

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **Rabbi Marty**

Recently, state governments have begun to reopen the American economy. Frankly, I am scared. I am not scared by the different approaches state Governors and legislators have taken to reopen their states. I am scared that politically expedient solutions are playing with the health and welfare of our nation. I am scared that a day at Coney Island or of fun in the sun at Floridian beaches will result in thousands of new infections and potential deaths. The countries that have been most successful in limiting the spread of the coronavirus, like Greece, have had the strictest lock down policies. By July, the Greek government announced there would be a resumption of limited tourism. Germany has balanced economic and health concerns by paying subsidies to companies to ensure that workers are paid during their time of economic inactivity. This is far better for long term economic survival than one or two checks of \$1,200 to private individuals. Germany has slowly started to cautiously open up its economy. Instead of protesters invading the Michigan state capitol, Illinois bigots portraying their Jewish Governor as a Nazi dictator, renewed spikes in COVID 19 after a day at the mall, or the premature reopening of manufacturing facilities lacking proper health precautions, we need a policy designed to protect all Americans. We must make the health of our citizens our country's number one priority. Failure to do so could result in our potential duplication of the 675,000 American deaths lost during the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918.

Ironically, we already have in place such a policy. We simply must follow CDC guidelines. To paraphrase Dr. Andrew Fauci, opening up the economy must be done slowly to avoid erasing the current gains made in controlling the spread of this potentially lethal virus. As my daughter's pediatrician quipped, it took a PANDEMIC to make people realize they had to wash their hands. As the Governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, often states, you must consider the ration of RISK TO REWARD. For example, getting a haircut is a high risk while eating take out food is low risk. Conducting a worship service with over 10 people is a medium risk. (Provided you disinfect prayer books, seats, and bathrooms, so singing, sitting a minimum of six feet apart, no food etc.) Doing an outside activity is lower risk than indoor activities. In other words, POLITICS must not play a part in the health policy of our nation. To do so could be at the cost of thousands of lives.

G-d forbid our leaders deal with the issue of our national health the way the citizens of Chelm (fictional eastern European community) dealt with their medical problem:

A group of Chelm's wisest citizens sat engrossed in an important medical issue. "Are the doctors correct when they say that smoking is injurious to your health? If they are right, we shall take steps to protect the lives of the Jews of Chelm.

One of the group expressed his firm opinion: "The physicians are always trying to frighten us. It is not true that smoking is harmful. My father smoked all his life and he lived to 92."

A second person agreed: Smoking has nothing to do with health. I had a baby brother. He never once touched a cigarette and died at the age of 2."

SEE YOU IN (VIRTUAL) SHUL

RABBI MARTY

P.S. from Rabbi Yosher Koach and MAZAL TOV to all of you who have participated in our weekly (VIRTUAL) Shabbat services. (Special thanks to Becky Adelberg who has set up our ZOOM network.) This has been the one silver lining of the horrific PANDEMIC. We have not only remained a viable religious entity, but we have grown exponentially in our number of participants. On May 28th at 7:00 pm, join DAWN, an all night Shavuot program of study and fun to celebrate our most precious gift, the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Our Shabbat- Shavuot service May 30 at 10a.am. Yizkor will be recited. Check your emails for the ZOOM Links.

Last, but certainly not least, a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the GRANDE DAME of BETH ISRAEL SINAI, our beloved Sarah Levin, who will be Celebrating her 103rd birthday. May she live to 120 years. WE LOVE YOU SARAH!

Rabbi Marty

### 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 Glenn Gordon 262-639-1924

I hope everyone is taking precautions against the Covid 19 virus. Please check on people who may be isolated and if you know of anyone who is in need let us know, we will try to help.

### The Presidents Message

I want to thank Zvi Polster for getting some N95 masks. If anyone needs one or two let me know. I have a few at my house or the synagogue. Let me know if you are in need, Zvi may be able to get more. He gave me a box of 20 to give to Joanie Williams whose daughter let her know how much they are needed on the Navaho Reservation.

We as a board are trying to tackle the issue of this virus and the desire of coming together to worship. Rabbi Adelberg is to having the Shabbat service streamed online. I send out a mass email with the instructions on how to join in the virtual Shabbat service. It is amazing how many people are attending we have always had a minyan plus. I am so glad people are embracing this technology.

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

Joyce PS **There will be no newsletter in July or August the newsletter wants a vacation.**

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. Harry Alperson
2. Gussie Sideman
3. Joseph Jacobsen
3. Bertha Kahn
3. Louis Seft
3. Louis Tattlebaum
6. Stanley Donovitz
7. William Myron Gottlieb
8. Sanford Sperer
8. Evelyn S. Gordon
9. Frances Kaplan
9. Abraham Schaefer
10. Reuben Gorsky
11. Patty Kushner
11. Maurice L. Fox
11. Frima Kassel
11. Ida Krasnow
13. Charles Amber
13. Caroline Haskel
13. Jean Shovers Tepper
13. Audrey Levinthal Silver
15. Arnold Max Solomon
15. Frieda Dankwerth
16. Morris Gordon
16. Barney Silver
17. Jacob Gorsky
17. Oscar Waisman
17. Joseph Wilks
18. Joseph E. Deft
18. Celia Frank
18. Pearl Grant
19. Sarah Shapiro
20. Kate Fox
22. Katherine Silver
23. Gertrude Kiselow
25. Mamie Faber
25. Louis Rosenberg
26. Ruth Dingfelder
26. Minnie Grant

28. Mynette Davis
28. William Gold
28. Frank Hoffman
28. Cherna Shovers
28. Tilie Hornstein
29. Rebecca Karlitzky
30. Norman Shovers



If you would like to remember your family members you can send in donations or buy a Yahrzeit plaque. If you call I can give you the price of the plaque.

## 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

Zvi Polster N95 masks

Max Gordon in memory of Evelyn Gordon-Mother, Arnold Solomon-Uncle, Pearl Grant-Aunt, Morris Gordon-Uncle/  
Perfect healing for Joe Roher/ Happy Birthday to Sarah Levin  
Barry and Louis Langlieb in memory of Edward Langlieb

Anonymous general donation

Joyce Placzkowski general donation

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### Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

June 5 8:10  
 June 12 8:14  
 June 19 8:16  
 June 26 8:17



# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <small>10:00 virtual service</small>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <small>10:00 virtual service</small>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <small>10:00 virtual service</small>
21 <small>Father's Day</small>	22	23	24	25	26	27 <small>10:00 virtual service</small>
28	29	30				