

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

April 2024 Adar II Nisan 5784

Rabbi's Message

Our Rabbis teach us that "Mi Shenichnas Adar marbim b'simchah." Whoever enters the month of Adar does so with a spirit of great joy and happiness. After all, it was during Adar that the Jewish people were saved from the murderous Haman. With the rise of anti-semitism over the past decade in the United States and throughout the world, one might have little reason to rejoice. These attacks have been further exacerbated by the massacre perpetrated against Israel on October 7, 2023. Over 1,200 unarmed Israeli civilians were massacred and raped while another 200 were taken hostage by the Hamas "freedom fighters." Recent reports indicate that another massacre was planned for Tel-Aviv during rush hour and the site of the Israeli nuclear plant in Dimona. (It should be noted that Israel officially denies possessing nuclear weapons.)

Unlike the attack along Gaza border against young people celebrating at a music festival and other civilians enjoying Shabbat, Israeli military intelligence was able to prevent a second massacre. According to many sources, while Israeli intelligence was aware of a possible attack along their southern border, they wrongly concluded that current Hamas military strength was insufficient to perpetrate such a heinous action. They were proven to be DEADLY WRONG!

Israel's response was the current invasion of Gaza. Their stated goal is to wipe out Hamas and set up a nonpolitical administration to govern the residents of this besieged territory. While the goal is not only understandable, but admirable, history has proven it virtually impossible to kill a deeply rooted ideology. Prior to the October 7th Israeli retaliation, a majority of Gazans despised the Hamas dictatorship. Many of Gazans have been tortured or imprisoned for standing up to this illegal theocracy who ousted the Palestinian Liberation Authority during a 2007 election. Many resented that this illegal theocracy was expropriating the wealth that arrived from residents working in Israel and aid received from foreign powers and the United Nations. For their opposition, those residents were imprisoned and tortured by their Hamas masters. Yet these are the same citizens who are feeling the brunt of death and starvation as a result of this war. Hamas leaders have invited the death of their own people by placing military installations in hospitals, apartments and schools. Because of these actions, it has been nearly impossible for Israel to limit civilian deaths, starvation and homelessness. As this war continues, and Israel continues to lose the support of their most ardent benefactors, a resolution will become more difficult to this seemingly unsolvable conflict.

As we approach Passover, the holiday of the Hebrew liberation from 400 years of Egyptian slavery, let us pray for the liberation of all mankind from the perpetrators of hate.

See you in Shul

Rabbi Marty

P.S. Right after the Massacre of worshippers at Tree of Life synagogue in the fall of 2019, Beth Israel Sinai was vandalized. (BIS was vandalized a second time in 2022.) The perpetrator will be sentenced for his actions in Milwaukee on April 16th.

P.S.S. On happier notes, BIS was entertained with a beautiful "Broadway rendition" of the Purim megillah by Cantor Susan Friedman. Over 40 men, women and children of all ages attended. Our Passover Seder will be on Monday evening, April 22nd at 7 pm. Services will be held for the first day of Pesach on Tuesday April 23rd at 10 am. Shabbat Pesach services will be Saturday, April 27 at 10 am. Yizkor and services for the last day of Passover will be Tuesday, April 30th at 10Am.

Buy Israel Bonds. The war in Gaza is expensive. Give an Israel Bond to mark any occasion. Bonds are issued with several interest rates and maturities. Contact Israel Bonds at 800-253-2779 <https://israelbonds.com>

Monday, April 22, 2024 we will be having our Pesach Seder starting at 7 pm.

Purim was so much fun this year. Cantor Susan Friedman had a delightful way of adding many popular musical songs to the Megillah. Thank to Chandler for helping to make a lot of hamantaschen and Cynthia and Lee for bringing some more we needed them with the large crowd that attended.

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.

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.

George Stern

June 12, 1913—March 19, 2001

Many of you may remember George Stern. He has been gone only a little over 20 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." Kristallnacht 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 40 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 '70s, 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 and ritual chairperson of the Beth Israel Sinai board of directors, board member of the Racine Jewish Welfare Council, a member of sisterhood and member of Hadassah. They often hosted dinners and events for the congregation and were heavily involved with building our synagogue at 944 Main St. 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 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

Max Gordon for Purim, in Honor of Cheryl Pedersen Birthday, and in Memory of Father David Gordon, in Honor of Susie Mordja
Neil and Jane Zimmerman Purim Donation
Linda Hulbert in honor of Max Gordon Bar Mitzvah
Joyce Placzkowski general donation
Ellen Myers Purim Donation
Mary Vite general donation
Steve and Cheryl Pedersen for Purim
Anonymous general donation

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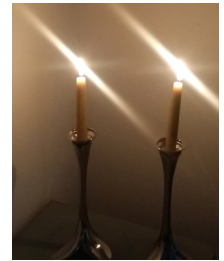
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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

April 5 7:05
 April 12 7:13
 April 19 7:21
 April 26 7:29



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>service 10 am in person and zoom</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>service 10 am in person and zoom</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>service 10 am in person and zoom</i>
21	22 <i>Erev Pesach 7 pm dinner</i>	23 <i>first day Pesach Service 10am in person and zoom</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>service 10 am in person and zoom</i>
28	29	30 <i>8th day Pesach Yizkor service 10 am in person and zoom</i>				