

# Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

April 2016--Adar II-Nisan 5776



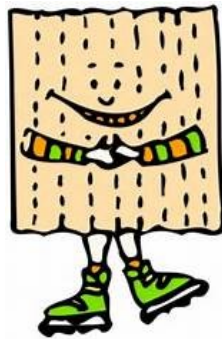
Join us for a Seder or  
Two!

## Rabbi's Seder

Friday, April 22nd  
7 PM

\$30 (Children under age 5 free)

Please make check payable to  
Rabbi Adelberg and send to  
BIS by April 15th (Please call  
to reserve space if after the  
15th)

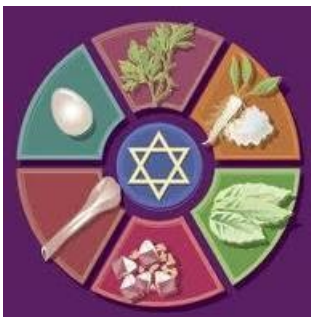


## Congregational Seder

Saturday, April 23rd  
6 PM

\$30 (children under age 5 free)

Please fill out online form at  
[www.bethisraelsinai.org](http://www.bethisraelsinai.org) (In  
online version of newsletter) and  
send with check to BIS by April  
15th



## Rabbi's Message

Did you ever notice how many different types of Haggadot exist? There are the traditional Haggadot that tell the entire story of the exodus from Egypt. They ask the readers to imagine that they too were being redeemed from Egypt. "With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, the Lord your G-d took you from slavery to freedom." Both children and adults are asked to describe what it feels like to them to be redeemed. It is the only holiday where the Rabbis encourage children to take the lead. As the youngest child recites the Four Questions, we as Jewish adults are required to provide answers. "We were servants to Pharaoh in Egypt..." All children, be they wise, simple, wicked or unable to even formulate a question participate in this discussion. Indeed, these four children represent all facets of Jewish people throughout history. Parents must candidly inform their children that their ancestors were once idol worshippers. Terach, the father of our Patriarch Abraham, was an idol manufacturer. Abraham revolted when he realized that there could be only one true G-d. As a reward, Abraham was promised by the Holy One that his ancestors would inherit the land of Israel for eternity. But first, G-d promised: "Know with certainty that your offspring will be aliens in a land not their own, where they will serve those who oppress them for four hundred years. Also upon the nations which they will serve will I execute judgment, and afterwards they will (see page 3)

## Notes from the Treasurer

### NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

We Jews are admired for our generous gifts to charity. Charity begins at home and what charity is closer to home than our own synagogue. Occasions worthy of being honored by a gift to Beth Israel Sinai include: birthdays, yahrzeits, bar/bat mitzvahs, graduations, engagements, weddings, announcements of co-habitation, anniversaries, births, bris's, recoveries from an illness, and services to our community. You can make a general contribution, dedicate a prayer book, sponsor a kiddish or Shabbat dinner, purchase a leaf or rock for the Hulbert Tree of Life, a yahrzeit plaque, or a benefactor plaque.

As of January 31, we were in the red only \$3,000.00. If we gave an average of \$150.00 each, we would cover this loss. Give more if you can as some members cannot afford \$150.00.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Racine's first shul was B'nai Yehuda Anshe Sholom. One Shabbat a young bride refused to sit behind the mechitza declaring, "If I can't sit with my husband, I will start my own shul!" Temple Sinai was Reform and attracted Jews born in America who wanted a service they could understand. Later, a Conservative congregation formed, Beth Israel, and hired Racine's first Rabbi. Rabbi Cohen encouraged a merger of Sinai and Beth Israel. The last liturgical hurdle was whether or not to allow a piano to be played during services. Rabbi Cohen suggested that the piano be played in the foyer and heard in the sanctuary. The two congregations became Beth Israel Sinai. Many years later Beth Yehuda closed. Its members were accommodated at Beth Israel Sinai by conducting the early part of services using the Orthodox ritual.

## Thank you for your generous donations!

### General Donations

Anonymous  
Gina Peek

Purim Donation-Stan and Judy Rosen

Shabbat Dinner- Max Gordon

A swift recovery for Joyce Katzman--from Max Gordon

In honor of March birthdays: Sandy Levin, Shelly Vielle and Louise Langlieb-given by Max Gordon

In honor of Rabbi Adelberg's new grandson Ethan-given by Max Gordon

In honor of Joyce Placzkowski-given by Max Gordon

In honor of Mary Jo McIntyre-given by Max Gordon

## Happy Birthday! April Birthdays

Glenn Gordon  
Bob Katzman  
Art Domsky



### Rabbi's Message (continued from the first page)

leave with great possessions."

Ten plagues reigned upon Pharaoh and his ministers who refused to let our people go. The most severe plague was the death of the first born of every living creature. This was in retribution for Pharaoh's earlier edict to murder all the first born Jewish males. Had G-d only rescued us and given us the Promised Land--DAYENU. This would certainly have been enough. Despite the persecution that has followed the Jewish people throughout history, G-d has not only guaranteed our survival but insured our prosperity under even the most adverse conditions. Our worst suffering has occurred when we have deviated from our Holy mission to be a "Light to the Nations."

It should be noted that our Passover story represents ONLY our physical freedom from persecution. Despite G-d's bequeathing to us of our Torah, a blueprint for life, we have often rejected its profound instruction. Many of the former Hebrew slaves feared that Moses would never return from his Divine encounter at the summit of Mt. Sinai. In place of their leader, a Golden Calf was built. As punishment for this perverse act, G-d decreed that the freed slaves would never enter the Promised Land. Only their great grandchildren, who had not experienced slavery, would be allowed to enter.

What about those other versions of the Haggadot mentioned earlier? Whether they are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Humanistic, Feminist, or LGBT, they all focus on the same theme of freedom. According to many recent polls, more Jews identify with Passover than any other Jewish holiday. Freedom is a concept that we all cherish. Freedom is a notion, not only for ourselves but for people universally, that must always be protected.

Marcia, Becky, Lara, Sam, Myles, Mollie, Robyn, Joe, Joslyn, Greg, Lisa and our newest grandson, Ethan, wish all of our Temple family a Chag Kosher v'sameach!"

SEE YOU IN SHUL,  
RABBI MARTY

### Sisterhood for April 2016

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In April we will be having our Seder. The date for the community Seder is Saturday, April 23, 2016. The cost is \$30 per person with children under 5 years-old free. Please get your reservations in early. We hope to see everyone at the Seder.

I want to thank everyone for helping to make the Shabbat dinner at the Atrium a success. A special thanks to the people who helped with the food and schlepping back and forth. I would hope that we could do this more often.

Fantastic news for all those that keep kosher. Festival Foods in Kenosha, 3207-80 Street, Kenosha WI, sells some kosher meat. I was told they normally have hamburger, steak, and cube steaks. We all need to shop there for the meat so that this becomes profitable and they stock more kosher meat.

June 4, 2016 we will be having a special anniversary party for the Rabbi's 10 anniversary.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a kiddush just let Joyce Placzkowski know, 1-262-945-7675.



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### Passover

Please join us for one or both of our Seders: Friday, April 22nd & Saturday April 23rd. See inside for more information or go online to: [www.bethisraelsinai.org](http://www.bethisraelsinai.org)

### April happenings

April 2nd, Shabbat service 9:45 AM  
April 7th-Torah class, 6 PM  
April 9th-Shabbat service, 9:45 AM  
April 14th-Torah class 6 PM  
April 16th-Shabbat service 9:45 AM  
April 21st-Torah class, 6 PM  
April 22nd-Rabbi's Seder 7 PM  
April 23rd-Shabbat Service 9:45 PM  
April 23rd-Community Seder 6 PM  
April 28th-Torah class 6 PM  
April 30th-Shabbat Service 9:45 AM

### Shabbat Candle Lighting times

April 1--7:01  
April 8--7:09  
April 15--7:17  
April 22--7:25  
April 29-7:33



  
HAPPY  
PASSOVER