

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **From our Rabbi**

Isaiah instructs “everyone who is thirsty to go to the water.” “Water” is a metaphor for Torah. Just as the world cannot exist without water, it can also not exist without Torah. Just as one who is thirsty yearns for water, the wise individual yearns for Torah and wisdom. (Radak)

Torah is compared to water to teach that just as water flows downstream to lower places, Torah wisdom can only benefit one who is truly humble. (Taanit 7a) The more humble a person is, the more that person realizes how much there is to learn. That individual will not let pride prevent him or her from learning from others. Nor will that person fear appearing ignorant for asking questions that might expose a personal lack of knowledge.

Today, people are afraid to ask questions or make comments. Instead of engaging in an honest debate which respects all points of view, many denigrate themselves by denigrating others. Some view all opponents as propagators of “false news”.

Individuals with contrary viewpoints are often seen as the “enemy”. As part of our new year’s resolutions this holy day season, honoring those who disagree with us must become a priority. As the great French philosopher Voltaire said, “I may not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

This year Beth Israel Sinai will continue our tradition of interactive High Holiday services. Members will not only participate in readings from the Mahzor, but are encouraged to ask questions about the prayers. Our Rabbis tell us that we are both close to G-d and G-d to us during the “Ten Days of Repentance” than during any other time of the year. That’s why G-d sounds almost human in admonition of the Chosen People to return to a more ethical way of life. It’s almost as if G-d comes down from the heavens to listen to our pleas. The blast of the Shofar is our wake up call. May all of us merit a Shana Tova U’metuka, a sweet and happy New Year. With the final blast of the Shofar following the concluding service of Neilah on Yom Kippur, may we all be SIGNED AND SEALED in the BOOK OF LIFE. Marcia and I and the rest of our family wish our Temple family a Happy and Healthy 5779.

See you in Shul

Rabbi Marty

P.S. First day of Rosh Hashanah sermon topic is moral relativism vs moral and ethical behavior. Tashlich 4:00 pm. Discussion at 7:00 pm on sermon topic.

#### Holiday Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah September 9th Concert begins at 5 pm / Services begin at 7:00 pm

First Day of Rosh Hashanah September 10th service begins at 9:00 am / Tashlich service 4:00 pm / discussion 7:00pm

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah September 11th service begins at 9:00 am

Kol Nidre September 18th service begins 6:45 pm

Yom Kippur September 19th service begins morning 9:00 am / afternoon begins at 4:30 pm / fast ends 7:34 pm

Building Sukkah September 23rd at 10:00 am

First day of Sukkot September 24th at 10:00 am

Shimini Atzeret with Yizkor October 1st. 10:00 am/ Simchat Torah October 1st at 6:00 pm

#### 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. Donations to cemetery are tax deductible.

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 \$300 for the first year.

#### The Presidents Message

Thanks to Eileen for allowing us to use her beautiful home for our picnic. Everyone who came had a great time.

There will be a concert before the Erev Rosh Hashanah service. Rabbi Adelberg was given generous donations to hold this concert. This is going to be a fantastic evening.

The board of directors are working to make this a good year. With luck we will continue to attract new members and grow. We need members who support us with their presence, financial support, and just their individual talents to keep this place going.

May we all have a Happy and Healthy New Year and be signed into the Book of Life for another year.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675

Joyce

Rabbi Adelberg is offering free Hebrew classes to children. Please call Rabbi Adelberg 847-529-1609 to setup appointments. Donations to the Rabbi's discretionary account are always welcome, and tax deductible.

Yahrzeit list

2. Hyman Wolfman
3. Anne Blitztein
3. Marjorie Gottlieb
3. Sylvia Schwartz
4. Bernard Goldstein
4. Samuel Kiselow
4. I. Wolf Mark
5. Genesse Levin
7. David Davidson
7. Arnold Marks
8. Malka Kahn
9. Louis Levitt
9. Louis Sidran
10. Ralph Feiges
10. Israel Kanshepolsky
10. Alice Marx
10. V. Daniel Smith
11. Morris Kaufman
12. Gordon Weiss
13. Ruth Hulbert
14. Marian Lang
14. Lillian Waisman
15. Herbert Rudolph
15. Anna H. Grant
15. William Seft
16. Pfc Harvey Shovers
16. Jean Swain Baum
18. Nette Sunshine
19. Rose Gorsky
19. Ruth Rissman
21. Esther Levin
21. Alex Sideman
21. Marjorie Wolfman
22. Charles Gordon
22. Luis Philip Seft
23. Samuel Friedman
23. Benjamin Wolfman
24. Morris Gottlieb
25. Vilma Donner

25. Benjamin Singer
26. Francis S. Laufman
27. Nathan Blitstein
27. Nellie Rozumoff
27. Ethel Levin Levin
27. Sadie Tabaksman
29. Albert Kleffmann

Last month I misspelled Bobby Kaplan his Yahrzeit was August 16



This list was made possible by Max Gordon.  
Some people like to honor the memory of the relative by making a donation in their memory to Beth Israel Sinai.

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.

Donations

Mrs. A. B. Grant in memory of Arthur Grant MD, and High Holiday Appeal  
Joan Toth in memory of Robert Toth who passed away 10 years ago on 9-9-08

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Jacobson for Oneg

Dale and Roberta Jacobs in memory of Father Aleck Kofsky, and High Holiday Appeal

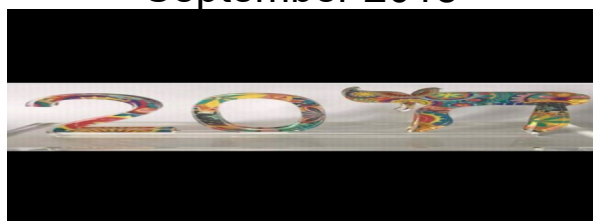
Max Gordon for picnic, in memory of Genesse Levin, David Davidson, Louis Sidran, Ruth Hulbert, Esther Levin, Charles Gordon.

Anonymous general donation

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

September 7 6:58  
 September 14 6:45  
 September 21 6:33  
 September 28 6:20



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 am service Selichot 7:30 pm
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 10:00 am
9 Rosh Hashanah concert 5 pm service 7 pm	10 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah/Tashlich 4:00	11 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah	12	13	14	15 10:00 am
16	17	18 6:45 pm Kol Nidre	19 9:00 am / 4:30 pm Yom Kippur	20	21	22 10:00 am
23 Build Sukkah 10:00 am	24 Sukkot 10:00 am	25	26	27	28	29 10:00 am
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