

# Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

## Rabbi's Message

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Last Shabbat was one of the only unplanned Saturday mornings I have been absent from Beth Israel Sinai in over fifteen years. On October 24th, my daughter, Robyn and son-in-law, Joe were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, Joslyn Renee. Our third grandchild weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19.75 inches long. When she cries, she sounds like a little "chazzan." What can I say? Like Zaide, like granddaughter. Myles and Mollie are delighted with their new baby cousin, as are Becky, Lara and Sam, and Greg and Lisa with their new niece. Speaking of Greg and Lisa, they will be blessing Marcia and me with our fourth grandchild in early March 2016. Things just keep getting better and better.

Greg related to me about a week ago the following story: Avrum entered his local church on Sunday morning. After finding a comfortable pew near the altar, he proceeded to take out his tallis, tefilin and siddur. As Avrum started to daven (pray), the church deacon an-

nounced, "Our church service is about to begin. Will all non-Christians please leave the premises?" Absorbed in his prayers, Avrum did not hear the announcement. Realizing this, in a louder voice, the deacon shouted, "Will all non-Christians please leave the premises?" Avrum once again did not move. Exasperated, the deacon walks up to Avrum and yells, "Will all JEWS leave the church?" This Avrum heard. He quickly packed up his tallis, tefilin and prayerbook; but before leaving, he ran up to the altar, grabbed the baby Jesus and declared, "Come on BUBBELA, we are not wanted here."

How far we have come in our relations with our Christian and Moslem neighbors. Recently, I attended a Faith Leaders workshop convened by Mayor John Dickert. Issues were discussed on how to improve the image of Racine, the economic divide between rich and poor, the state of the family, education of our children and institutional racism. It is important that

Beth Israel Sinai is represented in such forums. It is important that leaders of all faiths work together for the benefit of the entire community. Our group will convene again in early January. Through our discussions, we hope to make Racine not only a better place for ALL its residents, but a lakeside bedroom community attracting newcomers from the Milwaukee and Chicago areas. INDEED, we "are our brother's keeper."

See you in shul,  
Rabbi Marty

## Thanksgiving

In wondering if there were Jewish prayers for Thanksgiving, I ran across a website called JewishBoston.com and found an article titled "Are There Jewish Prayers for Thanksgiving?" by Ask A Rabbi. Of the many listed, several of which were Psalms, I found I liked the following one best. I think you will agree. Joyce Katzman.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We gather today, Lord of abundant life, as grateful children. Delighted and humbled by our bounty, we celebrate gifts of food and shelter, of colors that dance at dawn and dusk; we relish the scent of cooking foods, of burning leaves and summer's wet grass, of snowflake, of animal fur. We marvel at the intricacy of spiders' webs and fish bones, newborn babies and lines etched on faces of grandparents come for a visit today. All gifts from Your hand. When our meal is completed, leftovers stashed and naps taken, we will leave replete, energized and eager to go generously into the world and share our good fortune.

Author Unknown



## *Sisterhood*

Thank you for all the donations and sponsorships for kiddush. On October 31st, Eileen Schroeder sponsored a kiddush in honor of Jim Barten's birthday. On November 7th, Joanne Williams and her guests will sponsor a kiddush. And on November 14th, Jim Barten will sponsor a kiddush in honor of his AA birthday.

With your generous support, we will be able to continue having great food. We can always use paper products, coffee, tea or any food that has a kosher hesker. To sponsor a kiddush, call Joyce Placzkowski at 262-945-7675, or talk to any board member. A meat kiddush costs \$100, a dairy kiddush costs \$50. Gift cards are always welcome.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in the kitchen with cooking, clean up or shopping. In November we will not have a Shabbat dinner because of Thanksgiving Day the following week.

## *President's Message*

Happy Autumn to all my Beth Israel Sinai friends.

First, I must commend Joyce Placzkowski for all her hard work that made our wine tasting event at Uncorkt on Sunday, October 25th a rousing success. It was attended by approximately thirty people who tasted a lot of wine, purchased many bottles of wine and spent a generous amount of money at our silent auction. I hope our next event will be as successful as the wine tasting. Once again, thanks, Joyce.

Second, on Saturday, November 7th we will be having twenty guests coming from the Theological Book Study group from Atonement Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Racine for our Shabbat service at 9:45am. I would like to see a large turnout of our members (many more than a minion, I hope) to welcome these visitors.

Third, at our last board meeting, Bob Katzman was appointed controller. He will work with treasurer, Max Gordon, in approving all bills and disbursements. Max also gave a treasurer's report; we are in need of donations.

Finally, our annual Hanukkah dinner will be on Sunday, December 13th. Come one and all for good food and a great time. Hope to see you soon...Shelly

## *Acknowledgements*

~ Glenn Gordon, donation for wine tasting  
 ~ Linda Hulbert, general donation  
 ~ Susan Rosner, general donation  
 ~ Jim Barten, for Nov. 14th kiddush in honor of his AA birthday  
 ~ Warren and Joanne Williams, for Nov. 7th kiddush  
 ~ Leah Grant, HH Appeal  
 ~ Max Gordon, in honor of Marcia Adelberg and Joanne Williams birthdays

~ Eileen Schroeder, in honor of Jim Barten's birthday, and general donation

~ Max Gordon, in memory of Arthur Gardner

~ Joyce Placzkowski, general donation

~ Eileen Schroeder, general donation

~ Debra Unser, in memory of Portia Rothschild

~ Max Gordon, in memory of Portia Rothschild

## *Birthdays*

November  
 Marcia Adelberg

December  
 Joyce Placzkowski  
 Marion Sperer



**Yahrzeits**

**Week of November 7  
Cheshvan**

- Donald Wiener 2
- Fred Dingfelder 2
- Fannie Schwartz 2
- Henry Dorman 2
- Leah Seft 2
- Julius Goldstein 4
- Margaret Soref 5
- Edward Alan Sideman 6
- Esther Domsky 7
- Gladys Gottlieb 7

**Week of November 14**

- Abraham Goldberg 8
- Claire Wellman 8
- Hilda Levitt 10
- John Niemiec 10
- Joseph E. Redler 10
- Jack Gelin 11
- Barbara Fabian 12

**Kislev**

- Esther Levin 13
- Sarah Cohen 13
- Chaica Wolfman 13

**Week of November 21**

- Bertha Gold 15
- Sylvia Goldstein 17
- Maurice Silverman 17

- Leonard P. Baumblatt 20
- Joseph C. Frank 21
- Samuel M. Tabaksman 21

**Week of November 28**

- Emil Donner 22
- Alfred Shovers 22
- Joseph Fishbain 23
- Jacob (Jack) Weinberg 23
- Jennie Levin 24
- Helen Kaplan 24
- William Rozumoff 24
- Dr. Reuben S. Grant 25
- Hannah Lippman Wolf 25
- Herman Noll 26
- Dr. Budd Gorsky 27
- Minnie Kaplan 27
- Barbara Lieberstein 27
- Dora Mitler 28

**Week of December 5**

- Mary Fishbain 29
- Alex Dorman 1
- Jacob M. Kassel 1
- Maynard Greenberg 3
- Dr. Charles Robert Bloom 4
- Myron Adelberg 5
- Lena Hoffman 5
- Shirley Levine 5
- Dr. Hymon J. Soref 5

**Shabbat Candle Lighting Times**

- November 6 - 4:19 PM
- November 13 - 4:12 PM
- November 20 - 4:06 PM
- November 27 - 4:01 PM



**Cemetery Notes**

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located at 612 Lathrop Avenue. It is a well maintained, park-like setting. A resting place for all Jews.

There is a reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish family members can be buried together.

For more information about the purchase of cemetery plots or perpetual care, please call Jim Barten at 262-886-0381

**Hadassah**

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions. Cards \$5; Shares \$10; Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10; Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18. For more information call Sarah Levin, 886-9331

**Notes from the Treasurer**

Gold Star Awards: Gross receipts from our wine tasting fund raiser were just shy of \$1,000. All who participated deserve thanks from the entire congregation.

Bad News from R.F.D.: The Racine Fire Department has ordered us to replace our fire extinguishers. We did not budget for this expense. Please sponsor an extinguisher. They cost just \$66 each.

Own a Piece of History: In June of 1967, Israel went to war against 14 Arab nations and defeated them all in six days. Life Magazine published a special issue covering the Six Day War. A Congregant will give a pristine copy of this magazine to anyone who donates \$50 or more to Beth Israel Sinai. Act quickly if you are interested. There is only one copy.

**Special Events**

Beth Israel Sinai's annual Hanukkah dinner will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6pm. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, children under 10 years old are free. If the cost for our members is an issue, please call Joyce Placzkowski at 262-945-7675 or Joyce Katzman at 847-612-6091. Also, please consider sponsoring a bottle of wine for your table for \$10. We hope to see you there! Shalom.



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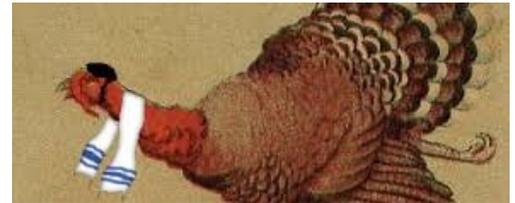
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### *Did you know?*

During the Six Day War, Israeli troops prevented Egyptian prisoners from running away by confiscating their belts.



## *November 2015 Cheshvan - Kislev 5776*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Hebrew &amp; Adult Ed. Class</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Hebrew &amp; Adult Ed. Class</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 Thanks-giving Day</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>					