

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## **Rabbi Marty,**

Our Rabbis declared, after the victory of Mordechai and Esther over the evil Haman, “mi shenichanas Adar Marbim b’simchah.” Whoever enters the month of Adar must do so with JOY and HAPPINESS. The special Maftir reading ON Shabbat Zachor, the Sabbath of Remembrance, emphasizes that we must do everything possible to destroy the influence of Amalek from the face of the earth. Who are the Amalekites? They were a Canaanite tribe that attacked the most defenseless rear rank of Israelite women and children during the exodus to G-d’s promised land of Israel. This reading always comes the Shabbat before Purim. Why? Because Haman was a descendant of the Amalkites.

What does it mean to “DESTROY EVIL?”

Does it mean to kill anyone we suspect of genocide—like surviving Nazi assassins or others with evil intentions towards the Jewish people, modern Israel, our fellow Americans or other friends and allies? OR does it mean to eradicate all linguistic perpetrators of evil—like those idiot congressional representatives who fear our country will be attacked by “Jewish laser beams,” George Soros “deep state” pornographers and pedophiles? While occasionally prudent statesman may feel obligated to choose the former option, all Jewish and Gentile humanitarians, regardless of political stripe, must choose the second option. Help our homeless citizens with shelter, food and water. Support mainstream political candidates who respect each other and our constitution. Defeat extremists of both the right and left who advocate the suppression of views contrary to their own. Only when we respect each other can we truly fulfill the rabbinical injunction of “MI SHENICHANAS ADAR MARBIM B’SIMCHAH.”

We are instructed to get a little tipsy during the holiday. We are so happy to have escaped annihilation that our Rabbis instructed us to become just drunk enough not to know the difference between Mordechai and Haman it is suggested that we fulfill this MITZVAH after the reading of Megillah.

**SEE YOU IN VIRTUAL SHUL,  
STAY SAFE  
RABBI MARTY**

Our new mailing address is **Beth Israel Sinai 3009 Washington Ave., Racine, WI 53405** we no longer will be using the P.O. Box address. If you are having problems with your letters getting to our address we are trying to work with the Post Office on this. I have sent in 3 change of address cards so far and will have to send in another one most likely. For whatever reason the Post Office is not accepting our street address. I hope that this will be rectified soon.

SEDER will be held via zoom on Sunday, March 28, 2021 starting at 7 pm. Hopefully you will be able to join. If you need a booklet let me know.

#### 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

**Our mailing address has changed. We are now using our street address. From now on please send all mail to Beth Israel Sinai 3009 Washington Ave., Racine, WI 53405** 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. We also have associate memberships for people who would like to join.  
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.

George Stern, Adar 24, 5781—March 8, 2021

June 12, 1913—March 19, 2001

Many of you may remember George Stern. He has been gone only twenty years. He and his wife, Mary, were deeply involved in every corner of our Jewish community—religious, charitable and social. There were so many articles in the newspaper about him and his wife Mary hosting dinners and events for the congregation that there is not room here even for a summary.

George and Mary Spira were married in Germany July 10, 1938. Later that year they were on a cruise when they received a telegram from home, "Don't come back." Kristalnacht was November 9, 1938. In June of 1939 they arrived in the U.S. and in July they settled in Racine, likely sponsored by an anonymous group here that sponsored a number of other European Jewish refugees. WWII began September 1, 1939. They had a son Michael, now in Colorado and a daughter Sandra who has passed away. The family lived on Kingston Avenue until they retired to a condo on Harborview Drive.

George had a brother, Willy, who settled in Kenosha. Together they bought an old Moon automobile and "bingo!" they were in the salvage business.

George and Mary owned the Stern Wastepaper and Iron Company at 1415 Durand for forty years. At one point, George's paper recycling tonnage was 100 tons per month, 40% of what the Journal Times was using. During the early 70's, when the recycling movement was rapidly becoming a "thing", George worked with the city and state governments to organize their recycling programs. The Journal Times published five photos of George's operation.

George and Mary kept a kosher home. They always arrived early at shul and sat in the same seats. George was Israel Bond chairperson of the Beth Israel Sinai board of directors, board member of the Racine Jewish Welfare Council, a member of sisterhood and a member of Hadassah. They often hosted dinners and events for the congregation and were heavily involved with building our synagogue at 944 Main which was dedicated in 1952. Like many others, George volunteered for Sisterhood's program to relieve the regular volunteers at local hospitals on Christmas Eve so that they could be with their families.

#### **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**

March 5 5:28  
March 12 5:37  
March 19 6:45  
March 26 6:54



# March 2021

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri                   | Sat   |
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|   | 1   | 2 <i>1 pm lecture at the Seasons</i> | 3   | 4   | 5 <i>7 pm service</i> | 6 <i>10 am service</i>                        |
| 7   | 8   | 9                                    | 10  | 11  | 12                    | 13 <i>10 am service</i>                       |
| 14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>      | 15  | 16                                   | 17  | 18  | 19                    | 20 <i>10 am service</i>                       |
| 21  | 22  | 23                                   | 24  | 25  | 26                    | 27 <i>10 am service</i><br><i>Erev Pesach</i> |
| 28 <i>1st Day of Pesach 7 pm zoom Seder</i> | 29  | 30                                   | 31  |     |                       |   |