

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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Rabbi Marty

With the end of Ne'ilah, it is my hope that we have all been SEALED in the BOOK OF LIFE. In the Age of Covid, the Mahzor passage asking "who shall live and who shall die" becomes relevant. To quote from Mahzor On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed. How many shall leave this world, and how many shall be born? Who shall live and who shall die? Who in the fullness of years and who before? Who shall perish by fire and who by water? Who by sword and who by wild beast? Who by famine and who by thirst? Who by earthquake and who by plague? Who by strangling and who by stoning? Who shall rest and who will be disturbed? Who shall be at peace and who afflicted? Who shall be impoverished and who enriched? Who shall be humbled and who exalted? And the remedy to insure human survival and avert both individually and collectively a "divine death sentence" is REPENTANCE, PRAYER AND DEEDS OF LOVING KINDNESS.

Or as the song says "put a little love in your heart". With the United States approaching 200,000 deaths for Covid-19, we all must do more to ensure our collective survival. I know you have heard it before, but in the interests of humanity and some national deafness it is worth repeating. WEAR YOUR MASKS! SOCIAL DISTANCE! Watch for disease related warning signs like high temperature, severe aches and pains and constant fatigue. Don't participate in large gatherings. Sanitize exposed surfaces when using public restroom facilities. If you must travel, go by car if the trip is less than 48 hours. Plane if you plan a longer trip. (Advice of both the CDC and Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Chief Medical correspondent for CNN.) The list is endless, but critical to our national health. Many European countries and Israel have recently had to reimpose lock downs due to infection spikes and increased deaths. Lastly our leaders should be encouraged to set an example by wearing masks in public at ALL TIMES. The virus does not distinguish between Republicans or Democrats, liberals or conservatives or libertarians or leftist. Science is supposed to be NONPOLITICAL.

Our Torah teaches us that each of us is dependent upon the actions of others. No one has the right to even unintentionally put someone else in danger. Since the beginning of the crisis, too many politicians and a handful of religious leaders have been doing just that. Let us return to common sense to reduce, and eventually eradicate this disease.

Only then will we increase our chance of being SEALED in the BOOK OF LIFE!

SEE YOU IN VIRTUAL SHUL FOR OUR VIOLIN CONCERT FOLLOWED BY KOL NIDRE
BEGINNING 5PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH.

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P.S. Let's not forget, our celebration of Sukkot and Simchat Torah is just around the corner. The schedule of services will be as follows: Erev Sukkot and Shabbat, Friday, October 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm Shabbat and Sukkot Day 1. Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 10:00 am. Sukkot Day 2. Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 10:00 am. Chol Hamoed (the intermediate days) Sukkot. Monday through Friday, October 5th—9th, 2020 no ZOOM services. Shabbat, Shemini Atzert and Yizkor Services. Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 10:00 am. Havdalah and Erev Simchat Torah, Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Simchat Torah Services Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 10:00 am.

FYI ZOOM HIGH HOLIDAY services were a tremendous success. Special thanks to Marion who helped me with the Shofar services, Joyce for helping me with the schedule and bulletin and our social media maven Becky. May we continue to grow from strength to strength, and when it is SAFE to congregate in person at Beth Israel Sinai.

See you in Shul,

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

This has been a different year. We are now using zoom to hold our services because of Covid 19 it is not safe to be gathering in the Synagogue. There is a plus to this we have so many more people joining the service. We have more than tripled the people attending services. With a lot of luck we will be able to once again be in the Synagogue sooner than later. When we do go into the building we will continue to zoom services for those that can't come to the synagogue. Please consider joining Beth Israel Sinai as a member even if it is just through zoom. We are very willing to discuss dues with everyone who is interested in joining. People can always join our services without being a member, but a membership gives you a voice when we are making decisions about Beth Israel Sinai.

President Joyce Placzowski

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 is the anniversary of a person's passing. It is customary to recite the mourners' kaddish and make a charitable contribution in memory of loved ones on their yahrzeits. You should have received a yahrzeit list showing Hebrew dates. The date on the secular calendar can be found online or from a current Jewish calendar. Instead of the secular dates of each month's yahrzeits, we will publish on this page a sketch of one or more persons whose yahrzeits fall during the month. Beth Israel Sinai does not keep biographical records. If you know anything about persons on the yahrzeit list, please share. The more we know, the more likely we are to publish.

ISABEL TANNENBAUM July 10, 1912—November 3, 2008

Isabel is best remembered for the bagels, challah, and rye bread she baked at Supreme Bakery, 1242 State Street. Supreme was the one of three Jewish bakeries in Racine. Another was Northwestern Bakery two doors west owned by Sam Tabaksman, and the third, owned by a Levin family, was on a nearby cross street, possibly Union Street.

Isabel's parents, David and Fannie Alperovitz, brought their recipes from Russia to Sheboygan early in the 20th century. In 1921, State Street Bakery was listed for sale. It featured a brick oven, one of the secrets to good bakery. David and Fannie bought it and moved to Racine. Isabel was 9 years old.

Supreme Bakery offered a complete line of baked goods, including bagels, Jewish rye and challah, as well as home delivery. The family drove the bakery's three trucks as well as doing the baking. In an era when few folks had heard the word "bagel", the family baked 100 dozen every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. The customers lined up.

Isabel married Max Tannenbaum in 1939. They ran the business from 1941 until it closed in 1971. At the end, Supreme was open only a few days a week.

Upon learning of Isabel's retirement, our Rabbi told her, "Isabel, no one else knows how to make your bread. You should teach the ladies of the Sisterhood how to make it." "I don't like the ladies of the Sisterhood!" she replied. Three weeks later our anonymous source received a call from Isabel, "I am going to teach you to bake rye bread. I'll tell you who you can invite to help. Only those can come. I'm not doing this because I like you. I don't! But, I like your husband." Each week when the anonymous husband bought bread, he visited Max, who was quite disabled, and whose job was watching the oven to make sure nothing burned. Isabel was grateful. Eventually, she even accepted some of the women she had bared from the group.

Sisterhood held bake sales. They baked 180 loaves of rye and sold out by 10:30 am. Only a fourth of the customers were Jewish. One clerk in the traffic department of Massey Ferguson, a chubby Polish fellow, bought 5 loaves at every sale. He must have eaten rye bread for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Our anonymous source regularly visited Isabel in the nursing home. "I think she grudgingly decided I might be sort of okay. But maybe not. Anyway, I got a great kick out of her and bless the days she taught me, and thus my whole family, to bake bread—rye, challah, and bagel. You should see the challahs my sons produce braided with four to six strands of dough. For me it has been a skill that has opened doors and started friendships all through my life."

Twenty-five years after Supreme closed, "The Bagel Lady" filled the front page of the Journal Times food section. The reporter expressed pity for those who never tasted, "the best bagel in the whole world." Isabel's bagels were irregularly shaped, rough textured, chewy as a rubber tire, and delicious. "I don't make no little bagels." Isabel declared.

Isabel's recipes for bagels, challah, and rye bread are available. Donations would be appreciated.

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

Alan Barrett High Holiday Appeal
 Linda Hulbert High Holiday Appeal
 Mark Isenberg High Holiday Appeal
 Dr. Jose Kanshepolsky High Holiday Appeal
 Stephen Kushner High Holiday Appeal
 Joe and Judy Roher High Holiday Appeal
 Warren and Joanie Williams High Holiday Appeal
 Judith McGauran High Holiday Appeal
 David Lee in Memory of Nephew James Nathan Lee
 Ellen Antman in memory of Shover Family

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

October 2 6:12
 October 9 6:00
 October 16 5:49
 October 23 5:38
 October 30 5:28



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:00 pm service Erev Sukkot	3 10 am service 1st day Sukkot
4 10 am service 2nd Day Sukkot	5 3rd day of Sukkot	6 4th Day Sukkot	7 5th Day Sukkot	8 6th Day Sukkot	9 7th Day Sukkot	10 10 am service/7pm service Shemini Atzeret
11 10 am service Simchat Torah	12	13	14	15	16	17 10 am service
18 Board Meeting 2pm	19	20	21	22	23	24 10 am service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 10 am service