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Rabbi's Message

Doubters have been the bane of visionaries throughout history. Trying to hide their skeptical nature, these often well intentioned individuals might refer to themselves as "pragmatists" or "realists." Sometimes they succeed in disrupting the course of history. More often they fail. History would have been very different had the "Doubters" succeeded in their goals.

Who are some of these "Historical Doubters?" Pharaoh, who viewed himself as a G-d, doubted there could ever be a G-d as powerful as himself. It took 10 Plagues and the killing of the royal first born male to

change his mind. The Hebrew slaves doubted that Moses would become their emancipator. Even after experiencing the miracle of the Exodus, many Israelites wanted to return to Egypt. Seeing the encroaching Egyptian army as the Children of Israel approached the Reed Sea, no one had the nerve to enter the water. Only one brave soul, Nachshon ben Avinadav, the head of the tribe of Judah, trusted word of G-d and leadership of Moses. The Israelites watched in anticipation as Nachshon waded deeper and deeper into the water. When the water reached his nose, the Reed Sea split providing a dry path for the Israelites to cross. As a re-

ward for this heroic action, our people became known as Jews or "Yehudim" (from the name Judah or "Yehudah) for all eternity.

Fortunately, civilization has produced individuals strong enough to overcome their detractors---EVEN if the successful implementation of their ideas only came after their death. Many doubted that a little known Viennese journalist, Theodor Herzl, would ever provide the inspiration for the establishment of a modern Jewish State. Some of Herzl's detractors included European and American Jews who viewed Zionism with disdain. Many German Jews doubted that their beloved country, who they

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President's Message

We hope you'll join us for this month's Friday evening Shabbat Service and Dinner on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. I think there's chicken on the menu!

Thank you all for joining us in celebrating Solomyn's Bat Mitzvah last month. She's was excited, nervous and is happy to have completed this part of her Jewish education.

Interested in participating on the Temple board?

Please let me know by May 4 so that your name can be placed into nomination at the Sunday, May 18 annual meeting. A couple of members have shown interest!

At the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m., congregation members will be asked to vote on a proposal to merge with Beth Hillel in Kenosha. Prior to that meeting, members will receive details regarding the proposed merger and answers to the most frequently asked questions that board

members have heard since talks with Beth Hillel began.

A reminder, that all assessed or arranged membership dues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year must be **paid in full prior to the annual meeting** on Sunday, May 18 to be able to participate and have a vote in that meeting. Reminder letters were previously sent to those who have not yet completed payment.

Shalom,
Jeff

Special Happenings

**Friday Night
Shabbat Service
and Dinner
May 9
6:00 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting of
Members
Sunday, May 18
1:00 p.m.**

Rabbi's Message Continued...

had fought and died for during World War I, would ever fulfill Hitler's "Mein Kampf." It took the death of SIX MILLION Jews and a world filled with guilt that finally permitted the establishment of Israel in 1948.

The Hebrew months of Nissan and Iyar are times of extreme sorrow followed by jubilation for the Jewish people. On Nisan 27 (April 27 and 28), we mourn the loss of those who gave their lives for the sanctification of G-d's name during the Shoah or Holocaust. In Israel, 23,000 soldiers and citizens who lost their lives during successive wars and two Intifidas will

be mourned on the 4th of Iyar (June 4). The next day, Israelis will celebrate the 66th anniversary of the independence of the Jewish state. On the 28th of Iyar (May 28th), the unification of Jerusalem will be honored commemorating the unification of this eternal city as the capital of the Jewish state.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Martyn Adelberg



A Conversation with Dachau survivor

Howard Melton

Oak Creek Public Library

Thursday, May 8
6:00 p.m.

Howard will share his harrowing experiences and answer questions.

Sisterhood

The calendar says it's spring, and whether or not the weather cooperates, the Sisterhood is looking forward to the months ahead and warmer-weather menus that incorporate fresh seasonal produce.

Solomyn sends her thanks to all for the Bat Mitzvah greetings and encouragement as she became a Bat Mitzvah on April 5. Among her many duties as a Bat Mitzvah, she helped cook her Kiddush and dinner buffet. Many thanks to our friends and families at BIS who also pitched in to help. Whether it was extra hands in the kitchen, security, clean-up, etc. know that your efforts to make her day special were greatly appreciated by Solomyn and her entire family.

Jim Barten is sponsoring a Kiddush on May 10 in memory of his wife, Dorothy. Thank you, Jim! Thanks to everyone who sponsored a Kiddush during the past fiscal year. With your help, the Sisterhood met its goal of having at least one member – or friend–sponsored Kiddush each month over the past year.

Thank you to the members and friends who helped get the kitchen ready for Passover. Many hands make light work and your help was appreciated. Many thanks to Rebecca and Josh Bloom for doing the Passover shopping and coordinating the seder again this year.

We didn't have a Shabbat Service and Dinner in April due to the Passover seders, but this event will be back in the month of May. It will, however, take place on the *second* Friday in May — May 9. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a Shabbat evening service, followed immediately by a buffet dinner. This month's menu will feature herbed roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken dressing, and a variety of seasonal sides, salads, and desserts. The Gaeta family, friends of BIS, will sponsor the Shabbat Dinner in June. Many thanks!

We once again thank our Anonymous Angel for the contribution of Target gift cards this past month. Your gift cards helped us replace a few necessary kitchen tools and helped restock many of the paper goods that were depleted during Pesach. All gifts to the Sisterhood enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai! If you'd like to schedule a Kiddush to honor a life cycle event, birthday, anniversary, or any occasion, please give me a call. Contributions can be sent to BIS (designate it for the Sisterhood). You may also help by donating kosher grocery items for the onegs and Kiddush. We are currently in need of coffee, tea, soda, paper plates, plastic utensils, hot and cold beverage cups, etc. Please contact me if you have any questions. You may drop these items off in the kitchen.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

General Support

Mary Vite
Anonymous



In Honor of Max and Glenn Gordon
Art Domskey

Seder Sponsorship

Max Gordon
Mary Vite
Marion Sperer
Eileen Schroeder
Doreen and Ray Peterson

Baroukh Levi
Dr. and Rebecca Bloom
Anonymous

In Honor of Solomyn's Bat Mitzvah
Max Gordon

Yahrzeits

Week of May 2

Annie Sideman	2
Joseph Gold	2
Dr. Frank P. Goldstein	2
Maurice Levinthal	2
Avery Fried	3
Kate Grant	3
David Winters	4
Dorothy Barton	5
Eva Dorman	6
Edward Langlieb	6
Berthold Donner	7
Rose Davidson	8
Hyman Tannenbaum	8

Week of May 9

Joseph Goodman	9
Albert Gold	10
Robert M. Jacobson	10
Charlotte Weiss	11
Dave Luby	11
Abraham Sheft	11
Edith Singer	11
Morris S. Ruben	12
Alma Schlomovitz	12
Sidney Aronin	13
Jerry Brown	13
Helmut Isenberg	14
Bessie Silver	14
Charles "Chuck" Brown	14
Abe Silver	15
Isadore Small	15
Ed Johnson	15

Week of May 16

Silvia Rosenzweig	17
Ruth Shrago	18
Sarah Gordon	20
Hattie Ruth Gottlieb	21
Jean Laufman	21
Lillian Fishbain	21
William Shovers	21
Milton Sklansky	21
Esther Feldman	22
Michel Kerner	22

Week of May 23

David M. Kupperman	24
Isadore H. Solomon	24
Sonya Rozumoff Brill	24
Frieda Gellman	26
Bertha Gorsky	26
Henry Hornstein	27
Mark William Barshet	27
Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster	27
Ben Waisman	28
Helen Seft LeBrint	29
Harry Kushner	29
Jacob M. Weisman	29

Week of May 30

Richard Amber	31
Saul Rosner	1
Charlotte Bakall	1
Max Brill	2
Laurence Feiges	2
Eva Wollman	3

Week of June 6

Arthur Schwartz	6
Meyer Spracker	6
Vivian Rudolph	6
Sanford Sperer	6
Anna Streicher	6
Harry Alpersen	7
Gussie Sideman	8
Joseph Jacobson	9
Bertha Kahn	9
Louis Seft	9
Lillian Sklansky	9
Louis Tatelbaum	9
Charles Amber	11
Mark Barshop	11
Stanley Donovitz	11



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

May 2 - 7:34 PM
May 9 - 7:42 PM
May 16 - 7:49 PM
May 23 - 7:56 PM
May 30 - 8:02 PM
June 6 - 8:08 PM



Shabbat ends on Saturday one hour later than candle lighting on Friday.

Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located on the 600 block of Lathrop Avenue and is a well maintained, park-like setting. It is a resting place for all Jews. Changes in cemetery policy approved by the congregation at its 2013 annual meeting have created a Reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish family members can be buried together.

For more information about the purchase of cemetery plots or perpetual care, please 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. Cards \$5; Shares \$10; Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10; Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18. For more information call Sarah Levin, 886-9331 or Sidnee Nerad, 551-0406.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Sunday May 18, 2014

1:00 PM

Agenda:

Reading of 2013 Minutes

Finance Report

Committee Reports

Vote on Proposed Merger with Beth Hillel

Election of Board Members

Election of Officers

Adjourn

Coming Holidays

Israel's Independence Day

May 5

Shavuot

June 3 - Eve of first day of Shavuot

June 4 - Eve of second day of Shavuot

June 5 - Shavuot ends at sundown





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***Join us for a Friday Shabbat Service and Dinner
on Friday May 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	2	3 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
4	5	6	7	8 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class Holocaust program at Oak Creek Public Library 6:00 PM	9 Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:00 PM	10 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
11	12	13	14	15 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	16	17 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
18 Congregational Annual Meeting 1:00 PM	19	20	21	22 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	23	24 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
25	26	27	28	29 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	30	31 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM