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Rabbi's Message

When I think of Passover, and the Israelite redemption from Egypt, I think of the close friendship of the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Reverend Martin Luther King. King was born January 15, 1929. Heschel was born 22 years earlier on January 11, 1907. Both men were linked by far more than the month they were born. They were scions of two of the world's greatest religions, Judaism and Christianity. Heschel was a Warsaw born American Rabbi and part of a distinguished Hasidic family. King was a Baptist minister and the son and grandson of Baptist ministers.

Heschel and King became

close personal friends and allies in combating social injustice. Side by side they marched for the civil rights of all Americans. Both would encounter fierce opposition within their own religious communities. Many American Jews felt Heschel's stance against the Vietnam War and support of Dr. King would lessen Washington's support of Israel. King's detractors in both the NAACP and the Urban League feared his opposition to the Vietnam war endangered President Lyndon Johnson's support for the Civil Rights movement. Such criticisms only further strengthened the bonds between these two religious leaders.

Theologically, as well as politically, King and Heschel recognized their own strong kin-

ship. Each stressed dependence of the political on the spiritual, G-d on human society and moral life on economic well being. For example, Heschel stated: "The opposite of good is not evil. The opposite of good is indifference...In a free society, some are guilty but all are responsible." In a similar vein, King writes: "To accept passively in an unjust system is to cooperate with that system. Not to act communicates to the oppressor that his actions are morally right." Both Heschel and King spoke of G-d in similar terms. Both leaders felt that G-d is never neutral, never beyond good and evil. Both used the imagery of Exodus when writing about Civil Rights and to rebuke white (continued on page 2)

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President's Message

Well, we're headed to Passover again! Please note that the reservation form for the Congregation's Seder (second night, March 26 at 6:00 PM) as well as the Rabbi's Seder (first night, March 25 at 7:00 PM), are attached. The reservation form as well as the form for the sale of your Chametz is available at www.bethisraelsinai.org. Join us for the good food, the Hagadah reading and the fun and fellowship! If you'd like to sponsor the matzah,

the wine, or any part of the Seder, there's also a opportunity for that!

If you're available on Saturday March 2, right after services, Dr. Richard Zevitz, PhD, one of our regular visitors, will be presenting a program about the civil war. Dr. Zevitz's latest book is a best seller and major award winner! He will be signing copies of his book at Barnes and Noble on St. Patrick's Day at 2:00 p.m.

If you'd like to help Kasher the synagogue's kitchen, it's set to happen on Sunday,

March 17 at 10:00 AM. If there's a large group, it goes really fast, so please join in!

Thanks Rita for the excellent meal after the Friday, February 22 Shabbat service. As they say on "Top Chef," the salmon was "perfectly cooked!" Please note, because we'll be doing the Seders, we'll not have our next Friday Shabbat Dinner and Service until April 18.

Shalom Y'all,
Jeff

Reservation and Sponsorship forms are attached for:

**The Rabbi's Seder
Monday, March 25, 2013
7:00 PM**

**The Congregation's Seder
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
6:00 PM**



Rabbi's Message Continued...

audiences for their racism. In Heschel's interpretation of the Exodus, American Jews often behaved like Egyptian oppressors.

During the early sixties, Dr. King and Rabbi Heschel would deliver this message repeatedly before the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Heschel reminded his audience that the tragedy of Pharaoh was the failure to realize that the Exodus from slavery could have spelled redemption for both Israel and Egypt. If only Pharaoh and the Egyptians had joined the Israelites in the desert and together stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Dr. King echoed the same message to Black

audiences.

The most significant public appearance together of these two religious giants was at the march for Voting Rights in Selma, Alabama on March 21, 1965. By his friend's side, Dr. Heschel declared: "I pray with my feet. For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Lips are not legs and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs praying."

On March 4, 1968, at the age of 39, Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. He had planned to attend Rabbi Heschel's Passover seder just a few days later.

Please join us for both the Rabbi's seder on March 25th at 7pm and the Temple communal seder on March 26th at 6pm. Services will be convened on the first day of Pesach on Tuesday March 26th, Shabbat for the Intermediate Day of Passover on Saturday, March 30th, and the eighth day of Pesach on April 2nd at 9:45am.

At this special time, Marcia, Becky, Greg, Lisa, Robyn, Joe, Sam, Lara, Myles and Mollie want to wish our entire Temple family a Chag Kosher v' Sameach---A HAPPY AND KOSHER PASSOVER.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Marty

Sisterhood

Although it seems we finally got our typical snowy winter weather during the past month, the after-service Kiddush meals have been warm and comforting and a pleasant way to enjoy fellowship and Torah study on cold wintry days. Now that (hopefully) warmer weather is ahead, we hope to see even more of our members and friends at Beth Israel Sinai for services and Kiddush. As Pesach approaches I'm sifting through my cookbooks to find some new and interesting recipes for Passover-friendly and palate-tempting dishes so come to shul and see what materializes!

The Sisterhood exists to enhance community life at Beth Israel Sinai by providing the weekly Kiddush, flowers for the Bimah, decorations for special dinners, etc. This is possible due to the generous contributions of our members and friends. A Sisterhood contribution or sponsoring a Kiddush are thoughtful ways to honor life cycle events, birthdays or anniversaries, or any occasion. To sponsor a Kiddush, call Rita and let her know the date, the occasion, and whether you prefer a meat or dairy meal. The suggested donation is \$54 for a meat meal and \$36 for a dairy meal, however all contributions (larger and smaller) are welcomed. We'll take care of the shopping, cooking, and serving.

We extend our thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Adelberg for sponsoring the wonderful and festive Kiddush on February 23 in honor of the baby naming for their beautiful granddaughter, Mollie Isabella Jaffe., the newest addition to Sam and Lara's family. As an added treat, 40 confirmation students and family members from Atonement Lutheran Church were visiting as part of their study of Judaism and were able to experience this wonderful event. Thanks also to our "Anonymous Angel" for the pickles and other tasty treats. Thank you! All are welcome to help keep our kitchen stocked. This month, since we will be kashering the kitchen for Passover (March 17 at 10:00 a.m.) we are asking that donated items be marked kosher for Passover or are otherwise "Passover-friendly", such as fresh fruit and vegetables. We'll be using paper goods for Passover so disposable plates, spoons and forks, cups, and other basics are also appreciated. If you'd like to donate, just leave the items in the kitchen.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen



General Support

Eileen Schroeder
Elizabeth and Paul Howes

**In Thanks for the Collen Family's
Presentation to our Youth**
Atonement Lutheran Church

**In Honor of Rabbi and Marcia Adelberg's
Grandchildren**
Blanche Kahn

**In Honor of Louise Langlieb on her
Birthday**
Barry Langlieb



Yahrzeits

Week of March 1

Louis Gorsky	1
Sarah Silverman	1
Ruben A. Gorsky	2
E. Adrian Silver	2
Philip Waisman	3
Rabbi Hyman Cohen	3
Harold Levin	4
Bertha Sobodkin	4
David Merens	5
George Stern	6
Dr. Mark Temkin	6
David Isaac Gordon	6
Anne Kraft Seidita	6
Ben Silver	6
Rose S. Wiener	7
Charles Greenberg	7

Week of March 8

Ben Marvin	8
Irving Matthew Silver	8
Emma Sweed	8
Arthur J. Kraft	9
Reeva Dorman	9
Harold S. Browne	9
Colette Schaefer	9
William Woolf	10
Mildred Shovers	10
Rela Markovits	11
Louis Shapiro	11
Benjamin Grant	12
Benton Kaufman	14

Week of March 15

Leo H. Finsky	15
Morris Gerol	15
Bessie Luby	15
Charles Wollman	16
Alice H. Wolfman	17
Sol M. Dorman	19
Rose Grant	20
David Hulbert	20

Week of March 22

Edward Dunya Silver	22
Rose I. Kraft	23
Ise Blitstein	23
Joseph L. Waisman	23
Manny S. Brown	24
Alec Seft	24
Sarah Seft	24
Rabbi Abraham Cohen	25
Kenneth Speyer	25
Rachel Belle Gordon	26
Sari Johanna Prowler	28
Frank J. Schwartz	28

Week of March 29

Laeh Hulbert	30
Nathan Hulbert	1
Rae L. Rubin	1
Benjamin Shlimovitz	1
Harold Block	2
Lilly R. Seft	4

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

March 1 - 5:22 PM
March 8 - 5:31 PM
March 15 - 6:39 PM
March 22 - 6:47 PM
March 29 - 6:55 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 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.

Thank you.
Sarah Levin 886-9331
Sidnee Nerad 551-0406

Cards \$5
Shares \$10
Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10
Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18

The Order of the Seder

<p>kadesh bless the wine</p>	<p>urchatz wash your hands</p>	<p>karpas dip a vegetable in salt water</p>	<p>yachatz break the middle matzah</p>
<p>maggid tell the Passover story</p>	<p>rachtzah wash your hands</p>	<p>motzi matzah bless the matzah</p>	<p>maror bless the maror</p>
<p>korech eat a sandwich of matzah and maror</p>	<p>shulchan orech eat dinner</p>	<p>tzafun find the afikomen</p>	<p>barech say the blessing over dinner</p>
<p>hallel sing songs</p>	<p>nirtzah next year in Jerusalem!</p>		



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***Join us for the Congregation's Passover Seder
on March 26, 2013 at 6:00 PM***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM Dr. Richard Zevitz, PhD. - Book Discussion - "The Long Road Home" after Kiddush
3	4	5	6	7 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	8	9 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
10	11	12	13	14 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	15	16 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
17 Kasher Kitchen 10:00 AM	18 Last day to reserve your Seder seat	19	20	21 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	22	23 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Last day to sell Chametz
24 / 31	25 Rabbi's Passover Seder 7:00 PM	26 Passover Service 9:45 AM Congregation's Passover Seder 6:00 PM	27	28 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	29	30 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM