

Beth Israel Sinai News

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Rabbi's Message

The High Holidays will soon be upon us. During the entire month of Elul, the shofar is blown at the end of morning services as a powerful reminder to begin preparing our case before the Heavenly Tribunal. On Rosh Hashanah, we stand before our Creator to plea for another year of life blessed with health, wealth and happiness for ourselves and our families. Our Mahzor tells us that only REPENTANCE, PRAYER AND ACTS OF CHARITY can avert an "evil decree." During the Ten Days of Repentance from the beginning of Rosh Hashanah to the end of Yom Kippur, we ask individuals we have wronged for forgiveness. The last day of our trial begins with the chanting of Kol Nidre, when we ask to be absolved from all vows made the previous year. This refers to religious commitments not kept. We fast and pray for the next twenty-five hours, from sundown to dark, to direct our focus exclusively towards G-d without the encumbrances

of creature comforts. In addition to a total fast, where even water may not be consumed (unless medical requirements dictate otherwise), it is customary not to wear leather shoes, wear white as a symbol of purity, and not engage in frivolous activities. At Neilah, the concluding service of Yom Kippur, we make our final plea to G-d before the verdict is rendered and metaphorically the gates of Heaven are closed. While we will never know precisely what the Heavenly Tribunal has decreed for us, we have faith that Hashem has rendered the right decision. That faith will cause us to fulfill our promises made during the Ten Days of Awe to become better husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, and friends and relatives. That faith will insure that we pay more attention to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves and against all forms of injustice. That faith will propel us to give more charity to the poor, Jewish institutions, our synagogue and the State of Israel. That faith will renew our com-

mitment to the study of Torah, which will insure the survival of G-d's Chosen People.

Our rabbis inform us that prior to the beginning of our fast on Yom Kippur, one must eat a substantial meal. Our temple will be hosting a Pre-Yom Kippur Dinner and Concert on September 22nd at 4:30pm. A contribution of \$25 per person is suggested to cover the costs of this event, which includes a catered meal and musical ensemble, and will enable us to hold future activities. An invitation has been extended via my Facebook profile page, NEW JEWISH OUTREACH. If you are aware of individuals needing a place for the High Holidays, invite them to our "haimish" temple. Everyone is welcome. We are the Midwest's only non-denominational synagogue, welcoming all points of view. Please RSVP no later than September 18th. Reservations can be made by calling Beth Israel Sinai Congregation at (262)

633-7093 or emailing me at rab-bimartyn@gmail.com. The evening will end with an instrumental performance of Kol Nidre prior to the beginning of formal services at 6:45pm.

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Joe, Lara, Sam, Greg, Lisa, Myles, Mollie and I would like to wish all current and future members of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation a Happy and Healthy New Year. May we ALL be SIGNED and SEALED in the Book of Life. May we be worthy not only of the merits of our matriarchs and patriarchs, but also, by our example, be a source of inspiration for future generations. "Chazek, Chazek, v'Nitchazek." May all of us continue to grow from strength to strength.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Marty



Sisterhood

Linda Hulbert honored her mother with a Kiddush on August 22nd. It was nice seeing her and her family. The synagogue was filled with many people remembering her mother, Ruth Hulbert.

We are very grateful for all the donations and sponsorships for Kiddush. With your generous support, we will be able to continue serving great food. If you have any items you would like to donate, we can always use paper products, coffee, tea or any food that has a kosher hesker. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, all you need to do is call Joyce Placzowski at (262) 945-7675 or talk to any board member. A meat Kiddush donation is \$100 and a dairy Kiddush donation is \$50. Gift cards are always welcome.

Jeff Hansen has been preparing our delicious kiddushim, and Joyce Katzman has been helping, too. Judy Roher was in the kitchen with her two grandchildren, baking a cake for the Kiddush they sponsored. Thanks to everyone who has helped in the kitchen, either with cooking, clean-up or shopping.



President's Message

At this time of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my Beth Israel Sinai friends a healthy and happy New Year. I would like to thank the board (although with difficulty), for the progress we have made to keep our synagogue viable. I am looking forward to the Pre-Yom Kippur dinner and concert, which I hope is the first of many. Also, to Rabbi Adelberg, for all his wisdom and encouragement this past year, I thank you. And in closing, the best thing I will enjoy is seeing the sanctuary full of people.

From Yvonne and myself, a good year.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Stan and Judy Rosen, flowers for bimah for the High Holidays

Max Gordon, prayer book in honor of Dr. Richard Shrago

Alan S. Barrett, for High Holiday Appeal

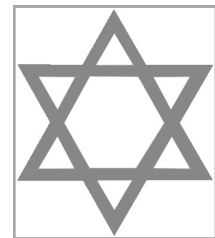
Max Gordon, in honor of Lauren Lichterman birthday

Max Gordon, in memory of Ruth Hulbert

Anonymous, for restoration fund

Max Gordon, in honor of Lucas Turner birthday

Mary McIntyre, general donation, and a big thank you for your help in the office with the High Holiday Appeal



Tikkun Olam

תיקון עולם

Yahrzeits

**Week of September 5
Elul**

Sarah F. Bassewitz 2
Lillian R. Kronson 2
Bessie Gelin 3

Week of September 12

Hyman Wolfman 6
Anna Blitstein 7
Marjorie Gottlieb 7
Bernard Goldstein 8
Samuel Kiselow 8
I. Wolf Mark 8
Genesse Levin 9
David Davidson 11
Arnold L. Marks 11

Week of September 19

Louis Levitt 13
Louis Sidran 13
Tishrei
Ralph Feiges 14
Israel Kanshepolsky 14
Alice Marx 14
V. Daniel Smith 14
Morris Kaufman 15
Gordon Weiss 16
Marian Lang 18
Lillian Waisman 18

Herbert Rudolph 19
Anna H. Grust 19
Leon L. Savin 19
William Seft 19

Week of September 26

Pfc. Harvey R. Shovers 20
Nettie Sunshine 22
Rose Gorsky 23
Esther Levin 25
Alex Sideman 25
Marjorie Wolfman 25
Charles Gordon 26
Louis Philip Seft 26

Week of October 3

Samuel Friedman 27
Herman Gold 27
Benjamin Wolfman 27
Morris Gottlieb 28
Vilma Donner 29
Benjamin Singer 29
Frances S. Laufman 30
Nathan Blitstein 1
Nellie Rozumoff 1
Ethel Seft 1
Sadie Tabaksman 1
Albert Kleffmann 3

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

September 4 - 7:04 PM
September 11 - 6:51 PM
September 18 - 6:39 PM
September 25 - 6:26 PM



Rosh Hashanah

September 13 - 6:48 PM
September 14 - 7:46 PM

Erev Yom Kippur

September 22 - 6:26 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

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Repair of the lounge windows will soon be under way. The work will prevent costly water damage to the lounge. Investing now forestalls a far greater expense later, but there is no earn back. It is therefore necessary to pay for as much of this project as possible with donations to the Building Restoration Fund. The balance of the money will come from our investments, thus reducing our investment income for future years. The cost of repairing the windows will be north of \$6,700. Give generously.

Donate your old car, boat or jet airplane to Beth Israel Sinai Congregation. You will help reduce our operating deficit and earn your corner of heaven.



Did you know?

Nina and Pinta were the nick names of two of Columbus' ships. In those days, Spanish ships were formally named after saints. The official name for the Nina was Santa Clara. Nina means "little girl" and Pinta means "painted lady." Columbus, in his log, referred to his flag ship, Santa Maria, as "Morano."



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	4	5 Shabbat Services 9:45 am Selichot service 9 pm
6	7	8	9	10 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	11	12 Shabbat Services 9:45 am
13 Erev Rosh Hashanah service 8 pm	14 Rosh Hashanah service 9:30 am	15 Rosh Hashanah service 9:30 am	16	17	18	19 Shabbat Services 9:45 am
20	21	22 Erev Yom Kippur dinner/concert 4:30pm Kol Nidre 6:30 pm	23 Yom Kippur service 9:30 am	24 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	25	26 Shabbat Services 9:45 am
27	28	29	30			