

Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation

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From our Rabbi

Our Rabbis teach us that both the First and Second Temples were destroyed because of “Sinat Hi Nom”, baseless hatred and jealousy. In the state of our current world where “left is right”, “up is down”, “right is wrong”, “friends are enemies and enemies are friends”, we are quickly approaching a moral and ethical conundrum equal to the last days before the destruction of the First and Second Temples.

On the 9th of Av, the evening of Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 we commemorated the saddest day in Jewish history. On that date, 656 years apart, the First and Second Temples were destroyed. The Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar, incensed that Judea would not submit politically to his rule, destroyed both the First Temple and the city of Jerusalem between the 17th of Tammuz and Tisha B’Av in 586 BCE. In 70 CE, the Roman armies lead by the ruthless general Titus destroyed the Second Temple. How ironic that just 250 years earlier the nascent Roman empire made a military alliance with the Maccabees after the defeat of King Antiochus. Only the Jewish people were given both religious freedom and political autonomy among the nationalities subject to Roman rule. The fear of rebellion emanating from both politically radical Jews, including Jesus and his followers, angered Roman rulers. The result was the destruction of the Temple and end of sacrificial worship.

On Tisha B’Av, we mourn the loss of our sacred religious shrines by fasting from sundown to dark. The Book of Lamentations, written by the prophet Jeremiah, is read describing how the once proud Jewish nation had become a nation of beggars who ultimately resorted to cannibalism when food became unavailable. The Hebrew word for Lamentations is “Eichah”. Eichah means “How”. HOW could the Children of Israel have forsaken the Torah which eventually led to their destruction? HOW could G-d’s “Chosen People” have become G-d’s forsaken nation? HOW did nations who once idolized and feared the power of David and Solomon come to mock their successor? HOW did our ancestors’ descent into spiritual poverty result in our national demise and Jewish exile amongst the nations of the world—the “wandering Jew”?

The tragedies of Tisha B’Av were not limited to the destruction of the First and Second Temples. In 1312 BCE, the 12 spies sent by Moses to Canaan reported that it would be militarily impossible to conquer the promise land occurred on Tisha B’Av. Both spies and those who accepted their report were forbidden from entering the Promised Land. In 135 CE, the Bar Kochba rebellion against Rome was crushed by the Emperor Hadrian on the 9th of Av. Jews were expelled from Spain on the 9th of Av in 1492. The “shot that rang around the world”, the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, occurred on Tisha B’Av in 1914. In 1942, the Nazis began their mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to Auschwitz and other extermination camps of Tisha B’Av.

The Shabbat following Tisha B’Av is known as “Shabbat Nachum”-the Sabbath of Consolation” leading up to Rosh Hashanah. We are consoled by the G-d of Israel, the G-d of history, who promised Abraham that his Children of Israel would never cease to exist. We are consoled that G-d will ultimately restore us to our position of greatness with the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding the “Third Temple”. This process has already begun. Out of the ashes of the Holocaust arose the modern state of Israel.

See you in Shul

Rabbi Marty

In August we will be having our annual picnic at Eileen Schroeder beautiful home. Eileen has graciously opened her home to us in the past and is continuing to this year also. Sunday, August 12, 2018 we will meet at Eileen's home located at 119 Stuart Road. The picnic will start at noon. We will supply hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a parve dish to pass, no dairy. Hopefully many will come and enjoy some time to socialize and eat good food.

Erev Rosh Hashanah we will be having a concert before the service begins. Thanks to the generous donations of some members.

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 Jim Barten at 262-886-0381

New members and members who return to Beth Israel Sinai will be able to join our Synagogue for reduced dues the first year. The dues will be \$300 for the first year.

The Presidents Message

In July we were happy to see Dr. Michael and Wendy Jacobson in the synagogue worshipping with us.

We are starting preparations for the High Holidays. There will be a concert before the Erev Rosh Hashanah service. Rabbi Adelberg was given generous donations to hold this concert. This is going to be a fantastic evening.

The board of directors are working to make this a good year. With luck we will continue to attract new members and grow. We need members who support us with their presence, financial support, and just their individual talents to keep this place going.

I am looking forward to a relaxing picnic with our members.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns, 262-945-7675

Joyce

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.

Yahrzeit list

1. Anna Davidson
1. Grace Daneman
1. Max Tabaksman
3. E. L. (Dan) Donovan
4. Peggy Metzger
4. Albert Levin
5. Anna Marvin
5. Dora Noll
5. Samuel Shapiro
5. Morris S. Waisman
6. Anna Grant
9. Aleck Kofsky
10. Etta Hulbert
11. Sol Fox
11. Abraham M. Schomovitz
12. Max Kiselow
13. Jordan Davidson
13. Otto Weiss
14. Martin Brill
14. Leah Lifschutz
14. Lillian Schulman
15. Max Bloch
15. Samuel Feldman
16. Bea Goodman
16. Bubby Kaplan
16. Frank J. Shovers
17. Bluma Jacobson
18. Sgt. Norman Gordon
18. Anna Tannenbaum
22. Max Gordon
22. Sarah P. Mark
22. Henry Shapiro
23. Harry Frank
23. Dr. Arthur Grant
23. Louis Kraft
24. Rebecca Small
29. Sarah F. Bassewitz

29. Lillian R. Kronson
30. Bessie Gelin



This list was made possible by Max Gordon.
Some people like to honor the memory of the relative by making a donation in their memory to Beth Israel Sinai.

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 coffee and paper goods. If you are interested in helping to make food for the Kiddush or a Shabbat dinner just let Joyce Placzkowski know.

Donations

Martha S. Lyon in memory of Arnold M. Solomon

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams

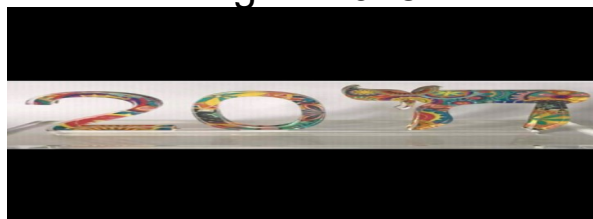
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Max Gordon in memory of: Great Grandmother Anna Davidson, Aunt Grace Daneman, Great Uncle Al Levin, Great Aunt Etta Hulbert, Great Uncle Jordan Davidson, 1st cousin once removed Sgt. Norman Gordon, Grandfather Max Gordon

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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Time

August 3 7:53
 August 10 7:43
 August 17 7:33
 August 24 7:22
 August 31 7:10



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <small>service 10:00</small>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>service 10:00</small>
12 <small>12:00 noon picnic at Eileen's</small>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <small>service 10:00</small>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <small>service 10:00</small>
26	27	28	29	30	31	