

Beth Israel Sinai News

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Rabbi's Message

It is hard to believe that I have officiated at Beth Israel Sinai for almost fifteen years. So much has happened that it would be impossible to enumerate each event in a single article. Originally, I agreed to come for ten months until the congregation found a full time rabbi. None was found. Three years after my arrival, our president, Audrey Bernstein, and another member asked me if I would consider studying for my ordination. An article in the national Jewish magazine, *MOMENT*, described how a seminary in New York offered a correspondence course leading to simcha. Candidates for this program were required to have had previous yeshiva training. The temple graciously offered to pay for the three year program. Though hesitant at first due to a very busy schedule as the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Sinai, the Northbrook Brookdale Seasons senior citizens home and an independent agent with Electronic Merchant Systems, I accepted the challenge. After all, sleep is overrated. I completed my self-imposed deadline. On September 30th, the congregation honored me with a special Shabbat service celebrating my ordination. It was the last simcha attended by my father, Myron. Dad passed

away two months later.

As I look back over our fifteen years together, despite skeptics who predicted our demise, we have continued as a vibrant NONDENOMINATIONAL congregation. Our commitment to maintaining a strong traditional Jewish presence in southeast Wisconsin has never been stronger. Shabbat and holiday services have almost always had the necessary quorum. Our monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner often had 15-20 participants. Our adult education classes were regularly attended each Thursday evening. Max Gordon organized our first weekday morning minyan. Two students are currently studying towards conversion. While we recently lost four of our most beloved congregants over the last year, Victor Ganz, Norman Levin, Ruth Hulbert, Lucille Bloom and Patti Kushner, we simultaneously acquired five new members. Joyce and Bob Katzman, Sarah and Perry Kivolowitz, Judy and Stan Rosen, Judy and Joe Roher and Barry Langleib became the newest members of our temple family. On June 1st, our new temple board, to be led by our incoming president, Shelly Vielie, has already made exciting and innovative suggestions designed to ensure the growth of our congregation. Special thanks to the outgoing board for its work on behalf of Beth Israel Sinai.

We still have much work to do. To guarantee our growth as the traditional Jewish epicenter in southeastern Wisconsin, every member should consider him/herself an "ambassador," representing Beth Israel Sinai. Encourage local Jewish families and all Jews in southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois to visit our exciting and vibrant temple. Make known to everyone that our historic synagogue is available as a venue for ALL life cycle events. Inform them that we are an egalitarian, traditional shul with a strictly kosher kitchen welcoming ALL different Jewish points of view. Interfaith families are welcomed. We INTENTIONALLY do not label ourselves "orthodox", "conservative" or "reform". Beth Israel Sinai seeks to bring ALL Jews together, emphasizing what unites our historical people rather than sectarian divisions.

As we begin to write a new chapter for our century old congregation, may we continue to grow from strength to strength. "CHAZAK, CHAZAK, V'NITCHAZEK."

See you in shul,
Rabbi Marty

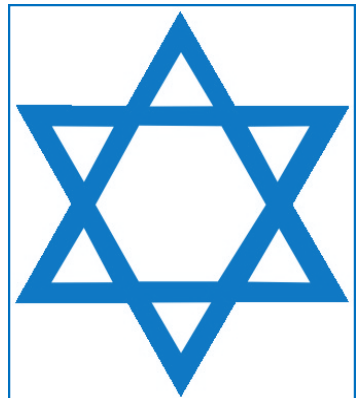
President's Message

Dear Beth Israel Sinai Family,

I thank you for your faith in me by electing me president of Beth Israel Sinai. I love this synagogue and will do all in my power to keep it viable.

With the help of my extraordinary board and Rabbi Marty Adelberg, I hope to bring in a new era of Beth Israel Sinai. I have stated that I will be very proactive and bring about many positive changes to the synagogue. Some will be soon and some will take time; but they will happen. I hope to share some of them with you in the next newsletter. Once again, thank you for your confidence in me.

Shalom.
Shelly



Sisterhood

We thank Sarah Levin for sponsoring the Kiddush on June 13 in honor of her 98th birthday. Mazel Tov, Sarah!

We so appreciate all donations and sponsorships. They help us to maintain a gracious and welcoming atmosphere that is a benefit to all. If you have any special Shabbat recipes that you would like to share with the congregation, please let us know and we can try to incorporate them into our Shabbat dinners or Kiddush. If you have a desire to help cook or prepare any of the food for a Kiddush or Shabbat dinner, your help will be very welcome. Just let a board member know you would like to help.

This last Shabbat dinner we all enjoyed the chicken and matzo ball soup Jim and Marion prepared. We look forward to the next time they decide to cook a meal for us!

Is someone in your family celebrating a birthday, an anniversary or some other milestone? Consider sponsoring a Kiddush to commemorate a special day or to honor a loved one. It's easy. Just speak to a board member and we will take care of the details. We also welcome financial contributions, grocery gift cards and donations of kosher grocery items or paper goods to help the Sisterhood fund the cost of the weekly Kiddush. We always seem to run short of bottled water, soda and paper goods (especially cups, napkins and forks), and items such as coffee, fresh fruit, cookies and other kitchen basics which are needed on a regular basis. Please ensure that any packaged, canned or otherwise processed foods are marked "kosher". You may drop these items off in the kitchen at any time.

SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION FUND

Dear Beth Israel Sinai Family,

We are asking for your help on behalf of the many items that are necessary for the repair to and maintenance of the synagogue's infrastructure and worn décor. These are things such as windows, paint, drapes, etc. Please help by giving to this fund!

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ Other \$_____

BIS FILM SHOWING

**Sunday, June 28
2:00 PM**

"The Frisco Kid"

An afternoon of fun, film and popcorn



DONATIONS

Max Gordon
For Shabbat dinner
In honor of Sarah Levin birthday
Kiddush in honor of Glenn Gordon

Ronald Sklansky
In memory of Milton Sklansky

Mary McIntyre
General donation
Large computer monitor

Joel and Judith Roher
Kiddush on July 27 and August 1

Joyce and Bob Katzman
In honor of new grandson, Jakobi
Kai Farr, born May 5, 2015

Anna Hessa
In memory of her grandparents

Joyce Placzkowski
General donation

Yahrzeits

Week of June 6

William Myron Gottlieb	2
Evelyn S. Gordon	3
Frances Kaplan	4
Abraham Schaefer	4
Reuben Gorsky	5
Maurice L. Fox	6
Frima Kassel	6
Ida Krasnow	6

Week of June 13

Caroline Heskell	8
Jean Shovers Tepper	8
Frieda Dankwerth	10
Morris Gordon	11
Barney Silver	11
Jacob Gorsky	12
Oscar Waisman	12
Joseph Wilks	12
Joseph E. Sefts	13
Harvey Silverman	13
Celia Frank	13

Week of June 20

Sarah Shapiro	14
Kate Fox	15
Katherine Silver	17

Gertrude Kiselow	19
Mamie Faber	20
Louis Rosenberg	20

Week of June 27

Ruth Dingfelder	21
Minnie Grant	21
Mynette Davis	23
Frank Hoffman	23
Cherna Shovers	23
Tillie Hornstein	23
Rebecca Karlitzky	24
Norman Shovers	25
Max Tannenbaum	26

Week of July 4

Freda Altman Epstein	28
Anna Levin	28
Julius Fishbain	29
Samuel Gluck	29
Edward Shovers	29
Myron M. Goldberg	30
Isador Karlitzky	30
Sophia Gottlieb	1
Mary W. Lippman	2
Genevieve S. Reuben	3
Fannie Shovers	3
Emma Dunya Silver	4

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

- June 5 - 7:09 PM
- June 12 - 7:13 PM
- June 19 - 7:16 PM
- June 26 - 7:17 PM
- July 7 - 6:48 PM



Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located at 612 Lathrop Avenue. 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

Hadassah

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions. Cards \$5; Shares \$10; Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10; Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18. For more information call Sarah Levin, 886-9331

Treasurer's Report

A weekly contribution of Chai (\$18) from each member should cover our operating deficit. Eighteen dollars is roughly the cost of a meal in a nice restaurant or a half tank of gas for a mid-sized car. Make the sacrifice. This donation must be over and above what you gave last year.

We also need \$10,000 to repair the lounge windows and \$10,000 to repair the heating system. The cost of upgrading the heating system will be covered through reduced energy bills over a period of years. The cost of the lounge windows will come from our savings account.

Max Gordon, Treasurer

Did you know?

Modern services are based on the services in the second temple. Those services began with the borchu and ended with the priestly blessing. In between, the cohanim (priests) read the sha'ma and performed the sacrifices. Today, the Amidah replaces the sacrifices, and prayers have been added before the borchu as well as after the priestly blessing.



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There will be no Shabbat dinner in June. Our next Shabbat dinner will be on July 17, 2015. Our annual picnic at the home of Eileen Schroeder, 119 Stuart Rd., Racine, will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2015. Will keep you posted.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	5	6 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
7	8	9	10	11 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	12	13 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
21	22	23	24	25 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	26	27 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
28 Film showing <i>The Frisco Kid</i> 2:00 pm	29	30				