

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **From our Rabbi**

On Pesach, the Jewish people achieved their spiritual freedom from an oppressive Egyptian Pharaoh. But physical freedom without a commitment to a higher ethical ideal is insufficient to maintain a moral and just society. On Shavuot, The Festival of Weeks, the Jewish people gathered around Mt. Sinai to receive its unique legacy—the Divine Instruction known as the Torah. For over 3,300 years, the Torah consisting of the Written and Oral law, has provided the foundation for the very existence of the Jewish nation. Any deviation would prove detrimental to our people. Just consider a few examples in Jewish history. After the conquest of Israel by Joshua, the successor to Moses, the nation descended into a period vacillating between peace and anarchy under a succession of corrupt and weak Judges. Despite almost two centuries of relative stability under Kings Saul, David, and Solomon which culminated in the building of the First Temple, their heirs presided over a divided nation that lasted until the destruction of that Temple in 586 BCE. Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans would rule the Jewish nation for the next six centuries. While the limited religious autonomy granted to the Jewish people by the Persian rulers allowed the Israelites to complete the Second Temple in 515 BCE, the Romans would eliminate all pretense of self rule with the destruction of this Holy Place in 70 CE. Our political and religious freedom would only be regained with the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. And this only occurred after many of the world's nations acquired a massive guilty conscience for not doing enough to prevent the destruction of 6,000,000 Jews.

Each generation faces new challenges. While we are blessed to be in a nation that embodies both political and religious freedom, we must be ever vigilant to ensure the continuation of the ideals of our Founding Fathers and Matriarchs. In the age of “fake news,” or political leaders at the international, national, state and local levels appear to prefer winning political arguments to reaching consensus on the major issues of the day. Integrity and the willingness to compromise must return as part of our political vocabulary. With the rise of those in power who question or wish to limit our political freedoms, our resolve to insure these rights must never be stronger. Our liberty and freedom will be determined by our resolve.

At the congregational level, the united membership of Beth Israel Sinai has much work to do. To guarantee our survival and growth as the traditional Jewish epicenter in Southeastern Wisconsin, every member should consider themselves ambassadors representing our beloved congregation. After the vote against a merger with our sister congregation in Kenosha and subsequent sale of our synagogue on the lake to ensure our continued existence, we must encourage all unaffiliated Jews to visit THE NEW BETH ISRAEL SINAI. This outreach should include members of the other synagogues who live in eastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois who would be willing to become associated members of BIS. Make people aware that our historic congregation is available as a venue for ALL life cycle events. (To see more of the services I provide, please see my website [newjewishoutreach.org](http://newjewishoutreach.org) and our congregational website, [bethisraelsinai.org](http://bethisraelsinai.org)). Inform them that we are an egalitarian, traditional shul with a strictly kosher kitchen that welcomes ALL Jewish points of view. We INTENTIONALLY disregard any labels limiting our outreach to all Jews and interfaith families seeking a congregation receptive to their personal needs. The mission statement of Beth Israel Sinai is to BRING ALL JEWS TOGETHER BY EMPHASIZING WHAT UNITES OUR HISTORICAL PEOPLE.

Let us all become active insuring both the survival and growth of our sacred congregation.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,

RABBI MARTY

P.S. THE FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE will be the main topic of discussion following Shavuot services Saturday, June 8th at 7:00PM. The goal is to study all night is to establish our historical connection with the Children of Israel who waited around Mt. Sinai for Moses to return with the Ten Commandments. Will we make it all night? Who knows? I welcome your suggestions. No relevant topics are off limits. In the past, we have discussed the relevancy of keeping kosher in a modern world, why is intermarriage frowned upon by many Jews in a world where it is an ever increasing reality, and do American Jews, as “armchair political commentators, have the right to criticize Israel? Shavuot morning services, including YIZKOR, will be held Sunday, morning at 10 AM.

PSS THE DEADLINE FOR OUR TRIP TO ISRAEL IS JUNE 30TH. BETH ISRAEL SINAI WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AS NEEDED, TO ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EITHER EMAIL ME AT [rabbimartyn@icloud.com](mailto:rabbimartyn@icloud.com) OR CALL ME AT 847-529-1609. WE WILL BE VISITING JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, ISLAMIC AND OTHER HISTORICAL SITES. WE ARE NOT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

The newsletter will be taking a summer vacation. The newsletter will return September 2019.

June 15th we will be celebrating Sarah Levin's 102nd birthday. Come and wish Sarah an Happy Birthday.

June 27th at 6:30 pm we will have the Sheriffs Department at Beth Israel Sinai giving a demonstration on what to do in an active shooter situation.

August 4th at 12:00 noon we will have our annual picnic at Eileen's home. This will be bring a dish to pass. We will supply hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a dish that has no dairy in it. Eileen has graciously offered the use of her beautiful home for a number of years now and it is very much appreciated. Her address is 119 Stuart, Racine WI 53406

August 22, 2019 Air Force Band Woodwind ensemble concert at Beth Israel Sinai

### **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**

We held the annual meeting and here are the board members: Joyce Placzkowski, President and Financial Secretary, Shelly Vielie Vice President, David Lee Treasurer, Marion Sperer Recording Secretary, Jim Barten and Rebekah Jones board members. Last year we had new members join our family and hopefully this year we will keep up the pace of finding and welcoming new members into our synagogue.

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

1. Henry Hornstein
1. Mark William Barhet
1. Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster
2. Richard Amber
2. Ben Waisman
3. Helen Seft LeBrint
3. Harry Kushner
3. Jacob M. Weisman
6. Saul Rosner
6. Charlotte Bakall
7. Max Brill
7. Laurence Feiges
8. Eva Wollman
11. Arthur Schwartz
11. Meyer Spracker
11. Vivian Rudolph
11. Mark Barshop
11. Anna Streicher
12. Harry Alperson
13. Gussie Sideman
14. Joseph Jacobson
14. Bertha Kahn
14. Louis Seft
14. Lillian Sklansky
14. Louis Tatelbaum
17. Stanley Donovanitz
18. William Myron Gottlieb
19. Sanford Sperer
19. Evelyn S. Gordon
20. Frances Kaplan
20. Abraham Schaefer
21. Reuben Grosky
22. Patty Kushner
22. Maurice L. Fox
22. Frima Kassel
22. Ida Krasnow
24. Charles Amber
24. Carolina Haskell
24. Jean Shovers Tepper

24. Audrey Levinthal Silver
  26. Arnold Max Solomon
  26. Freida Dankwerth
  27. Morris Gordon
  27. Barney Silver
  28. Jacob Gorsky
  28. Oscar Waisman
  28. Joseph Wilks
  29. Joseph E. Seft
  29. Harvey Silverman
  29. Celia Frank
  29. Pearl Grant
  30. Sarah Shapiro
- April 23, 2019 Daniel Jacobson



This list was made possible by Max Gordon. Some people like to honor the memory of their loved one 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

Max Gordon in memory of: Great Grandmother Rachel Belle Gordon, Grandfather Isadore Solomon, Great Aunt Sarah Gordon, Daniel Jacobson, Evelyn Gordon Mother, Pearl Grant Aunt, Arnold Solomon Uncle, Morris Gordon Great Uncle, For a speedy recovery for Joe Roher, and Purim  
Arthur Domsky in honor of Max Gordon and Gail Hoss  
Laeh Grant in memory of Ben Grant and Rau Grant,  
Gertrude Hulbert in memory of Leonard Hulbert, Bernard Hulbert, David Hulbert, and Nathan Hulbert  
Anonymous general donation

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**Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time**

June 7 8:11  
 June 14 8:14  
 June 21 8:17  
 June 28 8:17



# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 10:00 service Shavuot Service 7 pm
9 Shavuot service 10 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 10:00 service Sarah 102nd bday
16 2:00 board meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22 10:00 service
23	24	25	26	27 6:30 pm active shooting demo	28	29 10:00 service
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