

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## Rabbi Marty

Dear Family and Friends,

After a long and acrimonious election it is time to heal our nation. Former president George Bush, an accomplished painter, has composed a New Year's card around the theme of the Statue of Liberty welcoming immigrants to America. It was composed by the daughter of immigrants, Emma Lazarus. Emma Lazarus was an American author of poetry, prose and translations, as well as an activist for Jewish causes. She wrote the sonnet "The New Colossus," in 1833. Sixteen years after her death its words appeared on a bronze plaque, installed in 1903, on the Statue of Liberty. Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, with conquering limbs astride from land to land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand A mighty woman with torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother from her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command the air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. "Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she with silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

This is the vision of America held by all of our great leaders. I hope and pray that the same vision will be held by all future Presidents and their administrations.

Baruch Hashem, Thank G-d, 2020 is over. We are the fortunate ones. (It doesn't hurt that cannabis has become legal in many states.) By the Grace of G-d, none of my friends are unemployed or standing in long lines to receive food. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS and Jewish organizations like MASON. As long as we maintain social distancing and wear masks, a series of new vaccines will begin to reduce the number of hospitalizations and deaths. While we all miss travel and large family gatherings, at least we had ZOOM and the internet to communicate with our family members. Beth Israel Sinai has actually doubled its Shabbat service attendance. Thanks to the marvel of the worldwide web, we have worshippers from all over the country. New members are joining our synagogue. Over 40 participants attended High Holiday services. Twice a month classes have been established. Please encourage your friends and family, wherever they may live, to join us every Shabbat morning at 10 am CST and the FIRST FRIDAY evening Shabbat service at 7 pm CST. We have our own ZOOM chat room for classes and services. If you or a friend still need the LINK, email me at rabbimartyn@icloud.com. Like us on our Facebook pages, BETH ISRAEL SINAI and NEW JEWISH OUTREACH. In addition to the Beth Israel Sinai website, you and your friends can learn more about me by visiting my personal website, newjewishoutreach.org. May we continue to grow from strength to strength.

See you in Shul,

Rabbi Marty

P.S, Please join us for our special TU B'SHEVAT service celebration the New Year of the Trees, Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7 pm.

## SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2 021

First Friday, January 1, 2021 at 7 pm. The Gates of Prayer.

Weekly Shabbat morning services with guest speakers at 10 am,

First and third Tuesday, January 5th and 19th, Introduction to Judaism classes at 7 pm.

Tu B' Shevat Wednesday January, 27, 2021 7 pm

### 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 are welcoming in a New Year 2021 is now here. I personally am very grateful for a new year to come. This last one has been a doozy. Even with all the isolation, disease and death it may help to find some things that we are thankful for. Let's start this year with hope and thanks. I am grateful for all workers who did their best to fight this disease and come up with a vaccine. 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 Placzkowski

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.

Meyer Levin Tevet 25, 5761—January 7, 2021

December 18, 1915—January 20, 2001

There were two Meyer Levins in our congregation. The first Meyer Levin was born in 1872 and was featured in last months bulletin. This Meyer Levin was born in Chicago on December 18, 1915. His parents, Sarah and Sam, emigrated to Chicago from a town near the Russian Lithuanian border, and then moved to Racine where Meyer grew up. They were members of Racine's only congregation at that time, B'nai Yehudah, often called the Superior Street Shul.

In 1937, when Meyer was 22, a friend of the family from the Waukegan congregation invited the Levins to a picnic in Petrifying Springs park. At the picnic Meyer was introduced to Sarah Cohn. They were married in Chicago in 1939. Shortly afterward they moved to Waukegan, Sarah's hometown, and then to Chicago. They had two children, Judy and Joel. Meyer worked in Chicago as the Assistant Manager for Neisner's Five and dime, he was drafted for WWII. Basic training was at Fort Hood and he was posted to an intelligence unit in Iceland for the duration. Upon honorable discharge he and his family returned to Racine and affiliated with B'nai Yehuda Congregation. In 1959 they joined Beth Israel Sinai where Meyer served as Gabbai for decades and Sarah accepted the honor of dressing the Torah. They seldom missed a service. Their first granddaughter, Lisa, officially named the Grannie and Poppie.

In Racine, Meyer first worked for Greene Manufacturing and later for Merchants Delivery on their armored truck team. For many years Meyer delivered beverages to the employees of several local manufacturers, including Massey Harris and Western Publishing, for Progressive Dairy. He offered a kind word to all and remembered each customer's order. He so impressed Western Publishing that they published an article, including photos, about him in their company newsletter under the headline, "Here Comes Meyer." Meyer was most recently employed as the maintenance engineer for Racine Federated where he once again endeared himself to the many employees and was known as a fellow who could repair anything. Meyer retired in 1996.

Woodworking was Meyer's passion. In his basement shop, Meyer built a dollhouse, stand and headboard with built-in light for his daughter Judy. And a desk and chair for his son Joel, a rocking chair for his granddaughter Lisa, a wheel chair ramp for Mildred Domskey, and for friends, bathroom cabinets, furniture, and Hanukkah menorahs. Somehow, he found time to collect stamps, grow tomatoes, enjoy classical music, and repair everything that broke around the house.

Meyer passed away January 20, 2001. We do not want to attract the evil eye by mentioning Sarah's age. She is doing quite well and would appreciate a letter from any of you, especially if you have a memory to share. Likely, you will receive a reply. She writes beautifully. Address letters to 660 Woelfel Road, Room 117, Brookfield WI 53045.

Corrections, additions, and memorial contributions are encouraged.

#### **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**

**Anonymous general donation**

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### Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

January 1 4:10  
 January 8 4:17  
 January 15 4:25  
 January 22 4:34  
 January 29 4:43



# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <sub>7 pm service</sub>	2 <sub>10 am service</sub>
3	4	5 <sub>7 pm class</sub>	6	7	8	9 <sub>10 am service</sub>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <sub>10 am service</sub>
17	18	19 <sub>7 pm class</sub>	20	21	22	23 <sub>10 am service</sub>
24	25	26	27 <sub>7 pm Tu B"Shvat</sub>	28 <sub>Tu B'Shevat</sub>	29	30 <sub>10 am service</sub>
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