

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation
July 2017---Tammuz/Av5777

From our Rabbi

On Shabbat, June 24th and Sunday June 25th, we celebrated the new Hebrew month of Tammuz. On the 17th of Tammuz, 586 BCE, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia breached the walls surrounding Jerusalem. For three weeks the vastly outnumbered Jewish army bravely fought the Babylonian Forces.

Interestingly, the First Temple might not have been destroyed had the Kingdom of Judah agreed to become politically subservient to the Babylonian King. On the 9th of Av, the First Temple was destroyed. Six hundred and fifty six years later, on the same date in 70CE, the Second Temple was destroyed by the Roman armies. Both armies destroyed out holy capital of Jerusalem. The Emperor Hadrian established the heathen Temple of Jupiter and built a new city, Aelia Capitolina, on its ruins. Both the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av are commemorated as fast days. The Fast of Av is considered only second in importance to Yom Kippur. It is our hope that a Third Temple will be rebuilt after the coming of the Messiah.

Jews have traditionally observed a three week period of semi-mourning between the 17th of Tammuz on July 11th and ends with the 24 hour fast of Tisha B'Av beginning after Shabbat on the eve of July 31st. We will observe the Fast of Av with a service at Beth Israel Sinai on Saturday evening, July 31st at 8 p.m. The Book of Lamentations is read during the evening service describing the fate of the Jewish people following the Babylonian conquest. The ten week period following the Fast of Av begins a time of personal introspection and reflection leading to the High Holidays.

According to another tradition, on the 17th of Tammuz, Moses descended from Mt. Sinai after G-d taught him the entire Torah over a period of 40 days. In his hands he carried the Ten Commandments which had been engraved on two stone tablets. When he saw the Israelites worshipping the Golden Calf, Moses angrily smashed the Tablets. He would have to return once again to complete the task of inscribing a second set of tablets.

Throughout Jewish history many other tragedies occurred on the 9th of Av. In 1492, Jews were exiled from Spain. The beginning of World War I and the mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto began on Tisha B'Av. In Israel, both religious and secular Jews are aware of the significance of the 9th of Av. Jews everywhere should try to find meaning in this special time of national mourning—not only as a way to ensure we do not forget our past, but also to serve as a guide to be sensitive to the needs of all people.

SEE YOU IN SHUL
RABBI MARTY

Congregational Picnic

This year Eileen Schroeder graciously opened her home to us to hold our picnic. The Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2017 starting at 12:00p.m. Eileen's Address is 119 Stuart Rd., Racine WI 53406

Please bring a dish to pass. This will be a meat meal please remember not to have any dairy products in your dish to pass.

Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located at 612 Lathrop Ave. 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

New members and members who return to Beth Israel Sinai will be able to join our Synagogue for reduced dues the first year. The dues will be \$600 for the first year.

The Presidents Message:

We have made some changes to Beth Israel Sinai this month, we now have signs on the front and back doors, our stuff has been moved into our basement from the storage facility. If there is anyone who would like to help go through the boxes and organize the basement storage please let me know. We have sun shades up in the sanctuary. With help we will soon have the Yahrzeit boards up in the dining room area. We have planned the Congregational Picnic for Sunday, August 6, 2017 starting at noon. Once again we are thankful to Eileen for offering her beautiful home and yard for the picnic. This will be a meat meal so please remember when you bring a dish to pass not to have any dairy in the dish. Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675

Joyce

I am taking a survey to find out what our members think of this: How many of our members would like music during a service. Please let me know how you feel about this. I just want to make sure that the service we have is what the majority of members want.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 081725, Racine, WI 53406 Some people have been asking where to send letters or donations.

Yahrzeits

1. Rebecca Karlitzky
2. Norman Shovers
3. Max Tannenbaum
5. Freda Altman Epstein
5. Anna Levin
6. Julius Fishbain
6. Samuel Gluck
6. Edmond Shovers
6. Brian Held
7. Myron Goldberg
7. Isadore Karlitsky
8. Sophia Gottlieb
9. Mary W. Lippman
10. Genevieve S. Ruben
10. Fannie Shovers
11. Emma Dunya Silver
12. Esther Laufman
12. Josephine Levit
14. Dr. Victor Ganz
14. Pfc. David Lester Gordon
14. Julia Kaminsky
15. Isadore Silver
15. Jacob Silver
15. Chaim Weissbard
17. David Goodman
18. Stella Greenberg
18. Dr. Leo M. Lifschutz
19. Beatrice Marvin
20. Sidney Marks
21. Dr. Eugene Kaufman
21. Carol Wolfman
23. Harry Dingfelder
24. Florence Margaret Sheff
24. Hyman H. Brown
24. Harry Laufman
24. Charlotte Katz
25. Mona A. Brown
26. Betty Goldberg
26. Evelyn Hahn Milch

27. Shirley Mercado
28. Julius Goodman
28. Samuel Karlitsky
28. Sarah D. Schur
29. Miriam Waisman
31. M. Gerson Kaminsky
31. Rachel Waisman
31. Ronald Waisman
31. Issac Weisman



Thanks to Max Gordon for giving me this list.

Sisterhood

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Kiddush just let Joyce Placzkowski know, 1-262-945-7675. The charge for a dairy Kiddush is \$50, meat Kiddush is \$100. The kitchen can always use coffee and paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

Jim Barten brought in a Smoked salmon for the Kiddush on June 24.

Donations

Eileen Schroeder general donation
Roger Kriete in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Stephen Jay, Kathy, Joshua, and Noah Rosenblat in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Laurance and Barbara Newman in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Dale and Robert Jacobs in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Steve Kushner in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Kathy Schmael in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Arthur Domsy in honor of Sarah Levin's birthday
Arthur Domsy in memory of Joyce Katzman
Kazuko Goodman Heura Kadisha

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

July 7 8:15
 July 14 8:11
 July 21 8:06
 July 28 7:59
 August 4 7:51



July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:45 service
2	3	4	5	6 no class	7	8 9:45 service
9	10	11	12	13 class 5&6	14	15 9:45 service
16	17	18	19	20 class 5 & 6	21	22 9:45 service
23	24	25	26	27 class 5 & 6	28	29 9:45 service
30	31 8pm service					