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Rabbi's Message

Recently, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending a Paul McCartney concert at Wrigley Field in Chicago. In this outstanding three hour performance, McCartney performed virtually every song written by the Beatles, Wings and his own later compositions. Special light affects accompanied each number. The most magnificent displays were during the performances of "Live and Let Die" and "Helter Skelter." The evening concluded with renditions of "Yesterday and "Hey Jude." It was one of the best performances that we have ever attended.

Apparently, due to the current economic recession some synagogues in their attempt to attract new members have resorted to similar techniques. Evidently unaware that I was a congregational Rabbi, I received the following email. Apparently, three synagogues with declining membership had joined together to create a new communal religious institution. Two of the three rabbis were retrenched by the new Board of Directors. For the High Holiday services, they hired the services of a Rabbi from London and a Cantor from New York City. The Rabbi was billed as "London's funkiest young Rabbi" who created a religious institution known as the "coolshul" and the "hippest" synagogue in the

U.K. The Chazen was billed as "The Rockin Renaissance Rabbi."

Has our religion become so bereft of significance that we must attract new members by being "hip, rad and funky." What could be more "cool," according to some of the commentators, than a 37 year old Isaac who was willing to accompany his father Abraham to the Akedah? What could be more relevant than the fertility problems suffered by many of our matriarchs like Sarah? Has there ever been a more romantic story than the willingness of Jacob to toil for decades to win the hand of his beloved Rachel? What could (continued on page 2)

President's Message

Happy 5772 everyone! (At least it will be at the end of the month!)

Yep, it's High Holy Day season again and time to prepare for a festive and joyous Rosh Hashanah, a serious and introspective Yom Kippur, both followed by the fun of Succoth. Check out the times for Rosh Hashanah services on the calendar. Yom Kippur services are listed in the newsletter.

A happy "welcome again" into the world to Rabbi and Marcia Adelberg's grandson Myles Lev Jaffe who was born on Monday, July 11th. Mazel Tov to the new grandparents, and the new parents, Lara and Sam, too!

I'd like to thank Eileen Schroeder for the use of her beautiful home and back yard, as well as everyone who attended for a really great time at the congregational picnic on the 21st of August. About 30 people enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of great food, great conversation and great camaraderie. Thanks to Max Gordon for again taking care of the grilling. He was ably assisted this year by Josh Bloom. Besides the superbly cooked burgers and dogs, on a variety of fresh buns we enjoyed some excellent salads, a wonderful kugel, fruit, and desserts including great mandel bread.

A special update on the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund-raising effort: This unrestricted effort that Max and

Glenn Gordon initiated as a matching opportunity, (they will match the first \$10,000... THANKS!), has so far raised over \$5,000. Last week, the effort was offered an additional \$2,500 match, (THANKS Judy and Joe Roher)! That means anything contributed now will be double matched! Thanks everyone for your help!

Lastly, I'd like to say that I look forward to seeing you all at synagogue as we celebrate the coming Holy days together as a Jewish community. Please feel free to invite other Jews whom you know need a place to be to join us.

Shalom Y'all,
Jeff

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High Holyday Services:

Rosh Hashanah (days and times are listed on the calendar on page 4).

Kol Nidre, Friday
10/7/11, 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur morning,
Saturday 10/8/11,
9:00 AM

Yom Kippur afternoon,
Saturday 10/8/11,
4:30 PM

Rabbi's Message Continued...

be more inspiring than the meteoric rise of Joseph from prison to (the equivalent) of prime minister? Environmentalists will find relevance in the Torah's attitude towards agricultural cycles, horticulture and animal husbandry. Historians will marvel that a handful of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto who with only a few weapons died as heroes against the massive onslaught of the German army. Scientists will note that stem cell research can be conducted for the purpose of saving future lives. Civil rights activists will marvel at the site of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel walking hand in hand with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama. What could be more relevant that a religion rooted in the past that has evolved to meet the needs of every generation?

It is not that Judaism is inherently "uncool." Nor is it only the fault of our Rabbis and educators for failing to make Judaism relevant. To use the Yiddish phrase, in every Jew there is a "pintele Yid."-a little Jewish spark. Our educators must ignite this spark in the hearts and minds of their congregants and students. More must be done to reach the individual on a personal level in their quest for Jewish knowledge. Ask what steps they would like to take to become more proactive in their efforts to create a Jewish lifestyle for themselves and their families. Start with small steps. Light the holiday and Shabbat candles. Cut out one or more of the forbidden foods. Don't just drop your kids off at shul, but attend services with them. Put a mezuzah on any door, excluding bathroom, that lack the words of the Shema.

After morning prayers during the month of Elul, the piercing sound of the shofar reso-

nates as our wake up call to return to our religious heritage. As the High Holyday Mahzor states, only "repentance, prayer and charity" will bring us closer to our Creator. Our Rabbis tell us that after Havdalah, it is the duty of mankind to continue G-d's work of creating a better world for all its inhabitants. Let us first start with ourselves and our families.

May all of us be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Lara, Greg, Sam and Myles would like to wish all of you L'Shana Tova U'Metuka – A Happy and Sweet New Year.

Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

Sisterhood

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. 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.

Many thanks to the families who have sponsored onegs since the last newsletter: Paula Donovitz on July 30 in memory of her husband, E.L. (Don) Donovitz; and Yaakov and Kathy Schmadl on August 20 in celebration of Kathy's birthday.

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.

Hadassah

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions.

Thank you.

Sarah Levin 886-9331

Sidnee Nerad 551-0406

Cards \$5

Shares \$10

Children's Pavilion Certificates \$5 & \$10

Trees (JNF) Certificates \$18

Donations

In honor of the birth of Rabbi Marty and Marcia Adelberg's grandson Myles.

Sarah Levin

Max Gordon

Blanche Kahn, Diana Kahn and all the family.

Paula Donovitz

John and Jane Brosseau

Louise Langlieb

In Memory of Aleck Kofsky

Roberta Jacobs

Bernice Kofsky

To the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund

Philip, Phyllis and Sheldon Garon

Vera Ruffalo

Don Lang

Estelle Schrager

Sarah Levin

Vicki Goldberg Nelson

John and Jane Brosseau

Eileen Schroeder

Yaakov and Kathy Schmadl

Judy and Joe Roher

Rabbi and Marcia Adelberg

In Memory of Leah Seft

Philip, Phyllis and Sheldon Garon

In Memory of Pearl Levin

Gertrude Hulbert

In Memory of E.L. (Don) Donovitz

Paula Donovitz

In Honor of Kathy Schmadl's 60th Birthday

John and Jane Brosseau

Rabbi and Marcia Adelberg

In Memory of Myron and Betty Goldberg

Vickie Goldberg Nelson


In Memory of Sylvia Rosenzweig

Colin and Anne Tory

Yahrzeits		Henry Shapiro	10
		Harry Frank	11
		Dr. Arthur Grant	11
		Louis Kraft	11
		Jeanne Baum	12
		Rebecca Small	12
<u>Week of August 27</u>		<u>Week of September 17</u>	
Aleck Kofsky	28	Sarah F. Bassewitz	17
Etta Hulbert	29	Lillian R. Kronson	17
Sol Fox	30	Bessie Gelin	18
Abraham M. Schomovitz	30	Hyman Wolfman	21
Max Kiselow	31	Anna Blitstein	22
Jordan Davidson	1	Marjorie Gottlieb	22
Otto D. Weiss	1	Bernard Goldstein	23
Martin Brill	2	Samuel Kiselow	23
Leah Lifschutz	2	I. Wolf Mark	23
Lillian Schulman	2		
<u>Week of September 3</u>		<u>Week of September 24</u>	
Max Bloch	3	Genesse Levin	24
Samuel Feldman	3	David Davidson	26
Bea Goodman	4	Arnold L. Marks	26
Bobby Kaplan	4	Louis Levitt	28
Frank J. Shovers	4	Louis Sidran	28
Bluma Jacobson	5	Ralph Feiges	29
Sgt. Norman H. Gordon	6	Israel Kanshepolsky	29
Anna Tannenbaum	6	Alice Marx	29
		V. Daniel Smith	29
<u>Week of September 10</u>		Morris Kaufman	30
Max Gordon	10		
Sarah P. Mark	10		

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

September 2 - 7:07 PM
 September 9 - 6:55 PM
 September 16 - 6:43 PM
 September 23 - 6:30 PM
 September 30 - 6:18 PM



Cemetery Notes

The Racine Jewish Cemetery is a resting place for all Jews. All.

The cemetery is five acres located on the 600 block of Lathrop Avenue and is a well maintained, park-like setting.

Call Glenn Gordon at 262.639.1924

Sponsor the Flowers for the High Holidays!

This special honor opportunity comes each year during the High Holidays. We send our thanks to Ruth Hulbert, who has offered to sponsor flowers for Yom Kippur again this year. If you're interested in sponsoring the flowers for Rosh Hashanah, contact your Sisterhood chairpersons, Jane Brosseau or Rita Collen.

63 BCE-313 Roman rule

CE

63-4 BCE Herod, Roman vassal king, rules the Land of Israel; Temple in Jerusalem refurbished



(CE - The Common Era)

- c. 20-33 Ministry of Jesus of Nazareth
- 66 Jewish revolt against the Romans
- 70 Destruction of Jerusalem and Second Temple.
- 73 Last stand of Jews at Masada.
- 132-135 Bar Kokhba uprising against Rome.
- c. 210 Codification of Jewish oral law (Mishna) completed.

FOREIGN DOMINATION

- 313-636 Byzantine rule**
- c. 390 Commentary on the Mishna (Jerusalem Talmud) completed.
- 614 Persian invasion

636-1099

Arab rule

691 On site of First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, Dome of the Rock built by Caliph Abd el-Malik.

1099-1291

Crusader domination
(Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem)

1291-1516

Mamluk rule

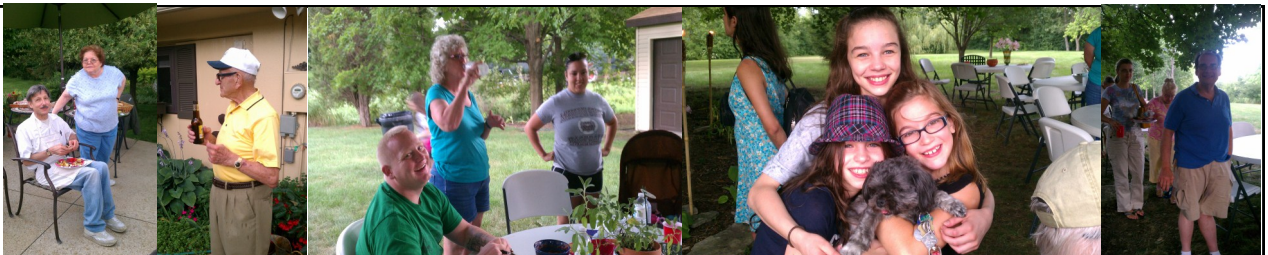
1517-1917

Ottoman rule

- 1564 Code of Jewish law (*Shulhan Arukh*) published.
- 1860 First neighborhood built outside walls of Jerusalem's Old City.
- 1882-1903 First Aliya (large-scale immigration), mainly from Russia.
- 1897 First Zionist Congress convened by Theodor Herzl in Basel, Switzerland; Zionist Organization founded



A Few of the Pictures from the Picnic at Eileen Schroeder's THANKS!





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Happy New Year!

Join us for High Holiday Services

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	9	10 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
11	12	13	14	15 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	16	17 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
18	19	20	21	22 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class	23	24 Shabbat Services 9:45AM
25	26	27	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah Services at 7:00PM	29 Rosh Hashanah Services 9:45AM (no Hebrew or Adult Ed.)	30 Rosh Hashanah Services 9:45AM	1 Shabbat Services 9:45AM