

# *Beth Israel Sinai News*

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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## Rabbi's Message

Contrary to popular opinion, Chanukah was not dominated by male heroes. While it is correct that the Maccabees led by Matityahu and his five sons ultimately defeated the Assyrians and their Jewish Hellenistic allies, it was the special role of Chana, and Judith that guaranteed victory. What led to the heroic actions of these two brave women?

During the Chanukah rebellion, the Assyrian King Antiochus forced Chana to watch as he murders her seven sons for refusing to eat pork. When it is her youngest son's turn to die, Chana instructs him to follow the lead of his older brothers. When her only surviving son is about to be murdered, Chana kisses him and whispers: "Say to Father Abraham, do not pride yourself on having built an altar to offer your son Issac. Our mother built seven altars and offered seven sons on one day. Yours was only a test. Hers was real.

Judith, the widowed daughter of the High Priest Jonathon, is determined to assassinate the Assyrian general Holofernes, her quick thinking not only spared the city Bethulia, but led to a major setback for the Assyrian army. Pretending to flee the city with her maid, Judith reached the military camp. Securing permission to meet Holofernes, Judith convinced the general that the beleaguered city would run out of food in five days. Hoping to seduce the young widow, Holofernes invited Judith into his tent. Judith fed him salty cheese which caused him to drink too much wine. After Holofernes fell asleep Judith grabbed his sword and chopped off his head. She carried it in a sack to show the elders of the city. Seeing that Holofernes was dead, the city's defenders invaded the Assyrian military camp and annihilated the troops. The quick thinking of Judith saved the city of Bethulia.

Today, many modern Israeli heroes and heroines are struggling to survive against the terror of Hamas— an evil that not only brought a reign of death and destruction to the State of Israel but also precipitated the death of over 14,000 Palestinians. Due to a temporary ceasefire in the Hamas-Israel War, some of the 240 captured Israelis are beginning to return. Young, old, pregnant and the infirm were part of this treacherous act. As we light our Chanukah candles this year, let us hope and pray for a freedom of all hostages and their return to Israel. Let the death of over 1,400 Israelis, the worst massacre of Jews since the Shoah (Holocaust), NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

AMYSISROEL CHAI!

SEE YOU IN SHUL,

RABBI MARTY

We have a new zoom link please check your new emails for the link so you will be able to join our service by zoom if you wish. We miss you when you don't attend.

The next Holiday will be upon us sooner than you may think. Chanukkah is starts on December 7, 2023. We will have supplies out for purchase if you need anything. We have assorted gifts, cards, and candles for purchase. If you need anything after a service or before check out what is available for purchase.

### **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**

**Meeting ID 86963820547**

**Passcode 812975**

**Phone Number**

**1-309-205-3325**

### **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 Placzkowski 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.

Sol Marcado

April 23, 1922—December 5, 2002

The night of June 5, 1944 Sol Marcado, flew over Normandy, France in a glider with 12 other Airborne soldiers and a jeep. It was the night before D Day. Their mission was to capture bridges the Allies would need to advance from Utah and Omaha beaches. Their destination was the town of Sainte-Mere-Eglise.

On Memorial Day 1944, the 50th anniversary of D Day, Sol was the main speaker at the memorial service. He had hoped to talk about D Day like an old blood and thunder soldier—with a strong voice, stern jaw and dry eyes. "I can't do this. I've got to give a speech," said Sol as he turned away from a reporter and rubbed his eyes, stifling the emotion, he did not want to show. "Most of the time, I can talk about it with no problem. But sometimes it just gets to me. People wouldn't believe what happened over there." He put the D Day invasion in perspective saying, if you visualize every man, woman and child in Racine, Kenosha, and Brown counties boarding ships and boats and crossing Lake Michigan, you have an idea of the size of the force crossing the English Channel."

Later that day at dinner marking the 50th anniversary of D Day, Sol told of his harrowing crash landing outside Sainte-Mere-Eglise. On June 5 the glider's tow rope broke shortly after takeoff and the plane crashed in England. Sol was put on a second glider and arrived over France just before dawn on June 6. "We didn't know what to expect until we hit the ground," Sol remembered. "We were all strapped in. We had our seatbelts on. We hit a tree. There was nothing left of the glider really." The jeep on board was rendered useless. The soldiers survived. A perfect glider landing was one in which no one was injured. "We were shaken up somewhat." "I wouldn't say we were scared. We were too dumb to be scared. I mean we had no idea what we were getting into. There was no way we could have known." At 4:30 AM Sainte-Mere-Eglise became the first town in Europe to be liberated.

Sol also fought in the invasion of Italy and Germany as well as the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Purple heart and rose to the rank of Sergeant with the 321st Glider Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Born in Chicago, Sol moved to Racine after the war. He married Shirley Fishbein of Milwaukee. They had two sons. He served our Jewish community in many rolls: President of B'nai B'rith, Treasurer of Beth Israel Sinai. In 1990 Sol was presented with the Shofar Award in recognition of outstanding service on behalf of Jewish youth involved in the Boy Scouts of America.

Also, heavily involved with civic affairs: City of Racine Veterans' Council; the 82nd Airborne Division Association of Southern Wisconsin, All Airborne Chapter; Operation USA Racine Chapter; Citizens against crime; Badger State Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association; Airborne dedication of the State Street bridge; coordinator of Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities. The County of Racine declared April 30, 1991, as "Sol Marcado Day." Employed at various times by Standard Scrap Metal, Premium Sales, and NAPA Auto Parts. Perhaps the most extraordinary thing about Sol Marcado is that he was so ordinary.

#### **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 Ron Schaefer and Diane Anderson**

**Mary Vite general donation**

**Linda Hulbert general donation**

**Joyce Placzkowski general donation**

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**Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times**

December	1	4:00
December	8	3:58
December	15	3:59
December	22	4:02
December	29	4:06



# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 am service in person and zoom
3	4	5	6	7 Chanukah 1 candle	8 Chanukah 2 candles	9 10 am service in person and zoom
10 Chanukah 4 candles	11 Chanukah 5 candles	12 Chanukah 6 candles	13 Chanukah 7 candles	14 Chanukah 8 candles	15	16 10 am service in person and zoom
17	18	19	20	21	22 Fast of 10th day of Tevet	23 10 am service in person and zoom
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 10 am iservice in person and zoom
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