

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **Rabbi Marty**

The story of Joseph portrays how one clever individual saved the Egyptian nation and the entire Middle East from starvation by storing grain during the seven years of prosperity. It is a story of how even a man sold into slavery could rise to become a head of state. Estranged from his brothers, it was the famine that would reunite them. Jacob's sons came to Egypt in search of food. Joseph's brothers did not suspect that the Egyptian ruler was their brother. They thought that he had been killed by wild animals after they threw him down an abandoned pit. They did not know that a band of Ishmaelites had removed Joseph from the pit and sold him into slavery. However, Joseph recognized them and decides to see if they had become better human beings. Joseph wines and dines his brothers. After securing food for their return trip to Israel, Joseph places a silver goblet in Benjamin's backpack to make it appear as if he had stolen it. Would his brothers abandon Benjamin as they had earlier abandoned Joseph? After they depart, soldiers follow them and discover the goblet. Joseph orders Benjamin detained.

Judah has become totally devoid of his earlier jealousy of Joseph that had filled his heart and the hearts of his brothers. Judah tries every technique possible to arouse in Joseph some semblance of compassion due to the special love of Jacob for Benjamin. First he asks Joseph whether he had ever experienced the love of a brother or father. Not receiving any immediate response, Judah offers to trade places with Benjamin and become Joseph's slave. Judah cannot bear the thought of what would happen to Jacob should Benjamin become enslaved. Judah's appeal to Joseph's sense of compassion eventually worked. Joseph totally loses control of his emotions. Not wanting to appear undignified before Pharaoh's courtiers, he orders all of the soldiers out of the room. After revealing his true identity, Joseph embraces and kisses Benjamin and his brothers. Joseph's sobs of joy were so loud after revealing his true identity to his brothers, that news reached the Egyptian ruler of what had happened. Pharaoh confirms what had happened with Joseph. In appreciation for Joseph's service in preventing the nation from descending into starvation, Pharaoh orders that Joseph's entire family come and live in Egypt. It is in Egypt that the tribes of Jacob will evolve into a united Hebrew nation.

Now that Chanukah is over and the secular New Year has begun, we must renew our commitment to guaranteeing our Jewish house of worship in Racine. A strong spiritual and personal bond has developed between my family and the congregation over the last 20 years. We continue to grow closer as a community. "Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazak." May we all grow from strength to strength.

SEE YOU IN SHUL  
RABBI MARTY

Mussar Class (Jewish Ethics) begins Thursday, January 16, e. Class starts at 1:00 pm. It will run for 4 weeks. Cost for members is \$50 plus materials, non-members \$100 plus materials. The class will be approximately one hour long.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 Beth Israel Sinai will be hosting a special Kiddush in honor of Rabbi Adelberg's 20 years of service to our congregation. Donations are always welcome.

Shabbat dinners begin this month. The cost is \$10 for members.

### **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**

A new year is upon us again. It is hard to believe another year has gone by. This year if you make any resolutions why not make one that keeps our synagogue strong and vibrant. Volunteer your time to help us, come to services, support us financially, give us ideas of programs you would like to see.

If you want to learn how to make the challah please let me know and we can work out time for us to bake together.

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. Abe Goodman
1. Jacob Slobodkin
1. Elvin Wolfman
1. Sarah Woolf
2. Herman Sunshine
2. Jacob Levin
3. Rose Blitstein
3. Abe Goldberg
3. Abraham Krasnow
4. Rudolph Kahn
4. Abraham Karlitzky
4. Ruth L. Meyer
4. Mary Shapiro
4. Ida Tabaksman
5. Celia Woolf Westphall
6. Jean Dorman
6. Ida Blume Weisman
7. Harry M. Blitstein
8. Alice Latsahe
8. Herman Kaplan
8. Abraham Grant
9. Paula Shovers
9. Hans Sternheim
10. Evelyn Goldberg Kupperman
10. Jeanne Brown
10. Jeff Temkin
11. Herman Levin
12. Sadie Kaufman
13. Harry Gordon
15. Toby B. Gorsky
15. Morris Mitler
15. Irving Schulman
16. Bessie Levin
17. Ben Mitler
18. Solomon Reder
18. Dan B. Levit
19. Don Gordon
19. Marcia Grant
19. Rose Hulbert

20. Nathan Silver
21. Elaine Adelberg
21. Geraldine Shovers
21. Hyman Kraft
22. Meyer Levin
23. David Gottlieb
23. Martha Kleffmann
23. Beverly Lichterman
23. Philip D. Cohen
24. Minnie Goodman
24. Bertha Julian
24. Ida Ruffalo
25. David Schafer
25. Sidney Ganz
25. Edith Kronson
27. Anna Marks
27. Dora Solomon
28. Norman Richard Grant
29. Joseph Levin
29. Boruch Hirsh Sidran
30. Julius Alperovitz
31. Morris Wolf



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

Max Gordon in memory of Dora Solomon Grandmother  
Mark Hertzberg in memory of Anne and Louis Hertzberg  
Arthur Domskey general donation  
Mark and Catherine Isenberg security  
Michael Jacobson security  
Anonymous general donation

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### Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

January 3 4:11  
 January 10 4:18  
 January 17 4:26  
 January 24 4:35  
 January 31 4:44



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>class 9:00</i> <i>Service 10:00</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>class 9:00</i> <i>Service 10:00</i>
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Mussar class</i> <i>1 pm</i>	17 <i>Shabbat dinner</i> <i>6 pm</i>	18 <i>class 9:00</i> <i>Service 10:00</i>
19 <i>Board meeting 2</i> <i>pm</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>mussar class 1</i> <i>pm</i>	24	25 <i>class 9:00</i> <i>Service 10:00</i>
26	27	28	29	30 <i>mussar class 1</i> <i>pm</i>	31	