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TAMMUZ - AV 5772

Rabbi's Message

The year is 2017. The white supremacist group, Bayweulf, and the equally radical Anarchists International, have united to wreak havoc on the world. Their plot is to destroy Vatican City. After meticulous preparation, two planes piloted by Georgie V and Andries X ram into the Pope's living quarters. Immediately, flames engulf the papal nuncio. 6,287 persons, including leading members of the College of Cardinals and Pope Innocent XXIII, were killed during this murderous raid. At last count, over

13,000 people were injured and 50,000 souls unaccounted for.

World leaders unanimously condemned this atrocity. It would be decades before Vatican City could be rebuilt-----especially considering the dire state of the world's economy. By agreement of all the leaders of the United Nations, a three week period of mourning was declared.

This fictional tragedy was real for the Jewish people. On the 17th of Tammuz, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia in 586 BCE and the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar in 70 CE, breached the walls surrounding Jerusalem. For three weeks the vastly out-

numbered Jewish army valiantly fought the Roman and Babylonian forces. On the ninth of Av, both the First and Second Temples were destroyed by the invaders. A "Third" Temple would not be rebuilt until the coming of the Messiah.

Jews have traditionally observed a three period of mourning between the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av. This sad period begins with a fast lasting from sunrise to sunset on the 17th of Tammuz. It ends with a 24 hour fast marking the destruction of the First and Second Temples on Tisha B'Av.

No marriages or parties are (continued on page 2)

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President's Message

Happy July Everyone!

I'd like to first take the opportunity to welcome Sandra Levin and Brian Rose, our newest members, to Beth Israel Sinai! Please help them and our other recent members, Babs and John Schnabl and Felicia Martinez and Leo Vaytsman to feel comfortable and at home!

Please mark your calendar for the congregational picnic which will be held on Sunday August 19th at 2:00 PM. Eileen Schroeder will again host the event at her home.

A reminder that there will be no congregational Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner in

July, (we'll take the month off), or in August in deference to the picnic. Join us when they resume on September 21st.

Please note that if you'd like to participate in the services during the High Holidays by assisting with the prayer book or Torah readings, please complete the High Holiday "willingness to help" form that was attached to the email with this newsletter or was included with the newsletter to those of you who receive it by mail. It is also available for download from www.bethisraelsinai.org This form must be returned by August 6th if you'd like to be included.

You'll also find the form to complete if you'd like to have a listing in the 5773 Book of

Memories, included or attached and available on the web site. Please return it by August 25th to be included.

The annual meeting was held on June 15th with the June Shabbat Dinner and Services. It was well attended and there was great discussion.

Happy 95th birthday again to Sarah Levin!

Lastly, keep watch for some of the other events coming up — an Aufruf in August for Rabbi Adelberg's son and a Bat Mitzvah in September for MaxAnna!

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 July**

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

Rabbi's Message Continued...

conducted during this period. Men often refrain from cutting their hair. In 5772, (2012) the Fast of Tammuz occurs on Sunday, July 8th. The Fast of Av begins after Shabbat of Saturday night July 28th and ends at dark on Sunday on July 29th. Tisha B'Av is ranked as the second most important fast after Yom Kippur.

Services for the 9th of Av will be conducted Saturday evening, July 28th, at 8PM. It is imperative that this holiday be given the respect due by our congregants---especially when one considers that two of Judaism's holiest shrines were destroyed on the same day 656 years apart. The Book of Lamentations is read during the evening service describing the fate of the Jewish people following the Babylonian conquest. I have little doubt

that the authors of the "Final Solution" were very familiar with the Book of Lamentations. Read it and find out why.

SEE YOU IN
SHUL,

RABBI
MARTY



Sisterhood

Thank you so much to the family of Sarah Levin for sponsoring the Kiddush on June 16 in honor of Sarah's 95th birthday. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon celebrating this very special day with a remarkable woman! The celebration of Sarah's birthday continued on June 30 when Eric and Hilary Lichterman wished Sarah "Mazel Tov" by sponsoring the Kiddush in her honor. Many thanks to the Lichtermans for extending this honor.

The Sisterhood also thanks John and Babs Schnabl for their financial contribution this month.

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, if there are any folks who left items anonymously or we may have missed, please accept our thanks for your donations!

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. 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.

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. Contact Rita Collen 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 oneg announced, and let the Sisterhood take care of all of the details. You can even specify your preference for a meat or dairy luncheon. 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 to a Kiddush is to donate food. These contributions are always appreciated. Feel free to contribute anything you'd like. Crackers, fresh fruits, store-bought cakes and cookies, hummus, pretzels, potato chips, and sturdy fresh fruits and vegetables (such as apples, 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.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

Donations

In Honor of Sarah Levin's 95th Birthday - "Mazel-Tov"

Wendy and Mike Jacobson
Blanche & Diana Kahn; Heidi Elson & Family
Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl
Judy and Joel Roher
Betty Shovers
Eric and Hilary Lichterman
Max Gordon
Pastor Warren and Joannie Williams
Leone Niemic

In Honor of Sarah Levin's Family for her Birthday Party

Sarah Levin

Shabbat Dinner Support

Max Gordon
Glenn Gordon
Joannie Williams
Leone Niemic

General Support

Joan Toth

In Memory of Ilene Levin

Ruth Hulbert and Family
Blanche & Diana Kahn; Heidi Elson & family

A General Support Contribution was also Given in Honor of Mary Soley And in Memory of Leiby Kletzky

Yahrzeits

Week of June 29

Max Tannenbaum	29
Freda Altman Epstein	1
Anna Levin	1
Julius Fishbain	2
Samuel Gluck	2
Edward Shovers	2
Brian Held	2
Myron M. Goldberg	3
Isador Karlitsky	3
Sophia Gottlieb	4
Mary W. Lippman	5

Week of July 6

Genevieve S. Ruben	6
Fannie Shovers	6
Emma Dunya Silver	7
Esther Laufman	8
Josephine Levit	8
Pfc. David Lester Gordon	10
Julia Kaminsky	10
Isador Silver	11
Jacob Silver	11
Chaim Weissbard	11

Week of July 13

David Goodman	13
Stella Greenberg	14
Dr. Leo M. Lifschutz	14
Beatrice Marvin	15
Sidney J. Marks	16

Dr. Eugene H. Kaufman	17
Carol R. Wolfman	17
Harry Dingfelder	19

Week of July 20

Florence Margaret Sheff	20
Hyman H. Brown	20
Harry Laufman	20
Mona A. Brown	21
Betty Goldberg	22
Evelyn Hahn Milch	22
Shirley Marcado	23
Julius Goodman	24
Samuel Karlitsky	24
Sarah D. Schur	24
Miriam Waisman	25

Week of July 27

M. Gerson Kaminsky	27
Rachel Waisman	27
Ronald Waisman	27
Issac Weisman	27
Herman Feiges	28
Dr. Ruben Gorsky	28
Theodore D. Gottlieb	28
Arthur Isenberg	28
Ida Gordon	29
Mildred Domsky	29
Rose Freidman	31
E.L. (Dan) Donovitz	31
Bella Tatelbaum	1

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

July 6 - 8:14 PM
 July 13 - 8:10 PM
 July 20 - 8:05 PM
 July 27 - 7:59 PM
 August 3 - 7:51 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



Special Photography Showing

Images can tell the truth when silence or speech are death. PHOTOGRAPHS BY DR. STEVEN G. PLATT representing astonishment at the images of life that free us from and against our will. Shown starting Racine First Friday, 7-6-12, at Black-Eyed Press, 312 Sixth. St., Racine, WI.

Includes images from Russia, Israel, Panama, New York, Racine and elsewhere.

Shabbat Dinner and Evening Services

We are so pleased with the positive feedback and enthusiasm our members and guests have shared about the monthly Friday evening Shabbat dinners and services. The original plan for the Shabbat meals and services was to conduct them during the nine months of the school year and take the summer months – when attendance at services and congregational activities is typically lower – off. In June, we decided to combine a Shabbat meal with the congregation's annual meeting. In keeping with our original schedule, we will not have a Shabbat evening meal or service in July and August. We'll still have an opportunity to share a meal together at the Congregational Picnic on Sunday, August 19. We hope to see everyone there; details are in the newsletter. The Shabbat evening dinner and services will resume in September. Mark your calendars and join us as we welcome Shabbat on Friday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for
 Shabbat.





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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	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Begin Fast of Tammuz after Shabbat ends.
8 Fast of Tammuz	9	10	11	12 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	13	14 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
15	16	17	18	19 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	20	21 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
22	23	24	25	26 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	27	28 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Tisha B'Av Services 8:00PM - Begin Fast of Av after Shabbat ends.
29 Fast of Av	30	31	1 August	2 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	3	4 Shabbat Services 9:45AM