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Sinai Temple Gift Shop Chanukah Showcase



Sundays, December 4th & 11th, 2022
9:00am-1:00pm

Get ready for great deals on everything you and your family need to celebrate Chanukah! Stock up on hostess gifts, candles, and chocolate gelt...

Add a beautiful new menorah to your collection... Decorate your home with lights, banners, and more...

Grab dreidels for your kids' classmates... And don't forget something special for your pets!

Watch for more info about special discounts in your weekly email!

Thank-you to the following people for helping to build and take-down this year's sukkah!

- Gary Bernstein
- Bart Greenberger
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- Ben Fox
- Dan Kopolow
- Jeremy Cossman

November Services:

FRIDAY, November 4
5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service & First Friday Dinner

FRIDAY, November 18
5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, November 11
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, November 25
5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



On Tuesday, November 8, our country will hold elections. The candidates and issues being decided upon in each state will have a monumental impact on the future of our nation; I do not feel it is hyperbole to state that this is one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime.

Voter turnout is statistically depressed during so-called “midterm” elections as opposed to years in which there is a presidential contest. Nonetheless, I hope that every eligible voter will exercise their rights and ensure that their voices are heard. Civic engagement is a significant American value that is upheld in Jewish tradition, as well. Jeremiah reminds us to “seek the welfare of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7), and the book of Deuteronomy instructs us to appoint judges, magistrates, and officials who will “govern the people with due justice” (Deuteronomy 16:18). This is not an election to skip (if you’re voting by mail, make sure to postmark/drop your ballot prior to the deadline!).

I believe the privacy of one’s ballot is sacrosanct; it would not be appropriate for me to endorse specific candidates or parties here. I do pray that voters will examine their personal consciences and values, and consider not only their own short-term interests, but also the well-being of their neighbors and their community.

As I spoke about on Yom Kippur morning (sermon available on the Sinai Temple website), we have an imperative as human beings and as Jews to look out for one another. If we see laws being proposed or rhetoric being spoken that threatens others’ lives, liberties, and personal autonomy because of their gender, or their race, or who they love, or where they come from, or their socio-economic status, we must take action. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught, “In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” If we have the opportunity to exercise our vote in order to repudiate hatred and cruelty, then it is incumbent upon us to do so unequivocally.

There are ideas of liberty and freedom which have stood for more than 245 years in this country. Many of them are underscored in Jewish tradition. As these values are called into question during this month’s election, let us make informed choices that will preserve these ideals for future generations.

May God bless these United States of America, and may God bless us each with courage, compassion, and insight—at the ballot box, and throughout our lives.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County Thanksgiving Event

On **Sunday, November 20 at 3 PM**, all are invited to join the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County for our annual community-wide Thanksgiving event, "A Grateful Gathering."

We will meet at **Bethel AME Church, 401 E Park St.**, for music, reflection, and cookies! It's a wonderful way to usher in the Thanksgiving season by sharing connections with our friends and neighbors of all faiths who make up our diverse CU community.

Temple Donations & Announcements



On Friday, November 4, at 5:30 PM, at our First Friday service, representatives from **Compassion & Choices** will be with us to speak about their organization. Compassion & Choices is a nonprofit organization in the United States working to improve patient autonomy and individual choice at the end of life, including access to medical aid in dying. While Western society has often made conversations about end-of-life decisions a taboo topic, it is important that all feel comfortable expressing their wishes and making a plan for their end-of-life care. Please plan to join us for this service and important topic, then stick around for dinner!

Registration for dinner can be found at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/z1yz58i0tvmsju/>

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday evening, November 2, so that we may ensure proper food quantities for all.

MY LOVED ONE HAS JUST PASSED AWAY

NOW WHAT?

PANEL DISCUSSION -- 2:00 PM NOV 13, 2022

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County invites the public to a free panel discussion on the steps to take immediately following someone's passing. Presenters are Duane Northrup, Champaign County Coroner; Paul Payway, Carle Chaplain; and Laura Baker, OSF Hospice Social Worker.

Join us at the Robeson Rooms, Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., as we go through scenarios of passing, both expected and unexpected.

Information tables will include OSF: Home Health & Hospice Care; Grand Prairie Friends: Natural Cemeteries; Compassion and Choices: End-of-life Options; Threshold Doula: Non-medical Help for the Dying & Family.

<https://funeralschampaigncounty.org/>

Note: This event is not endorsed or affiliated with the Champaign Public Library.

GREEN TEAM TIP

Heading into the winter months, it's a great time to look around the household to see what can be reused or upcycled instead of being discarded. We had a shower curtain liner that was about to be thrown out and replaced, but then we realized that only the bottom edge was beyond cleaning or bleaching. Otherwise the fabric and grommets were OK.

So we cut off the bottom inch of fabric and removed the intact rubber piece enclosed in the fabric. It was easy to re sew the hem, again encasing the rubber strip within the hem. We'll discard just the narrow piece of fabric and will have several more years of curtain use.

What have you repaired, reused, or upcycled in your household? Shower us with ideas! Send them to Green Team chair Alice Berkson at berksonalice@gmail.com.



Updates & Announcements

November Book Group

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

Sunday, November 13: Smalltime: A Story of my Family and the Mob by Russell Shorto

Facilitator: Tamarra Rennick

We meet in a hybrid format, both in person in the Sinai Temple Library and via Zoom. The Zoom link is provided for those who are outside the C-U area.

RSVP's required by Friday, November 11th to 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

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

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.



Memorials for November

Friday, October 28	<p>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)</p>	<p>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) Llonel Wheeler (4 Nov)</p>	
Friday, November 4	<p>Jesse Belber (9 Nov) Louie Blockman (8 Nov) Molly Denenholz (11 Nov) Craig Gastwirth (14 Che) Ruth Jacobs Gordon (7 Nov) Jenny Gottheil (10 Nov) Ruby Kanfer (7 Nov) Martha Kaplan (17 Che) Meyer Klorfine (7 Nov)</p>	<p>Joseph Lasker (5 Nov) Sylvia Leary (7 Nov) David F. Linowes (17 Che) Aili Bykkonen Monahan (5 Nov) Solomon Rosenberg (5 Nov) Ely Rotman (15 Che) Dorothy Silverman (15 Che) Louis Isaac Steinberg (11 Che) Arlen Tepper (5 Nov)</p>	<p>Larry Vodkin (17 Che) Abe H. Waxman (9 Nov)</p>
Friday, November 11	<p>Ann Black (16 Nov) Eva Cutler (12 Nov) Lawrence Martin Davis (14 Nov) William Francisco (22 Che) Florence Goldberg (13 Nov) Elinor Wildstein Harris (12 Nov) Jacob Herman (15 Nov) Fred Hess (16 Nov) Miriam Korogodsky (18 Nov)</p>	<p>Kate Kuper (18 Nov) Rose Weinberger Levy (18 Nov) Stuart S. Nagel (18 Nov) Molly Newman (16 Nov) Lev Oykhberg (13 Nov) Ida Rosenblum (20 Che) Minnie Rosenstein (18 Nov) Susan Melanie Sirkis (13 Nov) Lisa Ellen Weichsel (18 Che)</p>	<p>Lawrence Weingarten (12 Nov) Irving Weissman (12 Nov) Roslyn Mae Boxerman Woolf (17 Nov) Sylvia Zinger (20 Che)</p>
Friday, November 18	<p>Louis L. Bing (21 Nov) Joseph B. Bloomfield (20 Nov) Paulette E. Deckard (22 Nov) Bertel Forst (25 Nov) Libby Goldberg (21 Nov) Alex Goldman (23 Nov) Reatha Hamburg Katz (22 Nov) Jerry Keller (1 Kis) Della B. Kranson (22 Nov)</p>	<p>Bernice L. Lewis (24 Nov) Ada Feinstein Roth (25 Nov) William H. Sholem (24 Nov) Bessie Siegal (22 Nov) Melvyn Silver (30 Che) Estelle Spelke (21 Nov) Jane P. Walter (25 Nov) Gertrude Wolf (29 Che)</p>	
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