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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

# BULLETIN

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### May President's Message

Friends,

This month marks my last note to you as President of our congregation as I reach my two year term limit set by our constitution. It has been a rewarding and challenging two years. I look forward to serving the congregation in other capacities in the years to come and I ask you to give your full support to my successor.

Our annual Membership Meeting will take place Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 pm at BHBI. At this meeting we will approve our upcoming year's budget and vote in our congregational officers and trustees for a new term, including our new President. A slate of proposed candidates is listed on Page 2 of this bulletin. The Membership Meeting is also your opportunity to voice any concerns or comments you may have about the state of our congregation. If you are unable to attend, please send your proxy with another member. A member may hold up to two proxies, however only attending members can count towards a quorum, so do please make every effort to attend personally. Members must be in good standing in order to vote.

On Shabbat morning, May 23, we will have a special Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush, sponsored by Janet Grable to honor everyone's birthday and anniversary all year round! You all know from past experience that this is something you don't want to miss! So please be sure to come. Thursday evening, May 28, starts the holiday of Shavuot, marking the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. We will start the holiday off with a shul dairy dinner Thursday at 6:00 pm. Everyone who has come to our dinners in the past knows that the food will be great and a good time will be had! Please see the reservation form on Page 5 of this Bulletin and send it in to the shul office by May 22, so we will know how many to prepare for. Friends are invited!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

### **ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND!**

Members MUST in be in good standing in order to vote. You may bring your dues up to date at any time before the meeting – or at the meeting itself.

Each member may hold up to 2 proxies for other members who cannot attend.
Only members in attendance will count toward the quorum.

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# **BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2009**

Friday	May 1	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at BHBI Light candles at 7:53 PM			
Saturday	May 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Acharei-Kedoshim			
Sunday	May 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Friday	May 8	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:01 PM			
Saturday	May 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Emor			
Sunday	May 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Monday	May 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board Meeting			
Wednesday	May 13	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI			
Friday	May 15	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:09 PM			
Saturday	May 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behar-Bechukotai			
Sunday	May 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
		7:00 PM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation			
Friday	May 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:16 PM			
Saturday	May 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Followed By Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush Blessing for the New Month  Torah: Bamidbar			
Sunday	May 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Thursday	May 28	6:00 PM	Shavuot Dinner			
		8:30 PM	Erev Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Service and Study Session			
Friday	May 29	9:00 AM	Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Morning Service			
		8:00 PM	Shabbat and Erev Shavuot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Evening Service Light candles at 8:22 PM			
Saturday	May 30	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI			
Sunday	May 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			

# **Proposed BHBI Officers for 2009-2010**

President	Leon Metlay
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Steve Teitel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Judith Mercer
Treasurer	Ira Cohen
Financial Secretary	Stan Schaffer
Recording Secretary	Harris Honickman

#### **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.

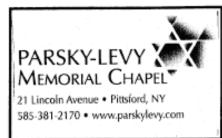
May 1-2	Iyar	May 15-16	Iyar	May 22-23	Iyar - Sivan	May 29-30	Sivan
Minnie Rothbard Samuel Sanow* Harry Cominsky* Dr. Murray Cowen	9 10 11 12	Pauline Hobel Esther Leah Silverman* Reuben Cohen Leopold Beechbinder*	22 24 26 27	Samuel Schwartz* Sam Dubin Nathan Epstein* Bessie Klein*	1 2 2 2	Max Atkin* Bessie Eber* Albert Bernstein Max Vogelstein	8 8 8
Chasa Tillie Yablin* Johanna Schild*  May 8-9	12 13	Charles Bertman* Isadore D. Goldberg* Harry T. Levinson* Abraham Goldman*	27 27 27 28	Rose Levin* Esther Gertrude Schriba* Morris Levine* Ida Sherman*	4 4 5 5	Benjamin Weinrib* Sarah Osband* Jessie Stolnitz* Harry Strauss*	8 10 10 11
Haskell Isaac Smith* Samuel Lederman* Samuel J. Weisenberg* Libbie Goldberg* Samuel Gastel*	15 16 16 18 21	* Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque	28	Ann Alderman* Sam Solomon	6	Minnie Strom* Theresa Mayer Block Rose Sallerson*	11 12 13

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.









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

## THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 4	The Congregation
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April 18	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Sylvia Koval
April 25	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Harry Gordon

#### TO OUR DONORS -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Malcolm and Annette Weinberg

In memory of Charles Levy Paul and Rose Israel

## **EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

#### YOM HA'ATZMAOUT (ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY) CELEBRATION

The Rochester Jewish community will celebrate Israel Independence Day with a gala Israeli musical collaboration known as Shorashim (Roots), featuring vocalist Magda Fishman and pianist Yuval Cohen, at the JCC on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event is free and is open to the public.

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#### TORAH STUDY

Join congregants from Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth David and BHBI for our monthly Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session at BHBI on Wednesday evening, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively and engaging!

#### PLEASE VISIT OR CALL OUR ELDERLY MEMBERS!

Many of our elderly members are no longer able to come to shul and would love to hear from their BHBI friends. Please call or visit them.

#### AMAZON.COM

The next time that you want to buy something from Amazon.com go to the BHBI web page at www.BHBIRochester.org and click on the Amazon.com link. Each time you make a purchase after linking to Amazon.com from our web page, BHBI gets a percentage of the purchase. Buy gifts or something for yourself or your family and support BHBI at the same time!!

## **MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

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 KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNAFFILIATED AND INTERESTED IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?

Let them know about BHBI's special <u>free 3 month trial membership</u> (available to prospective first-time new members only). Have them contact BHBI at 244-2060 or BHBI@frontiernet.net and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!!

#### **THANKS**

As the repairs to our sanctuary are now at last completed, we would like to thank the following agencies and contractors who provided us with excellent and responsive service:

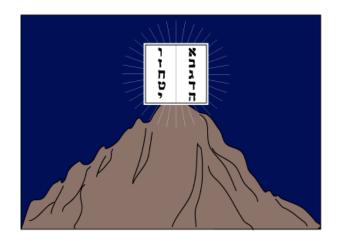
Selective Insurance Company
ServPro of NW Monroe County
Feldman Heating and Cooling
R&J Asbestos and Lead Removal Company
Lozier Environmental Consulting, Inc.
Abbazia Flooring
Jachles Imperial, Ltd.

#### GET WELL SOON

The congregation wishes a speedy recovery to Muriel and Ben Hobel and to Sherwood Snyder who have recently been hospitalized.

#### **COUNTING THE OMER**

We count the Omer to mark the days from Passover to Shavuot. The counting of the Omer began on the first night of Passover and continues each night thereafter as we count a week of weeks between the Festival of Freedom and the Festival of the Giving of the Torah. Traditionally, we do not attend parties or other happy events during this period.



#### SHAVUOT DINNER

Enjoy great food and lots of fun at the BHBI Shavuot Dairy Dinner on Thursday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be accepted until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost: Ages 12 and over: \$10, Children under 12: \$6, Family Maximum: \$36

Reservation Form
Number of Adults Attending:
Number of Children Attending:
Names:
Amount Enclosed: \$

Please send your completed reservation form to BHBI, 1369 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610

**OFFICE**: The shul office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The shul phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Steve Teitel at 473-5741 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at BHBI@frontiernet.net

#### WANT TO REMEMBER OR HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION?

Consider sponsoring a kiddush or making 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. A standard sponsored kiddush at BHBI costs just \$40 while a larger enhanced kiddush is just \$50.

#### **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.

#### **DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN?**

Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several months can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

<u>WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS</u>? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Stan Schaffer at: stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

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