

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

October 2024

Elul 5784— Tishrei 5785

Rabbi's Message

For the last 30 days during the month of Elul, Jews throughout the world have been preparing themselves for an audience with G-d. Who shall live? Who shall die? Who will achieve wealth? Who will become impoverished? Will our health and the welfare of ourselves and our families continue into the new year? Will war stop and peace be restored throughout the world? The key to all the above questions ultimately rests not only with G-d, but also the action or inaction taken by individuals and their leaders. As the old saying goes "G-d helps those who help themselves."

Relying upon G-d alone is not enough. In fact, it often becomes an excuse for inaction. Each of us must reflect upon our actions during the previous year and take concrete steps to become better people. But before we can do that, we must forgive those we feel have hurt us. Carrying a grudge has no place in the New Year. This applies not only to ourselves and our families but for all mankind. Our Torah teaches us about human interdependence. No one has the right to put someone else in danger. Imagine if this attitude had governed the actions of world leaders? Hamas might not have murdered 1,200 Israelis and taken another 200 captive on October 7th. The Israeli government might have explored different avenues towards rescuing the hostages. Russia might not have attacked the Ukraine for their own aggrandizement. China would accept the reality of Taiwan.

During the Ten Days of Repentance encompassing Rosh Hashanah through sundown of Yom Kippur we must not only pray for the welfare of our families and mankind, but seek to improve our own behavior. As stated repeatedly in the Mahzor, only WITH REPENTANCE, PRAYER, AND CHARITY will we avert a negative outcome. Like I said in the beginning: "G-D HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES." With the final blast of the Shofar at the conclusion of Ne'ilah, it is my fervent hope that we will all be SIGNED AND SEALED in the Book of Life.

On behalf of Marcia, myself and my entire family I would like to wish all our Temple family a SHANA TOVA U'METUKA — A GOOD AND SWEET NEW YEAR. HAPPY 5785

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
RABBI MARTY

The newsletter had a nice summer vacation and is looking forward to a bunch of people reading it again.

We are entering the end of the year. Our new Year starts in October. Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of October 2nd at 7:00 pm, October 3rd service starts at 9:30 am, October 4th service starts at 9:30. Erev Yom Kippur service starts at 6 pm., Yom Kippur service starts at 9:00 am and then again at 4:00 pm.

We have a camp fund for people who wish to go to Israel. If you are interested please let a board member know so we can help defray a bit of the cost. You must be a member to be able to use the camp fund.

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.

Fred Dingfelder

December 13, 1903—October 26, 1964

Fred Dingfelder is best remembered for his popular children's wear store, Tots & Teens of West Racine located near the intersection of Washington and Blain Avenues. Business soared and Fred opened a second location in Elmwood Plaza. In 1959 Tots & Teens was one of only fifteen Wisconsin finalists in a retailer of the year competition sponsored by Brand Names Foundation, New York. Applicants were judged on advertising and promotional activities. Tots & Teens was the only Racine finalist. Each November saw a door busting anniversary sale. "Thank you, mother's of Racine. Your magnificent response to our offerings throughout the past year has made us the fastest growing children's store in Racine. We have enlarged our stock, improved our sources of supply and increased our sales staff to make our stores a better place for you to shop. Loyalty pays off! Never before such bargains! Top quality at bottom prices! Manufacturer's overstock of skirts for school and dress! Wool—corduroy—gabardine! \$1.99 a terrific buy...!

Fred was president of the Racine Zionist Organization, a member of the Jewish Welfare Fund, the Elmwood Plaza Businessmen's Association, and the West Racine Businessmen's Association.

Born in Germany in 1903, he was sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1938 or 1939. While Fred was interred, his wife Ruth gave birth to their first child, Harry, on March 5, 1939 in Dusseldorf. Later that year Fred was released after transferring his family's successful cattle business to the Nazis. Somehow, he was able to reach England before WWII broke out on September 1. Fred made it to New York, possibly with help from the Joint Distribution Committee or HIAS. After Fred arrived in New York he was asked where he wanted to go. He closed his eyes and placed his finger on a map. The finger rested on Racine and he arrived in 1940. Ruth and Harry escaped to the Soviet Union and rode the Trans-Siberian Railroad to China. From China they made it to Shanghai, and from Shanghai to San Francisco. San Francisco to Racine was a snap. Fred's brother, Theo, escaped to Palestine.

The family took a small apartment on Grand Avenue. Fred took a production job at Hartman Trunk. Later, Fred worked in the parts department of Massey Harris with one of our anonymous sources. Ruth cleaned offices. They both studied English as a second language. Once a week the three went out on the town and split an ice cream cone. A daughter, Judy, was born in 1944.

Fred wanted his own business. He knew someone in New York who manufactured children's clothing. He bought irregulars and overstocks and peddled them door-to-door after his day job. Soon, the children's room was a clothing store by day and a bedroom at night. Tots & Teens opened in an eight foot wide store front at 3025 Washington Avenue in 1948. The business moved to a larger quarters at 3115 Washington in 1950 and, in 1958, Fred opened his second location in Elmwood Plaza. Fred passed away in 1964.

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 Jon Isenberg

Rabbi Marty and Marcia Adelberg in honor of Steve Kushner's birthday

Judith McGauran in memory of Joe Roher

Max Gordon in memory of Joe Roher

Laura Hulbert Goldmeier in memory of Etta Hulbert

Mary Vite general donation

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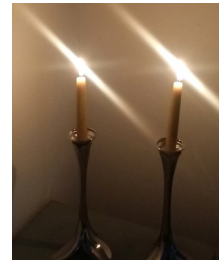
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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

October 4 6:08
 October 11 5:56
 October 18 5:45
 October 25 5:35



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00 pm in person and zoom</i>	3 <i>Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am in person and zoom</i>	4 <i>Rosh Hashanah 9:30 in person and zoom</i>	5 <i>Service 10:00 am in person and zoom</i>
6 <i>Fast of Gedaliah</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Erev Yom Kippur 6 pm in person and zoom</i>	12 <i>Yom Kippur 9am and 4 pm in person and zoom</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Erev Sukkot build Sukkah 4 pm service following</i>	17 <i>Sukkot</i>	18 <i>Sukkot</i>	19 <i>service 10:00 am in person and zoom</i>
20 <i>Sukkot</i>	21 <i>Sukkot</i>	22 <i>Sukkot</i>	23 <i>Hoshana Rabba</i>	24 <i>10:00 am Shemini Atzeret in person and zoom</i>	25 <i>Simchat Torah</i>	26 <i>service 10:00 am in person and zoom</i>
27	28	29	30	31		