

Beth Israel Sinai Congregation Newsletter

March 2010



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RABBI'S MESSAGE

According to a recent released preference poll, more Jews identify with Passover than any other Jewish holiday- including Yom Kippur. This should not come as a surprise since Jews have historically suffered more than any other nation. Furthermore, Jews have been in the van guard of every major freedom movement. Jews rebelled against the tyranny of Pharaoh, Antiochus, Achashvaerus and Rome. Jews were mercilessly slaughtered by Crusaders and Inquisitors. Liberal and Democratic, Socialist, Communist, and Anarchistic movements had Jews in leadership positions. A Jewish lawyer established the NAACP. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King walked together in Selma, Alabama. Protests against the war in Vietnam were often led by Jewish students. Jews have not only tasted their own "bread of affliction," but have tasted that of all nations.

"With an outstretched arm, G-d took the children of Israel from servitude to freedom." How far our ancestors had descended since the time of Joseph. Our forbearers had become prosperous sheep herders, businessmen, and government officials. They inhabited the most fertile areas in the plain of Goshen.

To their subsequent dismay, "there arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph." The ancient Israelites were plunged into an era of servitude and degradation. As slaves, they built the magnificent pyramids ascending from the desert sands. Straw was not even provided to make the bricks used to build the pyramids. Many died of starvation. Only a Moses could lead them to freedom. Only G-d would provide them with the world's most magnificent document, the Torah, which would enable the twelve tribes to coalesce as the nation of Israel.

To prepare for Passover, like our ancestors before us, we create an environment similar to that of almost 3600 years ago. Though the sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb ceased after the destruction of the second Temple, we judiciously follow the biblical injunction prohibiting the eating of "Chometz" (leaven). But this involves far more than eating Matzah, the "bread of affliction" baked in haste by the children of Israel

prior to their exodus from Egypt. It also involves making sure that we do not ingest any products containing even a trace of chometz. This includes any food or drink containing wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives, which is forbidden on Passover because it is leavened or fermented. Foods containing any of these ingredients cannot be certified as "Kosher for Passover." We must neither eat, sell, nor even have any of these products in our possession during the eight days of Pesach. With the exception of fresh fruits and most vegetables (excluding legumes), all prepackaged foods and drinks must have a UP, KP, or another reliable supervising authority to be considered edible during the holiday. Examples of forbidden foods in addition to these mentioned above include breakfast cereals, licorice, most candy bars, pasta, vinegar, beer, and whiskey.

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AVAILABLE AT OUR
WEBSITE,
WWW.BETHISRAELSINAI.ORG

OR SEND US A
MESSAGE AT
BETHISRAELSINAI@ATT.NET

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Rabbi's message continued...

To ensure that all the "chometz" is removed, both food items and utensils used during the year are stored away in closets that will be either locked or taped shut. You will sell this chometz temporarily to a non-Jew (forms are available in the Temple office and contained in this month's B.I.S. newsletter).

The entire house is then cleaned, purging it of all crumbs and small pieces of food. Don't overlook desks, drawers, your car, and the office. Special attention is given to cleaning the kitchen which has been used for chometz during the entire year. A separate set of dishes is used for Pesach only. For those wishing to "Kasher" their kitchens for Passover, please see the enclosed flyer. All are invited to help "Kasher" the Temple kitchen on Sunday, March 21st at 10 A.M.

On the evening of Sunday, March 28th, after all preparations for the holiday have been completed, we conduct a final inspection of our homes for chametz. This is burned (or discarded outside of the house) on the morning of Monday, March 29th. No chometz may be eaten after 10:30 a.m. central time on Monday, March 29th. After that we eat only Kosher for Pesach foods, but no matzah. Like our ancestors before us, we taste of the "bread of affliction" must only begin during the Passover Seder.

Also, please remember that it says in the Haggadah, "Let all who are hungry come and eat." Even the poorest individuals should experience freedom from hunger during Pesach. Donations to "Ma'ot Chittum," "Tikkun Olam," and other funds providing relief to the poor should receive our generous contributions. Should you be

aware of any local Jews unable to afford Passover provisions, please have them call the Temple so I can arrange assistance for them. There is no greater mitzvah!

On behalf of Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Lara, Gregory, and myself, I would like to wish all of our Temple family a "Chag Kosher v' Sameach," a Happy and Kosher Passover.

May we all continue to grow spiritually from strength to strength.

Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

President's Message

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? Yes, there is still plenty of snow on the ground, but Spring is definitely around the corner. And that means Purim and Passover. We just had a great Megillah reading followed by delicious hamentaschen. Thanks to Rabbi for leading the service and providing the vittles.

As you may realize, all the Holidays are a bit earlier this year. Our Congregational Seder is on Tuesday March 30, on the second night of Passover. Please get your reservations in to Julie as soon as possible. As we initiated last year, there is an opportunity to endow portions of the Seder. We appreciate your generosity, as this allows us to keep the admission fee low so that all can attend.

Shalom

Joshua Bloom

Temple News

DONATIONS

To B.I.S.

Alvin and Betty Shovers

In Memory of Myron Schuster

Blanche Kahn, Diana Kahn and Heidi Elson

In Memory of Sgt. Leonard Hulbert

Mrs. Bernard Hulbert and family

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Myron Schuster upon his recent passing.



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

Please join us for "Introduction to Judaism" Classes!

Beginning Thursday April 8th and continuing for the next 5 Thursdays from 8-9PM.

Tell your friends and neighbors, this class is open to the entire community!

In lieu of a set tuition, a generous donation to B.I.S.'s Education Fund is suggested. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Temple office at (262) 633-7093. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 29th.

	<p align="center">BETH ISRAEL SINAI CONGREGATIONAL</p> <p align="center">PASSOVER SEDER Tuesday, March 30, 2010</p> <p align="center">6:00 p.m.</p>	
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COST

\$18.00 per adult

\$15.00 for seniors

\$10.00 for children 3 to 10 years

No charge for children under 3 years old.

Seating will be assigned. We will try to accommodate requests for seating arrangements but cannot guarantee them. If you have a seating preference, please include it on your reservation slip. For any questions, please call or email the temple office at 633-7093 or bethisraelsinai@att.net. Make checks payable to Beth Israel Sinai Congregation and drop off with the slip below or mail to the temple before the deadline.

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE OFFERING INDIVIDUALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERWRITE PORTIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY SEDER! THIS IS A MEANINGFUL WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEMPLE'S GREATEST YEARLY OUTREACH DINNER. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE MAY BULLETIN. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS GREAT WAY TO GIVE.

BUY A QUESTION- \$18

FISH FOR ONE TABLE- \$18

ENTRÉE FOR ONE TABLE- \$72

MATZAH-FOR ONE TABLE \$18

WINE FOR ONE TABLE- \$36

COMMUNITY SEDER FRIEND- ANY AMOUNT

***FEEL FREE TO SPONSER AS MANY TABLES AS YOU WOULD LIKE!!!**

Deadline for reservations: *Tuesday, March 23, 2010

RABBI'S SEDER



**Monday, March 29th
At 7:00 PM**

at

**BETH ISRAEL SINAI
944 MAIN STREET
RACINE, WI**

**Call 633-7093
For reservations**

MARCH CANDLELIGHTING

Friday, March 5	5:28 PM
Friday, March 12	5:36 PM
Friday, March 19	5:45 PM
Friday, March 26	5:53 PM
Friday, April 2	6:00 PM

Yahrzeits Feb. 27 to March 5:

Samuel A. Grant	Feb. 27
Emily Alperovitz	Feb. 28
Foster Gould	Feb. 28
Rashe Berson	Feb. 28
Ben Kaplan	March 1
Moses H. Rubin	March 2
Goldie Shlimovitz	March 2
Sarah Blitstein	March 3
Fanny Alperovitz	March 4
David Alperovitz	March 4
Joseph A. Dunya	March 4
Louis Gorsky	March 5
Sarah Silverman	March 5

Yahrzeits March 6 to March 12:

Reuben A. Gorsky	March 6
E. Adrain Silver	March 6
Philip Waisman	March 7
Rabbi Hyman Cohen	March 7
Harold Levin	March 8
Bertha Sobodkin	March 8
David Merens	March 9
George Stern	March 10
Dr. Mark Temkin	March 10
David Isaac Gordon	March 10
Anne Kraft Seidita	March 10
Ben Silver	March 10
Rose S. Wiener	March 11
Charles Greenberg	March 11
Ben Marvin	March 12
Irving Matthew Silver	March 12
Emma Sweed	March 12

Yahrzeits March 13 to March 19:

Arthur J. Kraft	March 13
Reeva Dorman	March 13
Harold S. Browne	March 13
Colette Schaefer	March 13
William Woolf	March 14
Mildred Shovers	March 14

Rela Markovits	March 15
Louis Shapiro	March 15
Benjamin Grant	March 16
Benton Kaufman	March 18
Leo H. Finsky	March 19
Morris Gerol	March 19
Bessie Luby	March 19

Yahrzeits March 20 to March 26:

Charles Wollman	March 20
Alice Wolfman	March 21
Sol M. Dorman	March 23
Rose Grant	March 24
David Hulbert	March 24
Edward Dunya Silver	March 26

Yahrzeits March 27 to April 2:

Rose I. Kraft	March 27
Ise Blitstein	March 27
Joseph L. Waisman	March 27
Manny S. Brown	March 28
Alec Sheft	March 28
Sarah Sheft	March 28
Rabbi Abraham Cohen	March 29
Kenneth Speyer	March 29
Rachel Belle Gordon	March 30
Sari Johanna Prowler	April 1
Frank J. Schwartz	April 1

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Hebrew and Adult Ed. Clas- ses	5	6 Service 9:45 AM
7	8	9	10	11 Hebrew and Adult Ed.	12	13 Service 9:45 AM
14	15	16	17	18 Hebrew and Adult Ed.	19	20 Service 9:45 AM
21	22	23	24	25 Hebrew and Adult Ed.	26	27 Service 9:45 AM
28	29 Rabbi's Seder 7 PM	30 Congregational Seder 6 PM	31			



HADASSAH NEWS

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DONATIONS

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

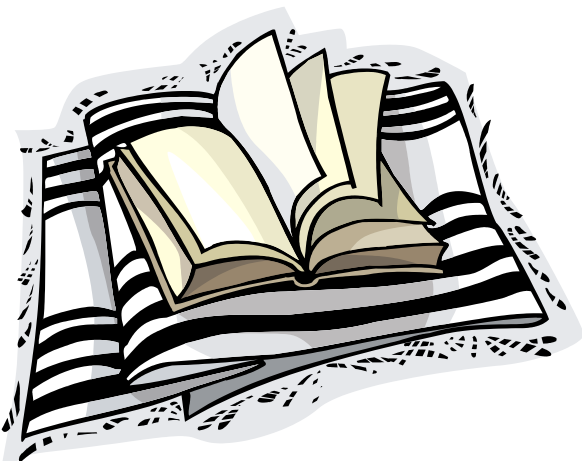
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Sisterhood

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.

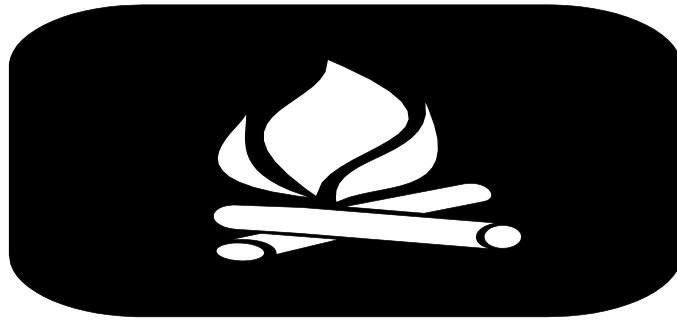


Sisterhood Fund:	min.	\$5.00
Sisterhood Floral Fund:	min.	\$30.00
Prayer Book Fund:	min.	\$25.00
<i>Etz Hayim</i> :		\$55.00

To make a contribution, please call
Rita Collen
262-752-0223
Or mail contributions to 2811 N. Main St.
Racine, WI 53402

Sisterhood Chair: Jane Brosseau

THINK SPRING...THINK SUMMER...



THINK CAMP...

We are again announcing that camp scholarships will be available from the David Schaefer Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund. The following are the criteria for your child to be eligible this coming summer for a scholarship to any Jewish camp of your choice:

The scholarship is open to any child or grandchild of a member in good standing of Beth Israel Sinai.


Each child will speak to the congregation or Sunday School about his/her camp experience in the fall.

The total money available will be divided up among the applicants so as to cover one-half of the camp tuition. The deadline for applying is May 31, 2010. We urge any interested parents to call the Temple for further information or applications.

SALE OF LEAVEN

At Passover, as Jews celebrate the exodus of the Jewish slaves from Egypt, it is traditional not to possess or own chametz—leaven or items containing leaven, such as yeast or items made with or containing yeast or other leavening agents. This commemorates the fact that the escaping Israelites had no time to make bread by the more time-consuming techniques using yeast, and instead ate unleavened bread. Even though it is customary at Passover to remove all leaven from the home, some are concerned that it may not be possible to find and remove every crumb. In addition, some business owners may find it difficult if not impossible to remove all leavened products from their place of business. Consequently, the custom has developed of selling leaven, or chametz, to non-Jews prior to Pesach, and re-purchasing it again after Passover.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Martyn Adelberg of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation to sell all leaven in my possession for Passover 5770 in accordance with Jewish law and tradition.

NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY		ZIP	
SIGNATURE			 בדיקת חמץ

Deadline for Chametz Sale: Please Fill Out This Form and Submit it to the BIS Office with \$1.00 No Later Than 12:00 Noon, March 22, 2010.