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## **Come Donate at the Blood Drive!**

On **Sunday, January 8, 2023** we're coming together to help save lives!

For patients in need, donated blood can change everything. Blood products are used to help people – our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers – as they treat cancer, chronic diseases, and traumatic injuries. And they are only possible with the help of volunteer blood donors.

***All donors will receive a voucher for a \$20 gift card or a \$20 donation to Feeding America!***

Our community blood drive is coming up soon. To see time slots available for appointments and to save your spot, **go to the link below:**

**[https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/115332](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/115332)**

\*Appointments are required to give.

## **We are busy getting the 2022 Tax Letters prepared!**

Please keep an eye out for them at the end of January, and let us know if you have any questions, need help or need any additional information from us!

## **ShulCloud is Launching!**

We have been working hard to get everything switched over to the new database that Sinai Temple will be using. Membership record keeping, financial transactions and records, Yahrtzeit records, etc. will all be housed in the new database. Keep an eye out for more information regarding info and training sessions about the new database!

## **Schedule of Services:**

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service &  
First Friday Dinner

### **FRIDAY, January 13**

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### **SATURDAY, January 14**

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

### **FRIDAY, January 20**

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!  
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### **FRIDAY, January 27**

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### **Saturday, January 28**

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



2023 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walt Disney Company. The brand originated in October of 1923 as Walt and his brother Roy founded the Disney Brothers Studio. After early struggles to create

content that would resonate with audiences, the company of course found a star in Mickey Mouse, around 1928, and the rest is history.

Walt Disney is a bit of a controversial and polarizing figure; during his lifetime he befriended some individuals who were known anti-Semites and Disney himself promulgated some anti-Semitic tropes in some early cartoons and in company publications. In no way do I wish to excuse such behavior. But Disney also possessed an intense creativity, and he guided his company through a philosophy that inspired imaginative and innovative pursuits. However one feels about Disney the man, or even about the modern iteration of the company he founded, we can learn and benefit from this motto as we enter the new [secular] year.

According to the company, Disney's personal slogan was, "Dream. Believe. Dare. Do." These four simple words remind us that we can take action in our lives by focusing on these concepts, and utilize our talents and vision to shape our own world, that of our friends and family, and that of our community. When we dream, we understand that we need not be limited by the current realities of the world in which we live. Like Joseph, the famous dreamer in the Torah, we can dream of a future that affords greater opportunity for all, that drives our society toward a greater sense of fairness.

When we believe, we acknowledge the amazing internal power with which we have been endowed to help make a difference in the world. We are called *l'taken olam b'malchut Shaddai*, to be God's partners in perfecting the world according to God's initial vision. We each have to believe in our own ability to roll up our sleeves and work alongside God to make this a reality.

That takes some *chutzpah*, some daring. We must occasionally take risks and perhaps ruffle a few feathers as we work to upend the status quo and make change. Yet if we dare to take action, we are told that there are tremendous rewards to be reaped.

Yet none of this will happen unless we do something. We must get off of our *tucheses*, roll up our sleeves, and take an active role.

Let 2023 be the year that we dream, we believe, we dare, and we do. Whether we choose to be inspired directly by Walt Disney, or whether we derive our inspiration from other sources, let us do the work necessary to make 2023 a year of justice, love, and hope for all.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



## *Announcements*



## ***February First Friday*** ***Friday, February 3***

Please join us for our February First Friday on Friday, February 3. It will be Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song, and we are preparing a special experimental worship experience. We begin at 5:30 PM with a special service featuring Pete “Afro D” Shungu and Global Soundwaves, who will interweave rap, jazz, and global music themes to provide a unique soundtrack for our service. Pete has collaborated with Rabbi Alan to create a new piece based on the Song of the Sea which will debut at this service. The music will be interwoven in creative ways through the traditional rubrics of our service. We are grateful to the Dr. Samuel and Sadie Small Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture of the Champaign Urbana Jewish Endowment Funds (CUJEF), for their support of this program.

Following the service, please plan to stick around for a delicious home-cooked dinner and a chance to visit with your Sinai Temple friends. Dinner is \$8 per person (no more than \$30 per household), and we do ask for advance RSVPs to ensure sufficient food quantities. Please see your weekly email for the RSVP link, or call the Temple office to register.

## ***Shabbat Shira,*** ***the Sabbath of Song***





## Temple Announcements

### 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](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com).



### Join the Wild Things Conference!

Whether you're an extreme nature enthusiast or curious about efforts to sustain our regional ecology, consider joining Green Team members in attending the Wild Things Conference early next year.

The one-day conference is Saturday, Feb. 23, 2023 at the Stephens Center in Rosemont, IL. Around 3,000 attendees from Illinois and nearby states will join in attending a huge array of sessions and exhibitors in the natural resources. Check out the program for topics and registration at

<https://www.wildthingscommunity.org/>

You'll see volunteers and staff from the C-U area in attendance, as well as our partners from Faith in Place. If you're unable to attend in person, online participation will be available. If you're interested in a more detailed conference description, or to check on carpooling, contact Alice at [berksonalice@gmail.com](mailto:berksonalice@gmail.com). We've attended several of these biannual conferences and always come away inspired and invigorated!

## *Temple Donations November 15-December 15*

### **BUILDING FUND**

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Anthony & Penelope Soskin

Robert Bedows & Trudy Gordon

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## *January Book Group*

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

During January, we will meet via Zoom. RSVP's required by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to [nataliefr@comcast.net](mailto:nataliefr@comcast.net)

**Sunday, January 8:** The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce

**Facilitator:** Sherry Helfer

If time permits, we will also discuss last month's book, The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

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.

## January Memorials

Friday, December 30	<p>Nancy Abelman ( 6 Jan)  Walter H. Abelman ( 6 Jan)  Sylvia Arnold ( 7 Tev)  Johanna Braunfeld ( 3 Jan)  Boris Brotherson ( 4 Jan)  Ruth Herman Garfinkel ( 3 Jan)  Stanley Gordon ( 4 Jan)  Belle Halpern ( 1 Jan)</p>	<p>Rosalie Jaffe ( 1 Jan)  Elsa Klaiman ( 1 Jan)  Jeanette Cohen Levy ( 1 Jan)  Dena Linado ( 4 Jan)  Jeanette Schomer (10 Tev)  Leah Schwartz (10 Tev)  Sidney Sinow (31 Dec)  Sadie Yavner Small (13 Tev)</p>	<p>Maybelle Solon ( 3 Jan)  Babette Bloch Stern ( 6 Jan)  Sol Tax ( 4 Jan)  Isaac Tepper ( 1 Jan)  Harry A. Topolosky ( 2 Jan)  Frieda G. Wollstein ( 5 Jan)</p>
Friday, January 6	<p>Aaron Averbuch (10 Jan)  Jacob Berland (11 Jan)  Morton A. Blum ( 8 Jan)  Abraham Braverman (20 Tev)  Abe Egherman (16 Tev)  Julian Frankenberg (13 Jan)  Fanny Goldberg ( 7 Jan)  Ruth Manis Kahn ( 8 Jan)</p>	<p>Hattie Freudenstein Kaufman (11 Jan)  Viola Koenigsberg ( 9 Jan)  Rachel Korman (14 Tev)  Dr Isaac Morhaim (16 Tev)  Ruth A. Robinson ( 7 Jan)  Aaron Rosenberg (13 Jan)  David Rous (12 Jan)  Mildred Nandel Senn ( 8 Jan)</p>	<p>Florence K. Weinberg ( 8 Jan)  William J. Weiner (16 Tev)  Philipp G. Weisskopf ( 9 Jan)  Herman Weissman (12 Jan)</p>
Friday, January 13	<p>Vivian Adelston (19 Jan)  Lillian Berland (18 Jan)  Herman Bernstein (20 Jan)  Harry Burack (19 Jan)  Sylvia Bursztyn (23 Tev)  Louis P. Fiedler (16 Jan)  Mariette Gahvari (14 Jan)  Harold Goldberg (16 Jan)</p>	<p>Milton Gorodetsky (24 Tev)  Mort Heller (27 Tev)  Alma Mautner (18 Jan)  Henry W. Schwartz (19 Jan)  Chester P. Siess (14 Jan)  Marvin Phillip Steinberg (26 Tev)  Jessica Tager Underberg (15 Jan)  Neil Underberg (14 Jan)</p>	<p>Mathlia Zimmerman (20 Jan)</p>
Friday, January 20	<p>Alan David Berenbaum (27 Jan)  Harry Burack (29 Tev)  Tanya Estrin (23 Jan)  Gwen Focazio (23 Jan)  Heini Halberstam (25 Jan)  Mollie Herman (27 Jan)  David Krakower ( 5 She)  Isaac Kuhn (21 Jan)</p>	<p>Samuel Lachman (24 Jan)  Samuel Lachman (24 Jan)  Matthew Mischakoff (23 Jan)  Cecelia Klein Pearle (28 Tev)  Lillian Radeloff (21 Jan)  Abraham H. Reizman ( 4 She)  Edward Arnold Shapiro ( 2 She)  Harry Sherman (26 Jan)</p>	<p>Irving Siegel (28 Tev)  Louis Spelke (27 Jan)  Ruth Weinberg Strauss (27 Jan)  Sam Weingarten (27 Jan)  Lida Kuhn Wolff (27 Jan)</p>
Friday, January 27	<p>Abraham Adler ( 2 Feb)  Adolph A. Adler ( 2 Feb)  Samuel Jerome Arnold ( 9 She)  Benjamin Davis Braun (31 Jan)  Lillian Schuster Braun ( 6 She)  Elwood L. Fabert ( 2 Feb)  Dorothy Finkin ( 2 Feb)  Jean Reitzman France ( 2 Feb)</p>	<p>Sarah Frydman ( 1 Feb)  Zelda Ginsberg ( 2 Feb)  Orie Earl Greenstein (28 Jan)  Iosif Ionin ( 1 Feb)  Mischa Mischakoff ( 1 Feb)  Robert Rosenberg ( 8 She)  Louis Rudolph (29 Jan)  Rosalie Goodfriend Rudolph (30 Jan)</p>	<p>Morris Sapoznik (30 Jan)  Herbert L. Shapiro ( 7 She)  Samuel Shmikler (30 Jan)  Jerome J. Sholem (31 Jan)  Samuel Small (12 She)  Pearl Seltzer Sweital (30 Jan)  Rufina Vyshedskaia ( 3 Feb)  Ruth Waxman (28 Jan)</p>
Friday, February 3	<p>Frances Aub Bloomfield ( 8 Feb)  Abram Dankowicz ( 9 Feb)  Lena Garber ( 8 Feb)  Charles Hammer ( 6 Feb)  Boris Isaac Katz (10 Feb)  Jacob M. Kaufman (10 Feb)  Michael Langendorf ( 8 Feb)  Herman Lewis ( 4 Feb)</p>	<p>Juliana Wertheimer Neuwirth (10 Feb)  Tony Novak ( 8 Feb)  Alice Ore ( 8 Feb)  Ann Brodsky Pass ( 8 Feb)  Lionel (Rick) Romero (10 Feb)  Frances Rosenberg ( 8 Feb)  Edward Louis Roth ( 6 Feb)  Faye Roth ( 8 Feb)</p>	<p>Florence Schutz ( 6 Feb)  Bernice E. Schwartz ( 9 Feb)  Faye Siegal Sholem ( 6 Feb)  Florence F. Weingarten ( 7 Feb)  Stanley J. Wolowiec ( 7 Feb)  Leon Zibel ( 4 Feb)</p>