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Rabbi's Message

Did you ever notice the many different types of Haggadot? There are the traditional Haggadot that tell the entire story of the exodus from Egypt. They ask the reader to imagine that they too were being redeemed from Egypt. "With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, the Lord G-d took you from slavery to freedom." Children as well as adults are asked to experience what it feels like to be redeemed. It is the only holiday where the Rab-bis encourage children to take the lead. As the youngest child recites the Four Questions, we as Jewish men and women are required to

give the answers. "We were servants to Pharaoh in Egypt..." All children, be they wise, wicked, simple or unable to even ask a question are included in this discussion. Indeed, these children represent all facets of the Jewish people from time memorial. Parents are required to tell their children that their ancestors were once idol worshippers. Terach, the father of Abraham, was a maker of idols. Our ancestor Abraham revolted and realized there could be only one undefinable Ruler of the Universe. As a reward, Abraham was promised that his descendants would inherit for all time the land of Israel. But first, as promised by G-d to Abraham: "Know with certainty

that your offspring will be aliens in a land not their own, they will serve them and oppress them four hundred years; but also upon the nations which they will serve will I execute judgment, and afterwards they will leave with great possessions." Ten plagues reigned upon a Pharaoh and his courtiers who refused to let G-d's people go. The most severe plague was the killing of the first born---in retribution for the Egyptian rulers earlier edict to kill all the first born Jewish males. Had G-d only rescued us and given us a Promised Land--DAYENU. This would certainly have been enough. But despite the persecution that has fol- (continued on page 2)

President's Message

Happy Passover to everyone... hope you had good visits with friends and relatives at your Seders all over the country! The Congregational Seder we held was well attended, the service was very nice and the food was excellent. It was really nice to see some of our out of town past members and friends who joined us to celebrate.

Thanks to Dr. Josh and Rebecca Bloom for organizing and purchasing everything

that we needed for the Seder. Thanks also to those who helped sponsor parts of the Seder. They're recognized on the next page.

On Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special "Holocaust: Days of Remembrance" event that will be held at the Golden Rondelle. Information about reserving your seat is highlighted at the right. Thanks to Steve Platt, the Racine Community Foundation and the S. C. Johnson Foundation for making this happen.

Please plan on joining us for the April 19 Friday night Shabbat dinner and service at 6:00 p.m. We've continued to have great fellowship and fun together at these Friday night events. If anyone would like to sponsor any of the Friday night dinners or our Saturday Kiddush meals, please let me know.

Lastly, thanks to everyone for continuing to support Beth Israel Sinai!

Shalom Y'all
Jeff

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**Holocaust: Days of
Remembrance**
Featuring: Halina Peabody
Monday April 8, 2013
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(Late seating until 6:40 p.m.)

**SC Johnson Golden Rondelle
Theater**
1525 Howe Street
Racine, WI 53403

Free to the public, but
reservations are required.

RSVP at
www.scjohnson.com/visit

Under Schedule Your Tour
Or 262-260-2154

Rabbi's Message Continued...

lowed the Jewish nation throughout history, the Holy One has not only ensured our survival but our prosperity under the most adverse conditions. We have suffered only when we have deviated from our mission as a "Holy People" and a "Light to the Nations." We end our story with the sacred pledge, "NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM."

It should be noted that our Passover story only represents our physical freedom. Despite G-d's promise of a Torah, a blueprint for life, the Children of Israel rebelled. Fearing that Moses would never return from the

top of Mt. Sinai, a Golden Calf was built with the precious items the Egyptians gave their former slaves as they left Egypt. The punishment was that no freed slaves would see the Promised Land. Only their great grandchildren, who had not experienced slavery, could appreciate what it meant to be not only physically free, but spiritually free. Our spiritual freedom would only come on the 50th day after our Pesach Seder when the Torah was accepted by the Jewish nation.

What about those other versions of the Haggadot mentioned earlier? Whether they are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Humanistic, Environmentalist or LGBT, with their own

special twist, they all focus on the same theme of freedom. According to a recent Gallop poll, more Jews identify with Passover than any other Jewish holiday. Freedom is a notion we must all cherish. Freedom is a notion we must all protect. By the time this article goes to print, you will all have experienced your Pesach seders. May its message be an everlasting source of inspiration for you and your families. "CHAZAK, CHAZAK, v'NITCHAZAK." May we continue to grow from strength to strength."

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
RABBI MARTY

Sisterhood

Many thanks to everyone who helped kasher the kitchen and prepare it for Pesach. It is not a small task but with many hands it was accomplished in record time this year. The Sisterhood made an effort to offer a few new and different dishes during Passover this year for your noshing pleasure. I hope you enjoyed them and I'm already thinking about what we can make next year from the new recipes we tested at home!

With Pesach behind us and spring (allegedly) finally here, we hope to see even more of our members and friends at Beth Israel Sinai for services and Kiddush. Shavuot will be here before we know it. By then the weather will hopefully be more reliable and allow folks to be out and about more readily. We'll be ready with plenty of treats featuring milk and honey.

The Sisterhood exists to enhance community life at Beth Israel Sinai by providing the weekly Kiddush, flowers for the Bimah, decorations for special dinners, etc. This is possible due to the generous contributions of our members and friends. We thank Michael and Rosalie Slute (Dennis Gaeta's parents) for their contribution to sponsor the spring centerpieces that graced our tables for the second night's Seder.

A Sisterhood contribution or sponsoring a Kiddush are thoughtful ways to honor life cycle events, birthdays or anniversaries, or any occasion. To sponsor a Kiddush, call Rita and let her know the date, the occasion, and whether you prefer a meat or dairy meal. The suggested donation is \$54 for a meat meal and \$36 for a dairy meal, however all contributions (larger and smaller) are welcomed. We'll take care of the shopping, cooking, and serving.

All are welcome to help keep our kitchen stocked. Now that Passover is through we need to stock up on essentials — canned tuna, eggs, fresh fruits, vegetables, cookies, chips, snacks, paper goods, etc. If you'd like to donate, just leave the items in the kitchen. Please ensure packages (except fresh fruit and vegetables) are marked kosher to help keep our kosher kitchen kosher. Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen



General Support
Jim Barten

In Memory of his cousin Dr. Robert Bunnan
Don Lang

In Loving Memory of Gladys Foldy
Vera Ruffalo

Seder Sponsorship

Mary Vite
Anonymous 1
Anonymous 2
Sandy Levin and Brian Rose
Max Gordon
Estelle Schragar
Rosalie and Michael Slute

Happy Birthday to Victor Ganz and Yaakov Schmadl
Vera Ruffalo



Yahrzeits

Week of March 29

Laeh Hulbert	30
Nathan Hulbert	1
Rae L. Rubin	1
Benjamin Shlimovitz	1
Harold Block	2
Lilly R. Seft	4

Week of April 5

Max Lippman	6
Lillian Merens	6
Mary Block	7
Jennie Feiges	7
Leslie Kraft	8
Sarah A. Kaminsky	10

Week of April 12

Annie Sideman	12
Joseph Gold	12
Dr. Frank P. Goldstein	12
Maurice Levinthal	12
Avery Fried	13
Kate Grant	13
David Winters	14
Dorothy Barton	15
Eva Dorman	16
Edward Langlieb	16
Berthold Donner	17
Rose Davidson	18
Hyman Tannenbaum	18

Week of April 19

Joseph Goodman	19
Albert Gold	20
Robert M. Jacobson	20

Charlotte Weiss	21
Dave Luby	21
Abraham Sheft	21
Edith Singer	21
Morris S. Ruben	22
Alma Schlomovitz	22
Sidney Aronin	23
Jerry Brown	23
Helmut Isenberg	24
Bessie Silver	24
Charles "Chuck" Brown	24
Abe Silver	25
Isadore Small	25

Week of April 26

Silvia Rosenzweig	27
Ruth Shrago	28
Sarah Gordon	30
Hattie Ruth Gottlieb	1
Jean Laufman	1
Lillian Fishbain	1
William Shovers	1
Milton Sklansky	1

Week of May 2

Esther Feldman	2
Michel Kerner	2
David M. Kupperman	4
Isadore H. Solomon	4
Sonya Rozumoff Brill	4
Frieda Gellman	6
Bertha Gorsky	6
Henry Hornstein	7
Mark William Barshet	7
Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster	7
Ben Waisman	8

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

April 5 - 7:03 PM
 April 12 - 7:11 PM
 April 19 - 7:19 PM
 April 26 - 7:27 PM
 May 2 - 7:35 PM



Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is a resting place for all Jews. **All.**

The cemetery is five acres located on the 600 block of Lathrop Avenue and is a well maintained, park-like setting.

Call Jim Barten at 262.412.8457

Hadassah

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions.

Thank you.

Sarah Levin 886-9331

Sidnee Nerad 551-0406

Cards \$5

Shares \$10

Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10

Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18

Cemetery Change Planned

Last year at the annual meeting we discussed that addition of designating a Reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish spouses could be buried. If you have any comments, please get them to me by the end of May. The Congregation will be voting to approve this change at this year's annual meeting in early June.

Israel's Declaration of Independence Day - Enjoy the first three paragraphs!

1. Eretz Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.
2. After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and to the restoration in it of their political freedom.
3. Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses (sic). (The Hebrew reads, "u-ve-dorot ha-aharonim shavu le-artsam be-hamonim.) Pioneers, ma'apilim and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community, controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood (atsma'ut mamlakhtit).



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***Join us for the Shabbat Service and Dinner on
Friday April 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Passover Service and Yiskor 9:45 AM</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Shabbat Services 9:45 AM</i>
7	8 <i>Holocaust Remembrance at Golden Rondelle</i>	9	10	11 <i>Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	12	13 <i>Shabbat Services 9:45AM</i>
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	19 <i>Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:00 PM</i>	20 <i>Shabbat Services 9:45 AM</i>
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	26	27 <i>Shabbat Services 9:45AM</i>
28	29	30	31	<i>April 1 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	2	3 <i>Shabbat Services 9:45 AM</i>