

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation
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From our Rabbi

On Sunday evening, July 23, the Jewish people begin a nine day period of intense mourning. Rosh Chodesh Av, the First of the Month of Av, not only initiates this sorrowful period, but also is the Yahrzeit of the High Priest Aaron. Tisha B'Av, commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples. On that date in 586 BCE, the imperial army of the Babylonian Emperor, Nebuchadnezzar, under his general, Nebuzaradan, destroyed the First Temple and laid ruin to the city of Jerusalem. On the same date in 70CE, the Roman Emperor Vespasian ordered General Titus to destroy the Second Temple. These conquering armies were not content to merely defeat us militarily or to destroy our holy shrines. Both Babylonia and Rome also tried to destroy our spiritual will. Hundreds of thousands of captives were exiled into slavery throughout the Babylonian and Roman Empires. Millions died from war, famine and starvation. The Romans leveled our Holy City of Jerusalem. In 135, following the last unsuccessful attempt at armed insurrection under Bar Kochba, a new pagan city Aelia Capitolina, was built upon the ruins of Jerusalem. Our nation in exile cried by "the waters of Babylon". As a sign of his great victory over the Jewish nation, the Roman General Titus had Jewish captives transport the Menorah which had stood atop of the Second Temple to Rome. Titus "great triumph" is depicted today as a carving on the inside of the Arch of Titus in Rome.

The Talmud Ta'anit 29A tells us that: "On the seventh of Av, the heathens entered the Temple and ate therein. On the eighth of Av, they desecrated it. And throughout the seventh, and eighth and towards dusk on the ninth, they set fire to it and continued to burn the whole day...How do the Rabbis then explain the ninth of Av as the date for fasting? "The beginning of any misfortune, when the fire was set, was set, is of greater moment."

The Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6 instructs us that: Five misfortunes befell our ancestors on the Ninth of Av...it was decreed that no Jew be permitted to enter the Promised Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Betar (the last stronghold of Jewish resistance under Bar Kochba and Rabbi Akiva) was captured and the city of Jerusalem was ploughed up."

We read of what became of our people in the Book of Lamentations. The Aramaic word for Lamentations is "Acha" which means "How". How could this once great nation be reduced to not only a state of poverty and deprivation, but ultimately cannibalism? Why was G-d's Chosen forced to become humiliated so many times throughout history? Although Tisha B'Av originated as a memorial and fast day commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, many other tragedies happened to our people on that day. In 1095, Pope Urban II launched the First Crusade. 10,000 Jews were killed in its first month. Many Jewish communities were destroyed throughout France and the Rhineland.

On July 18, 1290, the Edict of Expulsion ordered that all Jews living in Great Britain be exiled. This was accompanied by pogroms, the confiscation of books and property and the mass suicide of the Jewish community of York.

The Alhambra Decree, issued on March 31, 1492, ordered all Jews out of Spain by the end of July of that year. In 1492, Tisha B'Av fell on July 31st. Many escaping families were separated while others died of drowning. Jewish property was seized by the Inquisition. Among the exiled who survived was established the first Jewish communities in the New World.

Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo which resulted in Britain and Russia declaring war on Germany. Germany's defeat in World War I ultimately in the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust. Deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka Concentration Camp began on the Ninth of Av.

Lastly, in 1994, Iranian terrorists bombed the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires resulting in the death of 86 people and wounding another 300 individuals.

Please join us this coming Monday evening, July 31st at 8pm for Tisha B'Av services. In addition to the reading of Lamentation, we will read various kinot (elegies) written by witnesses to the many tragedies of Jewish history.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
RABBI MARTY

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 6, 2017 we will be having our congregational picnic. It will be held at Eileen Schroeder's home located at 119 Stuart Rd., Racine, WI. The picnic will start at 12:00 pm (noon).

This is a meat meal we will have hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a dish to pass. Please remember that the dish cannot have dairy products in it. It needs to be parve.

I hope to see everyone there.

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:

We have made some changes to Beth Israel Sinai this month, we now have signs on the front and back doors, our stuff has been moved into our basement from the storage facility. If there is anyone who would like to help go through the boxes and organize the basement storage please let me know. Thanks to Zvi Polster we have an Ark in the sanctuary again. We have sun shades up in the sanctuary. With help we will soon have the Yahrzeit boards up in the dining room area.

We have planned the Congregational Picnic for Sunday, August 6, 2017 starting at noon. Once again we are thankful to Eileen for offering her beautiful home and yard for the picnic. This will be a meat meal so please remember when you bring a dish to pass not to have any dairy in the dish.

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. Rebecca Karlitzky
2. Norman Shovers
3. Max Tannenbaum
5. Freda Altman Epstein
5. Anna Levin
6. Julius Fishbain
6. Samuel Gluck
6. Edmond Shovers
6. Brian Held
7. Myron Goldberg
7. Isadore Karlitsky
8. Sophia Gottlieb
9. Mary W. Lippman
10. Genevieve S. Ruben
10. Fannie Shovers
11. Emma Dunya Silver
12. Esther Laufman
12. Josephine Levit
14. Dr. Victor Ganz
14. Pfc. David Lester Gordon
14. Julia Kaminsky
15. Isadore Silver
15. Jacob Silver
15. Chaim Weissbard
17. David Goodman
18. Stella Greenberg
18. Dr. Leo M. Lifschutz
19. Beatrice Marvin
20. Sidney Marks
21. Dr. Eugene Kaufman
21. Carol Wolfman
23. Harry Dingfelder
24. Florence Margaret Sheff
24. Hyman H. Brown
24. Harry Laufman
24. Charlotte Katz
25. Mona A. Brown
26. Betty Goldberg
26. Evelyn Hahn Milch

27. Shirley Mercado
28. Julius Goodman
28. Samuel Karlitsky
28. Sarah D. Schur
29. Miriam Waisman
31. M. Gerson Kaminsky
31. Rachel Waisman
31. Ronald Waisman
31. Issac Weisman



Thanks to Max Gordon for giving me this list. It would be a nice way to remember your family members Yahrzeit by sending in a donation in their honor. For a donation we will make sure the Mourner's Kaddish is said during the Shabbat service for your relative.

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.

Jim Barten brought in a Smoked salmon for the Kiddush on June 24.

Donations

- Max Gordon in memory of Arnold Solomon
- Max Gordon in memory of Ida Gordon
- Anonymous in honor of Jim Barten
- Belinda Thielen general donation
- Sarah Levin general donation
- Fran Gold in memory of William A. Gold The Gold Family and the Billips Family
- Eileen Schroeder general donation
- Blanche Kahn in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

August 4 7:51
 August 11 7:42
 August 18 7:31
 August 25 7:20
 September 1 7:08



August 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>no class</i> | 4 | 5 <i>9:45 Service</i> |
| 6 <i>12:00pm picnic</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>5 & 6 pm class</i> | 11 | 12 <i>9:45 Service</i> |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>5&6 pm class</i> | 18 | 19 <i>9:45 Service</i> |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>5 & 6 pm class</i> | 25 | 26 <i>9:45 Service</i> |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>5 & 6 pm class</i> | | |