

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation
September 2017---Elul/Tishrei 5777

From our Rabbi

Once again, we will soon be sitting before the "Heavenly Tribunal." G-d will be our judge. We have 29 days to prepare our case during the month of Elul. To remind us of the importance of this daily preparation, the shofar is sounded at the end of morning prayers (except Shabbat). We contemplate the true meaning of "teshuvah" or repentance. How can we improve our lives, the lives of our families and those less fortunate than ourselves. Will we give more Tzedakah (charity), supporting the homeless, our synagogue, institutions of Jewish learning, the State of Israel and medical research? Will we become more sensitive to the emotional and psychological needs of others? Will we become more tolerant of those with opposing political and social views—no matter how much we personally disagree? Will we count our blessings and appreciate more our lot in life instead of being jealous of others? Will we become determined to become more educated Jews?

Our penitential season begins with the recitation of Selichot (prayers for forgiveness). Selichot are traditionally said before dawn the next day. We will conduct this critical introduction to the High Holiday season Saturday, September 16th (Elul 22) at 8pm. During the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah and during the entire "Ten Days of Repentance," Selichot are recited.

On Wednesday, September 20 at 8 pm., we begin the two days of Rosh Hashanah. G-d convenes the Heavenly Tribunal, where He or She will hear our prayers and determine who will live and who will die, who will gain riches and who will be poor, and who will gain power and who will be powerless. We hear the piercing blasts of the Shofar (rams horn) both days of Rosh Hashanah. One of the world's oldest instruments, the Shofar has many meanings. It proclaims the coronation of G-d as Ruler of the Universe. It awakens us to repent and return to G-d. It reminds us of the Shofar heard on Mt. Sinai when our ancestors accepted G-d's commandments as an everlasting covenant. It is customary to eat food symbolizing the potential sweetness and blessings of the New Year. Challah and apples are dipped in honey. After the blessing on the apple, we add "May it be your will to renew us for a good and pleasant year." Other customs include the eating of pomegranates, carrots and the head of a fish.

On the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, we visit a body of water or pond containing live fish. There we recite the Tashlich prayers where we symbolically cast away our sins. We will gather in front of the Chancery at 4pm on Thursday, September 21 for our Tashlich service

During the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), we are obligated to ask forgiveness from anyone we think we have harmed in any way. The prayers we recite during the Ten Days of Repentance ask G-d to forgive our religious indiscretions. These prayers do not eliminate our responsibility to personally ask others to forgive.

After all our preparations, Selichot, and personal acts of forgiveness and being forgiven, our summation of our case before the Holy One is given on Yom Kippur beginning with the Kol Nidre prayer, Friday, September 29 at 6:30. We fast for 25 hours focusing exclusively on our renewal and strengthening of our relationship with G-d. By the end of Neilah, when the Gates of Heaven are close, G-d renders the verdict. It is my sincere wish that all of us become SIGNED AND SEALED in the Book of Life for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Marcia, Becky, Lara, Sam, Myles, Mollie, Robyn, Joe, Joslyn, Greg, Lisa, Ethan and I wish all of our Temple family a Happy and Sweet 5778. Shana Tova u'metuka.

See you in Shul,
Rabbi Marty

NEW TORAH

We have a new Torah, thanks to Zvi Polster for helping us find one. We are also getting one of our old Torah's repaired and it should be back to us by the High Holidays.

I want to invite everyone to come see the new Torah. It is very exciting to be able to read from the new Torah. I hope everyone comes and can see how beautiful it is.

Selichot 8 pm September 16, 2017 / Erev Rosh Hashanah 8pm September 20 / First Day Rosh Hashanah 10 am September 21 / Second Day Rosh Hashanah 10 am September 22 / pre Yom Kippur Dinner and concert 4pm September 29 at Atrium Kol Nidre September 29 at 6:30 at Atrium/ Yom Kippur 10 am September 30 / Fast ends 7:15 pm / Sukkot Building October 1 at 10 am.

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:

More changes have been happening at Beth Israel Sinai. Thanks to Barry Langlieb, Jim Barten, Rabbi Marty the Yahrzeit boards have been put up.

We have a new board member Sarah Katzman, who very graciously said she would take over her mother Joyce's job; she will be doing the New Years Greeting book. She is also helping to go through the basement storage and get things in order.

Bob Katzman is helping with the books in the basement, he will be setting them up for us so that once again we will be able to find a book to read.

Thanks to Zvi Polster we now have an Ark for our Torah for free, and he helped us get a new Torah.

It is with everyone's help that we will have our synagogue ready for the High Holidays.

Thanks to everyone who has pitched in with this work.

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

2. Max Gordon
2. Sarah P. Mark
2. Henry Shapiro
3. Harry Frank
3. Arthur Grant
3. Louis Kraft
4. Rebecca Small
9. Sarah Bassewitz
9. Lillian Kronson
10. Bessie Gelin
13. Hyman Wolfman
14. Anna Blitstein
14. Marjorie Gottlieb
14. Sylvia Schwartz
15. Bernard Goldstein
15. Samuel Kiselow
15. I. Wolf Mark
16. Genesse Levin
18. David Davidson
18. Arnold L. Marks
19. Malka Kohn
20. Louis Levitt
20. Louis Sidran
21. Ralph Feiges
21. Israel Kaneshepolsky
21. Alice Marx
21. V. Daniel Smith
22. Morris Kaufman
23. Gordon Weiss
24. Ruth Hulbert
25. Marian Lang
25. Lillian Waisman
26. Herbert Rudolph
26. Anna H. Grust
26. Leon L. Savin
26. William Seft
27. Pfc. Harvey R. Shovers
27. Jeanne Baum
29. Nette Sunshine

30. Rose Gorsky
30. Ruth Rissman



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.

Donations

- Mark Hertzberg in honor of Annie and Louis Hertzberg
- Max Gordon towards our picnic
- Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams for High Holidays
- Sandra Perlman for High Holidays
- Sarah Levin for High Holidays
- Mr. and Mrs. G. Jaffe for High Holidays

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

September 1	7:08
September 8	6:56
September 15	6:43
September 22	6:31
September 29	6:18



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>9:45 am service</i>
3	4	5	6	7 <i>5 & 6 pm adult education</i>	8	9 <i>9:45 am service</i>
10	11	12	13	14 <i>5 & 6 pm adult education</i>	15	16 <i>9:45am 8pm Selichot</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>8 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	21 <i>10 am Rosh Hashanah / Tashlich 4pm</i>	22 <i>10 am Rosh Hashanah</i>	23 <i>10 am service</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>5 & 6 pm adult education</i>	29 <i>4pm pre Yom kippur dinner/ Kol Nidre 6:30</i>	30 <i>10 am service fast ends 7:15</i>