

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of the Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

Rabbi's Message

OCTOBER 2015 TISHREI - CHESHVAN 5776 Volume 96, Issue 5

As I complete my 15th year at Beth Israel Sinai, I can honestly say that I have never been prouder to be part of such a beautiful religious institution. Despite attempts to eliminate it as the only force for nondenominational Judaism in Wisconsin, we have grown even stronger. The temple board, under the dynamic leadership of President Shelly Vielie, has worked closely with me to ensure our success. This year we had our first annual Pre-Yom Kippur concert and dinner. With minimal advertising, this event was attended by 40 members and guests. The North Shore Music Institute entertained us for over two hours with moving compositions of Hebrew, Yiddish and classical music, and a little Leonard Cohen added for good measure. The dinner ended with a moving rendition of Kol Nidre. Three new members joined our temple. Services were also attended by people who were visiting Beth Israel Sinai for the first time. Record numbers of individuals attended all High Holiday services. Future

events, including a wine tasting party and a Las Vegas night, are being planned for the remainder of the current year. All members of our temple family are encouraged to bring guests and potential new members to our synagogue. Shabbat services are conducted every Saturday morning at 9:45am. A kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner is held on the third Friday evening of each month at 6:00pm. Adult education classes, individual tutoring leading to conversion, classes for children ages 6-12 and Bar and Bat Mitzvah training are held each Thursday. Tell your friends that we emphasize what all Jews have in common and not their sectarian differences. There are no ORTHODOX, CONSERVATIVE or REFORM Jews at Beth Israel Sinai. All opinions are respected and encouraged. Unaffiliated Jews, interfaith families and individuals are welcome to experience the warmth of our temple family.

Our celebration of Sukkot unofficially began the morning of Sunday, Sep-

tember 27th as congregants gathered to build our sukkah. The sukkah symbolizes the fragility of life and how dependent we are on G-d for our existence. Those four walls, first built by our ancestors while crossing the Sinai Desert, show that individuals can exist in even the most humble of dwellings. It is customary to eat, sleep and recite the blessings over the lulav and esrog in the sukkah, weather permitting, to enable us to experience nature more intimately. The roof is constructed with leaves and branches (schach), enabling those sleeping in the sukkah to gaze upon the stars. What a beautiful way to contemplate G-d's creation. Later that evening, at 5pm, our temple family attended services, followed by a deli dinner.

Yizkor services will be recited on Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Assembly) on Monday, October 5th at 9:45am. The first Shemini Atzeret was inaugurated by King Solomon after the completion of the First Temple. Sol-

omon was so proud of his achievement that he invited all citizens of Israel to celebrate Sukkot with him. Sorry to see the celebration end, King Solomon decreed that the party should continue for another day. The Torah was read in public. That's why in Israel both Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are celebrated on the same day. This custom continues in Israel even today. Beth Israel Sinai will celebrate Simchat Torah at services on Monday, October 5th at 7pm.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
Rabbi Marty



Our sukkah team:

Bob Katzman, Mary Jo McIntyre,
Barry Langlieb and Rabbi Marty

Sisterhood

We are very grateful for all the donations and sponsorships for kiddush. With your generous support we will be able to continue serving great food. If you have any items you would like to donate, we can always use paper products, coffee, tea, and anything in food that has a kosher hesker displayed on it. If you would like to sponsor a kiddush, call Joyce Placzkowski at 262-945-7675 or talk to any board member. A meat kiddush is \$100 and a dairy kiddush is \$50. Gift cards are always welcome.

Thank you to Jeff Hansen and Joyce Katzman who have been making some tasty dishes for our kiddushim. And a big thank you to everyone who has helped in the kitchen with cooking, cleaning up or shopping.

In October we will begin having shabbat dinners again. Please mark your calendar for the third Friday of each month. For this month, the shabbat service will be on Friday, October 16th at 6pm, with dinner following.

President's Message

Hi, Beth Israel Sinai Friends!

Well, the High Holidays have come and gone. This being my first time as the main man, I was very pleased with everything from the flowers on the bima to the Pre-Yom Kippur dinner. I was especially pleased with the attendance at services. We had two new members, two returning members and a bunch of faces that we haven't seen in a long time. I only hope that we have that many people at Saturday shabbat services, and in my heart I believe that will come, too. People are starting to notice the "Little Synagogue That Can" and I will keep harping on that theme.

October 25, 2015 will be our Wine Tasting fund raiser at Uncorkt on Main Street in downtown Racine from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Tickets are \$25 and that entitles you to seven wine tastings. If you decide to buy a bottle of wine, there will be a generous discount. Hey! You Packer fans! Have no fear as it is the Packers bye week. So there's no excuse for you not to be there!

Going forward, we are planning a Hanukkah extravaganza along with the annual Hanukkah dinner. Stay tuned.

I hope all is well, and as Rabbi Marty says...see you in shul. SHELLY

Acknowledgements

~Jeffrey Green, HH memory book
 ~Ms. Vicki G. Nelson, HH memory book, restoration fund in memory of her parents, Betty and Myron Goldberg and her uncles, Joseph and Emil Donner
 ~Elyse G. Gordon, HH memory book
 ~Max Gordon, in honor of Lukas Turner and Lorin Lichterman birthdays
 ~Eileen Schroeder, general donations
 ~Natalie Browne-Gutnik and Martin J. Gutnik, HH memory book and HH appeal
 ~Laurance and Barbara Newman, HH appeal
 ~Louise Langlieb, HH memory book
 ~Dennis Gaeta, HH appeal
 ~Mark Hertzberg, general donation
 ~Larry and Harleen Tague, HH appeal
 ~Ellen Antman, HH appeal
 ~Arnold Solomon, HH appeal
 ~Michael and Rosalie Slute, HH appeal

~Martha S. Lyon, HH appeal
 ~Judith McGauran, HH appeal, HH memory book
 ~Max Gordon, HH appeal, in honor of Eileen Schroeder, Jeff Hansen, Joe Rohr and Jim Barten birthdays, prayer book in memory of Jeanne Savin
 ~Sandra Levin and Brian Rose, HH appeal, in memory of Eli Finer
 ~Cheryl and Hanoach Livneh, HH appeal
 ~Guy Gorsky, HH appeal
 ~Ellen C. Etzkin, HH memory book
 ~Carol Zaruk, for Israel Magen David Adom
 ~Patricia Harris, general donation
 ~Dr. Marvin and Davira Taragin, HH appeal.
 ~Glenn and Heidi Elson, HH appeal
 ~Mark and Catherine Isenberg, HH appeal
 ~Barry Langlieb, HH appeal
 ~Dr. and Mrs. Michael Jacobson, HH appeal
 ~Mary Jo McIntyre, general donation

Birthdays

October
 Eileen Schroeder
 Jeff Hansen
 Joseph Rohr
 Jim Barten

November
 Marsha Adelberg



Yahrzeits

Week of October 3 Tishrei

Samuel Friedman 27
Herman Gold 27
Benjamin Wolfman 27
Morris Gottlieb 28
Vilma Donner 29
Benjamin Singer 29
Frances S. Laufman 30
Nathan Blitstein 1
Nellie Rozumoff 1
Ethel Seft 1
Sadie Tabaksman 1
Albert Kleffmann 3

Week of October 10

Benjamin Feen 5
Harry Kraft 5
Janice Fried 6
Diane Bel Brown 7
Ada Wolfe 7
Tena Kaminsky 7
Leah Feldman 9
Lillian Feiges 9
Julius Feiges 10
Lillian B. Kupperman 10

Week of October 17

Dr. Joseph Prowler 11
Beatrice Waisman 11
Jack Sklansky 12
Max Spero 12
Rose Levinthal 13

Cheshvan

Louis Lippman 14
Blanche A. Dennison 14
Victor Goodman 15
Jeanette Weinberg 15
Alter Hulbert 16

Week of October 24

Emanuel Marcado 18
Isidor Friedman 19
Ben Gellman 19
Meyer A. Goldstein 19
Morris Rosumoff 19
Morris J. Brill 20
Esther M. Lieberman 21
Dr. Robert Savin 21
Sol J. Brown 22
Joseph Blitstein 23
Lillian Gerol 23
Nathan Sideman 23
Else Sternheim 23
Sylvia Blitstein 24

Week of October 31

Frances Hirshih 25
Sam Weisman 25
Elena Gorsky 26
Rosalind Barash 27
Jacob H. Marks 27
Max M. Seft 28
Esther Goodman 28
Ben G. Schaefer 28
Faye C. Savin 28
Dr. Norbert Isenberg 28
Owen Levin 29

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

October 2 - 6:13 PM
October 9 - 6:01 PM
October 16 - 5:49 PM
October 23 - 5:38 PM
October 30 - 5:28 PM

Shemini Atzeret

October 4 - 6:10 PM

Simchat Torah

October 5 - 7:08 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

Please honor birthdays with a contribution to the synagogue. Donation suggestions:

Chai \$18 ~ Dedicate a prayer book \$36 ~ Sponsor a dairy kiddush \$50 ~ Sponsor a meat kiddush \$100
Leaf for Hulbert Tree of Life \$500 ~ Rock for Hulbert Tree of Life \$1,000 ~ Yahrzeit plaque \$360
Benefactor plaque \$2,500 ~ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, any amount ~ Building Restoration Fund, any amount

There are still a few open dates to sponsor a kiddush. Contact Joyce Placzkowski 262-945-7675. All donations will be acknowledged in the newsletter. We will send a personal acknowledgement if you provide contact information. Congregants often pool together to donate a leaf, rock or plaque.

Consider a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. This money is used to buy educational material, fund meals, help the poor or any community need the Rabbi wishes to aid. It is important that he be able to pay for these things without board action or taking money from his own pocket.

There is a Jewish tradition to honor the memory of loved ones with charitable gifts. Honor the yahrzeits of your friends and relatives with donations to our synagogue.

In the English language, charity means an optional act of kindness. The Hebrew word for charity, tzedakah, means an obligatory act of justice, or fairness. Acts of charity are especially important before the High Holidays. G-d emphasizes our gifts to charity when He decides our fate for the year to come.



Beth Israel Sinai
Congregation

944 Main Street, Racine, WI, 53403

Phone: (262) 633-7093

Email: bethisraelsinai@att.net

Web: www.bethisraelsinai.org

Did you know?

The original kaddish was only three sentences with a one sentence response at the end of a lesson. Today, we use Hatzi Kaddish between elements of a service, Kaddish Shalem at the end of a service, Kaddish D'rabanan at the end of a lesson, and the Mourner's Kaddish.

October 2015 Tishrei - Cheshvan 5776

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 <i>Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
4	5 <i>Yizkor service 9:45am Simchat Torah service 7pm</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	16 <i>Shabbat Service 6pm Shabbat dinner follows</i>	17 <i>Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class</i>	23	24 <i>Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>
25 <i>Wine Tasting at Uncorkt 2pm-4pm</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Shabbat Service at 9:45am</i>