

# Beth Israel Sinai News

The Monthly Newsletter of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation  
September 2016---Av/Elul 5776

## Rabbi's Message

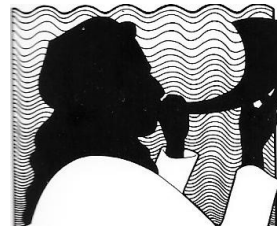
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After Shabbat on August 13th, and on the 14th, we observed the Fast of Av commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples on the same date, the Ninth of the Hebrew month of Av. The following seven week period is considered a time of consolation when G-d reminds the Jewish nation that all is not lost. This period ends with the celebration of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. Like a loving parent, G-d renews the vow made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never to abandon His Chosen People. This Divine promise has guaranteed our survival as a vibrant nation despite numerous attempts to destroy us.

An integral part of The Seven Weeks of Consolation will begin Thursday night, August 31st and continue until the end of Shabbat on September 2nd. Rosh Hodesh (the new month) Elul begins a time of personal reflection. Although there are no holidays celebrated during this month, Elul holds a special place in Jewish life.

Moses ascended Mt. Sinai the first time for a period of 40 days and 40 nights. Without food or water, he listened to the words of the Torah directly from G-d. This Divine Instruction was encapsulated into the Ten Commandments written on two stone tablets by "the finger of G-d." Moses returned with this gift to find the Children of Israel dancing around a golden calf. Unable to bare this indignity, Moses angrily smashed the Tablets. After they realized their sin, and G-d promised Moses (after much negotiation) not to destroy them, Moses ascended the mountain again for another forty days to pray for national atonement. Finally, on Rosh Hodesh Elul, Moses ascended the Mt. Sinai a third time. This time, at the end of 40

days, Moses was told by G-d, "I have forgiven as you requested." This occurred on the Tenth of Tishrei. Ever since, the Tenth of Tishrei has been celebrated as the day of Jewish national and religious atonement, Yom Kippur.



During Elul, the shofar is blasted every morning as a wake up call to become a better person. Psalm 27 is recited during evening and morning services. Penitential prayers, Selichot, will begin our holiday season on Saturday evening, September 24th at 8pm. I would like to encourage everyone to attend and bring a friend.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,  
RABBI MARTY.

P.S. Mark it down in your calendars. Rosh Hashanah services begin Sunday, October 2nd, at 8pm. Morning services for the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah, October 3rd and 4th, begin at 9am. Tashlich, where we symbolically cast our sins upon the water, will be held at 4pm. On Tuesday, October 11th, Beth Israel Sinai Congregation will hold its Second Annual pre-Yom Kippur Concert and Dinner at 3:45pm. Modern and traditional Jewish and classical music will be played by the North Shore Music Institute while we enjoy a sumptuously catered dinner to fortify us for the upcoming 24 hour fast. The afternoon ends with the musical rendition of Kol Nidre prior to the beginning of synagogue services. I would like to encourage our Temple members to bring their family and friends. REMEMBER. Our future depends on you. May we continue to grow from strength to strength.

High Holidays

Selichot

September 24 Service and guest speaker 8 pm

Rosh Hashanah

October 2 Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm

October 3 Morning 9:00 am

Tashlich 4:00 pm

(Racine Lakefront 223 Gas light Circle)



October 4 Second Morning 9:00 am

Yom Kippur

October 11 Kol Nidre & Dinner 3:45 pm

Service 6:00 pm

October 12 Morning 9:00 am

Afternoon 4:30 pm

Break fast 6:42 pm



**Selichot Service**  
**September 24th 8 PM**

Begin the High Holiday season with us at a special service for Selichot.

This year we are happy to welcome journalist Rob Golub as our guest speaker for this event.

Please join us and bring a friend.

**Happy Birthday to**  
**our September**  
**Birthdays!**

**Lukas Turner**



**Sisterhood for September**  
**2016**

A big thank you to Eileen for letting us use her home for a fantastic picnic. Her generous hospitality is very much appreciated by all of us. We had a great time getting together. I can't wait until next year.

There will be a Shabbat dinner/fundraiser on Friday, September 16th at 6 pm. It is \$10 for a delicious meal with stuffed peppers.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Kiddush please contact Joyce Placzowski at (262) 945-7675. The cost of 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 Placzowski know.

Jim Barten will help with the Kiddush on September 17th. He will be making a fake crab salad. The last time he did this everyone enjoyed it very much.

If there is anyone who wants to help with cooking because they have a special recipe they enjoy and want to share let me know and we will work out a time to cook together in the kitchen.

Yahrzeits

(Yahrzeit section researched and written by Max G.)



<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Av</u>	
1	25	Alek Kofsky
2	29	Etta Hulbert
3	30	Sol Fox
		Abraham M. Schomovitz
<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Elul</u>	
4	1	Max Kiselow
5	2	Jordan Davidson
		Otto D. Weiss
6	3	Martin Brill
		Leah Lifschutz
		Lillian Schulman
7	4	Max Bloch
		Samuel Feldman
8	5	Bea Goodman
		Bobby Kaplan
		Frank Shovers
9	6	Bluma Jacobson
10	7	Sgt. Norman H. Gordon
		Anna Tannenbaum
14	11	Max Gordon
		Sarah P. Mark
		Henry Shapiro
15	12	Harry Frank
		Dr. Arthur Grant
		Louis Kraft
16	13	Rebecca Small
21	18	Sarah Bassewitz
		Lillian R. Kronson
22	19	Bessie Gelin
25	22	Hyman Wolfman

<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Elul</u>	
26	23	Anne Blitzstein
		Marjorie Gottlieb
		Sylvia Schwartz
27	24	Bernard Goldstein
		Samuel Kiselow
		I. Wolf Mark
28	25	Genesse Levin
30	27	David Davidson
		Arnold Marks



August Donations

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William Balsiger-General Donation

Max Gordon, in Memory of Willy Gold

Dale & Roberta Jacobs, in Memory of my Father Aleck Kofsky

Max Gordon-in Memory of David Davidson

Max Gordon-in Memory of Max Gordon

Lorin Lichterman-in Honor of Jim Barten

Max Gordon-in Memory of Norman Gordon

Max Gordon-in Memory of Jordan Davidson

Eileen Schroeder-General donation

Max Gordon-in Honor of Lukas Turner's birthday

Max Gordon-in Memory of Etta Hulbert

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## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times



September 9—6:54 pm  
September 16—6:41 pm  
September 23—6:28 pm  
September 30—6:16 pm

## Synagogue Calendar

September 1— Torah class 6 pm

September 3— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

September 8— Torah class 6 pm

September 10— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

September 16— Friday night Shabbat dinner/fundraiser Stuffed Peppers 6 pm

September 17— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a special Kiddush Luncheon by Jim

September 22— Torah class 6 pm

September 24— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Selichot Service 8 pm, with a special guest speaker

October 1— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon

October 2— Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm

October 3— Rosh Hashanah morning service 9:00 am

Tashlich 4:00 pm (Racine Lakefront, 223 Gas Light Circle)

October 4— Rosh Hashanah Second Morning 9:00 am