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Bulletin



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, AUG 02

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service and
First Friday Dinner

FRIDAY, AUG 09

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, AUG 16

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

SATURDAY, AUG 17

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

FRIDAY, AUG 23

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, AUG 30

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, SEPT 06

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service and
First Friday Dinner

Host an Oneg!

"Oneg Shabbat" means "Enjoyment of Shabbat," and refers to the reception following services. Sinai Temple congregants are encouraged to help provide onegs, which may be as simple or elaborate as you wish -- challah, cookies, cakes, fruit, cheese and crackers, or other treats give us a chance to enjoy a light snack following services and visit with friends.

To see the calendar and sign up for a date to provide an oneg

<https://sinaitemplecu.org/OnegSignup>

or use your phone to scan the QR Code!



From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



“The holidays are so late this year” is a common refrain I’m hearing

Since 5784 was a leap year, in which an extra month (Adar II) is inserted into the Hebrew calendar, it seems that all of the Jewish holidays feel late. They are, perhaps, in terms of their typical alignment with the secular calendar. But I assure you, when Erev Rosh Hashanah rolls around on October 2, it will be exactly where it’s supposed to be, on the first day of Tishrei.

We are spending the next few months gearing up for the heightened excitement of the High Holidays. There are many logistics to be managed as we prepare for the most-attended events of our year. In the coming weeks, watch for mailings (some “snail-mail” and some coming electronically) that will detail our offerings for this year.

We are particularly excited to welcome a new cantorial soloist this year, Neil Weinstein. Neil is scheduled to be with us for the next several High Holiday seasons. Neil and I worked together at Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle, where he has served as a musician for more than thirty years. He shared his music with us a few times when we were conducting virtual services during the COVID-19 quarantine, and helped to provide musical accompaniment for Orli’s Bat Mitzvah.

Neil was a double major at Claremont McKenna College, earning degrees in accounting and in music, with a special focus on choral conducting. In addition to his work at Temple DeHirsch Sinai, he has been in demand as a musician

throughout the Pacific Northwest. He served as faculty on a number of workshops to train high school and college students in songwriting skills, and was a longtime attendee of the Hava Nashira song leading conference, learning directly from many of the leaders in contemporary Jewish music. Neil is a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians, and combines contemporary, participatory music with traditional melodies in striving to create an accessible worship experience.

Neil will join us for Erev Rosh Hashanah and for Reform services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah, along with his wife, Denise, and their two adult children, Madeline and Noah. Neil will return to provide music for our Reform Yom Kippur services.

We look forward to his music helping us to ring in a sweet and joyous New Year.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



From President Lil Levant

Your Membership Pledge Please

My sincere thanks to all of you who have already responded to our FY25 Membership Dues request that was emailed to you last week. At the time of this writing, we have received generous pledge commitments and/or payments from 21 family units totaling about \$46,000. This is very good news! At this rate, if all 250 Sinai Temple member families continue to make average contributions of approximately \$2,000, we will have raised approximately \$500,000 in membership dues this year. That would be fantastic!

More than ten years ago, the Board of Trustees adopted our current pledge model. Rather than a required membership dues amount, Sinai Temple adopted a model to better accommodate all of us in our Jewish community. The model is predicated on a suggested donation of 2% of your each family unit's annual income, plus assessments.

There is no doubt that this model is appropriate for our community. But for the model to continue to work, we do need to address its challenges.

For one, the total amount of dues collected is not predictable, therefore budgeting is far from iron clad. Two, the total number of member units remains relatively flat or grows slightly, but expenses continue to rise. The total amount of dues raised each year remains the same or declines slightly.

If most of us are deliberate in adhering to the 2% suggested donation each year, our Temple will continue to grow programmatically in ways we dream about.

Completing the pledge form as soon as possible is also critically important.

With this in mind, please, If you have not made your pledge and/or payment commitment already, here is the link: <https://sinaitemplecu.shulcloud.com/form/online-member-pledge.html>

If you don't want to make your pledge commitment or payment online, please contact either Art Siegel at financialsec@sinaitemplecu.org or Gary Bernstein at stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.

I will continue to provide pledge commitment updates in the monthly bulletin. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of Sinai Temple.

Take good care,
Lil



Mazel Tov to Richard and Judith Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, Ari Samuel Kaplan. Parents are David Kaplan and Leigh Gershman of Austin, Texas. Ari was given the Hebrew name of Ari Shmuel during a brit milah ceremony at his parents' home, co-officiated by Senior Rabbi Neil Blumofe of Congregation Agudas Achim and mohel Mark Gottesman, M.D.

From Board of Trustees

Sinai Temple Board of Trustees

June 10, 2024

Summary of Minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Akresh, Sam Bernstein, Shari Fox, Ben LeRoy, Lilyan Levant, Michael Parrish, Amy Roady, Art Siegel, Audrey Thompson, Stacy Trager, Rabbi Alan Cook (ex-officio)

Staff in Attendance: Gary Bernstein

Absent: Sarah Bleill, Julia Rietz, Bob Smith

Lil Levant called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

- Guest Paula Kaufman spoke with the Board about a project she has led with staff and a graduate student from the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library to survey, organize, digitize, and maintain the temple archives. Following Paula's presentation and in alignment with her recommendations, the Board voted unanimously to donate the temple's archives to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library to ensure their ongoing preservation and maintenance. Sinai Temple will retain full digital and physical access to these materials.
- The Board approved minutes from the May 13 meeting and discussed high-level goals for this year:
 - membership recruitment and retention practices;
 - implementation of business practice recommendations from external review;
 - micro-events for member engagement and fundraising.
- The Board reviewed and discussed reports from the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Building Committee.
- The Board approved a proposal to upgrade the temple's sound system, providing more microphones and digital controls to improve overall sound quality.
- There was discussion regarding the work of an ad-hoc committee that is studying the feasibility of implementing a solar energy project for Sinai Temple. They expect to bring a proposal to the Board in August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Submitted by Shari Fox, Secretary

Green Team and Events

Green Team Tip

In the flurry of activity preparing for the school year, remember to first check your desks and shelves for unused pencils, paper, and notebooks – then shop at our reuse stores for bargains and help use up items before they head to the landfill.

The IDEA store is now open every afternoon except for Mondays, with additional store hours on Saturday mornings. If you have surplus school supplies, check their donation list for dropping off items before you head to Lincoln Square in Urbana. <https://www.the-idea-store.org/>

If you need a different desk, chair, shelving, or lamps, be sure to check out the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. They have a constant turnover of furniture, some of it in excellent condition. <https://cuhabitat.org/>

If you're set on purchasing new items, look for companies like Decomposition that have 100% recycled paper in their products, or others that have partial recycled content. Avoid products with glitter (usually a combination of aluminum and plastic), because it is not biodegradable and adds to microplastics pollution.

Have fun with your back-to-school shopping by making environmentally friendly choices!

THE IDEA STORE

MAKE ART, NOT TRASH



Sinai Temple Announcements

Save The Date! - Labor of Love!

Please plan to join us on **Monday, September 2nd from 9AM - Noon** to lend a helping hand!

It's a great time to help prepare and clean our physical space ahead of the High Holidays!

There will be jobs for all family members.

Watch this space for more specific information as we get closer
or contact Gary Bernstein at stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org with questions!

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 email at
jessicakopolow@yahoo.com or by phone at
217-417-8699.

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

August Book Group

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

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.

August 11:

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate

Facilitator: Natalie Frankenberg

RSVP's required by Friday, August 09 to
nataliefr@comcast.net

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.

Sinai Temple Donations

Temple Donations May 16, 2024, to July 15, 2024

ART ROBINSON FUND

Paul & Linda Weichsel in Honor of Ira Levenson's Bar
Mitzvah

BUILDING FUND

Justin Aronoff & Christy Harms-Aronoff
Jeremy Bernstein & Tonia Lopez-Fresquet
Richard Cooke
Robert & Patricia Ferrer
Sheryl Goldberg
Barbara & Larry Gordon
Judy Lachman
Benjamin & Jess LeRoy
Lilyan Levant
Louis Liebovich
Leslie Mason
Susan & Michael Roughton
David Sussman & Kirstin Wilcox

FRIENDS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Michael & Janet LeRoy in Honor of Noah LeRoy
Drs Art and Marcia Siegel in Honor of Natalie
Frankenberg's birthday

GENERAL FUND

Samuel & Judith Bernstein
Lee Feldman
Diana Jaher in Memory of Tauby Shimkin
Paula Kaufman
Lilyan Levant in Honor of Judy Lachman's birthday
Rebecca Szoke in Memory of Grigory Privin

GLASER CONCERT FUND

Michael & Peggy Grossman

KITCHEN FUND

Justin Aronoff & Christy Harms-Aronoff
Jeremy Bernstein & Tonia Lopez-Fresquet
Richard Cooke
Leslie Cooperband & Wesley Jarrell
Sheryl Goldberg
Barbara & Larry Gordon
Judy Lachman
Benjamin & Jess LeRoy
Lilyan Levant

Louis Liebovich
Leslie Mason
Susan & Michael Roughton
David Sussman & Kirstin Wilcox
Edward & Nancy Tepper

MARCO HOLOCAUST FUND

Stephen Kurland
Michael & Peggy Grossman

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Carl & Carol Belber
Estate of Barbara Nelson

SAFETY & SECURITY FUND

Justin Aronoff & Christy Harms-Aronoff
Jeremy Bernstein & Tonia Lopez-Fresquet
Richard Cooke
Leslie Cooperband & Wesley Jarrell
Sheryl Goldberg
Barbara & Larry Gordon
Judy Lachman
Benjamin & Jess LeRoy
Michael & Janet LeRoy
Lilyan Levant
Louis Liebovich
Leslie Mason
Susan & Michael Roughton
David Sussman & Kirstin Wilcox
Edward & Nancy Tepper

SENIOR MEMBER FUND

Linda Bauer in Memory of my mother-in-law, Dorothy
Bauer

STEINBERG SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE FUND

Michael & Peggy Grossman

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Michael & Peggy Grossman in Honor of Ira Levenson's
2nd Bar Mitzvah

Sinai Temple Memorials for August 2024

Friday, AUG 02	Elizabeth F. C. Aub (03 Aug)	Jack Friedman (06 Aug)	Abe Rapoport (28 Tam)
	Zora Rolny Berland (03 Aug)	Arthur Gitler (04 Aug)	Lorman Ratner (28 Tam)
	Edward Bruner (08 Aug)	Steven Hermann (05 Aug)	Robert Rich (07 Aug)
	Ida Cohen (06 Aug)	Dora Kalis Joffe (04 Aug)	Cantor Moses Schwimmer (06 Aug)
	Rubin G. Cohn (06 Aug)	Dorothy Rosenbloom Kaufman (06 Aug)	Ruth Scott (07 Aug)
	Justin Lilbert Cooke (07 Aug)	Solomon Alexander Klein (08 Aug)	Ray Spooner (5 Av 5)
	Cecil Benjamin Davis (05 Aug)	Viola Ada Little (09 Aug)	Ruth Reyman Tager (03 Aug)
	Marvin Samuel Didech (28 Tam)	Harry C. Loeb (09 Aug)	William Taylor (08 Aug)
	Norma Dodge (08 Aug)	Lester Lowenstein (05 Aug)	Fanny A. Wagman (03 Aug)
	Rose Hirsch Ducoff (07 Aug)	M. Richard Mehl (04 Aug)	Irvin Levitch Wasserman (28 Tam)
Isaac Friedberg (09 Aug)	Arnold L. Miller (08 Aug)	Esther Welles (03 Aug)	
Friday, AUG 09	Maurice Wickert Ampolsk (11 Aug)	Maurice Friedberg (15 Aug)	Harry Morton (12 Aug)
	Dena Braunstein Brandman (15 Aug)	Herbert Goldberg (7 Av 5)	Herman Pincus (11 Aug)
	Goldie Burack (11 Aug)	Simeon Grinshtein (11 Aug)	Betty Rymer (10 Aug)
	Percida DelCarmen Chandia (12 Aug)	Dvorah Leah Hamburg (12 Aug)	J. Marvin Salzman (13 Aug)
	Gilbert Corman (14 Aug)	Edward Haythornthwaite (15 Aug)	Malka Shklair (14 Aug)
	Jeanette Leavitt Davis (10 Aug)	Daniel Katz (12 Aug)	Warren Stone (12 Aug)
	Janet C. Dolgin (12 Aug)	Minnie Lachman (14 Aug)	Theodore Wannemuehler (12 Aug)
	Laura Eisenstein (14 Aug)	Joseph Mizrahi (11 Av)	Byron Weisbaum (11 Aug)
	Sidney Faiman (7 Av 5)	Beverlee Morris (11 Aug)	
	Friday, AUG 16	Sim N Avner (18 Aug)	Florence Ethel Klein (22 Aug)
Mollie G. Berg (21 Aug)		Samuel Klein (23 Aug)	Freda Shippel (17 Aug)
Harold Bockserman (23 Aug)		Ida Borowsky Klorfine (22 Aug)	Rose Sunshine (23 Aug)
Eleanor Bornstein (18 Aug)		George LeRoy (18 Aug)	Josephine Sredl (23 Aug)
Celia Brill (19 Av)		Helen Levin (19 Aug)	Nicole Anne Storch (18 Aug)
Jacob Carmen (19 Aug)		Henny Lewin (17 Aug)	Fannie Sudman (18 Aug)
Jozef Cohen (18 Aug)		Murray London (17 Aug)	Michael Tepper (19 Aug)
Bob Irwin Eisenstein (17 Aug)		Hyman Marco (17 Aug)	Jerry Willis (22 Aug)
William Kent Gillies (21 Aug)		Paul Hyman Meyer (16 Av)	Isadore Wisotzky (19 Aug)
Louis Gordon (23 Aug)		Maurice Robert Morton (21 Aug)	Haviva Yairi (23 Aug)
Rose Hoffman (21 Aug)		Dorothy O'Hara (17 Aug)	Isaac Zveitel (21 Aug)
Toby Horowitz (18 Aug)		Bernard Pass (22 Aug)	Gertrude Rothberg Zveitel (22 Aug)
Simon Horwitz (23 Aug)		Madelaine Reiss (19 Av)	
Edwin Jones (17 Aug)	Charlotte Rutmann Rendelman (20 Aug)		
Friday, AUG 23	Mary Adleman (26 Aug)	Anne L. Flagg (28 Aug)	Fannie Tepper Kohn (26 Aug)
	Henrietta F. Alpiner (29 Aug)	Tillie Fraser (24 Aug)	Irwin Raphael Konigsberg (26 Av)
	Simon Aprill (24 Aug)	Sandra Mae Fromm (25 Aug)	Samuel Kranson (30 Aug)
	Sara Balagura (27 Aug)	Elizabeth Glaser (24 Av)	Nathan Krasnow (28 Aug)
	Ruth Berkman (27 Aug)	Macey Barnett Gordon (27 Aug)	Jacob Kurland (30 Aug)
	Beatrice Bulmash (26 Aug)	Anna Greenstein (25 Aug)	Raphael Lemkin (28 Aug)
	Samuel Chonoles (25 Aug)	Peter Gruenstein (24 Aug)	George L. Levin (28 Aug)
	Anna Stoffer Cohen (27 Aug)	Harry J. Harrison (21 Av)	Barbara Lindsey (28 Aug)
	Norma Florine Deckard (24 Aug)	Aaron Holzman (28 Aug)	David Mashkes (29 Aug)
	William Wiley Deckard (26 Aug)	Lillian Holzman (28 Aug)	Malcom McKenzie McClure (30 Aug)
	Howard Ducoff (28 Aug)	June Neaffie Jenkinson (30 Aug)	
			Estelle Nelson (28 Aug)
			John Schneider (30 Aug)
		Abe L. Selicovitz (27 Aug)	
		Melvin Sherman (27 Aug)	
		Sidney Simon (29 Aug)	
		Milton Sostrin (24 Av)	
		Shirley Stoler (25 Aug)	
		Stephanie Stiefel Waldbauer (28 Aug)	
		Bernice Weinstein (23 Av)	
Friday, AUG 30	John Joseph Boby (06 Sep)	Olga Gorodinski (01 Sep)	Irwin Levine (05 Sep)
	Lester Burack (03 Sep)	Ethel "June" Gronik (31 Aug)	Sadye Zimmerman Marco (04 Sep)
	Ida Cohen (04 Sep)	Florence Nagel Howard (02 Sep)	Jennie Z. Mashkes (04 Sep)
	Beatrice Cossman (03 Sep)	Daniel Hutner (02 Sep)	Irving Ben Ribstein (04 Sep)
	Loretta Dessen (04 Sep)	Diane Kaufman (06 Sep)	Albert E. Rigberg (02 Sep)
	Edwin L. Freudenstein (31 Aug)	Shmariahl Kopelevitch (1 Elul)	Myra Helman Schwartz (3 Elul)
	Joseph Freudenstein (04 Sep)	Michael David Lafferty (01 Sep)	William Sholem (04 Sep)
	Harold Gluskoter (03 Sep)	Ezra Levin (01 Sep)	Benjamin Shure (02 Sep)
	Goldye Ruth Gordon (01 Sep)	Minnie Levin (03 Sep)	Estelle Siegel (06 Sep)
			Yetta Silver (03 Sep)
			Isadore Silverman (31 Aug)
		Alpiner L. Stern (03 Sep)	
		Max Tepper (31 Aug)	
		Mildred Topolosky (02 Sep)	
		Abe Weinberg (29 Av)	

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