

Beth Israel Sinai Congregation Newsletter Iyar-Sivan 5770

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The following advice is offered by Rabbi Simcha Ben Samuel, a student of the Torah commentator Rashi, in his 12th century High Holiday prayer book, the Mahzor Vitry. How does the penitent improve concentration during prayers? Pronounce each word carefully, one at a time and concentrate on the meaning of each word- the whole purpose of this being to get closer to G-d.

But before one can get closer to G-d, one must first attempt to define G-d. G-d is omniscient. G-d transcends any single definition and encompasses qualities labeled by humans as both good and bad. G-d is everything and corporeally nothing. G-d's goodness and fury are unlimited. While G-d cannot be seen or touched, G-d's wonders can be seen every time a baby is born and a person dies. G-d's wonders can be seen with the change of seasons, from the first flake of snow to the blossoming of Spring's first flowers. Rosh Hashanah, the day of the birth of the human race, represents creation itself. As the Rosh Hashanah Mussaf liturgy states: "This day is the anniversary of the start of your handiwork, a remembrance of the first day." And it was from the first day, with the creation of Adam and Eve, that mankind would choose to obey or deny G-d. This stark choice has confounded the human race down to the present. G-d chose the day of Rosh Hashanah as the annual day of judgment to determine which of us has lived up to our full potential to create good in the world and who has not. On this day G-d determines who has lived up to the universal principles of morality and justice contained in the Torah and who has not. Has one eased the pain of his fellow man or intensified it? Has one wisely used the physical and spiritual resources available? Has one prayed from the heart or merely vocalized the words? The judgment of Rosh Hashanah involves the weighing of these infinite opportunities. With each mighty blast of the shofar, we are awakened from our spiritual lethargy. Our Torah teaches us that each individual has the potential to be better than the loftiest angel or sink lower than an animal. In Deuteronomy it states, "Behold I have set before you both a blessing and a curse. "How will you choose to live your life in the coming year?

High Holidays come early this year. Selichot Services will be held on Saturday evening, September 4th at 9 PM. A guest speaker and refreshments will precede services beginning at 8PM. We look forward to your participation. As a community of committed Jews, may we continue our journey in 5771 towards truly deserving the titles of "G-d's" chosen people and "a cultural light to the nations." Rosh Hashanah begins this year on Wed. Sept. 7th at 8PM. Our ritual chairman, Max Gordon, has sent out forms to find out which parts of the service you would like to participate in. Your past involvement in our "Tefila" (prayer) has helped to beautify our service over the last decade. I look forward to your participation this year as well.

See You in Shul!
Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

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AVAILABLE AT OUR
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WWW.BETHISRAELSINAI.ORG
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BETHISRAELSINAI@ATT.NET

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It has been a fun summer, a bit warmer and more humid than the past couple, but all in all we've had decent weather! We continue, even through the summer to have great attendance at services and the after service study session have been very enjoyable. If you've not made it down, join us for services, Kiddush and study... great fun!

Joel Chasnoff's visit was well received, he was funny as well as informative and some interesting questions were posed.

If you've not received it already, in the next few days you can expect to receive your annual dues statement. As discussed at the annual meeting, there will be a small increase in the dues this year. We do need everyone to continue to pay their fair share, and to do so promptly. The board thanks you all for your continued support.

You've already received your listing for the New Years Greeting Book. With the holidays approaching very quickly please get your updates in by August 7th. If you need a copy of what you've listing was in the past, please call (262.633.7093) or email (bethisraelssinai@att.net) Julie You've also received from Max, the opportunity to help with the High Holiday services. Please return your confirmation to him or the temple by August 4th, to be included in the fun!

We'll be starting a new section in the newsletter for simchas and we hope a quicker way to be aware of tsuris. More information is in the newsletter.

With the holidays so early this year, we've struggled to set up an August picnic, but we've worked out an opportunity. Rita suggested we do it at our house, so... you're all invited on Sunday, August 22nd, at 4pm. The address is 2811 N. Main St. Please RSVP to Julie by the 20th.

Lastly, we're looking at planning a 10th anniversary celebration for Rabbi Adelberg sometime in early November. Be on the lookout for more info!

Shalom,
Jeff

AUGUST CANDLELIGHTING

Friday, August 6	7:47 PM
Friday, August 13	7:38 PM
Friday, August 20	7:27 PM
Friday, August 27	7:16 PM

Yahrzeits July 31 to August 6:

E.L. (Don) Donovitz	July 31
Anna Davidson	July 31
Grace Daneman	July 31
Max Tabaksman	July 31
Peggy Metzger	Aug. 3
Albert W. Levin	Aug. 3
Anna Marvin	Aug. 4
Dora Noll	Aug. 4
Samuel Shapiro	Aug. 4
Morris S. Waisman	Aug. 4
Anna Grant	Aug. 5

Yahrzeits August 7 to August 13:

Aleck Kofsky	Aug. 8
Etta Hulbert	Aug. 9
Sol Fox	Aug. 10
Abraham M. Schomovitz	Aug. 10
Max Kiselow	Aug. 11
Jordan Davidson	Aug. 12
Otto D. Weiss	Aug. 12
Martin Brill	Aug. 13
Leah Lifschutz	Aug. 13
Lillian Schulman	Aug. 13

Yahrzeits August 14 to August 20:

Max Bloch	Aug. 14
Samuel Feldman	Aug. 14
Bobby Kaplan	Aug. 15
Frank J. Shovers	Aug. 15
Bluma Jacobson	Aug. 16
Sgt. Norman H. Gordon	Aug. 17
Anna Tannenbaum	Aug. 17

Yahrzeits August 21 to August 27:

Max Gordon	Aug. 21
Sarah P. Mark	Aug. 21
Henry Shapiro	Aug. 21
Harry Frank	Aug. 22
Dr. Arthur Grant	Aug. 22
Louis Kraft	Aug. 22
Rebecca Small	Aug. 23

Yahrzeits August 28 to Sept. 3:

Sarah F. Bassewitz	Aug. 28
Lillian R. Kronson	Aug. 28
Bessie Gelin	Aug. 29
Hyman Wolfman	Sept. 1
Anna Blitstein	Sept. 2
Marjorie Gottlieb	Sept. 2
Bernard Goldstein	Sept. 3
Samuel Kiselow	Sept. 3
I Wolf Mark	Sept. 3

Temple News

To B.I.S.

Mary Soley

Anonymous

Jennifer Menghe

Roger and Ellen Lowe

Judith and Joel Roher

In Honor of Arthur Gardner's 100th Birthday

Elyse and Jay Gordon

Double Chai In Memory of Fran Jacobson
Stein and Diane Henken

Karen Knoell

To Our Hebrew School

Kenosha-Racine Jewish Welfare Fund

A Generous Donation to Keep the Synagogue
Alive in Racine

Mark Hertzberg

In Memory of My Father Aleck Kofsky

Roberta Jacobs

In Memory of Robert Michelson

Carrie Michelson

A Very Generous Donation

The Estate of Jean Dorman

In Memory of My Parents, Myron and Betty
Goldberg

Vicki Nelson

In Appreciation of the Introduction to Judaism
Class

Anonymous

Contributions by congregants and others are really appreciated; however, please keep in mind that mitzvahs remembered should not only be memorials. Also remember loved ones' mitzvahs (birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc.) with a donation to our congregation

Kenosha-Racine Jewish Welfare Fund Annual Campaign is Underway

Every year, KRJWF collects funds to support our local, national, and global communities through donations to numerous groups, including: summer camp scholarships, the Shalom Center, Milwaukee Jewish Home, Hillel, MAZON, United Jewish Communities and the Anti-Defamation League. The KRJWF helps to demonstrate the strength of our Jewish community in SE Wisconsin. Your pledge card will arrive in October, along with an invitation to the annual brunch/speaker/meeting event in November. For more information, please contact Loren Meyer, drloren@ameritech.net Please be generous, *mip'nei tikkun ha-olam*.

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S U N		M O N		T U E		W E D		T H U		F R I		S A T	
1		2		3		4		5		6	<i>Hebrew and Adult Ed. Class</i>	7	Service 9:45 AM
8		9		10		11		12		13	<i>Hebrew and Adult Ed. Class</i>	14	Service 9:45 AM
15		16		17		18		19		20	<i>Hebrew and Adult Ed. Class</i>	21	Service 9:45 AM
22	Congregational Picnic 4PM	23	Jewish Welfare Council Meeting 7PM	24		25		26		27	<i>Hebrew and Adult Ed. Class</i>	28	Service 9:45 AM
29		30		31									

NEW YEAR GREETING BOOK ORDER FORM

Dear Congregants and Friends;

It is once again time to place your ad in our New Year Greeting Book. Please fill out the bottom of this page and send with your payment no later than August 5th, 2010. We have to keep to this deadline to ensure the book gets to the printer in time. This year, all ads, both greetings and memorials, will be the same price. Buy more ads and save.

1 ad-\$18 2 ads-\$36 3-4 ads-\$54 5-6 ads-\$72 7-10 ads-\$90

YOUR NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

GREETINGS

I WOULD LIKE MY AD(S) TO READ:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

MEMORIALS

I WOULD LIKE MY MEMORIAL(S) TO READ:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS ON THIS FORM OR YOUR CHECK IN CASE THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.



HADASSAH NEWS

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Donations

DONATION ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED.

PLEASE CONTACT SARAH LEVIN TO
MAKE A GIFT TO HADASSAH

H.I.E.S., Youth Aliyah, Young Judea,
HMO, Children's Pavilion, Shares
Cards \$5.00
Shares \$10.00
Children's Pavilion \$5.00 & \$10.00
Certificates \$18.00
Trees (JNF) Certificates

Sarah Levin 886-9331

Sidnee Nerad 551-0406

Sisterhood

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are always gratefully accepted. Please continue to remember the Sisterhood Fund, the Floral Fund, and the Prayer Book Fund, as well as the fund to purchase the new *Etz Hayim*, when you consider donations to the Temple. Contributions are encouraged in honor of a special person, of a special life cycle event, or in memory of a loved one, friend, or neighbor. Just designate your contribution to this fund. Thanks!

Sisterhood purchases prayer books, provides flowers for the bema, and coordinates and provides refreshments for the Saturday morning Kiddush, as well as sponsoring onegs and planning special events for our holidays. We are always open for suggestions of what we can further do to make your membership more meaningful.



In support of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation's cultural events

Eileen Schroeder

Anonymous

In Memory of Wendy Jacobson's Father

Edith Isenberg

In Honor of Judy Roher's new grandchild

Edith Isenberg

To make a contribution
please call Rita Collen
262-752-0223

Or mail contributions to
2811 N. Main St.
Racine, WI 53402

Sisterhood Chairs:

Rita Collen, Jane Brosseau