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Rabbi's Message

On the 9th of Av, the evening of Saturday July 28th and Sunday July 29th, we commemorated the saddest day in Jewish history. On that date, 656 years apart, the First and Second Temples were destroyed. The Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar, incensed that Judea would not submit politically to his rule, destroyed both the First Temple and the city of Jerusalem between the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha b'Av in 586 BCE. In 70 CE, the Roman armies lead by the ruthless general Titus destroyed the Second Temple. How ironic that just 250 years earlier the nascent Roman empire made a military alliance with the Maccabees

after the defeat of King Antiochus. Only the Jewish people were given both religious freedom and political autonomy among the nationalities subject to Roman rule. The fear of rebellion emanating from both politically radical Jews, including Jesus and his followers, angered Roman rulers. The result was the destruction of the Temple and end of sacrificial worship.

On Tisha B' Av, we mourn the loss of our sacred religious shrines by fasting from sundown to dark. The Book of Lamentations, written by the prophet Jeremiah, is read describing how the once proud Jewish nation had become a nation of beggars who ultimately resorted to cannibalism when food became unavailable. The Hebrew word for Lamentations is

"Eichah." Eichah means "HOW." HOW could the Children of Israel have forsaken the Torah which eventually led to their destruction? HOW could G-d's "Chosen People" have become G-d's "forsaken nation?" HOW did nations who once idolized and feared the power of David and Solomon come to mock their successors? HOW did our ancestors' descent into spiritual poverty result in our national demise and Jewish exile amongst the nations of the world---the "wandering Jew?"

The tragedies of Tisha b' Av were not limited to the destruction of the First and Second Temples. In 1312 BCE, the 12 spies sent by Moses to Canaan reported that it would be militarily impossible (continued on page 2)

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President's Message

It's hard to believe it's August already. Summer's almost done and the High Holidays of 5773 are coming soon.

A reminder that if you'd like to participate during the High Holiday service, helping with some of the reading, etc. please return the form provided last month. It's also available as a downloadable form on the web site.

If you'd like something included in New Year's Greeting/Book of Memory, please return the form you received or download it from the web site by August 25.

Special thanks to Glenn Gordon, Sandy Levin and Brian Rose for their work painting railings at Temple. It's made a huge difference!

I hope you're planning to join us for the congregational picnic on Sunday, August 19, 2:00 PM at Eileen Schroeder's home. (see the website for a map). The Temple will supply the meat, please bring a pareve (no meat or dairy) dish to pass.

Rabbi Adelberg has invited everyone to help celebrate the Aufruf of his son, Greg. It will be held as part of services on August 18, with a special Kid-dush afterwards.

Membership dues letters have been mailed. If you have any

questions about what you've been assessed, please contact the congregation treasurer, Dr. Bloom. Dues make up a large majority of the funding to finance the Temple's operation each year, and our budget is based upon the expectations of dues assessments. Thanks for your help!

Lastly, since I write this, I'll take a moment to kvel about the coming Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, MaxAnna. I know she's a bit nervous, but excited to join the rest of us in fulfilling her role in the Jewish Community.

Shalom Y'all,
Jeff

**Congregation Picnic
Sunday, August 19
2:00 PM at
Eileen Schroeder's**

**Reminder
There will be no Friday
Evening Shabbat Dinner
and Service in August**

**Sign up to participate
in High Holiday
readings!**

Rabbi's Message Continued...

to conquer the promised land occurred on Tisha b' Av. Both the spies and those who accepted their report were forbidden from entering the Promised Land. In 135CE, the Bar Kochba rebellion against Rome was crushed by the Emperor Hadrian on the 9th of Av. Jews were expelled from Spain on the 9th of Av in 1492. The "shot that rang around the world," the assassination of Archduke

Ferdinand, occurred on Tisha b' Av in 1914. And in 1942, the Nazis began their mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to Auschwitz and other extermination camps on Tisha b' Av.

The Shabbat following Tisha b'Av is known as "Shabbat Nachamu"- the Sabbath of Consolation. This is the first of ten "Sabbaths of consolation" leading up to Rosh Hashonah. We are consoled by the G-d of Israel, the G-d of history, who had promised Abraham that his Children of

Israel would never cease to exist. We are consoled that G-d will ultimately restore us to our position of greatness with the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding the "Third Temple." This process has already begun. Out of the ashes of the Holocaust arose the modern state of Israel.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Marty

Sisterhood

Your Sisterhood contributions are used to enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai in many ways. You can honor life cycle events, family birthdays or anniversaries, or any special occasions through your generous gift to the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood thanks Lucille Bloom for her contribution to sponsor the weekly Kiddush. Thanks also to Rosalie Slute for sending a contribution to sponsor a Kiddush on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Rosalie is the mother of Dr. Denis Gaeta. We look forward to their holiday visits and look forward to seeing them again during the High Holidays!

We continue to enjoy and greatly appreciate the tasty salads and challah prepared by Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl each week. Thank you to Jim Barten for his contribution of juice for the Kiddush. Also, several folks have left delicious treats such as fresh fruits and cookies over the past few weeks. We send our thanks to these "anonymous angels" for their contributions!

Each year, the Sisterhood purchases flowers to grace the Bimah during the High Holidays services. It's not too early to sponsor flowers to honor loved ones or life cycle events for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. The floral arrangements typically cost in the \$35 to \$50 range. Please contact Rita Collen as soon as possible if you would like to sponsor flowers.

You can also honor your loved ones or special events (large or small) by sponsoring a Kiddush on the Shabbat of your choice. Sponsoring a Kiddush is simple. Just reserve your date, tell us how you would like your Kiddush announced, and let the Sisterhood take care of all of the details. You can even specify your preference for a meat or dairy meal. The suggested contribution is a minimum of \$36 for a dairy luncheon and \$54 for a meat luncheon, however you may contribute any amount you wish. For more information or to reserve your date, please contact Rita.

Another way anyone can contribute is to donate food. These contributions are always appreciated. They help to stretch the Sisterhood's budget by reducing grocery costs and expanding the variety of foods available to serve. Feel free to contribute anything you'd like. Crackers, fresh fruits, store-bought cakes and cookies, hummus, pretzels, potato chips, canned tuna, and sturdy fresh fruits and vegetables (such as berries, carrots, celery, etc.) are always needed. If you shop at a store that sells kosher cheeses and/or deli meats, we always need these items. Everyone enjoys them and we have only a limited variety available here in Racine. All we ask is that the foods be certified kosher (with the exception of fresh fruits and vegetables) so that we can keep our kosher kitchen kosher. If you have any questions about what is needed, just give Rita a call.

To contribute to the Sisterhood, please send your check to the synagogue office or directly to Rita Collen. Please include a note directing your gift to the Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

Donations

In Honor of Sarah Levin's 95th Birthday
Louise Langlieb

Shabbat Dinner Support
Louise Langlieb

High Holiday Support
Dennis, Brenda and Jonathan Gaeta
Rosalie & Michael Slute

Anniversary Wishes to Babs and John Schnabl
Vera Ruffalo

Happy Birthday Kathy Schmadl
Vera Ruffalo

Happy Birthday Vera Ruffalo
Sarah Levin



Yahrzeits

Week of August 3

Arnold Goodman	4
Raye Sheft	4
Sam Rozumoff	5
Margery B. Small	5
Gertrude Blumberg	7
Harry S. Metz	7
Anna Davidson	8
Grace Daneman	8
Max Tabaksman	8

Week of August 10

Peggy Metzger	11
Albert W. Levin	11
Anna Marvin	12
Dora Noll	12
Samuel Shapiro	12
Morris S. Waisman	12
Anna Grant	13
Aleck Kofsky	16

Week of August 17

Etta Hulbert	17
Sol Fox	18
Abraham M. Schomovitz	18
Max Kiselow	19
Jordan Davidson	20
Otto D. Weiss	20
Martin Brill	21
Leah Lifschutz	21
Lillian Schulman	21

Max Bloch	22
Samuel Feldman	22
Bea Goodman	23
Bobby Kaplan	23
Frank J. Shovers	23

Week of August 24

Bluma Jacobson	24
Sgt. Norman H. Gordon	25
Anna Tannenbaum	25
Max Gordon	29
Sarah P. Mark	29
Henry Shapiro	29
Harry Frank	30
Dr. Arthur Grant	30
Louis Kraft	30

Week of August 31

Rebecca Small	31
Sarah F. Bassewitz	5
Lillian R. Kronson	5
Bessie Gelin	6



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

- August 3 - 7:51 PM
- August 10 - 7:42 PM
- August 17 - 7:32 PM
- August 24 - 7:21 PM
- August 31 - 7:09 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

High Holiday Schedule

- Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sunday 9/16/12 - 8:00PM
- Rosh Hashanah - First Day - Monday 9/17/12 - 9:30AM
- Rosh Hashanah - Tashlich - Monday 9/17/12 - 4:00PM
- Rosh Hoshanah - Second Day - Tuesday 9/18/12 - 9:30AM
- Kol Nidre - Tuesday 9/25/12 - 6:30PM
- Yom Kippur - Morning Service - Wednesday 9/26/12 - 9:00AM
- Yom Kippur - Afternoon Service - Wednesday 9/26/12 - 4:30PM
- Yom Kippur - Fast Ends - 7:20PM

5773 New Year's Greeting/Book of Memory

A reminder... please return your New Year's Greeting/Book of Memory requests by August 25 to the Temple.

A Bat Mitzvah Note from MaxAnna

Hi Everyone,

As most of you know my Bat Mitzvah is coming up! September 15th to be exact and you are all invited! Anyway, for my Bat Mitzvah I am doing a service project. I will be making blankets and crate pads for the dogs at Safe Harbor Humane Society. Winter is coming and I want the dogs to be warm and cozy this fall and winter, so, if you could please donate your old T-shirts, old blankets, or sweaters I would appreciate it. You can bring them in and just leave them for me by the stage in the Shul.

Thanks Everyone !

Maxie (:





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***Join us for the Annual Congregational Picnic
on Sunday August 19, 2012 at 2:00 PM***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	3	4 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
5	6 High Holiday Participation Form Due	7	8	9 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	10	11 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
12	13	14	15	16 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	17	18 Shabbat Services 9:45AM and Aufruf for Greg Adelberg
19 Congregation Picnic 2:00PM	20	21	22	23 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	24	25 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
26	27	28	29	30 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	31	1 Shabbat Services 9:45AM