

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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From our Rabbi

Dreamers have always been ridiculed throughout history. Yet without there would be no historical movements, scientific breakthroughs or societal upheavals. The status quo would have been universally accepted and never challenged.

The former Chief Rabbi of the British Empire Lord Jonathan Sacks, tells a wonderful story that was told to him by the Nobel Prize winning author and Holocaust survivor, Eli Wiesel. Dr. Sigmund Freud, the famous psychoanalyst and Theodor Herzl, the father of modern political Zionism, once lived in the same district of Vienna.

"Fortunately," Wiesel said, "they never met." Can you imagine what would have happened had they met? Herzl would have said, "I have a dream of a Jewish state." Freud would have responded, "Tell me Herr Herzl, how long have you been having this dream? Lie down on my couch and I will psychoanalyze you." Herzl would have been cured of his dream and there would be NO JEWISH STATE."

The same can be said about other dreamers throughout history. Abraham, fearing the rejection of his family and friends, might have continued worshipping the idols of his father, Terah. Joseph would have accepted his fate as Pharaoh's prisoner. Had he done so, and not aspired to his position of leadership in Egypt, millions might have died of starvation. Judah Maccabeus might have never led a successful campaign for religious freedom against the tyrant Antiochus. Esther, in fear of her own survival, might have remained silent about Haman's plan to exterminate Persian Jews. The United States, England, France, and the Allied Powers might have accepted the "reality" of a Central Europe dominated by Adolph Hitler and the death of many more than SIX MILLION JEWS and TWENTY ONE MILLION EUROPEANS. The Berlin Wall might never have come down. Dr. Martin Luther King might never have dreamed his "dream".

Congregation Beth Israel Sinai has been a source of Jewish culture, education, prayer, and "simchas" in Southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois for over 150 years. Our "dream" is to continue to serve as a traditional, egalitarian Jewish house of worship into the 21st century and beyond. As Dr. Herzl said: "If you have the will, it is no dream."

Come join us for a fabulous BRISKET AND LATKE Shabbat Chanukah dinner, Friday, December 15th at 6 pm. Reservations should be made by December 10th. Please call (262) 633-7093.

See you in Shul,
Rabbi Marty

We will be starting the Friday night suppers once again. They will be held the third Friday of the month at 6:00 pm. If there is a special meal you enjoy or a special recipe you would like to share with everyone let me know. We can cook together to make the dinner special for everyone. All you need to do is let Joyce know which Friday you would like, and then let Joyce know what ingredients you need in plenty of time for her to go shopping for them. Our first Friday night supper was Friday, November 17, 2017. The cost of the Shabbat dinners will be \$10 unless a different amount is specified.

Chanukah dinner is scheduled for the third Friday of December, 12-15-17. The dinner will start at 6:00p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$30.00. Please get your reservations in soon. Letters have been sent out along with a return envelope. Please bring your Menorah to light.

Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located at 612 Lathrop Ave. It is a well maintained, park-like setting. A resting place for all Jews.

There is a Reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish family members can be buried together.

For more information about the purchase of cemetery plots or perpetual care, please call Jim Barten at 262-886-0381

New members and members who return to Beth Israel Sinai will be able to join our Synagogue for reduced dues the first year. The dues will be \$300 for the first year.

The Presidents Message:

Sarah Levin surgery went well and is recovering. From what I have been told she is making very good progress.

It is coming to the end of the year and what is probably on everyone's mind is tax season is just around the corner. This is a perfect time to make a donation or finish paying your dues so that you can count the donation or dues for this year's tax return.

We have made a lot of progress in the last year at getting the new Synagogue in order. If you like to go on treasure hunts let me know. We still have plenty of treasures in the basement waiting to be found.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675

Joyce

Rabbi Adelberg is offering free Hebrew classes to children. Please call Rabbi Adelberg 847-529-1609 to setup appointments.

Yahrzeits

1. Dr. Rubens S. Grant
1. Hannah Lippman Wolf
2. Herman Noll
3. Dr. Budd Gorsky
3. Minnie Kaplan
3. Barbara Lieberstein
4. Dora Mitler
5. Mary Fishbain
7. Alex Dorman
7. Jacob M. Kassel
9. Maynard Greenberg
10. Dr. Charles Robert Bloom
11. Myron Adelberg
11. Lena Hoffman
11. Shirley Levine
11. Dr. Hyman Soref
13. Morton Bachman
13. Burton Isaacson
14. Harry J. Mandelker
16. Sarah Brownstein
16. Dora Schafer
17. Sydney Silver
17. June Harris
18. Betty Ruben
18. Sol Marcado
18. Hary Donovitz
19. Mae Brownstein
19. Jacob Jacobson
19. Meyer Levin
20. Mitchel Pearlman
21. Abraham Gorsky
22. Abe Goodman
22. Lucille Bloom
22. Jacob Slobodkin
22. Elvin Wolfman
22. Sarah Woolf
23. Herman Sunshine
23. Jacob Levin
24. Rose Blitstein

24. Abe Goldberg
24. Abraham Krasnow
25. Rudolph Kahn
25. Abraham Karlitzky
25. Ruth L. Meyer
25. Mary Shapiro
25. Ida Tabaksman
26. Celia Woolf Westphall
27. Jean Dorman
27. Ida Blume Weisman
28. Harry M. Blitstein
29. Alice Letsche
29. Herman Kaplan
29. Abraham Grant
30. Paula Shovers
30. Hans Sternheim
31. Evelyn Goldberg Kupperman
31. Jeanne Brown



Sisterhood

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Kiddush just let Joyce Placzkowski know, 1-262-945-7675. The charge for a dairy Kiddush is \$50, meat Kiddush is \$100. The kitchen can always use coffee and paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

Donations

Eileen Schroeder general donation
Jim Barten sponsored a kiddush
Anonymous general donation
Joyce Placzkowski general donation

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

December 1	4:00
December 8	3:59
December 15	4:00
December 22	4:03
December 29	4:07



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ChanSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 _{10 am}
3	4	5	6	7 _{10-4 office hours}	8	9 _{10 am}
10	11	12 _{Chanukah one}	13 _{Chanukah two}	14 _{Chanukah}	15 _{Chanukah four}	16 _{10 am}
17 _{Chanukah six}	18 _{Chanukah}	19 _{Chanukah}	20 _{Chanukah}	21 _{12-6 office}	22	23 _{10 am}
24	25	26	27	28 _{12-6 office}	29	30 _{10 am}
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