

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## Rabbi Marty

Let me relate to you a perfect story about Jewish survival that epitomizes our current pandemic. "A flood was predicted and nothing could prevent it. In three days, the waters would wipe out the world. The Dali Llama appeared on worldwide media and pleaded with humanity to follow Buddhist teachings to find Nirvana in the wake of disaster."

The Pope issued a similar message saying, "It is still not too late to accept Jesus as your Savior." The Mufti of Jerusalem encouraged everyone to pray with their greatest passion and fervor five times daily to Allah.

The Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem took a slightly different approach: "MY PEOPLE," he said, "WE HAVE THREE DAYS TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE UNDER WATER."

We are an historical people who when presented with lemons tend to turn them into LEMONADE. What other nation has been able to bear 430 years of slavery only to emerge as a free nation? What other people has survived the Crusades, bubonic plague, Spanish Inquisition, Russian pogroms, and the death of six million, ONE THIRD OF ITS POPULATION, only to emerge victorious when the Jewish homeland was reestablished in 1948 after 2,000 years in exile? By following CDC guidelines of social distancing, like our ancestors, the world's inhabitants will survive the current "bubonic plague" called COVID19. Without the help of modern technology, individuals would be isolated from our friends and family. Without ZOOM and FACETIME, this might have been the only time in history when a viral PLAGUE cancelled the family seder at Passover. Marcia and I had the privilege of conducting two ZOOM Seders. The first was with our children and grandchildren both in Chicago and Denver. Despite my initial mishandling of ZOOM (Baruch Hashem, Thank G-d, my media maven daughter Becky, was there to help it was one of the best Seders we ever had with our grandchildren. The second congregational seder, conducted at 7pm., attracted more people than ever before. On April 18th, we had a virtual guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. My intention is to tap my range of contacts to have a guest speaker as often as possible for our weekly Shabbat morning services. I am currently negotiating with the MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND for a virtual Shabbat performance. To appeal to the widest range of religious perspective, and to fulfill our mission as a truly NONDENOMINATIONAL TRADITIONAL EGALITARIAN CONGREGATION WELCOMING ALL POINTS OF VIEW, we will alternate the prayer books used during services between Reform GATES OF PRAYERS and the Orthodox translinear ART SCROLL siddur. FYI. We may be one of the few synagogues to have increased their membership during the Pandemic. (Our average age has dropped from 75 to 68.) Prior to closing our Temple, we rarely had a minyan. NO MORE. We have been so successful, that we will continue to stream services even after we reopen Beth Israel Sinai. We encourage all of you to worship with us every Shabbat morning at 10 am. You can contact Joyce Placzkowski or myself for the ZOOM LINK.

Don't miss our special ZOOM LAG B'OMER service Monday, May 11, at 7pm.

SEE YOU IN SHUL

RABBI MARTY

Rabbi Adelberg is streaming Shabbat services and any Holiday service. I have been sending links to the service via email, If you do not have a computer you are still capable of joining the service by phone. This has been working very well with a good participation level. Once this isolation ends we are considering continuing with the streaming of our services in our synagogue. The streaming service isn't free, so if you are so moved and have some funds available please send in donations so we can continue streaming the service. If you want a book we have some in the synagogue that I can get to you. I can meet you at the synagogue any day except Wednesday's.

This year because of the pandemic we will not be having our Annual Meeting. It is just too risky to hold the meeting. If and when this pandemic ends the board members will decide on the Annual Meeting.

How many out there would like a Friday night service besides the Saturday morning service? Please let me know how you feel about this.

### 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

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.

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. Berthold Donner
2. Rose Davidson
2. Hyman Tannenbaum
3. Joseph Goodman
4. Albert Gould
4. Robert M. Jacobson
5. Charlotte Weiss
5. Dave Luby
5. Abraham Sheft
5. Edith Singer
6. Morris S. Ruben
6. Alma Schlomovitz
7. Sidney Aronin
7. Jerry Brown
8. Helmut Isenberg
8. Bessie Silver
8. Charles "Chuck" Brown
9. Abe Silver
9. Isidore Small
9. Ed Johnson
11. Sylvia Rosenzweig
12. Joyce Katzman
12. Ruth Shrago
14. Sarah Gordon
14. Mark Bishop
15. Hattie Ruth Gottlieb
15. Jean Laufman
15. Lillian Fishbain
15. William Shovers
15. Milton Sklansky
16. Esther Feldman
16. Michel Kerner
18. David M. Kupperman
18. Isadore H. Solomon
18. Sonya Rozumoff Brill
20. Frieda Gellman
20. Bertha Gorsky
21. Henry Hornstein
21. Mark William Barshet

21. Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster
22. Richard Amber
22. Ben Waisman
23. Helen Seft LeBrint
23. Harry Kushner
23. Jacob M. Weisman
26. Saul Rosner
26. Charlotte Bakall
27. Max Brill
27. Laurence Feiges
28. Eva Wollman
31. Arthur Schwartz
31. Meyer Spracker
31. Mark Bishop
31. Vivian Rudolph
31. Anna Streicher



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 Grandfather Isadore Solomon

Anonymous general donation

Joyce Placzkowski general donation

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### Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

May 1. 7:36  
 May 8 7:43  
 May 15. 7:51  
 May 22. 7:58  
 May 29 8:04



# May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <sup>10 virtual Shabbat</sup>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <sup>10 virtual Shabbat</sup>
10	11 <sup>7:00 pm Lag B'Omer service</sup>	12 <sup>Lag Ba-Omer</sup>	13	14	15	16 <sup>10 virtual Shabbat</sup>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <sup>10 virtual Shabbat</sup>
24	25 <sup>Memorial Day</sup>	26	27	28 <sup>Erev Shavuot</sup>	29 <sup>Shavuot</sup>	30 <sup>10 virtual Shabbat / Yizkor</sup>
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