

# Beth Israel Sinai News

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## Rabbi's Message

What a remarkable year we have had at Beth Israel Sinai! Three new families joined our congregation. Congregants generously donated both their time and financial contributions to making our synagogue a success. Special thanks to Max and Glenn Gordon and Joe and Judy Roher whose financial challenges to temple members were not only met but exceeded by your generous donations. Special Shabbat dinners were made possible by Jeff and Rita Collen. The food was outstanding and I

was able to add some special recipes to my own list of entrees. Speaking of special recipes, no one can beat Yaakov Schmadl's challah. Both Yaakov and Kathy's culinary contributions have enriched our Shabbat morning Kiddish luncheons.

During 5772, virtually every Shabbat and holiday service was attended by 15-25 people. Over 60 people attended our High Holiday services. Our annual Chanukah dinner was a great success. Purim was celebrated by young and old alike. Forty friends and family members attended the "Rabbi's Seder" on the first night of Passover. Almost

double that number attended the congregational Seder the next evening. Like our ancestors who assembled at the foot of Mt. Sinai on the 6th of Sivan to eagerly await G-d's greatest gift to mankind, the Torah, Temple members studied this historical masterpiece into the wee hours of erev Shavuot. After more than a year of diligent study, Joyce Placzkowski officially became our newest daughter of Israel this past February. It will not be long before Joyce will be joined by Vera and Felicia. We celebrated Dr. Victor Ganz's 90th birthday earlier this year. On June 16th, the (continued on page 2)

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## President's Message

Howdy Everyone!

I'd like to invite you all to attend the 2012 Annual meeting that will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 15 at Beth Israel Sinai. The meeting will be followed by a short Shabbat service and a kosher dinner.

On Saturday, June 16, Sarah Levin's family invites us all to help celebrate Sarah's 95th birthday with a special Kiddush after services.

### A quick look at the last year.

The religious year proceeded well under Rabbi Adelberg's capable leadership. Our weekly Shabbat services continue to have a reliable minion and often many more. All of

our Holidays have been very well attended and spiritually rewarding, with true participation from all of our members. Our community wide Hanukah Dinner, Passover Seder and especially our monthly Friday Shabbat dinners were successes.

We have attracted new members and have several children in Hebrew School, with four B'nai Mitzvahs coming in the next couple of years. Membership recruitment continues to be vital to our preservation.

We had great success last year in our appeals for contributions thanks to the matching opportunity initiated by Max and Glenn Gordon with the Evelyn Gordon Fund. We're hoping someone else will step

up this year and make a similar commitment!

With as many good things that have happened, it's still a struggle to make ends meet, and based upon the membership's directives of the last couple of years, we've continued to explore — and in some cases implement — options to strengthen the congregation and the Jewish community as a whole.

I again would like to invite you to the annual meeting. The agenda will include: year end financials, next year's budget, and board-explored options based on the results of strategic planning.

Shalom Y'all

Jeff

**Annual Meeting  
and  
Shabbat Dinner  
Friday June 15  
6:00PM**

**Sarah Levin's  
95th Birthday  
Celebration  
June 16  
After Services**

## Rabbi's Message Continued...

congregation will celebrate Sara Levin's 95th birthday. As we say in Yiddish, may you both live to a "hundret un tvansik yor" 120 years. Later this year we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of MaxAnna Collen. Next year we will be celebrating two more B'nai Mitzvah.

Just remember, our Temple never closes. Always consider it your spiritual home. May we continue to grow from strength to strength.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,  
RABBI MARTY



## Sisterhood

Thank you so much to the Ganz Family for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 5 in honor of Victor Ganz's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. They provided a tasty and festive luncheon and everyone enjoyed the celebration. Thanks also to John and Babs Schnabl for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 19. We're also looking forward to helping Sarah Levin celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday after services on Saturday, June 16. Sarah's family is sponsoring a Kiddush luncheon in her honor. Come and celebrate this wonderful occasion and wish Sarah a happy birthday!

Special thanks to Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl for their ongoing contributions of delicious homemade kosher salads, challah, and other Sabbath delights each week. They make each Kiddush extra special and Yaakov's freshly baked challah is a Sabbath delight like no other! Also, if there are any folks who left items anonymously or we may have missed, please accept our thanks!

We were also treated in May to a hands-on challah baking workshop led by Yaakov and his sous chef Kathy. He shared his recipes and baking secrets and inspired a kitchen full of women to bake challah at home. It was a fun and informative lesson!

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.

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 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 Collen.

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, and sturdy fresh fruits and vegetables (such as apples, carrots, celery, etc.) are always needed, as are disposable plates, cups, and flatware. If you shop at a store that sells to kosher cheeses and/or deli meats, we always need these items. Folks really enjoy 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

Vera Ruffalo  
Patti and Steve Kushner

### Shabbat Dinner Support

Patti and Steve Kushner  
Louise Langlieb  
Max Gordon

### In Memory of Edward Langlieb

Barry Langlieb

### General Support

Mary Vite  
Zelig Falevitz

### In Honor of Victor Ganz's 90th Birthday

Patti and Steve Kushner  
Max Gordon

### In Memory of Bob Miller's Mother

Max Gordon

### In Memory of Herman and Helen Kaplan

Anna Hessa

### In Honor of Gail Hoss' Birthday

Max Gordon

### In Honor of Rachel Hoss' Birthday

Max Gordon

### In Memory of Ilene Levin

Max Gordon

<b>Yahrzeits</b>			
<b>Week of June 1</b>			
Joseph Jacobson	1	Celia Frank	16
Bertha Kahn	1	Sarah Shapiro	17
Louis Seft	1	Kate Fox	18
Lillian Sklansky	1	Katherine Silver	20
Louis Tattelbaum	1	Gertrude Kiselow	21
William Myron Gottlieb	5		
Evelyn S. Gordon	6	<b>Week of June 22</b>	
Frances Kaplan	7	Mamie Faber	23
Abraham Schaefer	7	Louis Rosenberg	23
		Ruth Dingfelder	24
<b>Week of June 8</b>		Minnie Grant	24
Reuben Grosky	8	Mynette Davis	26
Maurice L. Fox	9	Frank Hoffman	26
Frima Kassel	9	Cherna Shovers	26
Ida Krasnow	9	Tillie Hornstein	26
Mark Barshop	11	Rebecca Karlitzky	27
Stanley Donovitz	11	Norman Shovers	28
Caroline Haskell	11		
Jean Shovers Tepper	11	<b>Week of June 29</b>	
Charles Amber	11	Max Tannenbaum 29	
Frieda Dankwerth	13	Freda Altman Epstein	1
Morris Gordon	14	Anna Levin	1
Barney Silver	14	Julius Fishbain	2
		Samuel Gluck	2
<b>Week of June 15</b>		Edward Shovers	2
Jacob Gorsky	15	Brian Held	2
Oscar Waisman	15	Myron M. Goldberg	3
Joseph Wilks	15	Isador Karlitsky	3
Joseph E. Seft	16	Sophia Gottlieb	4
Harvey Silverman	16	Mary W. Lippman	5

**Shabbat Candle Lighting Times**

May 4 - 7:37 PM  
 May 11 - 7:45 PM  
 May 18 - 7:52 PM  
 May 25 - 7:59 PM  
 June 1 - 8:05 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 Glenn Gordon at 262.639.1924

**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

**Shabbat Dinner and Evening Services after June's Annual Meeting**

We continue to have great response to the Friday evening Shabbat dinner and services, which are held the third Friday of each month. Special thanks to Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl for continuing to bake and share their delicious challah. The next Shabbat dinner will be held in conjunction with the Beth Israel Sinai Annual Meeting. Join us on Friday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will begin with the annual meeting promptly at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief Shabbat evening service and then dinner, desserts, and fellowship. June's menu will be a hot and hearty dairy meal and will include stuffed pasta shells (back by popular demand), fruit and greens salad, a variety of seasonal vegetable salads, apple kugel, and a variety of homemade desserts. Dinner reservations are not required, so please join us for an evening of food and fellowship following the annual meeting.

**Being a Small Congregation is Different - by Mary Hofmann - Congregation Etz Chaim, Merced, CA (part 2)**

It's different quantitatively, of course. We don't have as many members as they have in large congregations. But--even more so -- it's different qualitatively from large congregations. There are things they have that we don't. But there are other things--very important things--that we have that they don't. And a lot of them are spending a lot of time and money trying to capture--or recapture--that something we have.

**WE HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR.** In a congregation with no building, no permanent rabbi, and no money, we have to have something enduring. (Although we are quite lucky to have all of those!)

**WE HAVE A SENSE OF INTIMACY WITH OUR RABBI.** (or student rabbi, as the case may be). We really get to know the rabbi, one-to-one. And the rabbi gets to know us

**WE HAVE A SENSE OF CONTINUITY.** We grow up with close personal role models of all ages. We have a wide diversity in age range, but we aren't big enough to stratify by age. So nobody thinks about age. We're just us.

**WE HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.** In a very real way, we are Judaism in our respective communities. We realize that we have the responsibility to carry on the traditions of Judaism in places not ordinarily known for their Jewish culture. And we do it with all the enthusiasm and energy we can summon. Because there's nobody to do it but us.



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***Join us for the Annual Meeting and a Friday Night Shabbat  
Dinner and Service on June 15, 2012 at 6:00 PM***

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Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
3	4	5	6	7 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	8	9 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
10	11	12	13	14 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	15 Annual Meeting, Shabbat Services and Dinner 6:00PM	16 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Kiddush luncheon in honor of Sarah Levin's 95th Birthday
17	18	19	20	21 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	22	23 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
24	25	26	27	28 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	29	30 Shabbat Services 9:45AM