

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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From our Rabbi

Years of prosperity had not prepared the Children of Israel for a life of slavery. Pharaoh's Hebrew Prime Minister, Joseph, invited his father, brothers, sister and their families to leave the famine of Canaan for a life of prosperity in Egypt. The descendants of Abraham were given the choicest pastoral lands in the area of Goshen. The Israelites became prominent and wealthy members of Egyptian society. As a seven year famine descended upon the land, the Egyptian masses forfeited first their lands and later their freedom in exchange for food. As long as Joseph lived and a sympathetic Pharaoh ruled, the members of Joseph's family would remain both financially and politically secure. This would soon change after Joseph's death and the deposition of a friendly Egyptian ruler.

Not long after Joseph's death, a Pharaoh came to power that refused to acknowledge Joseph's role in saving his kingdom from mass starvation. Quite the opposite, the new Egyptian ruler blamed the Hebrews for causing all the country's economic problems. To win the support of the masses, Pharaoh claimed that the rapid growth of the Hebrew population would soon overwhelm the Egyptian population. To win the political support of his subjugated masses, Pharaoh decreed that all Hebrew males should be drowned in the Nile River. Only the intervention of two righteous Egyptian midwives, Shifra and Puah, prevented Pharaoh's plan from succeeding. Ironically, it would be the daughter of Pharaoh who would become the catalyst for the ultimate freedom of the Children of Israel. By rescuing the infant Moses, Pharaoh's daughter would set the stage for her father's defeat.

Only reluctantly would the Children of Israel come to accept Moses as their leader. His formative years were spent in the lap of luxury as a member of Pharaoh's household. Forced into exile after killing an Egyptian officer Moses witnessed beating a Hebrew slave, Moses would return to demand that Pharaoh let his people go. Every request for freedom, despite a series of devastating plagues which included turning the Nile into a pool of blood, frogs overrunning the land, and lice, wild animals and a total darkness affecting every Egyptian household, was met with a refusal to free the Children of Israel. It was only the most catastrophic of all plagues, the DEATH OF THE EGYPTIAN FIRST BORN, that would ultimately force Pharaoh to let our people go. After their departure, Pharaoh realized that he just emancipated a major segment of his labor force. Pharaoh amassed a large military contingent to forcefully bring the Israelites back to Egypt. At the same time, many of the former slaves, fearing death in the desert, clamored to return to Egypt. Only their safe passage following the splitting of the Reed Sea would convince these newly freed slaves that G-d had a master plan for them. The acceptance of the G-d of Israel would only come after the sea closed drowning the entire Egyptian army. The older generation, only knowing what it meant to be slaves, would die in the desert. They were not psychologically ready to experience freedom. A younger generation born in the desert would enter the Promised Land. With the Torah as their guide, this generation would establish a Jewish society fulfilling G-d's Promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The descendants of the Patriarchs would become as numerous as the stars in the Heavens and the sands of the Earth. As G-d's Chosen People, they would become an "Ohr la-Olam", a cultural light to all nations. And no matter how far the Jewish People strayed from this awesome responsibility, G-d would guarantee their survival throughout the ages.

Let us celebrate our freedom by guaranteeing the freedom of others. Let us take concrete steps to ensure that hatred is eradicated throughout the world. Let us provide for the less fortunate the means to become self sufficient. Let us make every effort to ensure that no one is excluded from the fruits of their labor. Only by providing for the less fortunate can we all become part of G-d's blessings.

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Joe, Joslyn, Greg, Lisa, Ethan, Lara, Sam, Myles and Mollie and I would like to wish our BETH ISRAEL SINAI family a Chag Kasher v Sameach-a Happy and Kosher Passover

The Board of Directors want to welcome our newest member Salomon Babani and his family. It is always a happy time when we get to welcome someone into our synagogue.

This month Rabbi Marty will be holding a class on Wednesday nights on the meaning of the prayers we say.

Our annual meeting will be held in May. If you have not paid your dues please do so soon. All members who have dues paid in full will be able to vote at our annual meeting. The date and time will be listed in the May newsletter.

May 1st we will be having our annual Holocaust Remembrance service 7:00 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

Passover is just around the corner. I hope everyone has a happy Passover.

Now that the weather is getting nicer more people are coming to the synagogue which is so nice. For those who cannot make it, I understand it isn't always easy. Synagogues including ours also need people who financially contribute. If you are not already a member please join. If you have young children we do have a fund set up for camp scholarships. If you don't wish to join please consider a donation to help keep the synagogue open and functioning.

If you have a desire to learn how to make the challah we have on Shabbat let me know. I would be happy to teach you.

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. Irving Mathew Silver
6. Benjamin Grant
8. Benton Kaufman
9. Leo H. Finsky
9. Morris Gerol
9. Bessie Luby
10. Solomon Maier
10. Charles Wollman
11. Alice H. Wolfman
13. Sol M. Dorman
13. Yaakov Schmadl
14. Rose Grant
14. David Hulbert
16. Edward Dunya Silver
17. Rose Kraft
17. Isa Blitstein
17. Joseph Waisman
18. Manny S. Brown
18. Alec Sheft
18. Sarah Sheft
19. Rabbi Abraham Cohen
19. Kenneth Speyer
20. Rachel Belle Gordon
22. Sari Johanna Prowler
22. Frank Schwartz
24. Laeh Hulbert
26. Nathan Hulbert
26. Rae L. Rubin
26. Benjamin Shlimovitz
27. Harold Block
29. Lilly K. Seft

This list was made possible by Max Gordon. Some people like to honor the memory Solomon Levin 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 paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

Donations

Anonymous general donation

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Max Gordon in memory of Dr. Michael Ganz general donation

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

April 5 7:05
 April 12 7:13
 April 19 7:21
 April 26 7:29



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <small>10:00 service</small>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <small>10:00 service</small>
14 <small>board meeting 2:00</small>	15	16	17	18	19 <small>1st night of Pesach</small>	20 <small>10:00 service 2nd night of Pesach</small>
21 <small>3rd night of Pesach</small>	22 <small>4th night of Pesach</small>	23 <small>5th night of Pesach</small>	24 <small>6th night of Pesach</small>	25 <small>7th night of Pesach</small>	26 <small>8th night of Pesach</small>	27 <small>10:00 service</small>
28	29	30				