

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **From our Rabbi**

On Sunday, April 22nd, Marcia and I attended the unveiling of the gravestone of Larry Reiser, the father of our son-in-law, Joe Reiser. We were so moved by his words, that I wanted to share them with all of our readers.

“In gathering here today, we are participating in one of the most notable and time honored traditions in Judaism. Memorializing those who have left this world with a grave marker is so important, the Torah specifically mentions our patriarch Jacob erecting a monument for his beloved wife, Rachel. Each of Jacob’s 11 sons placed a stone on her grave. To this day, the time honored custom of placing rocks on graves is still practiced.

Another time honored tradition related to death is reciting Kaddish. Remarkably, kaddish makes no mention of death or any reference to the deceased. Rather it is a prayer for the living. It states that G-d is the Holy Creator and there will be a Messianic era—when illness and suffering will be eradicated.

However, there is a deeper meaning to this ancient Aramaic prayer.

The kaddish begins with Yitgadal v’yitkadash shmei rabbah, which is translated as “exalted and sanctified be G-d’s great name.” These four words parallel the four letters of G-d’s holiest name.

This is the main reason why we respond “Amen” after four words.

After the first paragraph of the kaddish, we say Yihai shmai rabbah m’vorach, l’olam u’olamai umayah, meaning may G-d’s great name be blessed forever eternally. This phrase contains seven words and 28 letters. Coincidentally, the introductory line to the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1) Vayadabair Elokim et kol hadevarim ha’elah, laimor (“And G-d spoke all these words saying”), also contains seven words and 28 letters.

Thus saying Kaddish includes the privilege of linking these two monumental events. The seven word response also affirms our belief that G-d is the creator of all, and also intimately involved with creation. This all important seven word sentence is followed by seven expressions of praise, beginning with yisbareich (be blessed).

Please join us for our annual Tikkun La’el Shavuot study session and dairy dinner, Saturday May 19th at 7pm. Shavuot services will be held Sunday morning at 10am when Yizkor will be recited. By honoring your loved ones at this important service, you too will play an important role in perfecting Creation.

Rabbi Marty

See you in Shul

Instead of a Friday Shabbat dinner in the month of May we will be having a dairy meal on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The cost of this meal is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. This will coincide with the Shavuot study session. I hope many will come and learn throughout the evening. At 7:00 pm we will start with a short service with the dinner beginning at 7:30. The topics for the study will be 1. Is there a G-d? If so, why? If not, why not? 2. The 10 Commandments, are they still relevant today?

We will be having our annual meeting at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 27, 2018. If you are a member please plan on attending.

### 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:

If anyone is interested in learning how to make challah let me know. I can teach people on Tuesdays. It can be fun day talking, learning, and noshing on some fresh baked goodies. We have made a lot of progress in the last year at getting the new Synagogue in order. We now have almost everything put away and on shelves. There are just a few more boxes that need to be gone through and stored in the storage containers we have. 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.

Yahrzeit list

2. Sylvia Rosenzweig
3. Joyce Katzman
3. Ruth Shrago
5. Sarah Gordon
5. Mark Bishop
6. Hattie Ruth Gottlieb
6. Jean Laufman
6. Lillian Fishbain
6. William Shovers
6. Milton Sklansky
7. Esther Feldman
7. Michael Kerner
9. David M. Kupperman
9. Isidore H. Solomon
9. Sonya Rozumoff Brill
11. Frieda Gellman
11. Bertha Gorsky
12. Henry Hornstein
12. Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster
13. Richard Amber
13. Ben Waisman
14. Helen Seft LeBrint
14. Harry Kushner
14. Jacob M. Weisman
17. Saul Rosner
17. Charlotte Bakall
18. Max Brill
18. Laurence Feiges
19. Eva Wollman
22. Arthur Schwartz
22. Meyer Spracker
22. Vivian Rudolph
22. Mark Barshop
22. Anna Streicher
23. Harry Alperson
24. Gussie Sideman
25. Joseph Jacobson
25. Bertha Kahn
25. Louis Tatelbaum

28. Stanley Donovitz
29. William Myron Gottlieb
30. Sanford Sperer
30. Evelyn S. Gordon

Thanks to Max Gordon for supplying 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.

Donations

Anonymous general donation

Joyce Placzkowski general donation

Max Gordon in memory of Edith Goodman, Isidore H. Solomon, Evelyn S. Gordon

Max Gordon for the recovery of Sheldon Vielie

Jim Barten Kiddush

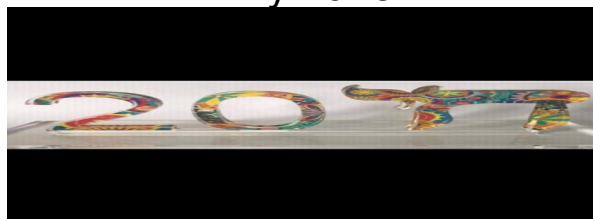
Leone Niemiec in memory of Ada Ebben and Erwin and Lorraine Poetschke

Louise Langlieb in memory of Edward Langlieb

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

May 4 7:38  
 May 11 7:46  
 May 18 7:54  
 May 25 8:00



# May 2018

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

		1	2	3 <i>Lag B'Omer</i>	4	5 <i>10 am service</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>10 am service</i>
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>10 am service</i> <i>7pm dinner &amp; learning</i>
20 <i>10 am service</i> <i>Shavuot/Yizkor</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>10 am service</i>
27 <i>3 pm annual meeting</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		