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**SINAI TEMPLE**  
**Membership Packet**

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## **SINAI TEMPLE**

### **Champaign, IL**

Although Sinai is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism and subscribes to the tenets of Reform Judaism, its membership includes all Jews: Reform, Conservative, Traditional, Secular, Cultural, etc. One of the strengths of Sinai Temple is the way in which people with these diverse views join together to create a Temple Family. The purpose of Sinai is to foster important values in Judaism such as learning, prayer, and community service.

Sinai not only serves the religious needs of the Jewish community, it also provides a setting for the many Jewish social and cultural activities which take place in Champaign-Urbana. Sinai Temple provides a worship community and an educational center for its members, as well as for all the Jews of Champaign-Urbana. In addition to regular worship services, Sinai provides a center for extensive artistic, cultural, and social events. Sinai often joins with B'nai B'rith, the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, the University of Illinois Hillel Foundation, and the University of Illinois Program in Jewish Culture and Society to bring to our community many important scholars, artists, speakers, politicians and performers.

### **SERVICES**

Reform worship services are held on all the major holidays, and festivals. Friday night Shabbat services are held in the sanctuary. Friday night also provides the setting for some of the presentations of the various speakers who visit Champaign-Urbana. An Oneg Shabbat follows every service provided by the families of Sinai Temple. We hope that each family will select a time at which to participate in an Oneg.

Once a month on Shabbat morning Sinai Temple offers a Tot Shabbat that is particularly geared for preschool aged children, and a Junior Congregation for school aged children. Twice a month the Torah Minyan and the English Service meet. A Kiddush provided by participants follows these services. Sinai Temple provides activities that embrace its members who are Conservative as well as those who are Reform. Traditional services are usually held twice monthly on Shabbat morning. Members of the congregation lead these services, and everyone including children is invited to participate. In addition, Traditional High Holiday Services are provided for Temple members on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. A Kiddush lunch provided by participants also follows each service. Please consult the Temple **Bulletin** or the Temple office for the dates of these and other events.

Our Temple sponsors a full professional choir led by a music director. The choir provides inspiring music at Friday evening and Saturday morning B'nai Mitzvah services. The Temple choir also works together with our biannual Glaser Concert music scholar to bring the best varieties of Jewish music in America to our Jewish community. The Shabbat Singers, members of the congregation, also participate in a variety of services.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Sinai Temple provides a religious education for the children of its members on Sunday mornings that meets from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In addition, Hebrew School meets Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The objective of the curriculum is to instill in students a working knowledge of Judaism that emerges out of a philosophy of Reform Judaism. Because of the unique blend of Jewish groups, the faculty and student body reflect a respect for a broad spectrum of Jewish practice and belief.

Our programming is from infancy through Confirmation. We offer a Sunday morning Hand In Hand class is for parents and their children aged 2- 4.

Sinai Temple provides extensive training over several years, for its children who wish to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Parents should contact the Rabbi or the Temple Educator in order to obtain the requirements, which must be met, prior to enrolling in the B'nai Mitzvah class.

Confirmation is a very important event in the life of Sinai Temple and it is strongly encouraged that all 10th grade students participate in the Confirmation Class. Students also take a class trip to spend Shabbat with a variety of congregations in the Chicago area in order to enrich their Jewish experiences during the Confirmation year. The Confirmation service is held on or close to Shavuot.

Please direct all questions about our Religious School or Hebrew School to the Temple Educator through the Religious School office at 352-8654 or [educator@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:educator@sinaitemplecu.org).

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Sinai Temple has an active Adult Education Program. Sunday morning seminars are led by the Rabbi and by guests. Often the Rabbi conducts mini-courses one night a week during the year. Other study groups meet at various times during the week and have included such topics as basic Judaism, beginning Hebrew, Yiddish, Jewish Literature, Talmud, and Jewish cooking. Please consult the Temple Bulletin for announcements concerning our Adult Education Program.

Programming highlights include the biannual Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence weekend and the biannual Glaser Concert. Every other year, the Rabbi leads a class to train adults for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This group is one example of Sinai's commitment toward involving its members in all aspects of worship at the Temple.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Because our students are spread throughout the twin-cities, Youth Group provides an important opportunity for our children to interact with their Jewish friends. Champaign-Urbana Temple Youth (CUTY) is an organization for Jewish teenagers in the 9th to 12th grades. It is associated with the National Federation of Temple Youth. The Youth Group provides our teenagers with an opportunity to interact with Jewish teens throughout Illinois, the Midwest, and the United States. Several members of our Youth Group have held offices in the regional organization. We strongly encourage all teens to take an active part in our Youth Group.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

During the year, the Temple offers several events, such as a Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover, Labor of Love Day, New and Prospective Member Open House, New Member Shabbat, and The Annual Congregational Meeting and Ice Cream Social. These events are made possible through the efforts of the members of Sinai Temple, and we encourage each and every member to take an active part in the planning of these events. Information about these and other events can be obtained from the Temple *Bulletin* and the Temple office.

### **LIFE-CYCLE OBSERVANCE**

Many members call upon the Rabbi and the Temple to help celebrate and observe important life-cycle events, such as births, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, weddings, and funerals. The Temple has excellent kitchen and banquet facilities. For more information about the use of the Temple facilities please contact the Temple office. The Temple office and the Rabbi must be contacted before anyone plans a religious or social event in the Temple. Because of the heavy demands on the building, make your contacts at the earliest possible time, so that your event can be placed on the Temple calendar.

Members may place the names of deceased relatives on the Sinai Temple Memorial (Yahrzeit) List and may purchase memorial plaques for these relatives for the Sinai Temple Memorial Wall. Names of

persons on the Memorial List or on the Memorial Wall are read at Friday evening services in the week prior to the anniversary of their death. Names commemorated by plaques on the Memorial Wall are also automatically included in the **Roll of Remembrance**, which is distributed each year at Yom Kippur. A Tree of Life provides an opportunity to commemorate joyous occasions through purchase of engraved leaves displayed on the Tree, which is mounted on the wall at the South entrance of the Temple.

### **CHAVURAH**

A Chavurah is a community fellowship that exemplifies the values of Judaism and extends Temple membership beyond the walls of the synagogue. Each Chavurah is structured as an egalitarian fellowship with each member having an equal voice. Each group is a distinctive expression of community, study, prayer, celebration, social action, Shabbat and holiday activities, and life cycle observances. Each group meets a minimum of six times a year. If you wish to join a Chavurah, please complete the questionnaire enclosed or contact Chavurah Committee Chair through the Temple office.

### **GIFT SHOP**

Our Gift Shop has an extensive collection of Jewish books, religious and art objects. We encourage our members to take advantage of the Gift Shop. It is the most extensive collection of Jewish objects for sale in this area. The Gift Shop is open on Sunday mornings during Religious School, on Wednesday afternoons during Hebrew School, or by special appointment. Proceeds from the Gift Shop are used to help support the Religious School. Please contact the Temple office for further information.

### **LIBRARY**

The Temple library has an extensive collection of books of Jewish interest for all ages. In addition, it has some films, filmstrips, and video tapes. Members are free to use the library. It is open every Sunday during Religious School, but arrangements can be made to make use of its collection at other times. For more information about the use of the library, contact our librarian, Henrietta Schwartz, through the Temple office.

### **CEMETERY**

The Sinai Temple cemetery committee manages the Jewish portion of Mount Hope Cemetery. In addition, Champaign-Urbana has a Chevra Kadishah (Jewish burial society) that can provide a traditional Jewish burial for those who wish. To purchase burial plots, contact the chairperson of the cemetery committee through the Temple office. As with all Temple life-cycle events, funeral planning must be done in consultation with the Rabbi.

### **TEMPLE STAFF**

Sinai Temple provides an extensive professional staff to serve the needs of its members. Rabbi Norman Mark Klein is our Rabbi. Rabbi Isaac Neuman is our Rabbi Emeritus. Stephanie Pregent is our Director of Education. In addition, our staff includes an Office Manager, Administrative Assistants for the Educator and for the Temple office, a Librarian, and a Music Director.

### **JEWISH LIFE IN CHAMPAIGN-URBANA**

Champaign-Urbana provides a variety of Jewish experiences for all of us. We encourage the members of Sinai Temple to take advantage of the opportunities available to them throughout the community. We hope that our members will join and actively support the programs sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith, and the University of Illinois Program in Jewish Culture and Society. For more information about these organizations and the programs they sponsor, consult the Temple **Bulletin**, the Temple office, or the executive director of Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation at 367-9872.



## Sinai Temple APPLICATION FORM 2008-2009

FIRST ADULT MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SECOND ADULT MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:  Family  Single (Please check one)  
*Note: A "Family" is two adults (with or without children) OR one adult with one or more children.*

Please select your proper category.

Annual Temple Support	
Family	\$1650
Single	\$930

Please fill in according to the above schedule.

Annual Temple Support	\$ _____
Building Fund Obligation	\$ _____
Voluntary URJ Contribution	\$ _____
Voluntary General Fund Contribution	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### FORM OF PAYMENT

- Installments:** I will pay my obligations in \_\_\_\_\_ installments
- Check Enclosed:** Payable to Sinai Temple
- Credit Card:** Payment in full + 3% for credit card fee
- MasterCard     Visa    Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### DEFINITIONS and INFORMATION:

1. Finances should not be an obstacle to becoming a member. Limited **special arrangements** are available. If you feel you require an adjustment in your Temple Support please call Anthony Novak, Vice-President, at 344-0054. He will provide you with a confidential adjustment form.
2. Temple support and assessments are payable in full by **March 31**. Pledges of support are due by **September 30** or when joining the Temple for the first time.
3. You may pay your Temple Support with Visa or MasterCard in full. If you choose this method of payment, there is a 3% charge to cover the credit card fee.
4. **The Building Fund** (\$1500) is an obligation of all members for the preservation of our current building. Most members choose to pay this in installments of \$150 per year for 10 years.
5. **The Voluntary URJ Contributions** go toward defraying the Temple's mandatory dues to the Union for Reform Judaism. URJ dues last year averaged \$100 per membership.
6. **Voluntary General Fund Contributions** are encouraged and especially appreciated. The following levels are suggested, but all donations are welcomed:
 

<i>Neder</i> (A Vow)	\$1800	<i>Matanah</i> (A Gift)	\$500
<i>Nadav</i> (A Voluntary Offering)	\$1200	<i>Mitzvah</i> (A Good Deed)	\$100
<i>Hesed</i> (An Act of Loving Kindness)	\$750		

**PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS IN THIS PACKET AND YOUR PAYMENT To:**  
**Blanche Sudman (352-3857) or Tony Novak (344-0054) at Sinai Temple 3104 West Windsor Road**  
**Champaign, IL 61822-6104**



**Office Use Only**

**Date Joined** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sinai Temple Member Information**

Information on this form is required for providing member services and for planning Temple programs. Names, addresses, email, and phone numbers are included in a Temple Member Directory distributed only to members. Only Temple staff and officers see all other information.

#### **1. First Adult Member**

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<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
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\_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Full English Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full English Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2. Second Adult Member**

\_\_\_\_\_

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
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\_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Full English Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full English Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. Marital Status**

Married      Date Married (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Single     Widowed     Divorced

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## Sinai Temple Member Information (continued)

### 4. Directory, Mailing, and Temple database Information

Please list all information that applies. You may mark items such as e-mail addresses or work phones that you do NOT wish listed in the Member Directory.

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone:

First Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Second Adult \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL:

First Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Second Adult \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Children

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_ Female

2. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_ Female

3. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_ Female

4. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_    \_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_ Female

### 6. Committees that you, your spouse, or older children might be interested in serving on

Use H for Husband, W for wife, C for child

- Arts & Acquisitions
- Building & Grounds
- Cemetery
- Chavurah
- Condolence
- Fund Raising

- Garden
- Kitchen
- Library
- Membership
- Music
- Oneg

- Religious Education
- Social Action
- Social Events
- Ushers
- Youth Group
- Web Support

## Sinai Temple Yahrzeit Information

Names of deceased family members will be mentioned at the Friday evening service held in the week prior to observance of the Yahrzeit. Please list the names of those you wish to be remembered in this fashion. If you know only the Hebrew date of death or only the Civil date of death, we can determine the other date for you.

**NOTE:** This page will be separated from the rest of your application. On the line for relationship to the deceased, be sure to give the relationship *along with the full name of you or your spouse* (e.g., "Father of Isaac Cohen," "Sister of Ruth Kalish") so we know who to contact if there are questions.

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Member (e.g. "Father of Isaac Cohen") \_\_\_\_\_

Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Member (e.g. "Father of Isaac Cohen") \_\_\_\_\_

Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Member (e.g. "Father of Isaac Cohen") \_\_\_\_\_

Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Member (e.g. "Father of Isaac Cohen") \_\_\_\_\_

Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

**More names on other side?** \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## Sinai Temple Yahrzeit Information

Continuation Page (please complete other side first)

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Member (e.g. "Father of Isaac Cohen") \_\_\_\_\_

Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

Full Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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Civil (English) Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ After sunset? \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrew Date of Death (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Which date do you wish the Yahrzeit to be observed on? \_\_\_ Civil Date \_\_\_ Hebrew Date

## Sinai Temple Chavurah Charter

(Updated January 2009)

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The Chavurah coordinating committee puts together groups with similar interests and needs. To allow each group to coalesce, we ask each person to commit him or herself to six meetings during which time each group will develop its own direction with a sense of belonging, friendship and extended family. Each Chavurah reflects a variety of backgrounds, personalities and styles. Everyone must be willing to give and take. By working together and solving problems together, a special relationship will develop.

Each group will meet a minimum of six times a year but may meet more frequently.

During the first meeting, the group should determine its primary purpose and select a liaison to the Chavurah Coordinating Committee. The group should also choose a name for itself.

Chavurah meetings should not conflict with Temple programs and it is necessary to check the Temple calendar before finalizing the date for each meeting. Chavurah meetings may include Temple Programs.

If children are involved, the group should determine how often they will participate.

The Chavurah column in the *Sinai Temple Bulletin* will highlight some activities of the different groups.



## Chavurah Questionnaire

Please fill out the following application and return it to the Chavurah Committee c/o Temple Sinai 3104 West Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61822 or email it to [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org). Please give as much information about yourself and your family as you can so that we can do our best job of matching interests and needs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please circle all applicable responses.

1. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with: Couples      Singles      No Preference
2. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with:  
People my own age (List age Range \_\_\_\_\_)      Mixed ages      No Preference
3. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with interfaith couples:      Yes      No      No Preference
4. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah in which most activities include children:      Yes      No

If you want to be in a Chavurah with children, the children should be:

Similar in age to my children      Mixed Ages      Preschoolers  
Elementary Age      Middle and High School Age

5. Please indicate how important the following should be in your Chavurah:

Celebrate Jewish Holidays:	Little	Somewhat	Very
Socialize:	Little	Somewhat	Very
Study (discussions, speakers)	Little	Somewhat	Very
Social Action/Tzedakah	Little	Somewhat	Very
Cultural Activities	Little	Somewhat	Very

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Please include any additional information to assist us in placing you in a Chavurah which will meet your needs and interests:

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