



# CONGREGATION SINAI

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## Year-at-a-Glance 2020-2021

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Dear Congregation Sinai family,



Kim Stanley Robinson's "New York, 2140" is not a dystopian novel, despite the fact that it takes place in a world where global warming has put half of New York City under water. Lower Manhattan, crisscrossed by canals, is nicknamed "Super-Venice." Some waterlogged neighborhoods have been reclaimed by artists and entrepreneurs and rooftops now double as farmland, providing food for the building's inhabitants. Environmental change has so attenuated the winter season that polar bears replacing hibernation with "hiber-naps."

Yet, surprisingly, life goes on. Given the real world challenges we've experienced during the last five months, it is not difficult to imagine a world transformed by cataclysmic changes. We've adapted to staying home and, if we go out, wearing masks and having our temperature taken.

The Jewish people has faced such challenges before. Whether during the first century destruction of Jerusalem and expulsion from the land of Israel, or the 14<sup>th</sup> century's Bubonic Plague, we learned first to cope and then to adapt.

Not surprisingly, we've turned to the Torah for ideas and inspiration. The Talmud says, "Turn it over and over, for everything is in it." Despite the modern world's circumstances, the Torah continues to be a "tree of life." As Psalm 19:7 puts it: "The Torah is pure, restoring the soul." The Torah may not have the answer to every problem but it helps us frame the questions in a helpful way.

Given the Torah's life-giving qualities, it's no surprise that we have seen many return to study and plumb its depths. Our adult learning offerings have been full. We've even discovered unanticipated blessings, such as being able to host teachers and speakers from all around the world. Adult Jewish Learning has become an important building block in our everyday rhythms of resistance.

Such realizations undoubtedly will outlast this period of sequestration. This year, for example, we'll have the opportunity to study in real time with Rabbi Ariella Gratz and congregants from our sister congregation in Northern Israel. We'll host Jewish authors from around the country. We'll be inspired by Cantor Richard Newman's musical gifts in an April concert, our annual Mitzvah Day, more joint activities with our partner, Cross Lutheran Church. And much, much more (like our Chavurot affinity groups, e.g. Sinai Brews!).

So take time to peruse this year's programmatic offerings at Sinai. If you have an idea of something you'd like to learn about that isn't mentioned in this brochure, contact me and we can set up an individual course of study.

Turn it over and over for everything is in it – הפוך בה והפוך בה דכולה בה

  
Rabbi David B. Cohen

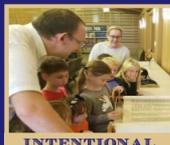
# CAMPAIGN FOR TOMORROW



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## INVEST IN SINAI

Dear Congregants,

L'Shana Tovah. May the New Year bring peace and good health in these troubling times.

Since the launch of the Campaign for Tomorrow we have raised two million dollars. The 50% matching gift challenge will remain in effect until the end of this year.

Why choose to make Sinai your philanthropic priority? What do you hold dear about this place and its people? We have all been touched in some way by our congregation and community. Whether it be a life-cycle occasion, a learning opportunity or a holiday celebration, pastoral care, or a spiritual moment: each of us can reflect on the value and the meaning Sinai holds in our lives and in the Milwaukee Jewish community.

Part of being an engaged member is to donate to the best of your ability and your gift can be paid over five years. If you were to pledge \$1000 to be paid over five years this would amount to \$1500 with the matching gift. We truly want 100% participation and would be grateful with any level that you can afford.

L'Shalom,

Larry Glusman, Marlene Lauwasser, Julie & Tedd Lookatch, Susan Stuckert  
*Campaign for Tomorrow Co-Chairs*



**April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021**  
**For a Special Shabbat and Saturday Night!**  
**Celebrating Sinai's 65th &**  
**Rabbi Cohen's 25th anniversaries.**  
**We will honor the Lubar Family for their**  
**contributions to the Campaign for Tomorrow.**



## Save the Date

# Sunday, December 6, 2020

What began as an experiment in education and volunteering has become one of Sinai's most popular and effective programs, with over 200 participants last year alone. Past participants confirm—it's hard to tell who benefits more from the program: those on the receiving end of the day, who know someone cares, or those congregants giving their time and resources, who know that even a little help can change a life.

Volunteer for part or all of Mitzvah Day! Past mitzvot have included: Painting bowls to feed the hungry, preparing meals for Pathfinders' adolescents and young adults or tired and anxious families at the Ronald McDonald House. Preparing backpacks for impoverished/sexually exploited youth and creating fleece blankets for families staying at Community Advocates Milwaukee Women's Center.

How would you like to volunteer? What will be *your mitzvah*? Whether in person or digitally, specific volunteer opportunities, programs and registration information will be posted in Sinai's email blasts. **For information and registration, or to donate funds for materials to continue Mitzvah Day's success, contact Julie Turetsky at 414-899-5128 or [julietretsky@gmail.com](mailto:julietretsky@gmail.com).**



## 2020/2021 Holidays & Festivals

Selichot - Saturday, September 12, 2020

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Friday, September 18, 2020

Rosh Hashanah - Saturday, September 19, 2020

Kol Nidre—Sunday, September 27, 2020

Yom Kippur—Monday, September, 28, 2020

Erev Sukkot - Friday, October 2, 2020

Sukkot - Saturday, October 3, 2020

Erev Simchat Torah - Friday, October 9, 2020

Simchat Torah - Saturday, October 10, 2020

Chanukah - Friday, December 11 - Friday, December 18, 2020  
(first candle Thursday, Dec. 10)

Tu B'Shevat - Thursday, January 28, 2021

Erev Purim - Thursday, February 25, 2021

Pesach - Sunday, March 28—Saturday, April 3, 2021  
(1st Seder - Saturday, March 27)

Erev Shavuot - Sunday, May 16, 2021

Shavuot - Monday, May 17, 2021



## Explore Sinai!

There are many entry points to engage in the Sinai community. We strive to offer something for everyone. Please visit pages 37-39 for a full listing of all our Chavurot and Committees. Don't see what you're looking for? Let's create it together! Have an interesting idea for a program or speaker? Contact Jen Friedman at [jfriedman@congregationsinai.org](mailto:jfriedman@congregationsinai.org).

# Limud Shabbat

**As of printing all Shabbat experiences are via Zoom.**  
All Friday night Shabbat Services begin at 6:00 PM  
unless otherwise indicated.

While remote join us for 5:30 PM wine and cheese.  
Look to your weekly Enews for Zoom links and further details.

## Shabbat Vayinafash

**Saturdays: Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 9, Jan. 30,  
Feb. 20, Mar. 13, April 17, May 15, June 5  
10:30 - 11:30 AM**

Join Rabbi Cohen for a special series of Shabbat morning prayer experiences. Drawing from mindfulness practices such as meditation, movement and yoga we'll explore Shabbat and prayer from a new and different perspective. The earliest Hasids (early 19th century) were explorers of mysticism and made use of multiple mindfulness modalities to reach their spiritual goals. Dress comfortably!



## Erev Sukkot & Shabbat with Affirmation

**Friday, October 2  
6:00 PM**

Join us for a special Erev Sukkot and Shabbat as we honor our high school students (Class of 2020) who have affirmed their commitment to Judaism and Jewish life.



## Rockin' Shabbat Services

**Fridays, Nov. 6, Feb 5, April 16  
6:00 PM**

Invite your friends to see the band featuring Rabbi Cohen on the electric guitar, Cantor Newman, Julie Lookatch and Sarah Hwang on vocals. You won't want to miss this Shabbat experience. Great for all ages!



## Veteran's Shabbat

**Friday, November 11  
6:00 PM**

Join us as we honor those who have served!



## Social Justice Shabbat Pulpit Exchange with Cross Lutheran Church

**Friday, March 21, 6:00 PM, Sunday March 23, 9:30 AM**

Pastor Michelle Townsend De Lopez will speak during Shabbat services at Sinai and Rabbi David Cohen will speak at Cross Lutheran on Sunday. Come hear them both!



# Limud Shabbat

**SAVE THE DATE! - MCRC Shabbat**  
*Metropolitan Council of Reform Congregations*  
Friday, April 9  
7:30 PM  
Hosted by Congregation Shalom



**Israel Shabbat with Shaked Ram,**  
**Hillel Milwaukee's Campus Fellow, 2018 - 2021**  
Friday, April 23  
6:00 PM

Shaked will share her perspective on Jewish student life on the Milwaukee area campuses, the challenges students face regarding BDS, her role in facilitating a better understanding of Israel's position and her 'take-aways' after three years here in our city. Join us for a Shabbat experience celebrating Israel!



**Teacher Appreciation Shabbat**

Friday, May 7  
6:00 PM

Join us as we honor our teachers!!



**Shabbat with Affirmation**

Friday, May 14  
6:00 PM

Join us for Shabbat as we honor our high school students (Class of 2021) who have affirmed their commitment to Judaism and Jewish life.



**Pride Shabbat**

Friday, June 11  
6:00 PM

Join us for a Shabbat of singing, learning, and celebrating with our LGBTQ community. Help us to continue to make Sinai a welcoming and inclusive community.



**First Outdoor Shabbat**

Friday, June 26  
5:30 pm Wine and Cheese  
6:00 PM Service



## Adult Learning – Tuesday Nights

**As of printing all Adult Learning will take place via Zoom, unless otherwise indicated. Look to your weekly Enews for registration, Zoom links, and further details.**

### Parenting in the Tanach

**Tuesdays: October 13 – November 17**

**7:00 PM**

As a parent, I always feel like there's so much more I should know about how to raise my kids to be good people. The Tanach is full of stories of parents trying to raise their children the right way, and not always succeeding. Join me as we examine some of our most well-known, and some lesser-known, parent child relationships in the Tanach and what we can learn about ourselves as parents, children, and people in general.



**Cost: Members – free, Non-members \$54**

**To register: <http://parentinginthetanach.eventbrite.com>**

### Musical settings of biblical texts from Handel to The Byrds

**Tuesdays: January 5 – February 9, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

The bible has been the inspiration for many varied musical compositions over the years. We will listen to selections from a number of compositions from Jewish and non-Jewish sources and talk about how the settings bring new insights into the texts. No musical expertise needed!



**Cost: Members – free, Non-members \$54**

**To register: <http://musicalsettingsofbiblicalttexts.eventbrite.com>**

### “Book, book, book, book of Job, Job, Job”

**Tuesdays: March 23 – April 27, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

Join Rabbi Cohen for a deep dive into the Bible's most arrestingly complex and troubling book, the Book of Job. What is the book really about? How did it end up in the Bible? What are we to make of a God who allows Job to suffer unjustly?



We'll get past the issue of Theodice (bad things happening to good people) to other issues such as:

- The point of the Book of Job.
- Not suffering: where is God when it hurts? The prologue (chapters 1 & 2) deals with that issue.
- The point of the Book of Job is faith.
- Where is Job when it hurts?" Phillip Yancey

**Cost: Members – free, Non-members \$54**

**To register: <http://sinaibookofjob.eventbrite.com>**

## Adult Learning – Sunday Mornings

**Talmudic Learning**  
with Rabbi Ariella Gratz BarTuv and  
Rabbi David Cohen

**Sundays, October 18, November 22 and December 13**  
**10:00 AM - via ZOOM**

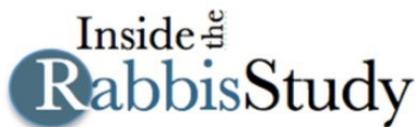
Rabbi Ariella, one of Israel's few female Rabbi's, is a part-time Rabbi for our sister congregation, Emet V'Shalom, Nahariya, Israel. Together they will explore Talmudic topics.

**Cost: Members – free, Non-members \$54**  
**To register: <http://sinaitalmudiclearning.eventbrite.com>**



### In the Rabbi's Study

**Sundays, Jan. 17, Feb. 7,**  
**March 7, April 11**  
**10:00 AM**



The triumphant return of "In the Rabbi's Study." Loosely modeled on PBS's "In the Actor's Studio", Rabbi Cohen will interview and converse with a series of thoughtful speakers including:

- Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid's Rabbi Joel Alter on the future of denominational Judaism, e.g. reform, conservative.
- Rabbi Philip Nadel, speaking from Israel about how things look from there, how Israel is dealing with its difficulties with COVID-19 to its new found peace with The United Arab Emirates.
- Round table discussion sessions with some of Sinai's beloved past cantors; Tamar Havilio (FKA Heather Feffer), Rebecca Robins, and Lauren Phillips.



## Ongoing Classes

### The Schmooze: Current Events Through A Jewish Lens

**Mondays, (beg. October 5)  
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



Join a group who meet weekly to discuss current events and issues of the day with an eye to the Jewish angle. Local and regional issues, national and international events, political and cultural concerns – topics will be timely, varied and wide ranging.



No matter your political leanings – conservative, liberal or independent – there is a place for you at the table. Respectful dialogue is the goal. Rabbi Cohen is the moderator.

**Cost: Members - free, Non-members \$72**

**Register at <http://thesinaischmoozecurrentevents.eventbrite.com>**

## Introduction to Judaism



**Curious about Judaism and Jewish life?** Wanting to embrace Judaism?  
Or . . . already Jewish and wanting to fill in the gaps of your Jewish knowledge?  
This class is for you.

A special Introduction to Judaism class open to everyone, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis and the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center. No background necessary.

**18 Tuesdays, October 20 – March 2 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

\$130/person • All sessions will be conducted on Zoom 



Harry & Rose Samson Family  
Jewish Community Center



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**WISCONSIN  
COUNCIL  
of RABBIS**

**For more information, talk to your rabbi, or contact Jody Hirsh at [jhirsh@jccmilwaukee.org](mailto:jhirsh@jccmilwaukee.org)**

## Ongoing Classes

### Through the Eyes of Women

**Fridays**

**(begins Sept 25. Open enrollment closes Oct. 16)**

**10:00 AM**

**Facilitator: Dr. Sherry Blumberg**



Using the Torah: A Woman's Commentary as a text, we are discussing the Torah, verse by verse using critical questions, feminist readings, modern midrash, traditional commentaries and women's poetry.

Cost: Members - free, Non-members - \$54

To register: <http://thrutheeyesofwomen2020.eventbrite.com>

### A Modern Rabbi's Approach to the Bible

**Wednesdays**

**9:30 AM**

**Facilitator: Rabbi Jay Brickman**



Rabbi Brickman is a trained Jungian, a philosopher, and a practitioner of Tai Chi.

If you haven't studied with him now is the time!

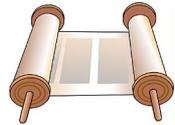
### Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**Saturdays**

**9:00 AM**

**Facilitators: Rabbi David B. Cohen & Rabbi Jay Brickman**

Join us for an interactive online discussion about this week's Torah portion.



### Acheinu (Men's Spirituality Group)

**Sundays, at 8:30 AM**

**Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 3, Feb. 7,**

**Mar. 7, April 4, May 2, June 6**



Join Mitch Colton and Joe Glassman to discuss spiritual and practical matters concerning God, work, family and more.

Acheinu is sponsored by Sinai's Brotherhood.

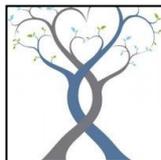
**For more information contact Mitch at [mcc25@mcctech.net](mailto:mcc25@mcctech.net)**

## Sinai Chavurot!

As of printing Chavurot will meet via Zoom.  
unless otherwise indicated. Look to your weekly Enews for registration, Zoom links, and further details.

### Interfaith Chavurah

**Fridays: Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Jan. 15  
Feb. 19, Mar. 19, April 16, May 21, June 11  
following services (approx. 7:15 PM)**



Interfaith Chavurah is for people from interfaith families to come together and get to know each other. We meet the third Friday of every month. We have a lot of fun and learn a lot from one another. The Interfaith Chavurah meets monthly for group chit-chat in the Worship and Learning Space following Shabbat services. Led by Congregation Sinai Rabbi Emeritus, Jay Brickman and Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle Editor, Rob Golub. No RSVP needed.

**For more information contact: Rob Golub at [robgolub@yahoo.com](mailto:robgolub@yahoo.com)**

### Mah Jongg!

Interested in playing Mah Jongg with Sinai? We can play online together until we are able to come together in person. All levels welcome.



**Look to your Enews for future play dates and times.**

**Questions? Contact:**

**Carmel Sweet at [carmelsweet73@gmail.com](mailto:carmelsweet73@gmail.com)**

### Trivia Night! On-line via Zoom!

**Saturdays, November 21 & February 13  
7:00 PM**



Fun for everyone! Try your luck at Trivia Night! Director of Youth Education Brian Avner, RJE an avid Trivia Night Player will lead us in a fun-filled night! Great for families too with kids middle school age and older. Come socialize and meet fellow congregants in this fun and informal setting.

To help the process please pre-register as a team, family, couple or individual. You can also be placed on a team last minute. BYOB, Wine and Snacks!

**Look to your Enews for pre-registration and Zoom links.**

**For more information Contact: Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)**

## Sinai Chavurot!

### SINAI BREWS!

Sinai Brewing - If you are interested in craft beers, food science, cooking, or just the culture of brewing our fourth year of Sinai Brewing is for you! All are welcome to join our group of beer lovers! We routinely meet to taste and discuss beers at local breweries, make beer for synagogue events, and promote educational events about brewing. Our Sinai Resident Master Brewers: Alan Silverman and Gordy Goldbaum have been brewing for over 30 years. This year we will again brew and serve beers to be served at Sinai events and celebrations. New this year, members of our email group will receive announcements about special tastings, a beer trivia night, mead making, soda making and a coordinated event with the rabbi to discuss the Jewish perspective on potent potables! Most events take place at Sinai or by Zoom until it is safe to toast in person!



Keep an eye on the Sinai weekly Enews for information about brewing events and let us know if you would like to join our email list!

#### Questions?

Alan Silverman: [alan.silverman@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.silverman@hotmail.com)

Gordy Goldbaum: [gordon\\_jay@hotmail.com](mailto:gordon_jay@hotmail.com)

### Sinai Outside hikes Northern Kettle Moraine

Saturday, October 17

9:30 AM (meet in Sinai's parking lot)

Sinai Outside will take a lovely Autumn hike on the Northern Kettle Moraine, Greenbush Trail (moderate skill, 5 miles). The trail is wide enough for paired walking at a proper social distance. DEPART from the Sinai parking lot 9:30 am. Look for more info as the date approaches.



For more information contact Bobbi Rector at [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com)

### Savor Sinai

We are a group that enjoys gathering in the kitchen for cooking, conversation, and uncorking a bottle or two! We will create for dinners, holidays, and for fun! We will cook virtually too!



Please look to your Enews and emails from me for cooking dates and times. Please contact me if you would like to get involved. This is a great way to connect!

For more information contact Jill Weinshel at [jillgw2@gmail.com](mailto:jillgw2@gmail.com)

## 20's and 30's

### YAAS! (Young Adults at Sinai)

What does it mean to be a young, Jewish adult in your 20's and 30's? Are you looking for a point of entry into metropolitan Jewry? Do you have a child or know someone – affiliated or unaffiliated - that is looking to meet other young Jewish professionals or Grad students? Come check out YASS



All 20's and 30's are invited to join YAAS! as we gather digitally for fun and learning throughout the year. As the pandemic situation evolves and when weather is nice, we'll also look to gather in a socially distant way for in person activities like hikes and exercise groups. Parents of 20's & 30's: Please let us know if you have young adult children in town (or even out of town!) so we can reach out and invite them!

Contact Sam Pollock at [smnthpllck@gmail.com](mailto:smnthpllck@gmail.com)

## Sinai Kumzitz!

### Sinai Kumzitz via Zoom!

**Saturday, October 24**

**7:30 PM (following Havdallah at 7:00)**

A Kumzitz is a compound-word in Hebrew derived from the Yiddish words for (come) and (sit). The word describes a musical gathering, much like a campfire or a coffee house. Everyone sits on the floor, or on chairs around a campfire, and sings spiritually moving songs often with musical instruments.



So get comfortable, pour yourself a hot toddy, glass of wine, or hot chocolate (or another libation of your choice), turn down the lights and prepare to be serenaded – or sing along – as Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Newman and some of Sinai's most talented musicians and singers entertain us!

**Interested in participating? Musicians, poetry readers - all welcome!**

Contact Mark Sweet at [msweet@unionyeslaw.com](mailto:msweet@unionyeslaw.com)

# B'rit Nashim

## Join Us: Become a Member of B'rit Nashim in 5781



B'rit Nashim (Covenant of Women) is a group of Sinai women who meet once a month for programs of personal interest and Jewish content. Through a commitment to our group, our main purpose is to build a community of women within the larger community of Congregation Sinai. We share, learn, laugh, grow, and strengthen our connections to each other, to Judaism and to Congregation Sinai. Highlights from this past year included:

- A docent led tour by Ellen Fleisch, at the Milwaukee Art Museum, and dinner afterwards.
- A viewing of the Film "Wendy's Shabbat" w/ discussion of our personal Shabbat traditions.
- A presentation of song by Cantor Richard Newman regarding Ladino music.
- Discussion of the Article: "Why I am a Jew"
- Speaker: Diane Kane- "A Celebration of Laughter"
- CPR & AED training from the North Shore Fire Department
- Visit to Jewish Museum Milwaukee with docent Tour of "The Girl in the Diary".
- Co-Sponsored a program with Congregation Sinai, Women of Sinai, Sisterhood of Saalam Shalom, and the Spice House: "Culinary Showcase: Bridging Cultures with Global Cuisine from local Jewish and Muslim Kitchens"

Beginning in April, we have continued monthly meetings virtually, sharing discussions on a variety of topics. We made a pivot from having a weekend retreat away to sharing a warm and wonderful virtual "Shabbat retreat", where we led the Congregation's Friday evening service, as well as participating in Shabbat Vayinafash and Havdallah. We also shared personal stories, thoughts, feelings and laughter, as well as a movement session and gave virtual tours of gardens and art, over lunch. We even had a virtual "campfire sing-a-long".

This summer, we have held "Garden Gatherings" where a few of our members meet at a time, in members' backyards, which have been a welcome opportunity for safely distanced visits as we continue growing our relationships. During the month of Elul, we have divided into small groups (some virtual and some distanced outdoors, depending on the comfort level of the individuals) for personal reflection and preparations for the High Holy Days. At our September meeting, we will gather virtually, as a whole, to discuss the new and creative ways that each small group chose to prepare for the High Holy Days.

The idea, always, is to share and deepen our relationships with one another, as well as supporting each other in difficult and in positive times of our lives. For no matter what we do, most importantly, we have the opportunity to make connections with other women at Sinai. Each year, B'rit Nashim welcomes new members. This brings wonderful new energy and input to our "covenant". We invite you to join us. Potential members are invited to attend any meeting.

**Our 2020-2021 calendar includes (As of now, our meetings continue to be virtual (Sinai will provide guidelines. Please look to Enews for updates):**

**Mondays at 7:00 PM: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14. Retreat date TBD.**

For additional information, and to be added to our email list, please contact:

**Toby Colton at 414-351-5205 or [tjcooks@mcctech.net](mailto:tjcooks@mcctech.net) or  
Joanne Roberts at 414-351-6486 or [jtrjtr@hotmail.com](mailto:jtrjtr@hotmail.com)**

## Brotherhood

Sinai Brotherhood 2020-2021

Welcome to another year! Sinai Brotherhood works hard to provide service, entertainment, interesting gatherings, and also financial support to synagogue life. Your financial support is an essential part of the multitude of activities that Brotherhood provides. Please complete your dues request for 2020/2021 and stay tuned for Brotherhood announcements!

At this time our activities will be provided through ZOOM. Our financial support of the Brotherhood and Congregation Sinai programming remains fairly constant.

**Jim Stillman**  
Brotherhood President  
jstillman963@msn.com

## Brotherhood Coffees – Open to All!

Brotherhood Coffees are free, and open to all congregants and friends of congregants. We hope you will join us!

**Mark your calendars for the Brotherhood Coffees.** All are to be announced through the Sinai weekly email/announcements.

**Sundays: 10:30 AM - Noon (unless otherwise indicated)**

**November 8, January 24, March 14, May 16**



**An Honest Dialogue About Race and Racism:  
with Steve Stall, VP, MARC Facilitation and  
Strategic Client Support - Catalyst**

**Sunday, November 8  
10:30 - 12:00 AM**

**Engaging all people in conversations about race and racism in a non-blaming workshop-type event.**



*Steve retired from Rockwell Automation as their first Business Leader of Inclusion where he was a business transformation change agent promoting workforce diversity and inclusive business environments. Steve has more than 30 years of corporate experience in executive operations, finance and large-scale project management. During this time, Steve underwent a transformative experience that inspired him, as a white male, to change his corporate role to champion diversity and inclusion. Steve recently joined Catalyst and consults with businesses to create inclusive workplaces that affect positive change and enhance employee engagement.*

**Look to your Enews for the Zoom Link**

# Women of Sinai

## WOMEN OF SINAI - Connecting with purpose!

This year, Women of Sinai will be co-chaired by Nancy Stillman and Bobbi Rector. Our calendar is designed to be flexible to accommodate Sinai's safety protocols based on the current infection rate of the coronavirus.



### Mitzvah Day

**Sunday, December 6, 2020, 10 AM – noon**

Please join us in serving our greater community through participation in a variety of mitzvah activities. Look for more information on Sinai's Enews and WOS Facebook page.

### An Afternoon of Art with Rena Porat

**January 24, 2021, 1 - 3 PM**

We are delighted to sponsor an Afternoon of Art with Rena Porat. Rena is a longtime resident of Glendale and Sinai member who has been teaching art at MJDS for many years. Rena will guide us in creating our own art project. The medium and venue will depend on Sinai's safety protocol at the time. Stay tuned.

### Annual Women of Sinai Member Appreciation Brunch

**Sunday, April 25, 2021, 10 AM- noon**

Cooking with Jill Weinschel - stay tuned! Save the day!

### We hope you will join us!

If you are able to volunteer or have questions, you can contact Nancy, [nstillman963@gmail.com](mailto:nstillman963@gmail.com) or Bobbi, [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com)

Over 300 women choose to make Congregation Sinai their spiritual home. Our sisterhood, Women of Sinai (WOS), is a membership based organization. As a fundraising entity, we contribute to the vitality of our Sinai Community, supporting existing programs and services as well as sponsoring new endeavors. Additionally, WOS strives to enhance each woman's experience by offering a variety of social and educational programs throughout the year.

**NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Become a Supporting Member for \$36, or a Woman of Valor for \$72.**

Please send a check with your current email; OR

Go to PayPal <https://congregationsinai.org/womenofsinai/>

Supporting Member - \$37.50 or Woman of Valor - \$75.00

## Israel Connection

This year's programming will adhere to Safe at Sinai protocols. Please look to your Enews for gathering information in person or on Zoom.



### **Talmudic Learning sessions via ZOOM** with Rabbi Ariella Gratz BarTuv and Rabbi David Cohen. Sundays, October 18, November 22 and December 13 10:00 AM

Rabbi Ariella, one of Israel's few female Rabbi's, is a part-time Rabbi for our sister congregation, Emet V'Shalom, Nahariya, Israel. (see page 14 for details)



### **Mishka Ben David**

**January 31, 2021**

**10 AM - noon**

The esteemed Mishka Ben David, former Mossad agent and Milwaukee shaliach, will present from Israel, via ZOOM, a discussion on the current 'State' of Israel. Exact topic to be determined, stay tuned.



### **Virtual tour of Tzipori with Yisrael Ne'eman**

Yisrael is an historian and political analyst focusing on the development of the Israeli State, its ideologies and policies both in the past and in real time. An adjunct professor at the Technion and Haifa University in Jewish Studies, he is also a professional educational tour guide specializing in Northern Israel. He will teach us about Tzipori, a biblical city, once the capital of the Galilee, the seat of the Sanhedrin and the place where the Mishna was completed. It was spared by the Romans in their conquest of the Holy Land and is an archaeological wonder. Details forthcoming.



### **Israel Shabbat with Shaked Ram**

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

Milwaukee's Campus Fellow 2018 - 2021 will share her perspective on Jewish student life on the Milwaukee area campuses, the challenges students face regarding BDS, her role in facilitating a better understanding of Israel's position and her 'take-aways' after three years here in our city. (see page 10 for details)



We hope you join us for these exciting events!

If you are interested in Israel Connection, please contact:

**Bobbi, [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com) or Avner, [avnerporat@gmail.com](mailto:avnerporat@gmail.com)**  
**Co-Chairs**

## Social Justice Committee

Sinai's Social Justice Committee is at work planning for a new year of Strengthening Partnerships, Advocating for Justice, Education, and preparing our membership to engage in Tikkun Olam. We are committed to **Racial Justice, Immigration Justice, and Environmental and Food Justice** through partnerships with Cross Lutheran Church, Voces de la Frontera/New Sanctuary Movement, MICAH, Tikkun Ha-Ir, Pathfinders, and the Milwaukee Water Commons.



The focus of the Social Justice Committee is on increasing congregational awareness of and support for racial justice initiatives and connecting with Tikkun Ha-Ir and MICAH on voter engagement .

We have so much to do to repair the world.

Please contact Eva Hagenhofer ([evameredith@att.net](mailto:evameredith@att.net)) or Julie Turetsky ([julieturetsky@gmail.com](mailto:julieturetsky@gmail.com)) to discuss your interest in joining in on the work of the committee.

## Social Justice Programming

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 6, 2020  
10:00 AM



We are currently working the following programs:  
Please look to your Enews for details.

Movie Watch Parties with  
Cross Lutheran Church  
Sundays, November 1, February 28, April 18  
1:00 PM

Sinai Reads Book Discussion  
Thursday, January 14, 2021  
7:00 PM

visit to Black Holocaust Museum with Cross Lutheran Church  
Friday, May 14, 2021  
12:00 PM



## Social Justice

### Connect with our Partners Cross Lutheran Church

- Bring empty pill bottles, walkers, canes, and crutches to the Sinai Coat Room and place them in the Grey Receptacle. These will be donated to the Bread of Healing clinic at the church.
- Volunteer as a Food Pantry Co-shopper on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month from; 12:30-3:30 PM
- Volunteer at the Cross Lutheran Garden Clean-up



Contact Eva Hagenhofer for more information and to express interest at [evermeredith@att.net](mailto:evermeredith@att.net)

### Social Justice Meetings

All are welcome to join the Social Justice Committee in planning activities that will involve Congregation Sinai in Tikkun-Olam, repairing the world. We have much to do.

This year we are focused on confronting racism in North Shore communities.

**ADVOCACY:** personal involvement in social justice issues by speaking up and taking action to support, change, and transform conditions of inequities and injustice

**EDUCATION:** expanding knowledge, fostering curiosity and critical thinking, seeking truth/wisdom through discussion, reading, listening, observation and experience in order to develop understanding and empathy

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** contributing to the welfare of people and planet by doing direct service, making donations

**We meet the second Friday of every month at 12:00 PM**

**September 11**

**October 9**

**November 16**

**December 14**

**January 25**

**February 22**

**March 22**

**April 19**

**June 21**



**Come join us and get involved!**

**Please look to your Enews for Zoom links or meeting details.**

## Social Justice

### PATHFINDERS MEALS & COLLECTION BARREL

Pathfinders Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides safety and empowerment to youth confronted by homelessness, crisis or trauma as they develop paths towards self-sufficiency.



Congregation Sinai serves a meal at Pathfinders on the second Wednesday of every month (except this December, when the meal will be the third Wednesday). Volunteers are needed to buy ingredients and prepare food, including entrees, side dishes and desserts, in advance (at home or at Sinai, individually or with a group) and to set up, serve, eat dinner with the youth, who then help with clean up.

This is a great opportunity to serve as an individual or family, meet other congregants. Volunteers younger than high-school age must be accompanied by an adult.



To participate or ask questions, contact Julie Turetsky at 414-899-5128 or [julieturetsky@gmail.com](mailto:julieturetsky@gmail.com)



Sinai's collection barrel is always in need of replenishing. Find the barrel in the coat room and donate what you can: toiletries, gently used and new clothing, shoes and hygiene products.

Nothing will go to waste and all donations will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

### The Sinai Tzedakah Fund

Your contributions make a difference: Much of the financial support for our efforts comes through the **Sinai Tzedakah Fund**.

Please consider this Fund when making your next contribution in honor or memory of someone.

Thank you to all who have contributed in the past!



## Youth Education

While these past few months have not been easy for us, we are still excitedly planning for our upcoming school year. Here is how Sinai's school is adapting to the pandemic. Our plan is to hold Sinai's religious school remotely for the year. While we are hopeful that a vaccine or treatment will become available in the next 10 months, we will be moving forward with the plan that we will not be able to meet in person while keeping all parties safe during this school year. If a vaccine becomes widely available or there is another path to us gathering together safely, we will look into an opportunity to transition to in person learning.



This decision was made by myself, Rabbi Cohen, Jeri Danz, the education committee, and the Sinai staff. We met a handful of times over the summer (via zoom) to discuss a number of possible scenarios for the upcoming year. Our discussions were guided by facts from the scientific and medical community about the virus, our Jewish values, and best practices from around the country in response to the pandemic.

Our curriculum this year will be focused on learning as a family. We will continue to meet digitally on Sunday mornings, and there will be additional, fully scripted learning activities and discussions to be done as a family between each session. Our hope is that these family activities are seen as an opportunity for you, as parents, to model what a Jewish adult might do, just as you model all the other facets of adulthood for your children. We want to help bring Judaism into your homes to create a Mikdash M'at, a small sanctuary, where you can experience the learning and holiness of Judaism that you would normally have in the synagogue, but from the comfort and safety of your own home.

For students in 3rd-6th grades, we will continue our Hebrew learning in one-on-one or two-on-one groups through zoom. Students will continue to work through their prayer packets and can schedule time with Brian to try to earn their dog tags and pass into the next set of prayer packets. Our Shabbat Shelanu program will be moving to Friday nights exclusively and include activities for us all to work on together while we are on Zoom before Friday night services.

8th-12th graders will still be invited to participate as Madrichim in our Sunday morning and will meet separately on Sundays. Keshet (8th-9th grades) and Affirmation (10th grade) will still meet weekly. Post-Affirmation (11th-12th grade) will meet monthly.

I look forward to reconnecting with everyone soon and I hope you continue to stay safe and healthy as we move towards the end of summer and the school year beginning again.

Brian Avner  
Director of Youth Education, RJE

# Shabbat Shelanu

## A Shared Shabbat Experience

Our Shabbat Shelanu sessions this year will be held digitally. For each session, families will receive a kit in advance of the session that is not to be opened until the session begins. We will join together over Zoom and open our kits together in order for each family to do their own project, together with the rest of the school families. After that we will join the rest of the congregation for Shabbat services.



### Through Shabbat Shelanu, we hope to:

Affirm the centrality of life long Jewish learning for individuals and for families

Forge purposeful bonds between students, their families, the congregation, and the wider Jewish community

Enhance religious and spiritual growth, while encouraging students and families to explore their relationships with God

Focus students and families on the challenge of living Jewishly in American society

## Shabbat Shelanu Schedule

Shabbat Shelanu will be held on:	We will not have Sunday classes on:
Friday, October 9 5:15 PM Simchat Torah & Shabbat!	October 11
Friday, December 11 5:15 PM Chanukah & Shabbat!	December 13
Friday, February 26 5:15 PM	February 28
Friday, May 7 5:15 PM Teacher Appreciation!	May 9

# Youth Education Program

**Religious School and Mitkadem** will be held digitally for the year with a focus on learning as a family. Students in grades K-7 will still meet on Sunday mornings, though there will be weekly activities for students to complete with their families to turn their homes into a Mikdash m'at, a small sanctuary. Our students learn Torah stories, prayer, *tikkun olam*, music, art, and more while also examining their own Jewish beliefs and formulating their personal Jewish identity.



Students in grades 3-6 will continue to study Hebrew in 1-on-1 or 2-on-1 sessions with our Hebrew teachers online. Our Hebrew program allows students to learn to read and understand our liturgy at a pace that works for each student. Once students have mastered the Aleph Bet, they work on packets designed specifically to help them read the prayer, understand the general meaning of the prayer, and be able to translate a few key words in the prayer. This program helps them prepare to lead the service at their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

**Sunday classes begin on September 13 and Hebrew begins the same week.**

**For more information contact Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)**

## **Kesher (8th - 12th Grades)**

8th-12th graders have a number of opportunities to stay connected and involved in the synagogue. Our Madrichim program is open to all 8th-12th graders for them to work as teachers assistants helping in the Zoom classrooms and bringing fun and innovative ideas for our students. Madrichim will also meet periodically with Brian for supervision and mentoring. 8th-9th graders will participate in Kesher, a class that meets weekly with Brian and discusses current events and other topics of interest to our students. 10th grade students will meet weekly with Rabbi Cohen in the Affirmation program, culminating in a service around Sukkot in which the students affirm their commitment to their Judaism. 11th - 12th grade students are invited to participate in monthly discussions with Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Newman and Brian on current events as part of post-Affirmation.



**Kesher and Affirmation begin on Sunday, October 18**  
**Post-Affirmation will begin on Sunday, November 15**

**For more information contact Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)**

## Youth Education

### Itsy Bitsy Sinai! (Birth - 4)

We value every member at Congregation Sinai – even our youngest! Our preschool age program (birth-4) is called “Itsy Bitsy Sinai”. It includes Shabbat, Holiday and Sunday morning fun with Sami Stein Avner, Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Newman, and Director of Youth Education, Brian Avner. We want to make coming to synagogue something that our youngest children look forward to – a place of joy and laughter and fun. Activities will include: Songs, Stories, Instruments, Craft & holiday projects. We strive to help parents connect to others with similar aged children, to develop bonds that will enable them to share their Jewish journeys together.



For more information contact Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)

### ITSY BITSY SINAI SCHEDULE

Sundays: Time TBD

October 18, November 22, December 13, January 24,  
March 7, April 11

Please look to your weekly Enews for Zoom links and further details.

### Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, May 7, 2021

On Friday, May 7, as part of Shabbat Shelanu, we will also be celebrating our teachers and the amazing work they have done over the course of the school year. Our teachers do not have an easy year ahead of them, and we are so grateful for their dedication to our students and families to help them navigate their Jewish lives through this challenging time.



### Sinaifest

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Our school year concludes on Sunday, May 23rd with SinaiFest. Optimistically, we hope to be able to gather in person for this end of year event to celebrate all the accomplishments we made over the previous year and to look forward to being back in person again the following year. More information coming in the spring depending on health and safety.



## Youth Engagement

### Club Sinai (Grades 3 - 5)

Club Sinai is our youth group for 3rd-5th grade students to build more of a sense of community and have purely social activities with their peers. Club Sinai will meet digitally a few Sunday afternoons during the year. Each session we will be joined by a special guest in our community who will lead us in fun, digital activities that we can all participate in from our own homes. Club Sinai is open to all students.



**Sunday, October 25, 2:00-3:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 7, 2:00-3:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 11, 2:00-3:00 PM**

We are always looking for 'guests with special talents' who are willing to come spend an hour with our students and sharing their talents. Past talents have included: drama, board games, cooking, and viral videos. Everyone has a special talent. Will you share yours?

**For more information or to be a parent volunteer, contact Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)**

### NFTY and BBYO (9th-12th grades)

Just because things are happening virtually does not mean that youth group events are not happening. NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) and BBYO (B'nai Brith Youth Organization) are still holding meetings and events online in the upcoming year. Both organizations are open to students in grades 9-12 (8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in the spring). While there are no programs currently planned, keep an eye on [northern.nfty.org/](http://northern.nfty.org/) for NFTY information and [bbyo.org/bbyo-near-you/regions/wisconsin-region](http://bbyo.org/bbyo-near-you/regions/wisconsin-region) for BBYO updates.

NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) and BBYO (B'nai Brith Youth Organization) are two amazing organizations that offer numerous opportunities for teens to develop leadership skills and connect with other teens in Milwaukee and around the country.



**The Reform Jewish  
Youth Movement**

We are part of the NFTY Northern region and there are quarterly retreats around the region for teens to gather to play, pray, learn, and connect. NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired

## Youth Engagement

communities through teen empowered engagement. They pursue tikkun olam, personal growth, youth empowerment, and deep connections, all rooted in Reform Judaism.

Through youth-led and staff-supported programs, BBYO Wisconsin Region gives our members opportunities to develop leadership skills and positively affect their communities, the world, and themselves. We constantly strive to provide more Jewish teens with more meaningful Jewish experiences each and every day, so that they may become the future Jewish leaders in their communities and in the Jewish world at large.



### NFTY 678 and BBYO Connect

For middle school students, NFTY 678 and BBYO Connect are opportunities for middle school students to get a taste of what NFTY and BBYO have to offer. These almost-monthly events take place around Milwaukee (or at OSRUI for the NFTY 678 retreat in February).

For more information contact Brian at [bavner@congregationsinai.org](mailto:bavner@congregationsinai.org)

## Engagement Through Giving

### Additional ways you can help!

Visit [www.congregationsinai.org](http://www.congregationsinai.org) and donate online to a Sinai fund of your choice in honor or memory of someone.

- Give a gift through "Create a Jewish Legacy" program.
- Purchase Sendik's Scrip cards at the office.
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- Inquire if there is anything on the Sinai wish list!
- Inquire if there are projects or events that you could give of your time!
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# Engage in Sinai

## Engage in Sinai by joining a Committee or Chavurah (Interest Group)!

### COMMITTEES

**Adult Learning** Help initiate, plan and carry out a variety of adult programs that will attract people and encourage personal growth and knowledge.

**Contact:** Gillian Rodger [gmrodger@hotmail.com](mailto:gmrodger@hotmail.com)

**Brotherhood** The Congregation Sinai Brotherhood is comprised of active, engaged and fun-loving members of our Congregation. Of the more than 100 men who belong to our dedicated group, many offer a few hours of their time each year to participate in one of the numerous Brotherhood activities. Some volunteer to help run programs, while others demonstrate their support through becoming Sustaining Members.

**Contact:** Jim Stillman [jstillman963@msn.com](mailto:jstillman963@msn.com)

**Buildings & Grounds** Reviews budget, expenses, assists in coordinating capital repairs.

**Contact:** Mike Weinsel [mikegku@gmail.com](mailto:mikegku@gmail.com)

**Chesed: Our Caring Community** Sends greetings to families for many life-cycle events, such as birth of a child, condolences etc. Provides support during times of crisis. Behind the scenes caring and personal contact to help congregants in need. Delivers soup to those in need and funeral home watch.

**Contact:** Marjorie Laing [marjorielaing@me.com](mailto:marjorielaing@me.com)

**Events and Development** Coordinate congregational observance of synagogue holiday festivities such as Congregational Dinners, Social events and Fundraising events.

**Contact:** Reva Fox [revaderci@me.com](mailto:revaderci@me.com)

**Marketing & Media** Develop/monitor publicity and public relations plans for the congregation. Help with website management, social media, advertising and communication.

**Contacts:** Julie Lookatch [juliloo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliloo@sbcglobal.net) , Andy Tarnoff [andy@onmilwaukee.com](mailto:andy@onmilwaukee.com)

**New Member Recruitment and Engagement** Assist in the recruitment of unaffiliated community members, including those in their 20's and 30's, college students, those new to Milwaukee, etc. Help develop and execute outreach programs such as "Sinai in the City" and others. Integrate new members in congregational programs and committees through a "buddy system" and other mentoring.

**Contact:** Jordan Primakow [Jordan.primakow@gmail.com](mailto:Jordan.primakow@gmail.com)

**Current Member Engagement and Stewardship** Help strengthen current members' connections to Sinai through involvement in activities, committees and affinity groups. Encourage participation in congregational events. Develop stewardship programs for current and prospective donors, including recognition and appreciation campaigns.

**Contact:** Michelle Silverman [michellesilverman@hotmail.com](mailto:michellesilverman@hotmail.com)

**Social Justice** is committed to Tikkun Olam, repair of the world, the committee sees its mission as providing an opportunity for all congregants to recognize their Jewish responsibility to help others in the community. Plan and carry out programs and projects of social concern.

**Contacts:** Eva Hagenhofer [evameredith@att.net](mailto:evameredith@att.net), Julie Turetsky [julieturetsky@gmail.com](mailto:julieturetsky@gmail.com)

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**Women of Sinai** is an organization of vibrant women of all ages who enjoy working together to enhance and enrich the lives of its members, the temple and the community-at-large. Our programming is designed for women who work both inside and outside the home. We offer diverse programming, study, religious enrichment, fundraising, and fellowship.

**Contacts:** Bobbi Rector [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com), Nancy Stillman [nstillman963@gmail.com](mailto:nstillman963@gmail.com)

**Youth Education** Determine policy and philosophy of our Judaica and Hebrew School activities, programming and curriculum evaluation. Help plan and implement programs for families with young children, as well as coordinate Youth and Family Holy Day and Purim celebrations.

**Contacts:** Velia Tarnoff [velia.tarnoff@gmail.com](mailto:velia.tarnoff@gmail.com), Natalie Black, [noodles22@gmail.com](mailto:noodles22@gmail.com)

### CHAVUROT (Interest Groups)

**Acheinu - Men's Spirituality Group** The issues of God, family, relationship and connection come together with bagels, coffee and men. Sponsored by the Brotherhood, come spend some time with fellow guys thinking, talking and listening.

**Contact:** Mitch Colton [mcc25@mcctech.net](mailto:mcc25@mcctech.net)

**B'rit Nashim (Covenant of Women)** is a group of Sinai women who meet once a month for programs of personal interest and Jewish content. Through a commitment to our group, our purposes are: to build a community of women within the larger community of Congregation Sinai, to share interests, and to strengthen our connections to each other and to Judaism. **Contacts:** Joanne Roberts [jtrjr@hotmail.com](mailto:jtrjr@hotmail.com), Toby Colton [TJCooks@mcctech.net](mailto:TJCooks@mcctech.net)

**Interfaith Chavurah** Interfaith Chavurah is for people from interfaith families to come together and get to know each other. We have a lot of fun and learn a lot from one another. The Interfaith Chavurah meets the Third Friday of every month following services. Led by Congregation Sinai Rabbi Emeritus Jay Brickman and Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle Editor Rob Golub.

**Contact:** Rob Golub [robgolub@yahoo.com](mailto:robgolub@yahoo.com)

**Israel Connection** was established in recognition of Congregation Sinai's values to support Israel as the Jewish Homeland and feel connected to our history, religion, culture and Jewish identity. Israel Connection continuously explores ways to educate, support projects and events for Israel holidays and other community celebrations.

**Contacts:** Bobbi Rector [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com), Avner Porat [avnerporat@gmail.com](mailto:avnerporat@gmail.com)

**Itsy Bitsy Sinai (Birth - 4)** We value every member at Congregation Sinai – even our youngest! Itsy Bitsy Sinai (birth-4) meets Sunday mornings or on Friday Shabbat to discover holiday and Jewish value programming filled with songs, stories and crafts. We want our youngest children to look forward to seeing synagogue as a place of joy and laughter and fun. We strive to help parents connect to others with similar aged children, to develop bonds that will enable them to share their Jewish journeys together.

**Contact:** Sami Stein Avner [sami.stein1@gmail.com](mailto:sami.stein1@gmail.com)

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**Mah Jongg!** For anyone who wants to play Mah Jongg or learn how to play. We have beginner and experienced tables. All players welcome. Join us!

**Contact:** **Carmel Sweet** [carmelsweet73@gmail.com](mailto:carmelsweet73@gmail.com)

**Mensch Squad** is a group of folks who have offered to be "on call" (or on a calling list) when Sinai is in need of help with parking lot traffic control, ushering for large funerals, outdoor service set ups and tear downs and other Sinai events. You will receive a call, text or email inquiring if you are available to help for a specific event. Some may be during work days, others not. The outreach will occur as soon as absolutely possible. We understand that you may not always be available to help and if it's not this time, maybe next time. **Contact:** **Michael Hool** [mhool.shr@gmail.com](mailto:mhool.shr@gmail.com)

**My Sinai "Family"!** Are you a Sinai family without Milwaukee family? Let us connect you with other families to gather at homes for holiday and Shabbat celebrations and a chance to connect with other families with children of the same ages and common interests. We want to help you find a "Family!"

**Contact:** **Gabe Ziskin** [gzisk@gmail.com](mailto:gzisk@gmail.com)

**Sinai Brews!** Brewing Beer for Sinai Events! Are you interested in the brewing process? Join a group of beer lovers, chemistry lovers and those who enjoy cooking to learn how to brew from our Sinai Resident Master Brewers: Gordy Goldbaum and Alan Silverman. We will brew a couple batches of beer for Chanukah and the Summer Concert in the Sinai kitchen, bottle the beer, and create the name and designer label.

**Contact:** **Gordy Goldbaum** [gordon\\_jay@hotmail.com](mailto:gordon_jay@hotmail.com)

**Alan Silverman** [alan.silverman@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.silverman@hotmail.com)

**Sinai Outside** was founded by a group of congregants who value the spiritual and social connections to be found in nature. Adventures include hikes, mazes, camping...anything you can think of!

**Contact:** **Bobbi Rector** [burector@gmail.com](mailto:burector@gmail.com)

**Tabletop Games!** Do you love table top games? Join us for game nights at Sinai - open to all! Adults and families welcome. We will have traditional games to the latest craze. Attendees can choose among game offerings, learn new games and socialize in a relaxed setting.

**Contact:** **Josh Parkes** [jopa7609@gmail.com](mailto:jopa7609@gmail.com)

**Wolf Bridge Group** Come Play Bridge on Fridays! Join us for Unsanctioned Bridge Games every Friday 9:30 am -1:00 pm at Sinai. \$5.00 per person. No RSVP needed.

**Contact:** **Bruno Wolf** [wolff@uwm.edu](mailto:wolff@uwm.edu)

**YAASI (Young Adults at Sinai!)** What does it mean to be a young, professional Jewish adult in Milwaukee? Are you looking for a point of entry into metropolitan Jewry? Do you have a child or know someone - affiliated or unaffiliated - that is looking to meet other young Jewish professionals or Grad students? YASS! is for you.

**Contact:** **Samantha Pollock** [smnthplick@gmail.com](mailto:smnthplick@gmail.com)



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