaron Edward Markoff (11 Oct)  
 David Adam O'Connor-Shoresman (10 Oct)  
 Charles S. Prince ( 8 Oct)  
 Bernard Sharp (13 Oct)  
 Ida Spatt (10 Oct)  
 Jason C. Stone (14 Oct)

Marcia Robin Taylor (13 Tis)  
 June Wolbach (11 Oct)  
 William Martin Youngerman ( 8 Oct)

**Friday, October 14**

Harold Jay Cohen (17 Oct)  
 Milton Stephen Cohen (17 Oct)  
 Pearl Tepper Feldman (15 Oct)  
 Louis Ferratier (24 Tis)  
 Behrooz Gahvari (22 Tis)  
 Bonnie Gordon (17 Oct)  
 Robert E. Green (20 Oct)  
 Frederic Jaher (20 Oct)  
 Frederick H. Kanfer (18 Oct)

Friedrich Katz (16 Oct)  
 Leroy Kopolow (21 Oct)  
 Nathan Lieberman (21 Oct)  
 Miriam Lipson (15 Oct)  
 Harry Pikowsky (18 Oct)  
 Florence Starobin Reyman (21 Oct)  
 Arthur Robinson (16 Oct)  
 Robert Rosenbaum (19 Oct)  
 Joseph Rotman (16 Oct)

Samuel Meyer Schwartz (16 Oct)  
 Rima Siegel Fox (16 Oct)  
 Rosalind Faiman Weinberg (19 Oct)

**Friday, October 21**

Paltiel Bach (28 Oct)  
 Anne Corman (22 Oct)  
 Rose Creinin (28 Tis)  
 Lucie M. Field (24 Oct)  
 Lester Frankenberg (23 Oct)  
 Kurt Gottschalk (26 Oct)  
 David Herman ( 3 Che)  
 Sara Kuhn Kaufman (27 Oct)  
 Eleanor Banks Kawin (22 Oct)

Myra Kopolow (25 Oct)  
 Myron Korry (26 Oct)  
 David Rabin (26 Oct)  
 Henrietta Israel Schwartz (22 Oct)  
 Sylvia Levin Silver (22 Oct)  
 Victor Stolarsky (29 Tis)  
 Herman Sweital (24 Oct)  
 Eugene H. Wollstein (23 Oct)

**Friday, October 28**

Ann Aprill ( 3 Nov)  
 Sarah Blockman ( 5 Che)  
 Nathan Brusiloff ( 3 Nov)  
 Milton Glaser ( 4 Nov)  
 Louis Greenstein ( 3 Nov)  
 Andrew Mark Isserman ( 4 Nov)  
 Fannie Kurland (30 Oct)  
 Dr Eli B. Mandel ( 3 Nov)  
 Louis M. Mashkes ( 2 Nov)

Harold Miller ( 2 Nov)  
 Michael Neuwirth (31 Oct)  
 Morris G. Rosenstein ( 3 Nov)  
 Lester G. Seligman ( 2 Nov)  
 Suzanne Shapiro ( 1 Nov)  
 Morris Solomon (30 Oct)  
 Bernard Spitzer ( 2 Nov)  
 Hannah Libman Weiner (31 Oct)  
 Lionel Wheeler ( 4 Nov)