

Beth Israel Sinai News

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The 12th century scholar Maimonides wrote in his famous Hilchos Teshuvah 2:6:

"Repentance and outcry in prayer are always proper. Between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, they are especially proper. (During the Ten Days of Repentance), these prayers are answered immediately. As it is written (Isaiah 55:6), 'Seek the Lord when He is found and call to Him when he is near....'"

Jews have always had an usually close relationship with G-d. Rather than going through intermediaries, both our ancestors and modern co-religionists have never hesitated to either question or even interrogate G-d. Abraham argued to prevent the destruction of the evil twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Noah, only slightly more religious than his contemporaries in an increasingly evil world, was called to save all life forms in an elaborately constructed Ark. Moses repeatedly argued against the punishment and even extinction of G-d's Chosen---albeit with mixed results. Survivors of the destruction of both Temples, suicides at Masada and York, Spanish Inquisition, Russian pogroms and Nazi extermination wondered if they were "chosen" for annihilation. Interestingly, whatever historical atrocities befell the Children of Israel, G-d has not only guaranteed our ultimate survival but also our rebirth as an independent state in 1948.



The days between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur are a time of intense reflection and teshuva (repentance). The Talmud explains that while G-d is always present to listen to us, the Holy One is especially close during the Days of Awe. Hopefully, we will take this opportunity to feel G-d's nearness. Let me illustrate the meaning of teshuva with the following story. Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Peshischa was a famous Chasidic leader in Poland during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Though Reb Simcha published no scholarly works or commentaries, his students later transcribed his magnificent oral stories and poems. Reb

Simcha used a parable of a king who banished his son for failing to live up his royal responsibilities. The son preferred wine, women and song to affairs of state. (Sounds a lot like many of our politicians in Washington.) Banished to a rough rural province, the prince quickly adopted the life of a peasant. To insure his safety, the king had agents report regularly on his son's condition. They were ordered to secretly help the Prince out of difficult situations.

Unable to bare his son's continued exile, the king gave the prince a chance to redeem himself. An official emissary from the royal court was sent to give the prince the following message: "Your father loves you and is ready to grant you anything you want. What is your desire?"

The prince quickly responded: "Tell my father how grateful I am for his concern. Tell the king that it is cold here and my coat is worn. Please tell him to send me a new, warm fur lined coat!"

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Sale of the Building

As our President Shelly sadly announced Tuesday, the Board has sold the building at 944 Main Street. The closing is scheduled for October 31. Shelly said BIS needs to vacate by November 1.

September Donations

Thank you to all who support Beth Israel Sinai

John Scnabl-General donation

Eileen Schroeder-General Donation

Anonymous-General Donation

Dale and Roberta Jacobs-General Donation

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Judith McGauran-Donation

Joel & Judy Rohr-General Donation

Max Gordon-in honor of the birthday of Eileen Schroeder

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Happy Birthday to our October Birthdays!



**Eileen Schroeder
Jeff Hanson
Joe Rohr
Jim Barten**

(from the first page)

Imagine how the king reacted. He wanted his son to request the possibility of reconciliation or at least to express the desire to visit his family. After reconciliation, the prince could have even asked for the entire kingdom. Regrettably, the young man had forgotten where he belonged. The prince traded his destiny and heritage for a fur coat.

So Reb Bunim concluded: "We come to the Days of Awe when G-d longs for us to say we want to become better and more considerate, loving individuals. We strive to guarantee our heritage for future generations by becoming more observant Jews. We commit ourselves to Tikkun Olam, the helping of those less fortunate than ourselves. We commit ourselves to eliminating violence, hatred and bigotry. In other words, we work as Jews, Americans and citizens of the world to turn the tide of evil. This can and must be achieved once we embrace our ancient heritage as written in our Torah and literature.



Merely reciting the words of the High Holiday Machzor, even with the greatest kavanah (intent), is not enough. We must act upon its teachings and our promise to do teshuva. Don't just PROMISE to give more charity---GIVE more charity. Don't just PROMISE to be tolerant and respectful of divergent opinions, teachings and lifestyles without acting more RESPECTFUL AND TOLERANT. From Rosh Hashonah to Yom Kippur we must advocate before the Holy Court and its Holy Magistrate for a new year of life, health, happiness, prosperity and peace for our families, community, country and the world. It is my fervent hope that our prayers will not only be HEARD but also ANSWERED. May we all be ultimately signed and sealed in the Book of Life.

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Joe, Lara, Sam, Greg, Lisa, Myles, Mollie, Joslyn, Ethan and I would like to wish our Temple family and all K'lal Yisroel a Shana Tova u'metuka--a Happy, Sweet and Healthy New Year.

SEE YOU IN SHUL,
RABBI MARTY

Yahrzeits

(Yahrzeit section researched and written by Max G.)



<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Elul</u>	
1	28	Malka Kohn
2	29	Louis Levitt Louis Sidran
<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Tishrei</u>	
3	1	Ralph Feiges Israel Kansheposlky Alice Marx V. Daniel Smith
4	2	Morris Kaufaman
5	3	Gordon Weiss
7	5	Marian Lang Lillian Waisman
8	6	Herbert Rudolf Anna H. Grust Leon L. Savin William Seft
9	7	Pfc. Harvey R. Shovers Jeanne Swain Baum
11	9	Nette Sunshine
12	10	Rose Gorsky Ruth Rissman
14	12	Esther Levin Alex Sideman Marjorie Wolfman
15	13	Charles Gordon Louis Phillip Seft
16	14	Samuel Friedman Herman Gold Benjamin Wolfman
17	15	Morris Gottlieb
18	16	Vilma Donner Benjamin Singer
19	17	Frances S. Laufman

<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Tishrei</u>	
20	18	Nathan Blitstein, Nellie Rozumoff, Ethel Seft, Sadie Tabaksman
22	20	Albert Kleffmann
24	22	Benjamin Feen, Harry Kraft
25	24	Janice Fried
26	24	Diane Bel Brown, Ada Wolfe, Tena Kaminsky
28	26	Lillian Feiges, Leah Feldman,
29	27	Julius Feiges, Lillian B. Kupperman
30	28	Dr. Joseph Prowler, Beatrice Waisman
31	29	Jack Sklansky, Max Spero

(the following Yahrzeits have not been verified by Max, but are included in case the next newsletter is late)

Tishrei (November 1)

30 Rose Leventhal

Chesvan

1 Louis Lippman, Blanche A. Dennison (November 2)

2 Victor Goodman, Jeanette Weinberg (November 3)

3 Alter Hulbert (November 4)

5 Emanuel Marcado, Isabel Tannenbaum (November 6)

6 Isidor Friedman, Ben Gellman, Meyer A. Golstein
Moriss Rosumoff (November 7)

Sisterhood for October 2016

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Thanks goes out to Jim Barten and Marion Sperer for making delicious stuffed peppers and to Glenn Gordon for making the great salad for our Shabbat dinner in September

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Kiddush just let Joyce Placzkowski know 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 Placzkowski know.

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.



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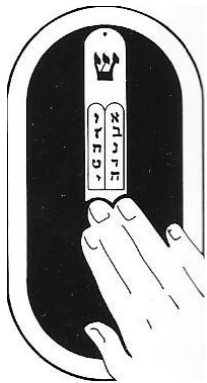
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Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times



October 7—6:03 pm
October 11—5:56 pm
October 14—5:52 pm
October 16—5:48 pm
October 17—after 6:47 pm
October 21—5:41 pm
October 23—5:38 pm
October 24—after 6:37 pm
October 28—5:30 pm
November 4—5:21 pm

Synagogue Calendar



- October 6— Torah class 6 pm
- October 8— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon
- October 11— Yom Kippur concert and dinner w/Kol Nidre, 3:45 pm
Erev Yom Kippur service, 6 pm
- October 12— Yom Kippur morning service 9:00 am
Yom Kippur afternoon service 4:30 pm
Break-fast 6:42 pm
- October 15— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by Kiddush luncheon
- October 16— Building the Sukkah, followed by a Kiddush and a light meal
- October 17— Sukkot Service 9:45 am
Torah class 6 pm
- October 22— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon
- October 24— Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor (Memorial) services 9:45 am
Torah class 6 pm
Simchat Torah 7 pm
- October 29— Shabbat Services 9:45 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon