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Rabbi's Message

Everyday we strive to become better individuals and more observant and knowledgeable Jews. The essence of our faith is our recognition of G-d's ultimate authority as stated in the Shema. "Shema Yisroel, Hashem Elokanu, Hashem Echad." "Hear O Israel, the Lord Our G-d, the One and Only." In an undertone we continue: "Baruch Shem Kavod Malchuto L'Olam Va'ed." "Blessed is the Name of G-d's Glorious Kingdom for Ever and Ever."

In the Torah, the last letters of the first word of the Shema, the "Ayin", and the "Daled" in the concluding word of the Shema are enlarged. When put together as one word, the Ayin and the Daled form the Hebrew word for witness,

"Ayd." Our Sages tell us that every Jew who recites the Shema bears "witness" to G-d's miracles each and every day of their lives. The recitation of this essence of our faith also declares to the entire world G-d's uniqueness and all encompassing greatness.

But why do we say the second line, "Blessed is the Name of G-d's Glorious Kingdom for Ever and Ever," in an undertone? Talmudic scholars give several explanations. At Jacob's deathbed, he feared his children would abandon their faith and assimilate into the general community. After being reassured to the contrary, Jacob responded in an undertone "Baruch Shem Kavod Malchuto L'Olam Va'ed" and went to his eternal destiny.

A second explanation is that during Jacob's final moments, all his children reaffirmed their loyalty to G-d by loudly saying

the Shema. In their recitation they emphasized the word "Israel," Jacob's second name confirmed on him by G-d after successfully wrestling with the Angel of Death. Jacob responded "Blessed is the Name..." and left this world in peace.

A third interesting interpretation for reciting the second line of the Shema in an undertone can be found in the Talmudic volume of Pesachim (56a). Our scholars asked: Should we say the words "Blessed is the Name..." in our prayers because Jacob said them? Yes. However, since the Holy One did not transmit to Moses these words to be written in the Torah, the Rabbis concluded we say them silently.

In the D'varim Rabbah (2:36), a midrashic interpretation of the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses heard "Blessed is

President's Message

At the congregation's annual meeting in June of 2012 and again in June this year the membership directed the board to meet with Kenosha's Congregation Beth Hillel to begin discussing options available that will strengthen — now and in the future — the Jewish Community in Southeastern Wisconsin. Our conversations continue to be very fruitful. The two congregations' ritual committees have met and have experienced each other's services to evaluate the

similarities in our worship habits. Our discussions have made me again remember that we're all Jews and while we may approach things in slightly different ways we have the same 5774 years' worth of closely shared history. We've all been invited to further explore our similarities at a joint Friday Shabbat service and dinner on November 15. (Please see the invitation form Joan Shepard Lustig, President of Beth Hillel's Leadership Council on page 3.) I hope you'll plan on joining us that evening. If

you need a ride, please call me!

Soon after this service exchange and perhaps a few others, we'll hold a congregational meeting to talk about where we are in our discussions, and help everyone to better understand all of our options for the future.

Please RSVP for the Congregation's Wednesday December 4 Chanukah Party by November 27.

Shalom,
Jeff

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Special Happenings

Shabbat Dinner and Service at Beth Hillel
Friday, November 15
6:00 PM

We'll experience Shabbat together!

Call if you'd like a ride.

Congregation Chanukah Party
Wednesday December 4
6:00 PM
RSVP by November 27

Rabbi's Message Continued...

the Name..." from the Angels and taught it to the ancient Israelites. We dare not say this aloud because we are sinful and cannot use an "angelic" formula. The one exception to this rule is on Yom Kippur. On the Day of Atonement, the Children of Israel are elevated to the "sin-free" level of angels and proclaim loudly "Baruch Shem Kavod Malchuto L'Olam Va'ed."

It is NOT only on Yom Kippur that we aspire as individuals and a community to

become "sin-free." Our daily actions on behalf of those less fortunate help us become more "holy." As the Talmud states: "If you save the life of one individual, it is as if you saved the entire world."

The underlying foundation that supports our aspirations is the study of Torah. More than ever our congregants are showing a profound desire to become more knowledgeable in our ancient and modern texts. Attendance is up at our Thursday adult education classes. We continue to have a strong attendance at Shabbat and Holyday services. Our Temple family con-

tinues to aspire to become an intellectual beacon for Torah study. May we continue to grow both spiritually and intellectually in the future.

See you in Shul,
Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

P.S. Mark your calendars for JANUARY 4, 2014. Marcia and I are hosting a special kiddush marking the 50th anniversary of my Bar-Mitzvah and celebrating over 13 years as your Rabbi. Whoever said 13 was an "unlucky number" has never served our remarkable congregation.

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood had the honor of helping many of our members and friends celebrate simchas during October and looks forward to a busy November, when the celebrations will continue. Louise Langlieb sponsored the Kiddush on October 19 in honor of her son Barry's 67th birthday. Barry was visiting from Hawaii and it was wonderful to have him with us for several Shabbat services. Gary Noosbond celebrated his recent Bar Mitzvah with a Kiddush on October 26. Mazel Tov, Gary! We look forward to November 2, when Jim Barten will sponsor the Kiddush in recognition of 33 years of sobriety. Congratulations and thanks, Jim! Dr. and Mrs. Victor Ganz will host the Kiddush on November 9 to celebrate 64 years of marriage. Happy Anniversary to Victor and Lorraine!

At a recent Board meeting, the Board discussed having an occasional dairy "potluck Kiddush". Watch the calendar for the exact date, but tentatively plan to bring a dairy dish, dessert, or other potluck item to share during the Shabbat taking place right after Hanukkah — December 7. We know we have many wonderful cooks in our congregation and are excited to try your specialties! Start thinking about the delicious treat you'd like to share, kosher if possible. If you are bringing a dish that needs to be heated or otherwise stored or prepared in the kitchen, please make sure it is kosher and bring it in a kosher serving dish or use a new disposable pan. Otherwise, please do not bring it into the kitchen; we will designate a table in the fellowship hall for items that are not prepared kosher. We will make the necessary accommodations to keep non-kosher foods out of the kitchen to ensure our kosher kitchen remains kosher and will provide disposable plates, cups, utensils, and serving pieces.

Close to 30 members and friends attended the first Shabbat dinner of the new year on October 18, enjoying a festive dinner of cabbage rolls, seasonal side dishes, salads, and desserts along with heaps of great conversation, fellowship, and fun. Many thanks to Sandy Levin for helping to prepare the meal, and as always a high five goes to the Sisterhood's honorary "brother", Jeff Collen, for his contributions as potato/apple peeler sous chef and to Maxie and Solomyn for help preparing and taste-testing the desserts. Please note that the Shabbat dinner and service in November will take place at Beth Hillel, as they have invited us to join them for an evening services and potluck dinner in Kenosha on November 15.

Gifts to the Sisterhood (whether financial, in-kind, or extra pairs of hands) enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai and will be enjoyed throughout 5774! If you'd like to schedule a Kiddush to honor a life cycle event, birthday, anniversary, or any occasion, please give Rita a call. Contributions can be sent to BIS (designate it Sisterhood). You can also help the Sisterhood by donating kosher grocery items for the onegs and Kiddush, such as coffee, tea, fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, canned tuna, cookies, crackers, cheeses, wine, bottled water, soda, etc. You can simply drop them off in the kitchen at your convenience.

Sisterhood Chair: Rita Collen



General Support

Eileen Schroeder
Mary Vite
Barry Langlieb

In Loving Memory of Her Brother
Vera Ruffalo

In Honor of Lorraine Ganz's Birthday

Vera Ruffalo

Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary Felicia and Leo Vaytsman

Vera Ruffalo

Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Rosen

Vera Ruffalo

High Holiday Contributions

Felicia Zusman & Imtiaz Musaliar
Gary Melnick
Judith McGauran

In Honor of Norm Levin's Birthday

Max Gordon

In Honor of William Rohan's 60th Birthday

Louise Langlieb

Yahrzeits



Week of November 1

Hilda Levitt	1
John Niemiec	1
Joseph E. Redler	1
Jack Gelin	2
Barbara Fabian	3
Ethel Levin	4
Sarah Cohen	4
Chaica Wolfman	4
Bertha Gold	6

Week of November 8

Sylvia Goldstein	8
Maurice Silverman	8
Leonard P. Baumbblatt	11
Joseph C. Frank	12
Samuel M. Tabaksman	12
Emil Donner	13
Alfred Shovers	13
Joseph Fishbain	14
Jacob (Jack) Weinberg	14

Week of November 15

Jennie Levin	15
Helen Kaplan	15
William Rozumoff	15
Dr. Ruben S Grant	16

Hannah Lippman Wolf	16
Herman Noll	17
Dr. Budd Gorsky	18
Minnie Kaplan	18
Barbara Lieberstein	18
Dora Mitler	19
Mary Fishbain	20

Week of November 22

Alex Dorman	22
Jacob M. Kassel	22
Libby Donovitz	22
Maynard Greenberg	24
Dr. Charles Robert Bloom	25
Myron Adelberg	26
Lena Hoffman	26
Shirley Levine	26
Dr. Hymon J. Soref	26
Morton Bachman	28
Burton Isaacson	28

Week of November 29

Harry J. Mandelker	29
Sarah Brownstein	1
Dora Schaefer	1
Sydneye Silver	2
June S. Harris	2
Betty Ruben	3
Sol Marcado	3
Mae Brownstein	4
Jacob Jacobson	4
Meyer Levin	4
Mitchell Pearlman	5

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

November 1 - 5:27 PM
November 8 - 4:18 PM
November 15 - 4:11 PM
November 22 - 4:05 PM
November 29 - 4:02 PM
December 6 - 4:00 PM



Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is five acres located on the 600 block of Lathrop Avenue and is a well maintained, park-like setting. It is a resting place for all Jews.

Call Jim Barten at 262.412.8457

Cemetery Change Approved

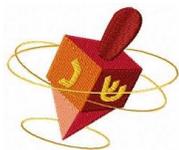
At the annual meeting the congregation approved the creation of a Reform section of the cemetery where Jews and their non-Jewish family members can be buried together.

Hadassah

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions. Cards \$5; Shares \$10; Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10; Trees (JNF) Certificates

Congregational Chanukah Party - Wednesday December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Chanukah comes very quickly this year. The Congregation's Chanukah party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks again this year to Rebecca Bloom and her Sous Chefs, we can again look forward to an excellent meal of brisket and latkes! A reminder that the deadline to make your reservations is the November 27.



Dear Beth Israel Sinai Members,

I had the honor of meeting many of you on October 19, where, along with several members of Beth Hillel, I attended your Saturday Shabbat Service. It was wonderful to get to know you, to hear about many of your long associations with Beth Israel Sinai, and to hear your thoughts about the continuing discussions between our congregations. We were all so happy to be included in Gary's birthday celebration and the Kiddush.

On behalf of our entire congregation, I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend a Shabbat Service at Beth Hillel on Friday, November 15. Beth Hillel members will be providing a potluck supper before the service, and there will be time for continued discussions. We truly hope that you will join us. As several of our October 19 conversations concluded, "there is a lot to talk about!"

Sincerely,

Joan Shepard Lustig, President
Beth Hillel Temple Leadership Council

Join us for
Shabbat.





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***We've all been invited to Beth Hillel in Kenosha for a Friday Night
Shabbat Dinner and Service on November 15th at 6:00 PM!***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM Kiddush sponsored by Jim Barten - 33 years of sobriety
3	4	5	6	7 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	8	9 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM Kiddush sponsored by the Ganzs' - 64 year anniversary
10	11	12	13	14 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	15 Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:00 PM at Beth Hillel (call if you need a ride!)	16 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM .
17	18	19	20	21 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	22	23 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM
24	25	26	27 1st night of Chanukah ... Reservations due for Dec. 4 Chanu- kah Party!	28 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	29	30 Shabbat Services 9:45 AM