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Rabbi's Message

Once again, we will soon be sitting before the "Heavenly Tribunal." G-d will be our judge. We have 29 days to prepare our case during the month of Elul. To remind us of the importance of this daily preparation, the shofar is sounded at the end of morning prayers (except Shabbat). We contemplate the true meaning of "teshuvah" or repentance." How can we improve our lives, the lives of our families and those less fortunate than ourselves. Will we give more Tzedakah (charity) supporting the homeless, our synagogue, institutions of Jewish learning, the State of Israel and medical research? Will we become more sensitive to the emotional and psychological needs of others? Will we become more tolerant of those with opposing political and social views--no matter

how much we personally disagree? Will we count our blessings and appreciate more our lot in life instead of being jealous of others? Will we become more observant Jews because we have become determined to become more educated Jews?

Our penitential season begins with the recitation of Selichot (prayers for forgiveness). Selichot are traditionally said before dawn the next day. We will conduct this critical introduction to the High Holyday season Saturday, September 8th (Elul 22) at 9pm. During the days leading up to Rosh Hashonah and during the entire "Ten Days of Repentance," Selichot are recited.

On Sunday, September 16 at 8:00 p.m., we begin the two days of Rosh Hashonah. G-d convenes the Heavenly Tribunal, where He or She will hear our prayers and determine who will live and who will die, who

will gain riches and who will be poor, and who will gain power and who will be powerless. We hear the piercing blasts of the Shofar (rams horn) both days of Rosh Hashonah. One of the world's oldest instruments, the Shofar has many meanings. It proclaims the coronation of G-d as Ruler of the Universe. It awakens us to repent and return to G-d. It reminds us of the Shofar heard on Mt. Sinai when our ancestors accepted G-d's commandments as an everlasting covenant.

It is customary to eat food symbolizing the potential sweetness and blessings of the New Year. Challah and apples are dipped in honey. After the blessing on the apple, we add "May it be your will to renew us for a good and pleasant year." Other customs include the eating of pomegranates, carrots and the head of a fish. (cont. on 2)

President's Message

Rita and I are excited to end 5772 with MaxAnna's Bat Mitzvah on September 15. It's been a good and sweet year! The girls would like to join us in wishing each of YOU an even sweeter and happier 5773!

Thanks Eileen for again hosting the congregational picnic! It rained at first, then turned into

a beautiful day. Thanks Glenn and Brian for grilling the burgers and dogs, and everyone for bringing dishes that rounded out the festive meal.

Please help me thank Sandy, Brian and Glenn for painting more railings, making Temple look even nicer for the Holidays.

Please note on page 3, the important information about security precautions we're

taking for this holiday season. While they will certainly cause some inconveniences, the expert advice we received from a former intelligence officer from Israel seems to be the right thing to do.

We're not expecting anything, and are probably being foolish, but we've decided not to take any chances.

Shalom Y'all

Jeff

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Note the special High Holiday Security Measures on page 3.

Reminder

There will be no Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner and Service in September. We'll start again in October!

Hope to see you at High Holiday Services! (schedule on page 3) Please note the special security measures.

Rabbi's Message Continued...

On the first afternoon of Rosh Hashonah, we visit a body of water or pond containing live fish. There we recite the Tashlich prayers where we symbolically cast away our sins. We will gather in front of the Chancery at 4pm on Monday Sept. 17th for our Tashlich service.

During the days between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), we are obligated to ask forgiveness from anyone we

think we have harmed in any way. The prayers we recite during the Ten Days of Repentance ask G-d to forgive our religious indiscretions. These prayers do not eliminate our responsibility to personally ask others to forgive.

After all our preparations, Selichot, and personal acts of forgiveness and being forgiven, our summation of our case before the Holy One is given on Yom Kippur beginning with the Kol Nidre prayer, Tuesday, September 25th at 6:30pm. We fast for 25 hours focusing exclusively on our renewal and strengthening of our relationship with

G-d. By the end of Neilah, when the Gates of Heaven are closed, G-d renders the verdict. It is my sincere wish that all of us become SIGNED AND SEALED in the Book of Life for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Marcia, Becky, Lara, Sam, Myles (who called me Zayda for the first time on August 29th), Robyn, Greg, our newest daughter Lisa, and I wish all of our Temple family a Happy and Sweet New Year. Shana Tova u'metuka.

See you in shul,
Rabbi Marty

Sisterhood

Special thanks to Rosalie and Michael Slute for sponsoring the Kiddush on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. The Slutes, along with their son Dr. Dennis Gaeta and his family, will be visiting over the holidays. We always enjoy the time they spend with us! Many thanks to Felicia Martinez and Leo Vaytsman for contributing the flowers for Rosh Hashanah in memory of Felicia's mother. 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.

Kathy and Yaakov Schmadl continue to spoil us at Kiddush with their tasty salads and Yaakov's beautiful challah. Thank you! Thanks also to Jim Barten for keeping us supplied with grape juice. If you are among the "Anonymous Angels" who surprise us with gifts of cookies, fruit, and such, thank you! We have enjoyed these delicious treats!

Thank you to Jeff Hanson for helping us with clean and organize areas throughout the shul for the holidays and to Barry Langlieb (Louise's son who is visiting from Hawaii) for repairing the plaster in the social hall.

As the High Holidays approach, consider a gift to the Sisterhood that will enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai throughout 5773! Honor life cycle events, birthdays or anniversaries, or any occasion by sponsoring a Kiddush or sending a contribution that can be used to purchase food, flowers, or the other special touches that make Shabbat and the holidays sweet and enjoyable. If you'd like to schedule a Kiddush, give Rita a call! Just reserve your date, tell us about the occasion/honors, and let us take care of the details. The suggested contribution is a minimum of \$36 for dairy luncheon and \$54 for meat luncheon, however any amount is appreciated.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen

Donations

General Support

Mary Vite

In Memory of Beverly Sklansky

Max Gordon

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Adelberg

Yaakov and Kathy Schmadl

In Honor of Vera Ruffalo's Birthday

Yaakov and Kathy Schmadl

In Memory of Beverly Sklansky

Miriam Noll

In Memory of Aleck Kofsky

Roberta Jacobs

Rosh Hashanah Flowers in Memory of

Felicia Martinez' Mother

Felicia Martinez and Leo Vaytsman

Yom Kippur Flowers In Memory of David Hulbert, Etta and Nathan Hulbert, and Leonard Hulbert, Bernard Hulbert, Norman Gordon, and Leonard Gordon

Ruth Hulbert

In Honor of Miguel Barajas' Birthday

Vera Ruffalo

In Honor of Norm Levin's Birthday

Vera Ruffalo

In Honor of Sarah Levin's Birthday

Ellen Lowe

In Honor of MaxAnna Collen's Bat-Mitzvah

Vera Ruffalo

In Memory of Etta Hulbert

Mrs. Bernard Hulbert

In Memory of Ilene Levin

Mrs. Bernard Hulbert

A Prayer Book in Honor of Greg and Lisa Adelberg's Marriage

Max Gordon

In Memory of Myron and Betty Goldberg

Vicki Goldberg Nelson

A Prayer Book in Honor of Steve Platt's 70th Birthday

Max Gordon

Yahrzeits		Herbert Rudolf	22
Week of August 31		Anna H. Grust	22
Rebecca Small	31	William Seft	22
Sarah F. Bassewitz	5	Pfc. Harvey R. Shovers	23
Lillian R. Kronson	5	Jeanne Swain Baum	23
Bessie Gelin	6	Nette Sunshine	25
Week of September 7		Rose Gorsky	26
Hyman Wolfman	9	Ruth Rissman	26
Anna Blitstein	10	Week of September 28	
Marjorie Gottlieb	10	Esther Levin	28
Sylvia Schwartz	10	Alex Sideman	28
Bernard Goldstein	11	Marjorie Wolfman	28
Samuel Kiselow	11	Charles Gordon	29
I. Wolf Mark	11	Louis Philip Seft	29
Genesse Levin	12	Samuel Friedman	30
Week of September 14		Herman Gold	30
David Davidson	14	Benjamin Wolfman	30
Arnold L. Marks	14	Morris Gottlieb	1
Louis Levitt	16	Vilma Donner	2
Louis Sidran	16	Benjamin Singer	2
Ralph Feiges	17	Frances S. Laufman	3
Israel Kanshepolsky	17	Nathan Blitstein	4
Alice Marx	17	Nellie Rozumoff	4
V. Daniel Smith	17	Ethel Seft	4
Morris Kaufman	18	Sadie Tabaksman	4
Gordon Weiss	19	Copies of the 5773 New Year's Greeting/Book of Memory will be available on Rosh Hashanah and online at www.bethisraelsinai.org.	
Week of September 21			
Marian Lang	21		
Lillian Waisman	21		

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

September 7 - 6:57 PM
 September 14 - 6:44 PM
 September 21 - 6:32 PM
 September 28 - 6:19 PM
 October 5 - 6:07 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

High Holiday Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sunday 9/16/12 - 8:00PM
 Rosh Hashanah - First Day - Monday 9/17/12 - 9:30AM
 Rosh Hashanah - Tashlich - Monday 9/17/12 - 4:00PM
 Rosh Hoshanah - Second Day - Tuesday 9/18/12 - 9:30AM
 Kol Nidre - Tuesday 9/25/12 - 6:30PM
 Yom Kippur - Morning Service - Wednesday 9/26/12 - 9:00AM
 Yom Kippur - Afternoon Service - Wednesday 9/26/12 - 4:30PM
 Yom Kippur - Fast Ends - 7:20PM

*******SPECIAL HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY MEASURES*******

- 1. The parking lot will only be accessible from Wisconsin Ave. We will be blocking the Main Street entrance.**
- 2. Only the back door will be open and will be staffed by armed security. You may be asked to identify yourself.**
- 3. We'll have additional security personnel walking around the building.**

A Few Picnic Pictures!





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Join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat
2	3	4	5	6 Hebrew & Adult Ed.	7	8 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Selichot Service 9:00PM
9	10	11	12	13 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	14	15 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Kiddush sponsored by Collen Family — MaxAnna Collen's Bat Mitzvah 6:00 PM
16 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 PM	17 Rosh Hashanah Service 9:30 AM Tashlich Service 4:00PM	18 Rosh Hashanah Service 9:30AM Kiddush sponsored by Slute Family	19	20 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	21	22 Shabbat Services 9:45AM Kiddush sponsored by Eileen Schroeder for Norm Levin's 95th birthday
23	24	25 Kol Nidre 6:30PM	26 Yom Kippur Services 9:00AM	27 Hebrew & Adult Ed.	28	29 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
30	1 October Sukkot Begins	2	3	4 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	5	6 Shabbat Services 9:45AM