

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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From our Rabbi

The first Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on December 28, 1949. This followed a decision by the nation's Chief Rabbinate that an annual celebration be held on the Tenth of Tevet, a traditional Jewish fast day commemorating the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of that city and the First Temple. The day was observed by the burial in a Jerusalem cemetery of the bones and ashes of thousands of Jews from the Flossenbug Concentration Camp, a camp initially established in 1938 in a Bavarian forest to exploit forced labor for the production of German warplanes. A radio program on the Holocaust was broadcast that evening. In December 1950, the Rabbinate, organizations of former European Jewish communities and the Israeli Defense Forces held memorial services throughout the country. This involved funerals where desecrated Torah scrolls and the bones and ashes of the dead brought from Europe were buried.

In 1951, the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset, began deliberations to choose a date for Holocaust Remembrance Day. On April 12, 1951, after considering numerous possibilities including April 19th, the date of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a resolution was passed establishing the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, a week after Passover and eight days before Israeli Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, as the annual Holocaust and Ghetto Uprising Remembrance Day. Yom Hazikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah. This day of mourning became known as Yom Ha-Shoah.

On May 3, 1951, the first officially organized Yom Ha-Shoah event was held at the Chamber of the Holocaust on Mt. Zion. This location was chosen because of its proximity to David's Tomb, a symbol of messianic redemption through the Messiah, son of David. The Israeli Postal Service issued a special commemorative envelope. A bronze statue of Mordechai Anielewicz, the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, was unveiled in a kibbutz named after him. From that date, the lighting of SIX beacons in memory of the SIX MILLION JEWS KILLED by the Nazis became a standard of the Yom Ha-Shoah service.

On April 8, 1959 the Knesset officially established the MARTYRS' and HEROES' REMEMBRANCE DAY LAW. Its purpose was to establish an annual "commemoration of the disaster which the Nazis and their collaborators brought upon the Jewish people and the acts of heroism." The law was signed by David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel, and Yitzchak ben-Zvi, the nation's president. A proclamation stated that the day would be observed by a two minute silence when all work would cease throughout Israel. Memorial events would be held. Israel's flag would be flown at half mast. Programs about the Holocaust would be shown on national TV, radio and places of entertainment. An amendment to the law in 1961 required that cafes, restaurants and clubs be closed on that day.

Six days later, Israel would commemorate the death of 23,645 soldiers who died protecting the Jewish nation since its inception. The day opens with a one minute siren at 8:00pm. Israelis stop everything, including driving along the highway, and stand in silence showing respect for the fallen soldiers. All restaurants are closed. The names and ranks of every soldier who died to protect Israel are displayed in a 24 hour television broadcast. The following morning, another two minute siren is sounded at 11:00, marking the opening of official ceremonies and private remembrances. In many synagogues Psalm 9 and 144 are read. Psalm 9 discusses the death of a son. Psalm 144 discusses how G-d has given us the training to defend our nation. Kaddish, the traditional memorial prayer is recited. The official ceremony, marking the opening of the day is held at the Western Wall.

That night would begin the celebration of Israel's independence in 1948. On May 14th of that year, just eight hours before the end of British Mandate over Palestine, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared to Joyous crowds: "The Jews of Palestine...were dancing because they were about to realize what was one of the most remarkable and inspiring achievements in human history: A people which had been exiled from its homeland two thousand years before, which had endured countless pogroms, expulsions and persecutions, but had REFUSED to relinquish its identity; a people which only a few years before had been the victims' of mankind's single largest act of mass murder, killing a third of the world's Jews, that people was returning as sovereign citizens in their own independent state." The new nation of Israel was quickly recognized by the United States, the Soviet Union, and many other countries that formed the newly established United Nations. Great Britain abstained. The surrounding Arab nations declared a war to annihilate the nascent Jewish nation. Seventy years later, Israel has become stronger than ever. Hopefully, this strength will be used in the pursuit of peace,

SEE YOU IN SHUL

RABBI MARTY

P.S. Don't miss the ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, May 26th.

May 1, 2019 we will be having our annual Holocaust Remembrance Day service. It will start at 7:00 pm. I am hoping to see you at the service.

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019. It begins at 2:00 pm. If you are a member we need you to come and vote. There are a few important decisions to be made. You will be getting a letter in the mail with the agenda. Please make sure your dues are paid in full by the meeting, so you will be able to vote.

We are planning a trip to Israel after the Holidays in October. Please let Rabbi know if you would like information on the trip. We have a PDF file that can be emailed to you or paper copies that can be sent to you.

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

It is getting to be the time for our Annual meeting. Please come and vote.

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

1. Max Lippman
1. Lillian Merens
2. Mary Block
2. Jennie Feiges
3. Leslie Kraft
5. Sarah A. Kaminsky
7. Annie Sideman
7. Joseph Gold
7. Dr. Frank P. Goldstein
7. Maurice Leventhal
8. Avery Fried
8. Kate Grant
9. David Winters
10. Dorothy Barten
11. Eva Dorman
11. Edward Langlieb
12. Berthold Donner
13. Rose Davidson
13. Hyman Tannenbaum
14. Joseph Goodman
15. Albert Gold
15. Robert M. Jacobson
16. Charlotte Weiss
16. Dave Luby
16. Abraham Sheft
16. Edith Singer
17. Morris S. Ruben
17. Alma Schlomovitz
18. Sidney Aronin
18. Jerry Brown
19. Helmut Isenberg
19. Bessie Silver
19. Charles "Chuck" Brown
20. Abe Silver
20. Isadore Small
20. Ed Johnson
22. Sylvia Rosenweig
23. Joyce Katzman
23. Ruth Shrago

25. Sarah Gordon
25. Mark Bishop
26. Hattie Ruth Gottlieb
26. Jean Laufman
26. Lillian Fishbain
26. William Shovers
26. Milton Sklansky
27. Esther Feldman
27. Michael Kerner
29. David M. Kupperman
29. Isadore H. Salomon
29. Sonya Rozumoff Brill
31. Frieda Gellman
31. Bertha Gorsky



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 Placzowski 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 Placzowski know.

Donations

Anonymous general donation
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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

May 3 7:37
 May 10 7:45
 May 17 7:52
 May 24 7:59
 May 31 8:05



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 7:00 pm Holocaust Remembrance service	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 10:00 service
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Israel Remembrance Day	<i>9</i> Israel Independence Day	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 10:00 service
<i>12</i> Mother's Day	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 10:00 service
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Lag Ba-Omer	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 10:00 service
<i>26</i> 2:00 pm Annual Meeting	<i>27</i> Memorial Day	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	