

BULLETIN

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April President's Message

Friends,

"We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but Hashem our God took us out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Had not the Holy One, Blessed is He, taken our fathers out from Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would have remained enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Even if we were all men of wisdom, understanding, experience, and knowledge of the Torah, it would still be an obligation upon us to tell about the Exodus from Egypt. The more one tells about the Exodus, the more he is praiseworthy."

This is the opening response from the Hagaddah to the Four Questions asked by the youngest ones at the Passover Seder.

In many instances, dwelling on the past can be a form of enslavement – leading to either rumination, regret, ongoing self-reproach or to a search for vengeance. And yet one of the first commands on the eve of the departure from Egypt is – to remember. The newly freed slaves are told not just to remember their bitter slave experience and imminent liberation, but to retell the story, teach their children to remember it and to establish a ritual in perpetuity – to remember.

We know that the command to remember the Exodus is a positive command. Why so? The best way to learn a skill is to practice it. We rehearse the Departure at every Pesach Seder through reading, reciting, listening, observing, singing and tasting. The stimulation of our minds and senses reinforce the lessons of the festival. We remind each other that even basic freedoms are not universally shared in our time. And there are many other ways to be enslaved – through bad habits, narrow ambition, self-centeredness, and materialism. Remembering and re-enacting the first Passover instills in us the need to actively work for our freedom for all from modern tyrants, as well from the inner chains that restrain the human spirit.

Pesach starts on the evening of Monday April 2 and continues to sundown on Tuesday April 10. Please see page 2 of this bulletin for service dates and times. There is also information about selling your chametz that can be found on page 4.

One of our youngsters, Aaron Schaffer, will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 28th. We offer a mazel tov to Aaron and his proud parents, Stan and Elaine Schaffer, his sister Aviva and brother Jacob.

Finally, please put Sunday May 20th, 7:30 pm on your calendar, when we hold the BHBI Annual Meeting.

Happy Pesach and see you at shul,

Harris Honickman

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – April 2007

Sunday	Apr. 1	9:00 AM	Service, Discussion	
Tuesday	Apr. 3	9:00 AM	Passover Morning Service	
Wednesday	Apr. 4	9:00 AM	Joint Passover Morning Service with Congregants from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI	
Friday	Apr. 6	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:23 PM	
Saturday	Apr. 7	9:00 AM	Shabbat and Chol Hamoed Passover Morning Services	
Sunday	Apr. 8	9:00 AM	Service, Discussion Light candles at 7:26 PM	
Monday	Apr. 9	9:30 AM	Joint Passover Morning Service with Congregants from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth Am Light candles after 8:28 PM	
Tuesday	Apr. 10	9:00 AM	Joint Passover Morning Service and Yizkor with Congregants from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth Beth David Passover ends at 8:30 PM	
Wednesday	Apr. 11	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI	
Friday	Apr. 13	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:32 PM.	
Saturday	Apr. 14	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Blessing for the new month	Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Apr. 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
Monday	Apr. 16	7:30 PM	Board Meeting	
Friday	Apr. 20	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:40 PM.	
Saturday	Apr. 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	Torah: Tazriah-Metzorah
Sunday	Apr. 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
Friday	Apr. 27	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:48 PM.	
Saturday	Apr. 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Schaffer Torah: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim	
Sunday	Apr. 29	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	

Have a happy Passover!

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 3	The Congregation
March 10	Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay
March 17	Katharine Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg
March 24	The Congregation
March 31	The Congregation

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In memory of Ben Ritter
Stan and Elaine Schaffer

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a speedy recovery
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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Several memorial plaques have recently been added to our memorial boards. You can also memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a BHBI memorial plaque. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE UNAFFILIATED?

Tell them about BHBI and invite them to attend our services – they will be sure to get a wonderful welcome. We would also be happy to add them to our bulletin distribution list and send them information about BHBI. Give their contact information to Harris Honickman, Stan Schaffer or Leon Metlay who will put them on the mailing list.

TORAH STUDY

Join friends from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David for an interesting evening of Torah Study at BHBI at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th.

SHUT-INS

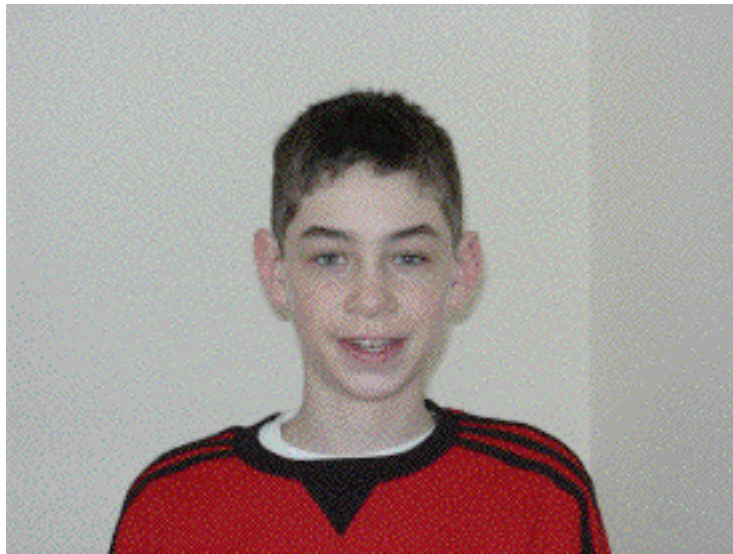
Please don't forget our elderly members who are shut-ins. Ben and Muriel Hobel and Esther Cole would especially appreciate hearing from you.

So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations.

**To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Stan Schaffer
at 473-8072 or by e-mail at stanschaffer@frontiernet.net**

**BAR MITZVAH OF
AARON JOSEPH SCHAFFER**

APRIL 28, 2007



Aaron is the son of Stan and Elaine Schaffer and the brother of Aviva and Jake Schaffer.
He is a 7th grader at Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton.
His hobbies are technology, reading and playing soccer.
He is a Boy Scout and a member of Lincoln Scout Troop #3.
He has earned 3 of the 4 Boy Scout Jewish religious awards and
hopes to eventually become an Eagle Scout.

SALE OF CHAMETZ

Observance of Passover requires that “no leavened substance be found within your home.” These items are to be sealed in a special storage place and ownership transferred to a non-Jew for the duration of Passover through a bill of sale. To arrange for the sale of your chametz, send the following to Rabbi Field at Temple Beth El by April 2nd. Please make checks payable to the Maot Hittim Fund (Passover supplies for the needy).

Temple Beth El
139 South Winton Road
Rochester, NY 14610

Dear Rabbi Field:

Please act as my agent for this sale of any Hametz on my premises.

Name _____

Address _____

Enclosed is my contribution to sell my Hametz.

Yahrzeits

At the following Shabbat Services, we will read the names of our late loved ones whose Yahrzeits will occur on that Shabbat or during the following week.

April 6-7	Nisan	April 13-14	Nisan-Iyar	April 20-21	Iyar	April 27-28	Iyar
David Morris*	20	Arthur Weinberger	26	Al Goldman*	3	Samuel Sanow	10
Jacob Weinrib*	20	Alexander Greenbaum*	27	Hyman Goldberg*	6	Harry Cominsky*	11
Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Esther Gurian*	27	Morton Lewis	6	Dr. Murray Cowen	12
Benjamin Ritter	21	Ethel L. Goldstein*	28	Albert Bernstein*	7	Chasa Tillie Yablin*	12
Yetta Levine*	22	Rose Lewis*	28	Harry Gordon*	7	Johanna Schild*	13
Blanche Levitz	25	Hyman Rothschild*	29	Minnie Rothbard	9	Haskell Isaac Smith*	15
Louis Priceman*	25	Louis Goldberg*	1			Samuel Lederman*	16
Dorothy Riwkin*	25			* Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16
Samuel B. Spiller*	25						

We pray that our mourners will be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and that the memory of the deceased continues to be a blessing to all who knew them.

ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION AND ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

This year the Rochester Jewish community will combine commemoration of Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers with Israel Independence Day celebrations on Sunday evening, April 22nd at Temple B'rith Kodesh. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a remembrance of those who gave their lives to establish and defend the State of Israel. Children from Hillel Community Day School and all of the local religious schools will participate. Immediately afterward, Israel Independence Day festivities begin, highlighted by a concert by Israeli singer Danny Robas.

INTERFAITH EVENT HONORING ISRAEL

Bethel Christian Fellowship, located at 321 East Avenue, will be hosting an interfaith event to honor Israel on Wednesday evening, April 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. Arye Mekel, the Consul General of Israel in New York will speak along with leaders of Christians United for Israel. For more information, contact Isobel Goldman at the Jewish Community Federation at 461-0490.

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WANT TO REMEMBER OR HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION?

Consider sponsoring a kiddush or make a donation to any one of our funds (General Operating, Kiddush, Library, Torah, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship, Our Youth, Special Events, or the Sam Malina Memorial Fund) please indicate which fund you would like your donation to go to and we will send out an acknowledgement card as you indicate and print an announcement in this bulletin.

BULLETIN CONTENT

What do you enjoy reading in the BHBI Bulletin? Is there something that you would like added (or taken out)? If so, please let Stan Schaffer know. We always appreciate feedback.

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