

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

January 2023 Tevet / Shevat 5783

Rabbi's Message,

This year's New Year's message is dedicated to the many families, both past and present, who have been part of the Beth Israel Sinai family. Little did I realize that when I agreed to serve as your spiritual leader in October 2000, I would still have the honor to be serving as your Rabbi 22 years later. I am honored to have participated in so many meaningful life cycle events including bat and bar mitzvahs, weddings and funerals. Together we have evolved into a synagogue that cherishes all Jewish viewpoints. Everyone entering our house of worship is made to feel welcomed. Those observing Kosher dietary laws will find a kitchen meeting the strictest standards of Kashrut. Shabbat and Holyday services are not limited to a mere recitation of the prayers in Hebrew and English. Deeper explanations are provided to make all of our services more meaningful. No question is considered off limits. I am always available, either in person or telephonically, to answer any questions.

Beginning a new chapter in the life of our historic Temple, I would like to invite unaffiliated interested in learning more about their Jewish heritage, interfaith families interested in learning more about their Jewish heritage and non-Jews in studying our ancient faith to join our Congregational family. Our hybrid Shabbat and Holyday services are conducted both in person and over ZOOM. How gratifying it was to see people joining us from cities around the United States.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
RABBI MARTY

We will be having entertainment for Purim this year. Please consider coming and or join us on zoom for the Klezmer entertainment. More will come closer to the time of Purim.

Saturday, January 28, 2023 we will be celebrating the anniversary of Rabbi Adelberg's Bar Mitzvah. This is the 59th anniversary of Rabbi's bar mitzvah. The guest speaker will be John Dickert, the former Mayor of Racine. Rabbi and Marcia will be sponsoring a Kiddush lunch.

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 Glenn Gordon 262-639-1924

ZOOM LINK INFO

ID Number 811 5151 1468

Passcode 833720

Phone number

1-312-626-6799

The Presidents Message

I hope everyone will have a happy and prosperous new year. The beginning of a new year will hopefully be a chance to reflect on what is important to you and how you want this year to unfold. I hope some of you want this to be a time to renew your spiritual selves and come and support our synagogue with both your Presence and your financial means.

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 help to keep our synagogue open and vital.

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.

Geraldine Shovers Tevet 24, 5783—January 17, 2023

December 7, 1918—January 2, 2008

Geraldine, known as "Toots" by her family, was born right here in Racine on December 7, 1918. She was 14 years old at the bottom of the depression. The neighbors felt lucky if they had potatoes to eat. The three Shovers kids complained, "What! Steak again!" Their father Oscar, was a successful cattle dealer. The Shovers graciously traded beef for potatoes with their neighbors.

Geraldine had two brothers. Al, the oldest, was nicknamed, "Sonny." He followed his father's footsteps becoming a cattle dealer in Wausau. The youngest, Harvey, "Babe," was one of four servicemen from our congregation who died for their country in WWII.

After graduating from Park High school in 1936 Geraldine moved to Milwaukee where she found work as a secretary. She loved city life. During the war she met a handsome Jewish soldier at a friend's holiday party. He was from Milwaukee. His name was Foster Gould. They were married while Foster was on furlough February 3, 1945 at her family's home.

Although Geraldine loved Milwaukee and Foster grew up in Milwaukee, the couple lived in Racine. Foster wanted to be close to Geraldine's large close knit family. Geraldine's father, Oscar, had seven siblings living in Racine and her mother, Sophie, had two. Geraldine's parents, brothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins were one of the largest of a few extended families that accounted for most of the Jewish population of Racine. The whole mishpocha was involved with Beth Israel Sinai and the construction of our gorgeous temple at 10th and Main.

Foster operated a successful barbershop on Sixth street and was a no-nonsense Sunday school teacher for many years. Geraldine owned several residential and commercial properties here in Racine.

Their first child, Harleen was born in 1947.

In 1948 they had a son, Avery who in 1949, was named King of Racine in a baby contest sponsored by the Knights of Pythias. There were 300 entrants. Heavy hangs the head that wears a crown.

A daughter, Ellen, was born in 1960. Ellen contributed most of the information for this article and still feels part of our congregation although, she has lived on the wrong side of the Illinois state line for many, many years.

For more than a year we have been publishing memorials to people whose yahrzeits fall during the month rather than a list of all the month's yahrzeits. If you would like to publish a memorial article about someone on the yahrzeit list or announce a yahrzeit in the newsletter, give us two months notice.

The congregation does not keep biographical records. These articles require many hours to research and write. If you enjoy them, show your appreciation with a memorial donation. Our tradition teaches G-d considers charity given in memory of a loved one as a mitzvah he would have performed himself had he been able.

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

Stephen Taich for repairs

Joan Toth for repairs

Anonymous for repairs

Susie for Kiddush

Luanne Sabin for general donation

Wendy Dorman for repairs

Mary Vite general donation

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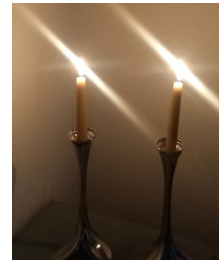
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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

January 6 4:14
 January 13 4:21
 January 20 4:30
 January 27 4:39



January 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 <i>HAPPY</i> <i>NEW YEAR</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>10 am service in person and zoom</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>10 am service in person and zoom</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>10 am service in person and zoom</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>10 am service in person and zoom</i>
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