

# Beth Israel Sinai News

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## Rabbi's Message

On Wednesday evening, March 7th, at 7PM, Beth Israel Sinai will celebrate Purim with the reading of the Megillah. "Once there was a wicked, wicked man and Haman was his name, sir. He would have murdered all the Jews, but they were not to blame, sir. Oh today will merry, merry be. Oh today will merry, merry be. Oh today will merry, merry be. Oh today will merry, merry be and nosh some Hamentaschen." These lyrics from the popular Purim song encapsulate the Jewish historical experience. Esther, the niece of the Jewish merchant and communal leader Mordechai, wins the love of the Persian Emperor during a royal beauty contest following the execution of his first wife,

Vashti, for failing to heed a royal summons. From the royal household, Esther (also known as Hadassah) witnesses the rise to power of the evil Haman. Haman was a descendent of the Amalikitite nation, a people who viciously tried to prevent the passage of the Israelites into Canaan. Through the contribution of a sum equal to \$10 million in today's currency to the royal treasury, Haman was able to consolidate his control over the Empire. King Ahasuerus, a good hearted but dim-witted monarch, gave his new Prime Minister total freedom to govern the 137 provinces--"Ma Hodu Ad Kush", from India to Ethiopia. All royal subjects capitulated to the demands of Haman--EXCEPT the Jewish nation led by Mordechai. Unlike other leaders, Mordechai would not

bow down to Haman. In response, Haman vows to exterminate the Jews. Little did he realize that Esther was a member of the "Chosen People."

Word reaches Esther of Haman's plot to annihilate her people. She decides to hold a series of three banquets for the exclusive attendance of only three people---the King, Haman and Esther. So as not to arouse Haman's suspicions, the first two banquets were attended with little fanfare. It is the third banquet where Esther asks the King: "If it pleases your Majesty, it is with great sorrow that I must make a special request. There is a powerful man in this kingdom who wishes to kill me and my people." Astounded by this

## President's Message

We had a great crowd in attendance at the Shabbat evening dinner and service on Friday, February 17. Approximately 25 BIS members and friends gathered for a delicious meal, fellowship, and evening prayers. Special thanks to Max Gordon for leading the service and to Eileen Schroeder for sponsoring the meal. As many of the folks in attendance on the 17th requested recipes, they are included with this newsletter.

The next Friday Shabbat evening dinner and service will be

held on Friday, March 16. The festivities will begin with a kosher dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m., followed by the evening service at 7:00 p.m. Although the specific items for the menu are still in the planning stages, it will be a meat meal with a variety of traditional side dishes. Dessert, sweets, and coffee will be served after the service concludes. Dinner is provided at no charge and reservations are not required. Just come to the synagogue and enjoy the food and fellowship! Donations and sponsorships are always accepted!

Challenge Event Goal Met

Once again, congratulations - We made the goal and raised \$10,000 for the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund.

The fund, and the challenge of a match was set up by Max and Glenn Gordon. We've receive the promised matching contributions from Max and Glenn as well as the additional challenge match of Judy and Joe Roher! Thanks Everyone!

Max would like to issue an additional challenge for someone else to make a similar challenge for next year!

Shalom Y'all,  
Jeff

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**Shabbat Dinner**  
**Friday March 16**  
**6:00PM**

**Congregational Seder**  
**Saturday April 7,**  
**6:00PM**

**Rabbi's Seder**  
**Friday April 6, 7:00PM**

**RSVP by April 1**

**Cookie Making**  
**Sunday March 4,**  
**2:00PM**

## Rabbi's Message Continued...

revelation, Ahasuerus demands to know who would dare to harm his beloved Queen? Esther points to the wicked Haman. Immediately, the King orders the arrest of Haman and his ten sons. Ultimately, they would be hung on the very gallows intended for Mordechai and other Jewish leaders.

Purim falls 30 days before Pesach. During that interlude, we begin the process of cleaning our house of all Chametz (leavened). Chametz not only represents a physical cleaning of all leavened products, but the beginning of a

mental process of deliberation of the true meaning of "freedom." The Haggadah tells us "Let all who are hungry come and eat." Come and join us for both of our seders and Holiday services. The "Rabbis seder" will be held on Friday evening April 6th at 7PM. Shabbat/First Day of Pesach services will begin on Saturday morning, April 7th at 9:45AM. Our "communal seder" will begin at 6PM on Saturday April 7th. Services for Shabbat/Eighth Day of Passover will begin at 9:45AM on Saturday April 14th. Yizkor will be recited. Pesach ends at 8:15PM, Saturday, April 14th.

Special thanks to Donna Addy, Rachel Hoss, Glenn Gordon and Josh Bloom for

leading the Shabbat morning service during my convalescence. And a hearty Yasher Koach to Rita Collen for preparing a remarkable Shabbat dinner and services on Feb. 17th. Welcome to John and Babs Schabel who recently joined our Temple family. I would like to thank all of you for the many phone calls and get well wishes. As we enter the middle of our twelfth year together, may we continue to grow from strength to strength.

See you in shul,

Rabbi Marty Adelberg

## 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.

You can also honor your loved ones or special events (large or small) by sponsoring an oneg on the Shabbat of your choice. Sponsoring an oneg 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 oneg and \$54 for a meat luncheon, however you may contribute any amount you wish. For more information or to reserve your oneg date, please contact Rita Collen.

Another way anyone can contribute to an oneg is to donate food. Over the past weeks we've found thoughtful "in-kind" contributions of crackers, cookies, and such left in the kitchen. Thank you to these anonymous kitchen angels! These contributions are always appreciated. They help to stretch the Sisterhood's budget by reducing the 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 vegetables such as carrots and celery are always needed. If you have access to kosher cheeses and/or deli meats here you shop, folks really enjoy them as well. All we ask is that the foods be certified kosher (with the exception of the fresh fruits and vegetables) so that we can keep our kosher kitchen kosher. If you have any questions at all, just give Rita a call.

Special thanks to Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl for their ongoing contributions of delicious homemade salads, challah, and other Sabbath delights each week. While we may not always remember to acknowledge your generous treats, we truly enjoy them. Many thanks!

By now everyone who made financial contributions to the Sisterhood should have received their contribution statements for 2011. If you have not received your statement, contact Rita so that a duplicate can be mailed. Just a reminder that beginning in 2012, year-end Sisterhood statements will be sent only to those families contributing \$200.00 or more. To ensure all financial donations are acknowledged in a manner that will allow donors to submit their receipts for tax preparation, all contributors will receive a thank-you letter/receipt that contains language that can be used as documentation for your taxes. Be sure to keep this letter for your records.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

## Donations

### To the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund

Max and Glenn Gordon  
Judy and Joe Roher  
Anonymous

### Shabbat Dinner

Eileen Schroeder  
Glenn Gordon  
Ruth Hulbert

### General Support

Eileen Schroeder  
Mary Vite

### In Memory of Martha Biesterveld

Vera Ruffalo

### For Rabbi's Speedy Recovery

Sarah Levin



<b>Yahrzeits</b>			
<b>Week of March 2</b>		Ben Silver	18
Sarah C. Dorman	2	Rose S. Wiener	19
Birdie Metz	2	Charles Greenberg	19
Mary Shovers	5	Ben Marvin	20
Pearl Levin	5	Irving Matthew Silver	20
Necha Weissbard	6	Emma Sweed	20
Samuel A. Grant	7	Arthur J. Kraft	21
Emily Alperovitz	8	Reeva Dorman	21
Foster Gould	8	Harold S. Browne	21
Rashe Berson	8	Colette Schaefer	21
		William Woolf	22
		Mildred Shovers	22
<b>Week of March 9</b>		<b>Week of March 23</b>	
Ben Kaplan	9	Rela Markovits	23
Moses H. Rubin	10	Louis Shapiro	23
Goldie Shlimovitz	10	Benjamin Grant	24
Sarah Blitstein	11	Benton Kaufman	26
Fanny Alperovitz	12	Leo H. Finsky	27
David Alperovitz	12	Morris Gerol	27
Joseph A. Dunya	12	Bessie Luby	27
Louis Gorsky	13	Charles Wollman	28
Sarah Silverman	13	Alice H. Wolfman	29
Ruben A. Gorsky	14		
E. Adrian Silver	14	<b>Week of March 30</b>	
Philip Waisman	15	Sol M. Dorman	31
Rabbi Hyman Cohen	15	Rose Grant	1
		David Hulbert	1
<b>Week of March 16</b>		Edward Dunya Silver	3
Harold Levin	16	Rose I. Kraft	4
Bertha Sobodkin	16	Ise Blitstein	4
David Merens	17	Joseph L. Waisman	4
George Stern	18	Manny S. Brown	5
Dr. Mark Temkin	18	Alec Seft	5
David Isaac Gordon	18	Sarah Seft	5
Anne Kraft Seidita	18	Rabbi Abraham Cohen	6
		Kenneth Speyer	6

**Shabbat Candle Lighting**

**Times**

- March 2 - 5:24 PM
- March 9 - 5:33 PM
- March 16 - 6:41 PM
- March 23 - 6:49 PM
- March 30 - 6:57 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

**Calling all Cookie Bakers!**

The holiday of Purim falls on the Hebrew calendar date of Adar 14. This year, Purim falls on March 7-8. As Purim is a holiday of unity, the three main observances of Purim all comply with the theme of togetherness:

- Kri-aat Megillah – gathering in synagogues for the reading of Megillat Esther
- Matanot Laevyonim - giving charity to the poor, and
- Mishloach Manot - exchanging gifts of goodies with relatives, friends, and neighbors

Like so many Jewish celebrations, traditional foods are eaten at Purim. Among Purim favorites are Haman Tashen – triangular pastries filled with poppy seed (“mon” in Yiddish) that are eaten to denote the obliteration of Haman. In the spirit of unity, you are all invited to come to Beth Israel Sinai to bake Hamantashen on Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m. Let’s see how many cookies we can fill and bake to serve after Purim services and the Shabbat oneg and deliver to members of the congregation who may not be able to attend.

All ingredients and tools will be supplied. Bring your apron and be prepared for a fun afternoon of baking and cookie sampling. If you’d like to take some Haman Tashen home for your family’s celebration, be sure to bring a storage container. If you have any questions or need transportation, contact Rita Collen.



[Click here for February’s Shabbat Dinner Recipes](#)

[Click here for Passover Registration Form](#)



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***Join us for a Friday Night Shabbat Dinner and Service  
March 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM***

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Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	2	43 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
4 Cookie Baking - 2:00PM	5	6	7 Purim - Reading of Megillah - 7:00PM	8 NO Hebrew or Adult Ed. Class	9	10 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
11	12	13	14	15 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	16 Shabbat Services and Dinner 6:00PM	17 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
18	19	20	21	22 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	23	24 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
25	26	27	28	29 Hebrew or Adult Ed. Class	30 Reminder - RSVP for Seders	31 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Reminder - RSVP for Seders