

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

February 2018---Shevat/Adar 5778

From our Rabbi

Life is so special. What happened recently made this clearer than ever. For several months my wife Marcia and I were preparing a trip to New York for the ordination of my niece Elaya, as a Cantor graduating from Hebrew Union College in New York. We had planned to be gone from Friday morning until Monday night. A few hours before our scheduled departure, we received a call from our daughter Robyn, who had also planned to travel to New York with us. Her father-in-law, Larry Reisser, had passed away from a long illness. With the cooperation of Delta Airlines, we were able to secure a flight change. This enabled us to spend the weekend in celebration with our niece and her parents Jody and Luanne and still make it back to be with our son-in-law Joe, his mother and their family and our daughter Robyn. In less than 72 hours, we witnessed the greatest of simchas and saddest of sorrows. My niece will assume the position as Cantor in a temple in Cherry Hill, NJ. Larry, who actively participated in the life of the Peoria Jewish community, has finally found peace after suffering from a debilitating illness for almost three years. Both these events define the meaning of life. We must cherish every moment we have with our families. We must try to the best of ability to make this world better for our families, friends, and those less fortunate. And if we are lucky enough, others will see how our actions continue to benefit them even after our soul has returned to our Creator.

Each individual created in G-d's image can make a difference. On Wednesday evening *February 28th* at 6 pm, we will join together at Beth Israel Sinai to celebrate Purim and read megillat Esther. This is the story of how Esther, a young girl who became the Queen of Persia, saved the Jewish people from the murderous Haman's threat of annihilation. Like our heroes and heroines before us, it is the duty of every individual to act on behalf of the widow, the orphan, and the poor.

On Shabbat morning, January 20th, the congregation celebrated the 54th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah. Other congregants are encouraged to celebrate the anniversaries of their Bar or Bat Mitzvot. If you have not had one, it's not too late.

Lastly, we will be conducting our two remaining Taste of Religion Seminars. Attendance at these discussions has increased every week. After covering Judaism, Christianity and Islam and the Koran, on February 1, we will discuss the New Testament. Our series will conclude on February 8th with the Torah.

REMEMBER it is your continued participation and support that has ensured the success of Beth Israel Sinai.

Rabbi Marty
See you in Shul

The program Taste of Religion is going well. The attendance has been very positive and the exchange between clergy and audience has been very interesting. There still is a chance for you to come join us. The first two Thursday's in February we will host the last two segments of this program. We will discuss the New Testament and Torah. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

If you have an idea for a program you would like to have let a board member know and we will try to make it happen.

Purim will be celebrated on February 28, 2018 at 6 pm. Please come join us.

Heads up for Passover. We will be holding one Seder on the first night. More information to follow.

Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located at 612 Lathrop Ave. It is a well maintained, park-like setting. A resting place for all Jews.

There is 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 262-886-0381

New members and members who return to Beth Israel Sinai will be able to join our Synagogue for reduced dues the first year. The dues will be \$300 for the first year.

The Presidents Message:

Thank you Joannie Williams for helping making chocolate chip cookies for our Taste of Religion program.

If anyone is interested in learning how to make challah let me know. I can teach people on Tuesdays. It can be fun day talking, learning, and noshing on some fresh baked goodies. We have made a lot of progress is the last year at getting the new Synagogue in order. If you like to go on treasure hunts let me know. We still have plenty of treasures in the basement waiting to be found.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675

Joyce

Rabbi Adelberg is offering free Hebrew classes to children. Please call Rabbi Adelberg 847-529-1609 to setup appointments.

Yahrzeits

1. Elizabeth Goldberg
2. Katheryn Raftenberg
3. Max Grust
3. Harold Tabaksman
4. Esther Gottlieb
4. Isidore Milch
4. Bertha Waisman
5. Joseph Popkoff
5. David Shovers
5. Julius Lichterman
5. Oscar Shovers
6. Eva Gorsky
6. Manfred Belsner
6. Edith Seft
10. Joseph Magner
11. Zachary Dorman
11. Joseph L. Harris
11. Jane Kiselow
11. Gertrude Fishbain
11. Frank Shovers
11. George S. Cohen
12. Eli Hulbert
12. Mary Soref
12. Rose Kaminal
13. Darnold Blivas
14. Beverly Schuster
14. Marc Lee Silver
14. Paul Kaplan
15. Joseph I. Donner
15. Sam Fishbain
15. Solomon Levin
15. Fritz Roos
16. Sheine Chayne Aronin
16. Ralph Levin
16. Genevieve Lillian Gold
16. Simon Grant
17. Hyman Lauffman
17. David W. Watt
18. Eugene J. Aronin

18. Sarah Spracker
18. Dori Gorsky
19. Max Bassewitz
19. Dr. Ernest Wolf
19. Anna Brill
19. Meyer Domsky
20. Joseph (Jack) Gould
20. Goldyne R. Mann
22. David Schwartz
23. Sarah C. Dorman
23. Marjorie Bernbaum
23. Birdie Metz
26. Mary Shovers
26. Pearl Levin
27. Necha Weissbard
28. Samuel A. Grant



This list is prepared by Max Godron. Thank you Max.

Sisterhood

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Kiddush just let Joyce Placzkowski know, 1-262-945-7675. The charge for a dairy Kiddush is \$50, meat Kiddush is \$100. The kitchen can always use coffee and paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

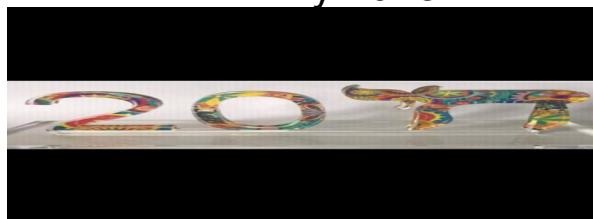
Donations

- Anonymous general donation
- Joyce Placzkowski general donation
- Joyce Placzkowski sponsoring a Kiddush for what would have been Bob and Joyce Katzman's 40th anniversary
- Mary Vite general donation
- Sarah Levin for a quick recovery
- Wendy Dorman general donation
- Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jacobs in memory of Grandmother Minnie Goodman
- Eileen Shroeder general donation

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

February 2 4:48
 February 9 4:57
 February 16 5:06
 February 23 5:34



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 6 pm Taste of Religion	2	3 10 am
4	5	6	7	8 6 pm Taste of Religion	9	10 10 am
11	12	13	14	15	16 6 pm Shabbat Dinner	17 10 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 10 am
25	26	27	28 6 pm Purim service			