

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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From our Rabbi

The summer has gone by so fast. I remember my first day at BIS, then a congregation of 70 families. A self trained cantor with 5 years of yeshiva experience, I was stepping into my first pulpit. I had come a long way from the 18 year old yeshiva bochur who taught himself the KOL NIDRE off an old Richard Tucker record. At 49, I had fulfilled a life long dream, put off by life's realities, of becoming a congregational rabbi. I still remember my initial interview with the Temple Board. Max Gordon was there with former members Audrey Bernstein and Dr. Michael and Wendy Jacobson. Max, and my good friend, the late Dr. Michael Ganz, were co-presidents. Questions were raised as to whether I was willing to make the drive to Racine from Morton Grove several times a week? Would I be available at short notice for funerals and visit the sick? Did I have the qualifications to teach children of all ages, train B'nai Mitzvah candidates and teach adult education? All this was expected while they searched for an ordained rabbi. We mutually agreed that I would serve a ten month transition period while they conducted their investigation.

THE REST IS HISTORY. I earned my semicha (ordination in 2003). Due mainly to the death of elderly congregants, and young people moving from Racine, our membership shrank. This unfortunate reality exists for many small and big city congregations. Either synagogues and Temples merge to conserve available resources or they disappear. Several failed attempts were made to merge BIS with Beth Hillel in Kenosha. Like the late Frank Sinatra sang, "WE DID IT OUR WAY!" BIS continues as a viable Jewish voice in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Instead of closing, we downsized. If we don't get a minyan, we have a more elaborate Kiddish and Torah learning session. Our 25 members, which include families in Grayslake, and Northbrook, insure our financial, spiritual and communal viability. Our Board has worked diligently with limited resources to GUARANTEE our continued existence. WE ARE A UNIQUE FAMILY! A family that tenaciously works together to serve the interests of "AM YISROEL," THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. As we enter 5780, we MUST and WILL continue to be true to our ideals and providing our unique brand of INCLUSIVE JUDAISM. "CHAZAK, CHAZAK, V'NITCHAZAK. May we continue to grow from STRENGTH TO STRENGTH."

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Joe, Lara, Sam, Greg, Lisa and our grandchildren Myles, Mollie, Joslyn, Ethan and our newest addition, Layla Madelyn, wish all of our Temple family a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR! After the final blast of the Shofar following Ne'elah, MAY WE ALL BE SIGNED AND SEALED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

See you in Shul,
Rabbi Marty

The newsletter enjoyed its vacation and is back to work again.

Selichot service on Saturday, September 21, 2019 service starts at 8:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 29, 2019 service starts at 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Monday, September 30, 2019 service starts at 10:00 am / Tashlich is at 5:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Tuesday, October 1, 2019 service starts at 10:00 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. Donations to cemetery are tax deductible.

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

It is hard to believe but a new year is beginning for us. At the end of the month of September we will start Tishrei 5780. It is my hope that many of our members and friends will come join us for the Holiday services. Last year we had new members join our family and hopefully this year we will keep up the pace of finding and welcoming new members into our synagogue. I have been told by new people coming in that they appreciate the friendliness of our Synagogue. If you see someone new please welcome them warmly and make them feel welcome.

If you have a desire to learn how to make the challah we have on Shabbat let me know. I would be happy to teach you.

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. Donations to the Rabbi's discretionary account are always welcome, and tax deductible.

Yahrzeit list

1. Max Kiselow
2. Jordan Davidson
2. Otto Weis
3. Mortin Brill
3. Leah Lifschutz
4. Max Bloch
4. Samuel Feldman
5. Bea Goodman
5. Bobby Kaplan
5. Frank Shovers
6. Bluma Jacobson
7. Sgt. Norman H. Gordon
7. Anna Tannenbaum
11. Max Gordon
11. Sarah P. Mark
11. Henry Shapiro
12. Harry Frank
12. Dr. Arthur Grant
12. Louis Kraft
13. Rebecca Small
18. Sarah Bassewitz
18. Lillian Kronson
19. Bessie Gelin
22. Hyman Wolfman
23. Anna Blitstein
23. Marjorie Gottlieb
23. Sylvia Schwartz
24. Bernard Goldstein
24. Samuel Kiselow
24. I. Wolf Mark
25. Genesse Levin
27. David Davidson
27. Arnold L. Marks
28. Malka Kohn

29. Louis Levitt
29. Louis Sidran



This list was made possible by Max Gordon. Some people like to honor the memory of their loved one by making a donation in their memory to Beth Israel Sinai.

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 paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

Donations

Max Gordon in memory of Great Uncle Jordan Davidson, Cousin Sgt. Norman H. Gordon, Grandfather Max Gordon, Great Grandfather David Davidson, Uncle Louis Sidran

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

September 6 7:00 pm
 September 13 6:48 pm
 September 20 6:35 pm
 September 27 6:22 pm
 September 29 6:19 pm
 September 30 6:17 pm



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>10:00 am</i>
8 <i>Grandparents day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>10:00 am</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>10:00 am</i> <i>Selichot 8:00 pm</i>
22	23 <i>Autumn begins</i>	24	25	26	27	28 <i>10:00 am</i>
29 <i>7:00 pm Erev</i> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	30 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> <i>10:00 am Tashlich</i> <i>5:00 pm</i>					