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Our thoughts go out to the family of June S. Harris, a former member, who passed away last month

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RABBI ADELBERG'S MESSAGE

The story of Joseph portrays how one clever individual saved the Egyptian nation and the entire Middle East from starvation by storing grain during the seven years of prosperity. It is a story of how even a man sold into slavery could rise to become head of state. Estranged from his brothers who sold Joseph into slavery, it was the famine that would reunite them. Jacob's sons came to Egypt in search of food. Recognizing them, Joseph wines and dines them. They did not recognize Joseph, having thought him killed by wild animals. He places a silver goblet in Benjamin's backpack to test their reaction. After they depart, soldiers follow them and discover the goblet. Joseph orders Benjamin detained. Joseph has played a ruse upon his brothers to elicit their true intentions and true character. This places Joseph in an advantageous position. His brothers are filled with awe and fear in his presence by Joseph's regal manner.

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RABBI ADELBERG'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Chapter 44 of Genesis highlights the transformation of Judah from the brother who hoped to profit from the sale of Joseph into slavery into the father of the most significant of the 12 tribes. Our people today are referred to as "Yehudim"-Jews.

Fearing what will happen to his father Jacob should he lose his youngest son, Benjamin, Judah eloquently asks; "We have an old father, and there is a child of his old age, the youngest; his full brother is dead, so that he alone is left of his mother...If he were to leave him, his father would die." (vs. 20,22)

Judah has become totally devoid of his earlier jealousy of Joseph that had filled his heart and the hearts of his brothers. He tries every technique possible to arouse in Joseph some semblance of compassion due to the special love of Jacob for Benjamin. First, he asks Joseph whether he has ever known the love of a brother or father (vs. 30, 31). Not sensing any immediate response, Judah offers to trade places with Benjamin and become a slave himself. He cannot bear to see "the woe that will overtake his father." Judah's appeal to Joseph's sense of compassion eventually did the trick. Joseph totally loses control and cries out: " have everyone withdraw from me!"- so he could reveal his true identity to his brothers. Though not wanting to appear undignified before Pharaoh's courtiers "his sobs were so loud the Egyptians could hear, and the news reached Pharaoh's palace." (vs., 2) The Pharaoh asks Joseph what has happened. Subsequently, in appreciation for Joseph's service as Grand Vizier, he brings Joseph and his descendants down to Egypt. It is in Egypt that the twelve tribes of Jacob will evolve into a united Hebrew people.

Our story ends, stating, "Joseph embraced his brother Benjamin around the neck and wept. He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; only then were his brothers able to talk to him." (vs. 14,15)

Now that Chanukah is over and the secular New Year has begun, we must renew our commitment to guaranteeing a traditional Jewish house of worship in Racine. A strong spiritual and personal bond has developed between the congregation and my family over the last 10 years. Whether officiating at Shabbat and holiday services, teaching our Hebrew school students, tutoring Bar and Bat Mitzvah candidates, visiting the sick or having the solemn duty of eulogizing a beloved family member, we have grown closer as a community. "Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek." May we all grow from strength to strength.

Special thanks to John Brosseau who led services on Dec. 25th in my absence. Please join me for a special kiddish luncheon on January 8th celebrating the 47th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah. During kiddush, I will discuss the evolution of the Jewish community in Maui.

Happy Secular New Year to you and your loved ones,

Rabbi Adelberg

SISTERHOOD

Your contributions to the Sisterhood help to enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai and are greatly appreciated. Contributions are used to purchase food for the onegs after services, purchase flowers for holiday services, and provide other social activities throughout the year. Your gifts can be made in honor of special events or milestones, in memory of a loved one, in appreciation, or for any purpose at all. You may also sponsor an oneg on the date of your choice. Please send contributions to Rita Collen (2811 North Main Street, Racine WI, 53402). You may also call or email Rita with any questions."

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Fri., Jan. 7 4:16 PM Fri., Jan. 14 4:24 PM

Fri., Jan. 21 4:33 PM Fri., Jan. 28 4:42PM

Yahrzeits Jan. 1 to Jan. 7

Meyer Levin Jan 1

David Gottlieb Jan 2

Martha Kleffmann Jan 2

Beverly Lichterman Jan 2

Philip D. Cohen Jan 2

Minnie Goodman Jan 3

Bertha Julian Jan 3

David Schaeffer Jan 4

Edith Kronson Jan 5

Anna L. Marks Jan 6

Dora Solomon Jan 6

Norman Richard Grant Jan 7

Edward E. Rosenzweig Jan 7

Joseph I. Levin Jan 7

Boroch Hirsh Sidran Jan 7

Yahrzeits Jan. 8th to Jan. 14h:

Julius Alperovitz Jan 9

Morris Wolf Jan 10

Harris Domsky Jan 11

Maurice Davis Jan 13

Yahrzeits Jan. 15th to Jan. 21st

Sidney Glickstein Jan 15

Hilda Popkoff Jan 15

Ethel Shovers Jan 15

Dorothy Sheikstein Jan 16

George A. Lang Jan 16

Hazel Watt Jan 16

Phil Blitstein Jan 17

Meyer Gottlieb Jan 17

Fanny Kluk Jan 17

Idah Schwartz Jan 18

Sophie Shovers Jan 18

Sgt. Leonard Hulbert Jan 19

Ruth Grant Gordon Jan 19

Samuel G. Laufman Jan 20

Tillie Sideman Jan 20

Elizabeth Goldberg Jan 21

Yahrzeit Jan. 22nd to Jan. 28th

Kathryn Raftenberg Jan22

Max Grust Jan 23

Harold Tabaksman Jan 23

Esther Gottlieb Jan 24

Isadore Milch Jan 24

Bertha Waisman Jan 24

Joseph Popkoff Jan 25

David Shovers Jan 25

Julius Lichterman Jan 25

Oscar Shovers Jan 25

Eva Gorsky Jan 26

Manfred Oelsner Jan 26

Edith Seft Jan 26

Yahrzeit Jan 29th to Feb. 4th

Joseph Magner Jan 30

Zachary Dorman Jan 31

Joseph L. Harris Jan 31

Jane Kiselow Jan 31

Gertrude Fishbain Jan 31

Frank Shovers Jan 31

George S. Cohen Jan 31

Eli Hulbert Feb 1

Mary Soref Feb 1

Rose Kaminal Feb 1

Darnold Blivas Feb 2

Beverly Schuster Feb 3

Marc Lee Silver Feb 3

Paul Kaplan Feb 3

Joseph I. Donner Feb 4

Sam Fishbain Feb 4

Solomon Levin Feb 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year… Welcome to 2011!!!

I can't help myself, but special thanks again to Rebecca Bloom and those who worked with her for an exceptional Chanukah get together. The food was excellent and the fellowship outstanding. We even had some visitors and guests. I know they enjoyed the event also! Thanks also to the many of you who contributed to the event by sponsoring tables or other portions of the festivities.

Please make sure that you have marked Sunday, February 20th at 2:00 PM on your calendar for our next BIG event. It's time to celebrate Rabbi Adelberg's 10 years at Beth Israel Sinai. We'll have music, food and more. It should be great fun, be there!

I'd like to mention how quickly the last 6 months have gone as President of the congregation. It's been a pleasure to work with all of you. Thanks to exceptional help from board members, who have responded to the tasks brilliantly, temple operations have gone smoothly. Though there's still some strategic planning to do, by continuing the path that Josh had us headed on, we've been headed in the right direction.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all many times in the next year, and of course there will be many opportunities! Purim isn't that far off, and Passover is right behind.

Thank you all for your participation in helping to keep Beth Israel Sinai a vibrant congregation, and again… Happy New Year!

Shalom

Jeff Collen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *Service 9:45 AM*
2	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8* *Service 9:45 AM*
9	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*	*14* *mail back your RSVP's for Rabbi's party!*	*15* *Service 9:45 AM*
16	*17*	*18*	*19*	*20*	*21*	*22* *Tu B' Shevat* *Service 9:45 AM*
23 / 30	*24* / 31	*25*	*26*	*27*	*28*	*29* *Service 9:45 AM*