

# Beth Israel Sinai News

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## Rabbi's Message

Recently, Beth Israel Sinai Congregation has seen a resurgence in synagogue participation. Over 50 worshippers attended Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur services. We have had the largest turnout in recent years for weekday Sukkot and Shemini/Simchat Torah services. More importantly, people attended who had been absent from synagogue life for many years and are considering joining our Temple family. They have come to our congregation to renew their connection to Judaism. Now that our cemetery issue has been resolved, previous members are considering rejoining BIS. Our communal identity has

been formed by a century of life cycle, Shabbat and holiday celebrations. Our congregants like the spiritual warmth of our Temple. To quote one of our newest members, "people seem to truly care about each other." Our congregants, both young and old, prefer our unique form of innovative worship. While basically a traditional format, explanations of the origin of specific prayers and commentaries provided by our Sages add greater meaning to our services. Participants are encouraged to ask questions or challenge textual materials. Classes provided cover a variety of topics including (but not limited to): basic Hebrew, conversational Hebrew, Torah study and the Haftorah and Torah tropes (musical notes). Several of our adult congregants will begin studying for their B'nai Mitzvot. Two Hebrew school students will achieve this distinction in 5774. Many students have continued their Jewish education after becoming B'nai Mitzvot. In discussion with some of my non-Jewish ministerial colleagues, we are considering establishing Bible classes for both Jewish and non-Jewish participants. (This might even prove a source of additional revenue for Beth Israel Sinai. More information will be provided as these discussions progress. We have met twice this summer and are currently in the planning stage.) Our students have excelled because of the individual tuition provided. Donna Addy, who previously became an adult Bat (continued on page 2)

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## President's Message

At the congregation's annual meeting in June of 2012 and again in June this year the membership directed the board to meet with Kenosha's Congregation Beth Hillel to begin discussing options available that will strengthen — now and in the future — the Jewish Community in Southeastern Wisconsin. Our conversations have been very fruitful with much discussion about the possibilities of a merging of our organizations. It appears that much can be gained, with little changed.

The two congregation's ritual committees have been meeting to evaluate the similarities and differences in our worship habits. Our discussions have made me again remember that we're all Jews and while we may approach things in slightly different ways we have the same 5774 years' worth of closely shared history. There are many, many more similarities than differences. The warmth and sincerity in our discussions has continually reminded me that the closeness and caring we feel for each other in our small congregation is not

something unique to us. Congregants at Beth Hillel feel the same way about their community.

To further explore the similarities of ritual, we're planning some exchange and joint services. I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunities. We'll certainly arrange carpooling. If you'd like to participate in some of the upcoming building, history, or financial discussions, please let me know!

Shalom,  
Jeff

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### Special Happenings

**The Bar Mitzvah of  
Gary Noosbond  
Saturday October 5  
10:30 AM at  
Temple Beth Hillel**

**Shabbat Dinner  
and Service  
Friday, October 18  
6:00 PM**

## Rabbi's Message Continued...

Mitzvah, served as cantor during my infrequent absences from the congregation. Our Temple family must build upon these achievements as we forge into the future as a vibrant Jewish community.

The following remark was made by Theodor Herzl, the father of modern political Zionism. This was in response to his many detractors who accused him of being a dreamer regarding his vision that a modern Jewish state would be established. "IF YOU HAVE THE WILL, IT IS NOT A FAIRY TALE." This could prove a valuable lesson

for us all.

May we all be signed, sealed and confirmed in the "Book of Life." May we continue to enjoy many simchas together.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,  
Rabbi Marty

## Sisterhood

With the High Holidays, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah all falling in September, the Sisterhood had a busy month preparing the onegs, Kiddush, and numerous meals for congregants and guests. We hope you enjoyed them. None of this would have been possible without the support of BIS members and friends and we are grateful for their contributions. Many thanks to the Collen and Adelberg families for sponsoring the Erev Rosh Hashanah oneg. We send our thanks to Dennis, Brenda, Jonathan, and Gienna Gaeta — friends of BIS — for sponsoring the Yom Kippur break the fast, and to Robyn and Joe Resier for contributing the bagels and cream cheese. (Nothing is as delicious as a fresh-from-Chicago bagel after a long fast!) Once again, we provided lunch after services on both the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah. Folks seemed to enjoy this, so we'll consider doing it again next year. Thank you to Steve and Patti Kushner for donating biscotti, and to Joannie Williams for contributing freshly spun wildflower honey from her own hives to sweeten our celebrations. Thank you to the Adelbergs for the delicious apple cake for Simchat Torah. Many thanks to Jeff Hanson for his help in getting these meals on the table, and for the many hours he spent preparing the facility; to Jeff Collen, Sandy Levin, and Brian Rose for their sous chef skills; and to our "Little Sisters of the Sisterhood" — Maxie and Solomyn Collen — for all of their help and pastry-making expertise. Many thanks to Marion Sperer for contributing the flowers for Rosh Hashanah in memory of Marion's mother, Bea Goodman. Thank you, Ruth Hulbert, for once again gracing the Bimah with flowers for Yom Kippur in memory of David Hulbert, Bernard Hulbert, Etta and Nathan Hulbert, Leonard Hulbert, Norman Gordon, and Leonard Gordon. Your gifts of flowers added an extra touch of beauty to the holiday services.

Thank you to Eileen Schroeder for sponsoring the Kiddush on September 21 in honor of Norman Levin's 96th birthday. Happy birthday, Norman! Our Anonymous Angel has once again stocked our pantry with kosher grape juice and wine and we are grateful for this contribution. We look forward to November 2, when Jim Barten will sponsor the Kiddush in recognition of 33 years of sobriety. Congratulations and thanks, Jim! Gifts to the Sisterhood (whether financial, in-kind, or extra pairs of hands) enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai and will be enjoyed throughout 5774! If you'd like to schedule a Kiddush to honor a life cycle event, birthday, anniversary, or any occasion, please give Rita a call. Contributions can be sent to BIS (designate it Sisterhood).

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

### General Support

Eileen Schroeder  
Mary Vite

### In Honor of Gary Noosbond's Bar Mitzvah

Vera Ruffalo

### In Memory of Edward J. Block

Vera Ruffalo

### In Honor of Norm Levin's Birthday

Vera Ruffalo

### In Honor of Barry Langlieb's Birthday

Vera Ruffalo

### In Honor of Lorraine and Victor Ganz's Anniversary

Vera Ruffalo

### In Memory of David Hulbert, Nathan I. Hulbert, and Etta Hulbert

Mrs. Bernard Hulbert

### In Honor of Louise Langlieb

Susan and David Rosner

### In Memory of her Parents, Myron and Betty Goldberg

Vicki Nelson

### In Memory of Bob Goodman

Max and Glenn Gordon

### In Memory of her Uncles, Joe and Emil Donner

Vicki Nelson

### In Honor of Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

Sandy Levin and Brian Rose

### In Honor of Congregation President Jeff Collen

Sandy Levin and Brian Rose

Thanks to all who provided support through the High Holiday Appeal!!! (listing on page 3)



**Yahrzeits**

**Week of October 4**

Rose Levinthal	4
Louis Lippman	5
Blanche A. Dennison	5
Victor Goodman	6
Jeanette Weinberg	6
Alter Hulbert	7
Emanuel Marcado	9
Isabel Tannenbaum	9
Isidor Friedman	10
Ben Gellman	10
Meyer A. Goldstein	10
Morris Rosumoff	10

**Week of October 11**

Morris J. Brill	11
Esther M. Lieberman	12
Dr. Robert Savin	12
Sol J. Brown	13
Joseph Blitstein	14
Lillian Gerol	14
Nathan Siderman	14
Else Sternheim	14
Sylvia Blitstein	15
Frances Hirshih	16
Sam Weisman	16
Elena Gorsky	17

**Week of October 18**

Rosalind Barash	18
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Jacob H. Marks	18
Max M. Seft	19
Esther Goodman	19
Ben G. Schaefer	19
Faye C. Savin	19
Dr. Norbert Isenberg	19
Owen Levin	20
Edith Isenberg	22

**Week of October 25**

Donald Wiener	24
Fred Dingfelder	24
Fannie Schwartz	24
Henry Dorman	24
Leah Seft	24
Julius Goldstein	26
Margaret Soref	27
Edward Alan Sideman	28
Esther Domsky	29
Gladys Gottlieb	29
Abraham Goldberg	30
Claire Wellman	30

**Week of November 1**

Hilda Levitt	1
John Niemiec	1
Joseph E. Redler	1
Jack Gelin	2
Barbara Fabian	3
Ethel Levin	4
Sarah Cohen	4
Chaica Wolfman	4
Bertha Gold	6

**Shabbat Candle Lighting Times**

October 4 - 6:11 PM
October 11 - 5:59 PM
October 18 - 5:47 PM
October 25 - 5:37 PM
November 1 - 5:27 PM
November 8 - 4:18 PM



**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.

Call Jim Barten at 262.412.8457

**Cemetery Change Approved**

At the annual meeting the congregation approved the creation of a Reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish family members can be buried together.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Joannie Williams has some durable medical equipment that she is willing to lend. All equipment is in good condition. If you have a need or know someone who has a need, please contact me and we'll get you in touch with Joannie.

**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.

**Security Alert - Unknown People at the Door**

The advice of the Racine Police Department regarding safety at our synagogue is simple and easy: don't open the door for a person you don't know. Look through the peephole to see if the person looks like they belong. A person who looks like he doesn't belong might be looking over his shoulder; or wearing camouflage, clothing, or ornamentation that is not normally associated with Jewish worship; or has a weapon. The Racine police say that a "bad guy" will say something that will give him away. The police say that you'll know and that your gut feeling is usually right. You'll know. Ask who it is and what they want. Don't open the door, even if you're embarrassed. What to say: "This is a private event. Who invited you?" or "I'm sorry but I can't help you." or "I'm calling the police." The best thing between you and a bad guy with a gun is a locked door.

- Contributed by Glenn Gordon

**High Holiday Appeal Contributors — THANKS EVERYONE !!!**

Mary Vite	Lois Zien	Dr. & Mrs. Dale Jacobs	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Block	David & Susan Rosner	Ailene & Jonathan Wiede
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***Join us for a Friday night Shabbat Dinner  
and Service on October 18! At 6:00 PM!***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM Gary Noosbond's Bar Mitzvah at Beth Hillel 10:30 AM
6	7	8	9	10 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	11	12 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
13	14	15	16	17 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	18 Shabbat Eve Service and Dinner 6:00 PM	19 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
20	21	22	23	24 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	25	26 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
27	28	29	30	31 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	Nov 1	2 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM