

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation
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From our Rabbi

Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, will be celebrated this year from sundown on May 30th until the night of June 1st. Shavuot, preceded by Passover and followed by Sukkot, is the second of the Shelosh Regalim, Pilgrim Festivals. Three times a year, the residents of ancient Israel gathered in Jerusalem for prayer and sacrifice at the Holy Temple. Shavuot both celebrates the giving of the Torah by Adonai to the Jewish people and the harvesting of the wheat in Eretz Israel. The Torah was given 49 days after the Exodus from Egypt which occurred during Pesach.

The holiday is celebrated with festive meals and all night Torah study. It is customary to have a dairy meal on the first night of Shavuot. Since we would not receive the Torah until the following morning, we want to ensure we do not accidentally eat anything "treif". That could easily happen since we had not been informed about Jewish dietary laws. Eating "milchig" only would preclude us from eating any non-kosher animals.

During morning services on Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth. This story celebrates the life of Ruth, a beautiful Moabite princess, who converted to Judaism. After the death of her husband, Ruth returned with her mother-in-law to Israel despite the assurance of a life of poverty. Ruth was ultimately rewarded by becoming the wife of Boaz, a wealthy cousin of Naomi. An even greater reward was that Ruth, would become the great-grandmother of King David. This warrior-poet would ultimately unite the anarchic 12 tribes of Jacob into the biblical state of Israel. The story of Ruth illustrates that the "righteous convert" or "Jew by choice" is on a higher spiritual plane than individuals born Jewish. Ruth's famous descendant attest to that.

On Tuesday May 30th at 7pm, we will have our annual Tikkun La'el Shavuot study session following our holiday service. Our main topic of discussion will be "How Economic Theory Explained in the Torah Can Serve as the Foundation of a More Equitable 21st Century Economy." This will be followed by a session of "Ask the Rabbi". Shavuot morning services, including Yizkor, will begin at 10am on Thursday, June 1st.

Our first six months in our new location has proven the resilience of the Racine Jewish community. Fortunately, a vast majority of members agreed that it was far better to save a community than a building—no matter how much everyone loved our beautiful historical site. We have expanded our Facebook page, NEW JEWISH OUTREACH, and improved our website, bethisraelsinai.org, to ensure that more people moving to the area become aware of what Beth Israel Sinai has to offer. Shabbat and Holiday morning services are being celebrated weekly. Our monthly Shabbat Friday evening service and meal continues to be celebrated on the third Friday of every month. Our communal Passover seder attracted 40 participants without any advertising. Weekly classes are held every Thursday at 5 and 6 pm. Our third annual Erev Yom Kippur dinner and concert will be held on Friday afternoon, September 29th. Plans are being made to purchase a new Ark. I am checking out the possibility of commissioning a "sofer" (scribe) to write a new Torah scroll for Beth Israel Sinai. I would like to thank Shelly, Joyce, Jim, Bob and all our Temple family members who have worked so hard to guarantee the future of our beloved community. May we continue to grow from strength to strength "Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazak."

SEE YOU IN SHUL
RABBI MARTY

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Joyce Placzkowski President and Financial Secretary

Shelly Vielie Vice-President and Treasurer

Marion Sperer Recording Secretary

Jim Barton Building Maintenance

Bob Katzman Liason

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

Come celebrate Sarah Levin's birthday on June 10, 2017.

There will be a Kiddush in honor of Sarah's 100th birthday sponsored by her Granddaughters.

The Presidents Message

This will be my first message to you as President of Beth Israel Sinai. I want to thank everyone who participated in the annual meeting held in May. Your participation helped to shape how we will proceed this coming year. I will try to be worthy of your vote. With luck we will have everything out of storage very soon. With the help of Jim Barten we will have the Yahrzeits up again and the trees of life. If we all join together we will hopefully get Beth Israel Sinai growing with new members and a return of some of the old members who have left throughout the years. Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675
Joyce

We will be starting a Joyce Katzman memorial fund with any donations in her memory. This fund will be used for the use of things needed for the synagogue. Joyce spent many days working tirelessly for the synagogue, she was the recording secretary, she did the newsletter, she shopped for the synagogue and she did part of the cooking for us. She did much of this before she became ill and while fighting cancer she still was cooking when she felt well enough and she tried to keep up as recording secretary whenever she felt well enough to attend meetings. The synagogue was very important to Joyce and she came as often as possible while fighting cancer. She always had a smile and asked how we were doing, focusing on everyone else's needs.

Yahrzeits

June

2. Arthur Schwartz
2. Meyer Spracker
2. Vivian Rudolph
2. Sanford Sperer
2. Anna Streicher
3. Harry Alperson
4. Gussie Sideman
5. Joseph Jacobson
5. Bertha Kahn
5. Louis Seft
5. Lillian Sklansky
5. Louis Tatelbaum
7. Mark Barshop
7. Stanley Donovitz
9. William Meyer Gottlieb
10. Evelyn S. Gordon
11. Frances Kaplan
11. Abraham Schaefer
12. Reuben Gorsky
13. Maurice L. Fox
13. Frima Kassel
13. Ida Krasnow
13. Patti Kushner
15. Caroline Huskell
15. Jean Shovers Tepper
17. Frieda Dankwerth
18. Morris Gordon
18. Barney Silver
19. Jacob Gorsky
19. Oscar Waisman
19. Joseph Wilks
20. Joseph E. Seft
20. Harvey Silverman
20. Celia Frank
21. Sarah Shapiro
22. Kate Fox
24. Katherine Silver
25. Gertrude Kiselow

27. Mamie Faber
27. Louis Rosenberg
28. Ruth Dingfelder
28. Minnie Grant
30. Mynette Davis
30. Frank Hoffman
30. Cherna Shovers
30. Tillie Hornstein
30. William Albert Gold



Thanks to Max Gordon for giving me this list.

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.

On June 10 Sarah Levin's granddaughters Lisa and Alexandra will sponsor a Kiddush in honor of her 100th birthday
On June 17 Steve Kushner will be sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of Patti Kushner

Donations

- Eileen Schroeder general donation
- Jim Barten in honor of Sarah Levin' birthday
- Max Gordon in honor of Sara Levin's birthday
- Max Gordon in Honor of Leone Niemiecs birthday
- Max Gordon in memory of his mother Evelyn Gordon
- Sarah Levin in memory of Joyce Katzman
- Rabbi Marty and Marsha in memory Joyce Katzman

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

June 2 8:07
 June 9 8:12
 June 16 8:15
 June 23 8:17
 June 30 8:17
 July 7 8:15



June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 <i>Yizkor 10:00a.m.</i>	2	3 <i>service 9:45 a.m.</i>
4	5	6	7	8 <i>classes 5 and 6 pm</i>	9	10 <i>service 9:45 a.m.</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>classes 5 and 6 pm</i>	16	17 <i>service 9:45 a.m.</i>
18 <i>father's day</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>classes 5 and 6 pm</i>	23	24 <i>service 9:45 a.m.</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	