

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation
August 2016---Tammuz/Av 5776

Rabbi's Message

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On Sunday, July 24th, we commemorated the fall of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the First and Second Temples three weeks later. This fast day also marks the beginning of a three week period of national mourning culminating on the fast day of Tisha B'Av. We use this three week period to reflect on what it means to the Jewish nation to have witnessed the destruction of its hallowed Temples and the subsequent Jewish journey into exile. This period is a time of national mourning where many people refrain from festive activities, movies and television, which permits them time for more personal introspection. Our rabbis tell us that a personal commitment to self-improvement will give us the power to transform tragedy into joy. Our teshuva (repentance) will foreshadow the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding of the Temple. The prophet Zechariah predicted that transformation will bring days of celebration and "joy to the House of Judah accompanied by gladness and cheerful feasts" instead of fasting and mourning.

By the time we enter the month of Av, the Jewish people have become even more sensitive to this tragic event. This is heightened by the fact the so many other tragedies occurred on Tisha B'Av. The expulsion of Jews from Spain began on Tisha B'Av. So did the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, which triggered the start of World War I. With the recent murders of so many individuals by radical jihadists, our sense of loss becomes even more acute. Not only do we mourn the loss of our sacred Temples and the thousands who perished at the hands of the Babylonians and Romans, but also the lives of so many other innocents. We grieve for the families who have lost loved ones in Syria, Iraq, Israel, the Ukraine and Turkey due to acts of war or attempted military coups. We grieve for the lives lost in Baton Rouge, Dallas, Orlando, Falcon Heights, Ferguson, Santa Barbara, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Nice,

and Munich. The Fast of Av can no longer be viewed strictly as a Jewish day of supplication. Tisha B'Av must become a day of mourning and prayer for all humanity. This year as we read the Book of Lamentations, it will represent all who have suffered at the hands of aggression throughout history.



Join us August 13th at 8pm for a reading and discussion of the Book of Lamentations and the recitation of modern kinot (elegies) of both historical and modern writers who have endured the tyranny of anti-Semitism and racial hatred. Like on Yom Kippur, it is customary to wear cloth shoes. The lights in the Temple will be dimmed, the ark covered. Since we are mourning the loss of our ancient and modern brothers and sisters, the First and Second Temples and the loss of all human life to tyranny, it is customary to sit on low stools as in a house of mourning.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Marty

P.S. On a happier note, don't forget the Temple picnic on Sunday, August 21st.

Looking ahead, it is not too early to book your family reservations for our SECOND ANNUAL PRE-YOM KIPPUR DINNER AND CONCERT on Tuesday October 11th at 3:45 pm. The concert will conclude with a profoundly moving musical rendition of Kol Nidre. A sumptuous dinner will be catered to fortify us for the fast ahead. Let's make this year even a bigger success than last year.

William Albert Gold

1947-2016

We are sorry to announce the passing of William Albert Gold, who died on July 12. William volunteered for many years at the Jewish Cemetery on Lathrop. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. We were fortunate to have had some of his family join us this past spring for Passover. His Yahrzeit is
6 Tammuz 5776
-the Board of Beth Israel Sinai

August 13th 8 PM Tisha B'Av Service

Please join us for a special Service at 8 PM Saturday, August 13th for Tisha B'Av.

This commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples, which both happened on the Ninth of Av.

It is the second most important fast day of the year.

Sisterhood for August 2016

Did you know that Beth Israel Sinai has everything you need for a wedding? Beautiful Lake Michigan is within walking distance from the Synagogue. We have a Chuppah, a nice hall, and a kosher kitchen. Please contact Joyce at (262) 945-7675 for more information.

Also, if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush (Meat \$100/Dairy \$50) or help in the kitchen, please contact Joyce.

Please consider donating coffee or paper goods to the kitchen. We can always use them!

High Holidays

Rosh Hashanah

October 2 First night 8:00 pm

October 3 Morning 9:00 am

Tashlich 4:30 pm

October 4 Second Morning 9:00 am

Yom Kippur

October 11 Kol Nidre Dinner 3:45 pm

Service 6:00 pm

October 12 Morning 9:00 am

Afternoon 4:30 pm

Break fast 6:45 pm

A Remembrance of Willy

One day I met Willy in the cemetery, both of us lamenting the torn-up turf left behind by the machinery.

"Do we know any Jewish landscapers?" he says.

"Yeah," I said, "You and me."

We barely knew each other or how to grow grass, but together for twenty years 'til July 12th that's just what we did-laying sod and watering it, straightening stones, making small repairs, and keeping an eye on the property and the hired help.

That might have been the germ of my own landscape business ten years later. I am sad he is gone.

—by Glenn Gordon



Yahrzeits

(Yahrzeit section researched and written by Max G.)

Aug/Tammuz

1 26 Sidney J. Marks
 2 27 Dr. Eugene H. Kaufman
 Carol R. Wolfman
 4 29 Harry Dingfelder

Aug/Av

5 1 Florence Margaret Sheft
 Hyman H. Brown
 Harry Laufman
 Charlotte Katz
 6 2 Mona A. Brown
 7 3 Betty Goldberg
 Evelyn Hahn Milch
 8 4 Shirley Marcado
 9 5 Julius Goodman
 Samuel Karlitsky
 Sarah D. Schur
 10 6 Miriam Waisman
 12 8 M. Gerson Kaminsky
 Rachel Waisman
 Ronald Waisman
 Isaac Weisman
 13 9 Herman Feiges
 Dr. Ruben Gorsky
 Theodore D. Gottlieb
 Arthur Isenberg
 14 10 Ida Gordon
 Mildred Domsky
 Beverly Sklansky
 16 12 Rose Freidman
 17 13 Bella Tatelbaum
 20 16 Arnold Goodman
 Raye Sheft
 21 17 Sam Rozumoff
 Margery B. Small
 23 19 Gertrude Blumberg
 Harry Metz
 24 20 Anna Davidson
 Grace Daneman
 Max Tabaksman

Aug/Av

27 23 Peggy Metzger
 Albert W. Levin
 28 24 Anna Marvin
 Dora Noll
 Samuel Shapiro
 Morris Waisman
 E.L. (Dan) Donovitz
 29 25 Anna Grant



Yahrzeit is the anniversary of the death of a loved one. Observe yahrzeit by burning a yahrzeit candle in your home, reciting Mourner's Kaddish, and making a contribution to the synagogue in memory of the departed.

July Donations

Thank you to all who support Beth Israel Sinai

John Toth-Anniversary Party
 Emma Steinhoff-In memory of Son-in-Law Willy Gold, in honor of Brother-in-Law Raymond Billips
 Francis H. Gold-in memory of Willy Gold
 Barry Langlieb-Anniversary Party
 Monica Henken-In memory of William Gold in honor of his wife Fran and his family
 Max Gordon-in memory of Ida Gordon
 Max Gordon-in memory of Arnold Goodman
 Max Gordon-in memory of Anna Davidson
 Max Gordon-in memory of Grace Daneman
 Max Gordon-in memory of Albert Levin
 ARB Enterprises-In memory of William Gold-Shaefer family
 Mary J McIntyre-General Donation
 Max Gordon-General donation

Time for a Picnic!

On August 21,2016 at 12:30 p.m. we will be have the congregational picnic. Eileen Schroeder graciously offered her home for our use. Her address is 119 Stuart. It will be a meat meal. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a pareve dish to pass. Hope to see everyone there!





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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times



August 5-- 7:49 pm
August 12--7:40 pm
August 19—7:29 pm
August 26—7:18 pm
September 2—7:06pm

August Calendar

August 4--Torah class 6 pm

August 6--Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

August 1--Torah class 6 pm

August 1--Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

August 13--SPECIAL SERVICE---to commemorate Tisha B'Av 8 pm

August 20--Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by Kiddush Luncheon

August 21--Congregational picnic (details inside)

August 25--Torah class 6 pm

August 27--Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by Kiddush Luncheon