

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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Rabbi's Message

Almost one month separates Purim and Passover. The two holidays represent two contrasting aspects of Jewish religious thought. The story of Esther makes no mention of G-d. Although G-d may be lurking in the shadows, the Megillah demonstrates the triumph of the Jewish people as totally the result of human action. By contrast, the Passover story emphasizes G-d freeing our people from slavery and the encroaching armies of Pharaoh. The Haggadah reminds us that: The Eternal took us out of the Land of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and with great manifestation and signs and wonders. The Eternal, took us out of Egypt not through an angel, not through a seraph and not through a messenger. Rather by G-d's own self, the Holy One, ever to be blessed, in solitary glory.

Yossi Klein Halevi a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, makes a different kind of comparison between Purim and Passover. Jewish history speaks to our generation the voice of two Biblical commands to remember. The first voice commands us to remember that we were strangers in the land of Egypt. The message of that command is: DON'T BE BRUTAL! The second voice commands us to remember how the tribe of Amalek attacked us without provocation while we were wandering in the desert. The message of the command is: DON'T BE NAÏVE. The first command is the voice of Passover, of liberation. The second is the voice of Purim, commemorating our victory over the genocidal threat of a descendant of Amalek, the evil Haman. On Pesach, Jews are motivated by alertness to threat. Both are essential. One without the other creates an imbalanced Jewish personality—a distortion of Jewish history and values.

During these days when we are concerned with increasing numbers of antisemitic threats in the United States and the world, we renew our commitment to celebrate our holidays with joy. Our stories of liberation and redemption continues to motivate us to work for the liberation of all.

Chag Kasher v'Sameach

A Happy and Kosher Passover

Rabbi Marty Adelberg

P.S. The holiday schedule for Shabbat Choll Ha'moed Pesach on Saturday, April 8th at 10 am. Services for the Eight Day of Passover will be on Thursday, April 13th, at 10 am. On zoom and in person.

Passover starts on the evening of Wednesday, April 5, 2023. You are welcome to join our zoom Seder on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 which starts at 6:30.

Chag Sameach

If you have a member of family or a friend who was a member of Beth Israel Sinai and you have a short story about them that you would like to write I will put that story in the Yahrzeit section of the newsletter. You can send me the articles whenever you have time and I will keep them in a file to use on the month of their yahrzeit. Please either send in mail to our address or email to president@bethisraelsinai.org.

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. .

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 Marc Greenberg 702-465-4805

ZOOM LINK INFO

ID Number 811 5151 1468

Passcode 833720

Phone number

1-312-626-6799

The Presidents Message

You can easily join our synagogue family we have affordable full memberships and we have associate memberships for those who may live too far from us to become an active member. Whether you want to attend weekly or just when you have time please consider joining with a membership. Your membership helps to keep our synagogue open and vital.

If there are any programs you think would be interesting and they are on zoom let us know and we can try to have the program on zoom for you to enjoy at the synagogue. We just watched an interesting program on the Architects of Auschwitz.

You can reach me by phone 262-945-7675

Joyce Placzowski President

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.

Manny Brown Nisan 13, 5783—April 4, 2023

November 2, 1917—April 11, 1987

Manny Brown was a partner in several law firms here in Racine over a 36 year career. A list of his honors and awards from civic and Jewish organizations would fill this page.

His greatest contributions to civic affairs were in the field of education. He served on the school board from 1953 through 1963 helping to create the Racine Unified School District in 1954. As chairman of the property and new building committee he oversaw the expansion and construction of modern facilities to accommodate the baby boom. As an attorney Manny served as president of the National Organization on Legal Problems in Education such as desegregation, decentralization, student rights, campus government, and collective bargaining.

From 1964 through 1972 Manny served in the State assembly as chair of the Education Committee and the Wisconsin Library Services and Construction Activity Advisory Committee.

Manny served as chair of the Rotary International student projects committee.

Other civic contributions included: Racine County Humane Society, Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, board member of Goodwill Industries and member of UW Board of Visitors.

In the Jewish community Manny served as vice president of Beth Israel Sinai temple, member of B'nai B'rith, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and performer in "Three Men on a Horse" by the Temple Players.

Manny was born in Chicago and graduated from Park High. In 1940 he graduated from UW Madison and joined the Navy. It is not clear where he was serving on December 7, 1941 when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

After completing a post-graduate course in Naval Communication at Harvard University (near Boston) he returned to Racine on a ten day leave. On Friday evening, May 8, 1943, Manny's parents hosted a tea in Beth Israel Sinai temple honoring the engagement of their son, Ensign Manny S. Brown, to Miss Glenna Irene Brown of Boston. Miss Jeanne Levin of Racine poured tea at the tea table, the centerpiece was an arrangement of red, white and blue spring flowers. Ensign Brown returned to duty in the South Pacific.

February 7, 1945, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Levin announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Levin, to Lieutenant Manny S. Brown, just returned from 22 months in the South Pacific. They married February 22, 1945 in Beth Israel Sinai Temple. The Couple moved to San Diego. Manny and Jeanne had two sons, Richard, born 1946 and Chuck, born 1950.

Manny received his JD degree from Marquette University in 1952.

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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

Robert Ganz for repairs

Anonymous for general donation

Anonymous for Seder

Max Gordon for Klezmer entertainment and Rabbi Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Douglas and Laura Moran in memory of Dr. Stanley Rosen

Richard and Stella Sachs in memory of Dr. Stanley Rosen

Mary Sjoerdsma in memory of Dr. Stanley Rosen

Sherwin and Lynn Ditlove in memory of Dr. Stanley Rosen

Edward Villarreal general donation

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

April	7	7:06
April	4	7:14
April	21	7:23
April	28	7:31



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10 am service in person and zoom
2	3	4	5 Erev Pesach Seder 6:30 pm zoom	6 1st day Pesach	7 2nd day Pesach	8 10 am service in person and zoom
9 4th day Pesach	10 5th day Pesach	11 6th day Pesach	12 7th day Pesach	13 8th day Pesach Yizkor service 10 am	14	15 10 am service in person and zoom
16	17	18 Yom Hazikaron Lashoah 7 pm zoom	19	20	21	22 10 am service in person and zoom
23	24	25 Yom Hazikaron 7 pm zoom service	26 Israel Independence Day	27	28	29 10 am service in person and zoom
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