

# Beth Israel Sinai News

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## Rabbi's Message

July and August are marked by historical tragedy in the Jewish community. The 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av) marks the culmination of a three week period of mourning beginning with the fast on the 17th of Tammuz (July 19). The Fast of Tammuz commemorates the breach of the walls of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem by the Babylonians (586 BCE) and later the Romans (70CE). During this three week period, wed-

dings and other parties are not permitted. Some people refrain from cutting their hair. As a sign of mourning, from the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat, drinking wine or wearing new clothing — except on Shabbat.

The restrictions on Tisha B'Av are similar to those on Yom Kippur. One must refrain from eating and drinking, washing, bathing, shaving, or wearing leather shoes. People who are ill need not fast on this day. Many tradition-

al mourning practices are observed. During the reading of the Book of Lamentations, people sit on low stools as a sign of mourning. The ark is draped in black. Lamentations gruesomely describes the devotion of a once proud people after the destruction of their most sacred religious institutions, the First and Second Temples on the same day — 656 years apart on Tisha B'Av.

Many other tragic events in (continued on page 2)

## President's Message

Happy summer... finally! Hope you're all getting outside and enjoying the sun; it seems like it's been so long since it's been warm.

The congregation's annual meeting last weekend went well. The committees all reported, we heard the year end financials and approved the 2011-2012 budget.

Again, as over the past few years, we've drawn down on our reserves by a considerable amount. At that rate of reserve use, we'll not have many years left. We need, and will continue to need, our members to remain members, participating and paying dues and past

members and friends to continue to think about and support the congregation through their generous contributions.

The board, through its strategic planning process is continuing to look at the congregation's strengths and weaknesses and in the fall will have some options to strengthen the congregation and the Jewish community as a whole.

Looking ahead, we've scheduled a congregational picnic for August 21, tentatively to be held at Eileen Schroeder's home in the late afternoon. We'll provide her address and the exact time as soon as it's all confirmed.

It's not that far off, but we'll be

ready for the High Holidays! In preparation, there's a downloadable invitation to participate in readings etc. on the website. Some of you who will also receive it by mail. Please complete the form and return it by August 10 if you'd like to participate!

In addition, you'll find (by July 15) a downloadable form, also mailed or emailed to enlist your participation in the New Year's Greeting Book.

Thanks to everyone for continuing to participate in services and events. We're small but vibrant!

Shalom Y'all!  
Jeff

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### Of Special Interest:

- Congregational Picnic August 21.
- New Year's Greeting Book requests due September 1.
- High Holiday participation availability due by August 10.
- Tisha B'Av services will be held on the 9th of Av, which is also August 9 this year.
- A correction from June's Newsletter. The donation in memory of Herman Kaplan was written incorrectly.

**Rabbi's Message Continued...**

Jewish history occurred on Tisha B'Av. To name a few: Betar, the last fortress to hold out against the Romans after the conquest of Israel fell on the Ninth of Av in 135 BCE; the generation of Israelites who left Egypt after the first Passover were told they would not enter the Promised Land on this date; and the Jews were expelled from Spain on Tisha B'Av in 1492.

The Shabbat before the ninth of Av is known as the Shabbat of Punishment or the Sabbath of Vision when the destruction of the Temple was pre-

dicted by the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekial. It became customary not to eat meat or drink wine during these nine days.

Our period of mourning ends on the 15th of Av. (August 15). The 15th of Av was a time of rejoicing and a popular festival in Temple times. According to the Talmud, eligible maidens dressed themselves in white garments and went out to dance in the vineyards. Young men would come and select their future brides from among the girls.

This cycle of holidays epitomizes the history of the Jewish people. Because G-d has always been the Rock of Israel, no matter how far we have de-

scended during times of tragedy, we have always been resurrected at a later time. Neither a Titus, Torquemada (the leader of the Spanish Inquisition) or Hitler would ever achieve the goal of the destruction of our proud nation. "Am Yisroel Chai"--the People of Israel live. Please join us for our Tisha B'Av services on Tuesday, August 8 at 8PM as a sign of solidarity with our matriarchs and patriarchs and all Jews who have suffered throughout our history. More importantly, let us gather to pray that such suffering should never happen again.

See you in Shul,

Rabbi

<p><b>Sisterhood</b></p> <p>Your Sisterhood contributions are used to enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai in many ways, such as providing food and beverages for the onegs after services, flowers during the High Holidays, and by assisting with the community Seder and other special events held at the synagogue.</p> <p>You can also honor life cycle events, family birthdays or anniversaries, or any special occasions by sponsoring an oneg on the Shabbat of your choice. Sponsoring an oneg is simple. Just reserve your date, and let the Sisterhood take care of all of the details. The suggested contribution is \$36, however you may contribute any amount you wish.</p> <p>Send your Sisterhood contributions to the synagogue office (clearly marked "Sisterhood") or directly to Rita Collen (call Rita for address). For more information or to reserve your oneg date, contact Rita at 262-752-0223 or via email: rcollen@soaringeagleconsulting.com.</p>	<p><b>Hadassah</b></p> <p>Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions.</p> <p>Thank you. Sarah Levin 886-9331 Sidnee Nerad 551-0406</p> <p>Cards \$5 Shares \$10 Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 &amp; \$10 Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18</p>
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<p><b>Donations</b></p> <p><b>Mazel Tov for the Birth of Teagan to Rachel and Zachary</b> Max Gordon</p> <p><b>In Honor of Benita Hulbert</b> Max Gordon</p> <p><b>In Memory of Chuck Brown</b> Max Gordon Ruth Hulbert</p> <p><b>In Memory of Herman, Helen and Bobby Kaplan</b> Anna Hessa</p>	<p><b>To the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund</b> Miriam Noll Ron Sklansky Yaakov and Kathy Schmadl Joel and Judy Roher Rabbi Marty &amp; Marcia Adelberg Anonymous</p> <p><b>In Honor of Sarah Levin on her Birthday</b> Max Gordon Rabbi Marty &amp; Marcia Adelberg</p>	<p><b>In Memory of Sylvia Rosenzweig</b> Max Gordon Miriam Noll Regina Zaramba - Kurosky Connie Broemer Dr. Eric Dreyfuss Albert and Judy Simon Gloria Gottlieb Gail Winter Ruth Hulbert</p> <p><b>In Honor of Gail and Rachel Hoss on their Birthdays</b> Max Gordon</p>
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<b>Yahrzeits</b>		Evelyn Hahn Milch	3
<b>Week of July 2</b>		Shirley Marcado	4
Gertrude Kiselow	3	Julius Goodman	5
Mamie Faber	5	Samuel Karlitsky	5
Louis Rosenberg	5	Sarah D. Schur	5
Ruth Dingfelder	6	<b>Week of August 6</b>	
Minnie Grant	6	Miriam Waisman	6
Mynette Davis	8	M. Gerson Kaminsky	8
Frank Hoffman	8	Rachel Waisman	8
Cherna Shovers	8	Ronald Waisman	8
Tillie Hornstein	8	Issac Weisman	8
<b>Week of July 9</b>		Herman Feges	9
Rebecca Karlitzky	9	Dr. Ruben Gorsky	9
Norman Shovers	10	Theodore D. Gottlieb	9
Max Tannenbaum	11	Arthur Isenberg	9
Freda Altman Epstein	13	Ida Gordon	10
Anna Levin	13	Mildred Domsky	10
Julius Fishbain	14	Rose Freidman	12
Samuel Gluck	14	<b>Week of August 13</b>	
Edward Shovers	14	Bella Tatelbaum	13
Myron M. Goldberg	15	Arnold Goodman	16
Isador Karlitsky	15	Raye Sheft	16
<b>Week of July 16</b>		Sam Rozumoff	17
Sophia Gottlieb	16	Margery B. Small	17
Mary W. Lippman	17	Gertrude Blumberg	19
Genevieve S. Ruben	18	Harry S. Metz	19
Fannie Shovers	18	<b>Week of August 20</b>	
Emma Dunya Silver	19	Anna Davidson	20
Esther Laufman	20	Grace Daneman	20
Josephine Levit	20	Max Tabaksman	20
Pfc. David Lester Gordon	22	E.L. (Dan) Donovitz	22
Julia Kaminsky	22	Peggy Metzger	23
<b>Week of July 23</b>		Albert W. Levin	23
Isador Silver	23	Anna Marvin	24
Jacob Silver	23	Dora Noll	24
Chaim Weissbard	23	Samuel Shapiro	24
Stella Greenberg	26	Morris S. Waisman	24
Dr. Leo M. Lifschutz	26	Anna Grant	25
Beatrice Marvin	27	<b>Week of August 27</b>	
Sidney J. Marks	28	Aleck Kofsky	28
Dr. Eugene H. Kaufman	29	Etta Hulbert	29
Carol R. Wolfman	29	Sol Fox	30
<b>Week of July 30</b>		Abraham M. Schomovitz	30
Harry Dingfelder	31	Max Kiselow	31
Florence Margaret Sheff	1	Jordan Davidson	1
Hyman H. Brown	1	Otto D. Weiss	1
Harry Laufman	1	Martin Brill	2
Mona A. Brown	2	Leah Lifschutz	2
Betty Goldberg	3	Lillian Schulman	2

TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

17th-6th C. BCE BIBLICAL TIMES

(BCE - Before the Common Era)

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - patriarchs of the Jewish people and bearers of a belief in one God - settle in the Land of Israel. Famine forces Israelites to migrate to Egypt.

c.17th century



Drawings by Noam Nadav c.13th century

Exodus from Egypt: Moses leads Israelites from Egypt, followed by 40 years of wandering in the desert.

Torah, including the Ten Commandments, received at Mount Sinai. Israelites settle in the Land of Israel

13th-12th centuries c.1020

Jewish monarchy established; Saul, first king.

c.1000

Jerusalem made capital of David's kingdom.

c.960

First Temple, the national and spiritual center of the Jewish people, built in Jerusalem by King Solomon.

c. 930

Divided kingdom: Judah and Israel

722-720

Israel crushed by Assyrians; 10 tribes exiled (Ten Lost Tribes).

586

Judah conquered by Babylonia; Jerusalem and First Temple destroyed; most Jews exiled.

THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD

538-142

**Persian and Hellenistic periods**

538-515

Many Jews return from Babylonia; Temple rebuilt.

332

Land conquered by Alexander the Great; Hellenistic rule.

166-160

Maccabean (Hasmonean) revolt against restrictions on practice of Judaism and desecration of the Temple



142-129

Jewish autonomy under Hasmoneans.

129-63

Jewish independence under Hasmonean monarchy.

63

Jerusalem captured by Roman general, Pompey.

Sponsor the Flowers for the High Holidays!

This special honor opportunity comes each year at the High Holidays. If you're interested in sponsoring the flowers for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, contact your Sisterhood chairpersons, Jane Brosseau or Rita Collen.

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

July 1 - 8:16 PM	July 29 - 7:58 PM	August 26 - 7:19 PM
July 8 - 8:14 PM	August 5 - 7:50 PM	
July 15 - 8:10 PM	August 12 - 7:41 PM	
July 22 - 8:05 PM	August 19 - 7:30 PM	



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*Join us for the Congregation Picnic!*  
*Late Afternoon on Sunday August 21, 2011*

*July/August 2011      Sivan-Tammuz-Av 5771*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	/A1	/A2	/A3	/A4	J1/A5	J2/A6    Services 9:45AM
3/7	4/ <u>8</u> Tisha B'Av Service 8:00PM	5/ <u>9</u> Tisha B'Av	6/10	7/11 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	8/12	9/13 Services 9:45AM
10/14	11/15	12/16	13/17	14/18 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	15/19	16/20 Services 9:45AM
17/ <u>21</u> Picnic 2:00PM	18/22	19/23	20/24	21/25 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	22/26	23/27 Services 9:45AM
24/28	25/29	26/30	27/31	28/S1 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	29/S2	30/S3 Services 9:45AM