

## JANUARY 2016--TEVES, SHEVAT 5776

This New Year's article is dedicated to the many families, both past and present, who have been part of the Beth Israel Sinai family. Little did I realize that when I agreed to assist our congregation for 10 months in October of 2000, that I would still be honored to serve as your Rabbi in 2016. Over the last 15+ years, Beth Israel Sinai has evolved into a synagogue that cherishes all Jewish points of view. Those observant of Kosher dietary laws will find a kitchen meeting the strictest standards of Kashrut. Holyday and Shabbat services are not rote "davening" or just a recitation of prayers in English, but are explained to give a greater understanding to our weekly worshipers. Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner are attended by an ever-increasing number of participants.

During my tenure, two attempts were made to merge our Temple with another synagogue. When put to a congregational vote, both attempts failed by wide margins. Unfortunately, being an older congregation, we have seen the death of many of our beloved members.

Beginning a new chapter in the life of our historic Temple. I would like to invite all families associated with other congregations, unaffiliated families interested in learning more about their Jewish heritage, interfaith families wishing to make Judaism an integral part of their lives and non-Jews interested in studying our ancient faith to join our Temple family.

January will be a busy month for Temple Beth Israel Sinai. Both Shabbat Shirah, commemorating the Exodus from slavery in Egypt and the splitting of the Reed Sea, and Tu b' Shevat, Jewish Arbor Day (the New Year of the Trees) will be celebrated.

Beginning January 7th, we will resume of our study of Parshat Ha-Shavua, the weekly Torah portion.

Genesis marked the story of Creation and the evolution of the "First Family" of the Hebrew nation, who accepted the revolutionary belief that there could only exist one G-d in the universe. Starting with the Patriarch Abraham, continuing with his son Isaac and grandson, Jacob, their numbers swelled to 70 family members and thousands of followers throughout the known world. Jacob's son Joseph eventually became the Prime Minister of Egypt responsible for saving the world from famine and bringing prosperity to his coreligionists.



After a new Pharaoh (ruler) came to power who would not recognize Joseph's achievements, the Children of Israel were forced into slavery. Not until the ascendance of a Hebrew prince

adopted by Pharoah's daughter, whom she named Moses, would freedom come to the Hebrew slaves. Moses became the progenitor of the Jewish nation.

Classes will be held Thursday evenings a 6pm. This will be followed by dinner at 7pm.

Private tutoring can be arranged for both prospective Bar and Bat Mitzvah students as well as students of all ages. Students with special needs have a special place in our hearts.

On January 15th, we will have our monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner. This is in addition to our weekly Shabbat (Saturday) morning services which begin at 9:45am followed by a Kiddish luncheon. Both Temple and non-Temple members are cordially invited. Come for the prayers. STAY FOR THE FOOD!

SEE YOU IN SHUL,

RABBI MARTY



From Our President

Dear Beth Israel Sinai Friends.

First of all Yvonne and I want to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. May all that your heart wishes for in the New Year come true!

Secondly-your BIS board is busy making plans for the new year.

Shhh!...some hints....a Friday night service, Rabbi Adelberg's anniversary .....that's all I can say at this time. Details will follow in the months to come.

And lastly and most important-please join us at the Synagogue for Shabbat services. We start at 9:45AM and we really need enough people so that we have a minyan.

And as a reward for coming you will be treated to a wonderful and delicious kiddush after services. So come one come all!!!

So as our learned Rabbi says....see you in shul,

SHELLY

Editorial Note:

The usual editor could not do the newsletter this month. We apologize for leaving out a lot of the usual features, which are extremely important to have accurate. It is better to leave some things out than get them wrong.

-temporary Newsletter person

Sisterhood for January 2016

--Joyce Placzkowski

First of all, a big THANK YOU to the Lichterman's for providing the wonderful salmon for the breakfast after Yom Kippur.  
It was delicious!

(Sorry I accidentally left the mention of it out of the previous newsletter. We truly appreciated it.)

In January we will be having a Shabbat dinner made by Jim and Marion. They will be making stuffed peppers and latkes. I am sure that everyone will come hungry for the good cooking of Jim and Marion.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

March 18, 2016

We will have a Shabbat service and dinner held at the Atrium where Louise Langlieb lives.

Let's make this a Shabbat dinner to remember.

April (TBD)

Passover Seder.

June 4, 2016

We will have a special anniversary party for the Rabbi's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Anyone interested in sponsoring a Kiddush, please call Joyce Placzkowski  
(262) 945-7675.

Dairy Kiddush: \$50  
Meat Kiddush: \$100.

The kitchen can always use coffee and paper goods.



Anyone interested in helping to make food for the kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just call  
Joyce Placzkowski.



## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

(by Max Gordon)

We will serve cholent, a traditional Sabbath stew, after services on January 23. Cholent is prepared before Shabbat and kept warm so that Jews can enjoy a hot Shabbat meal. Cooking on Shabbat is not allowed.

If you have never tasted cholent, tune up your taste buds and come to services on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The longer cholent cooks the better it tastes.

This kiddush is sponsored by Max Gordon on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Donations to the temple will be appreciated.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In the past two issues of our newsletter we pointed out that Judaism is not based on a creed-- a system of beliefs. If Jews have no creed, what is the foundation of our religion? The commandments.

Jews are admired for being generous to charities. Charity begins at home and there is no charity closer to home than our synagogue. Send a contribution today.

### Donations

*Eugene and Edie Goodman, Eileen Schroeder, Anonymous, Bradley Platt, Mary McIntyre*

*Linda Hulbert-Benefactor plaque in memory of her mother Ruth Hulbert*

*Mr. and Mrs. David Feiges-In honor of all Feiges relatives*

*Steven Goldfine-High Holiday appeal in honor of wife Ilene Levin*

*Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Rose-Fire extinguisher*

*Max Gordon-For swift recovery for Penny Hansen and Jeremy Placzkowski*