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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

BULLETIN

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August President's Message

Friends,

It has been a busy month of July. Many of you will have noticed that our trees have been trimmed. You will also have seen the zoning sign posted on the front yard. Steve Teitel has prepared a proposal to the Historical Preservation Board for us to install a wheelchair lift or ramp. The Board meets to discuss our proposal on August 5th. Wish us luck.

Behind the scenes there has also been much activity and negotiation. During the coming year, our congregation will be sharing the part-time services of Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg. Those of you who have attended our joint programs with Temple Beth David over the past two years will know Rabbi Goldberg as Beth David's interim Rabbi. During the coming year, Rabbi Goldberg will officiate at 16 joint Beth Am- BHBI services. Beth Am has already elected him their Rabbi. I would like BHBI to do the same. To do so requires a congregational vote. That is why I am calling a **Special Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, August 9th, at 7:30 PM. Please attend. As a special meeting there will only be one agenda item, so it should be short, but we need a quorum to conduct business so your attendance is very importance. If you are not able to attend, you may give another member a proxy to vote in your place (no individual may hold more than 2 proxies).

In addition to hiring Rabbi Goldberg to officiate at 16 joint services during the year, we hope to have him officiate at other services from time to time as well. As part of that effort, we are establishing a Rabbi Goldberg fund jointly with Temple Beth Am. Whenever the fund reaches a preset amount, we will be able to schedule an additional service with the Rabbi. Please consider donating to this fund.

We will be producing a Yizkor booklet jointly with Beth Am this year. The information about the booklet is not available as I'm writing this, so look for a special mailing.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at our joint picnic with Beth Am on Friday August 7th at Beth Am. In addition, once again this year we will have a barbecue dinner in early September to recruit new members. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 4th. Bring your unaffiliated friends to that one; prospective members can attend free of charge. Remember to also tell them about BHBI's free 3-month membership for new first-time members.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Leon Metlay

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON HIRING RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG AS BHBI'S RABBI

Sunday, August 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Please attend this important meeting

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2009

Friday	July 31	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at BHBI Light candles at 8:14 PM			
Saturday	Aug 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Vaetchanan			
Sunday	Aug 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Friday	Aug 7	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:05 PM			
		5:30 PM	Joint picnic with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am			
Saturday	Aug 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Eikev			
Sunday	Aug 9	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
		7:30 PM	Special Congregational Meeting			
Monday	Aug 10	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees			
Wednesday	Aug 12	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI			
Friday	Aug 14	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:55 PM			
Saturday	Aug 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Re'ei Blessing for the New Month			
Sunday	Aug 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Friday	Aug 21	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:44 PM			
Saturday	Aug 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Shoftim			
Sunday	Aug 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Friday	Aug 28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:33 PM			
Saturday	Aug 29	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Ki Teitzei			
Sunday	Aug 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			

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, August 12th at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively and engaging!

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.

July 31-Aug 1	Av	Aug 7-8	Av-Elul	Aug 14-15	Elul	July 24-25	Elul
Haim Menachem Levy	12	Bessie Gastel*	25	Eva Lederman*	2	Fran Dubin Gulack	10
Hyman Silverman*	12	Rose T. Cohen	26	Albert Joffe*	4	David Nidetz	12
Frank Carper*	13	Jacob Osband*	26	Harold Krinsky*	4	Anna Zakofsky*	12
Sarah R. Spector*	13	Samuel Wechsler*	26	Ethel Strom*	4	Sylvia Album*	13
Samuel Gross	15	Ruben Klein*	27	Tanya Yudelson	5	Morris Mittelman*	13
Abraham Heyman*	17	Esther Marker*	27	Harold Schulman	6	Isidor Hess*	14
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		Harry Eber*	30	Jennie Levinson	7	Joseph Taub	14
August 7-8	Av	Bernard W. Engel*	30	Esther Mandelbaum	7	зоверн тацо	17
		Rose Gordon	30	Irving Mack*	8		
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Abraham I. Spector*	20						
Alexander Aronov	21	* Denotes name					
Morris Ohl*	21	memorialized on					
Sarah Applebaum Gastel*	22	BHBI Memorial					
Israel Osband*	22	Plaque					

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.

Yahrzeit Notices

By now everyone who is on the yahrzeit reminder list should have received information regarding notices for his or her loved-ones. Hopefully the information we have is correct. Please let Herb Spencer (334-7493 or hspence1@rochester.rr.com) or Stan Schaffer (473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net) know if there are any additions, corrections or deletions to be made or if you are not getting a reminder and wish to do so. Just a note that Herb currently sends out about 250 notices each year. With the rising cost of postage each year it can become costly. If you do not wish to receive some of these notices please advise us.



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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 JULY

July 4	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Elana Spezio
July 11	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of David Gordon
July 18	Jill Clark in memory of Irwin Bertman
July 25	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Fannie Goldberg

MRS. ESTHER SOLOMON'S 103RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family and friends of Rebbitzen Esther Solomon have invited our members to join them in celebrating Mrs. Solomon's 103rd birthday. The festivities will take place at the Atkins Center at the Jewish Home on Sunday August 9, 2009, from 1:00- 4:00 PM. Please join us in wishing her well.

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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

WITH THE HIGH HOLY DAYS COMING, 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!!

Save the Date!

Joint Beth Am / BHBI Picnic

Friday, August 7, 5:30 pm at Temple Beth Am

\$15/family or \$5/person if RSVP on/before July 31 \$18/family or \$6/person if RSVP after July 31

Plus PAREVE dish to pass. Add \$2/person, \$6/family w/o dish to pass.

RSVP by sending payment with a note to the Temple Beth Am office (Temple Beth Am, POB 177, Henrietta, NY 14467). Indicate your name, how many people, how many of each (for planning): vegetarian, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken (more than 1 serving of each is permitted).

Suggested dish to pass (must be pareve and have hechser other then "K"): pickles; olives; non-dairy dessert: Tofutti, cookies, Italian Ice; potato chips, pretzels, salsa, salad dressing; tabuleh; hummus/pita bread; soda; juice; carrot & celery sticks; non-dairy packaged dip; fresh corn; fresh fruit

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STATEMENT BY CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS CHAIRMAN ALAN SOLOW AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN MALCOLM HOENLEIN ON ISSUES RAISED REGARDING CONSTRUCTION IN JERUSALEM

New York, July 21, 2009 ... The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has long advocated and supported the unity of Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel. As such, we believe that legal construction by residents of the city should be allowed as long as it is in keeping with the standards and requirements of the municipality and the national government. We find disturbing the objections raised to the proposed construction of residential units on property that was legally purchased and approved by the appropriate authorities. The area in question houses major Israeli governmental agencies, including the national police headquarters. The United States has in the past and recently raised objections to the removal of illegal structures built by Arabs in eastern Jerusalem even though they were built in violation of zoning and other requirements often on usurped land. In addition to the Jewish housing, the project called for apartment units for Arabs as well.

It is particularly significant that the structure in question formerly was the house of the infamous Mufti of Jerusalem Haj Amin al-Husseni who spent the war years in Berlin as a close ally of Hitler, aiding and abetting the Nazi extermination of Jews. He was also linked to the 1929 massacre in Hebron and other acts of incitement that resulted in deaths and destruction in what was then Palestine. There has been an expressed desire by some Palestinians to preserve the building as a tribute to Husseini.

As a united city, Jerusalem's Jewish and Arab residents should be permitted to reside wherever legal and security requirements allow. Hundreds of Arab families have moved into Jewish neighborhoods of Jerusalem and the same right should be accorded to Jewish residents in live where they choose in Jerusalem. To do otherwise would undermine and prejudge the status of the city.

No government of Israel has or can pursue a discriminatory policy that would prevent the legitimate presence of Jews in any area of its capital.

The Conference of Presidents is the central coordinating body representing 51 national Jewish organizations on issues of national and international concern.

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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.

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<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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