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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

BULLETIN

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September President's Message

Friends,

In my previous message to you, I announced a special congregational meeting to discuss hiring Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg. It is with great pleasure that I announce that we have a Rabbi. We will be sharing Rabbi Goldberg's services with Temple Beth Am. We anticipate that he will officiate at sixteen joint TBA-BHBI services during the coming year. He will also be available as our halachic authority and will be available to answer the spiritual needs of our congregation. The first service he will be leading will be at Temple Beth Am on September 5th at 10 AM. Please join us there.



Many of you met Rabbi Goldberg while he was the interim Rabbi at Temple Beth David. He comes from England, where he was ordained at Leo Baeck College. He is a cantor as well, with a doctorate in Jewish Musicology from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. We will have an additional chance to learn from him because we have invited Rabbi Goldberg to give the Finkelman Lecture this fall, after the holidays.

Beth Am and BHBI are each establishing a "Rabbi Goldberg Fund". Contributions to the funds will pay for additional services from the Rabbi, beyond the originally projected sixteen.

Temple Beth Am and Congregation Beth Hamedresh Beth Israel will also publish a Yizkor Book together this year. We have shared morning Yizkor services with Beth Am for several years and this year we are cooperating in the production of a Yizkor booklet which will contain the names of our late loved ones. The order form is included in the bulletin. Please note that the form is to be returned to the publisher, not to our congregation.

We have come one step closer to the possibility of handicapped access to our building. On August 5th, Steve Teitel and I appeared before the Historical Preservation Board. They denied our proposal for a ramp, but approved our proposal for an outside elevator. The next step will be to get approval from New York State. You'll be hearing more about this, I hope, after the holidays.

The High Holy days are almost upon us. Our services this year will again be led by Dr. George Kornfeld. During the coming weeks our Ritual Committee will be contacting our members about honors. In anticipation of the High Holy Days, we are going to have our Barbecue and Borochu Picnic once again on Friday, September 4th at 6 P.M. We will have Israeli style BBQ with some kosher hots for anyone who wants less exotic fare. Please call in your reservations to the BHBI office at 244-2060 – The event costs \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids under 13 with a \$36 family maximum.

Remember - Prospective new members eat for free, so invite your unaffiliated friends to attend and also let them know that we are offering a free 3-month trial membership which includes High Holy Day tickets.

I look forward to seeing you in shul,

Leon Metlay



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2009

Friday Sept 4 6:00 PM Barbecue and Borochu 2009		6:00 PM	Barbecue and Borochu 2009			
		7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at BHBI Light candles at 7:21 PM			
Saturday	Sept 5	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am with Rabbi Goldberg Officiating Torah: Ki Tavo			
Sunday	Sept 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Wednesday	Sept 9	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI			
Friday	Sept 11	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 7:08 PM			
Saturday	Sept 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Nitzavim-Vayeilech			
		8:30 PM	Joint Selichot Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am			
Sunday	Sept 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
Monday	Sept 14	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees			
Friday	Sept 18	7:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah First Day Service Light candles at 6:56 PM			
Saturday	Sept 19	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah First Day Service			
		8:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service			
Sunday	Sept 20	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service			
		5:00 PM	Tashlich at Lake Riley			
Friday	Sept 25	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 6:43 PM			
Saturday	Sept 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Haazinu Shabbat Shuvah			
Sunday	Sept 27	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion			
		6:30 PM	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service Light candles at 6:39 PM			
Monday	Sept 28	9:00 AM	Yom Kippur Morning Service			
		5:00 PM	Yom Kippur Mincha Service			
		6:00 PM	Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Service			
		7:38 PM	Yom Kippur Ends			

See You at Barbecue and Borochu 2009 on September 4th!

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.

August 4-5	Elul	August 11-12	Elul	August 18-19	Tishrei	August 25-26	Tishrei
A. Ben Glaser*	16	Bessie Cominsky*	23	Shirley Arlene	1	Fannie R. Spector*	8
Celia Wolk* 17 Leonard Mayer		Rose Levin* David Goldman*	25 26	Dworkin* Ronni Lynn Gordon*	1 1	David Schaffer Milton Honickman	10 11
Grossman*	18	Trudy Bender Baran	27	David Lester	1	Ida Strom	13
Albert Perahya	18	I. Robert Lewis*	27	Kauffman*	1	Annie Kovel*	14
Pearl Gross	20	Phillip Rogachefsky*	27	Catherine Braz*	3		
Abraham Goldman*	21	Janet Kanthor*	28	Hyman A. Davis*	5	* Denotes name	
Maurice Seide*	21	Gerald Glaser*	29	Rose Lewis*	6	memorialized on	
Hyman Senzel*	22	Mazel Tov Levy	29	Annie Schwartz*	6	BHBI Memorial	
						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.



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

EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

One People, One Heart: An Evening with Karnit Goldwasser

The Opening Event to the 2010 UJA Federation Campaign Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Rochester Riverside Convention Center

It was the last day of Udi Goldwassers army reserve duty and his wife Karnit was preparing his favorite meal. Then she heard there was trouble near his base. By evening, the planned celebration turned into a nightmare as she learned that her husband had been kidnapped, along with soldier Eldad Regev, by Hizbollah terrorists near the Israeli border with Lebanon. She grasped for hope. "I only want to see my soulmate, the love of my life again." It would take two years and appeals to government members, business leaders, human rights organizations and power brokers – even to Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad – to get Udi and Eldad home, and tragically their families received only their remains. Hear the story of a young newlywed who achieved heroic status in her unwavering fight on behalf of her husband... and how the global Jewish community rallied for her cause.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to privately make their commitment to the 2010 UJA Federation Campaign. A minimum gift of \$500 is suggested. For reservations call 585-461-0490.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 1	Janet Grable on the anniversary of her bat mitzvah
August 8	Katharine Metlay in memory of her father, David Titof; Sherwood Snyder in
_	memory of his father, Paul Snyder
August 15	Jill Clark in memory of Bessie Gastel; Phil and Annette Garver in memory of
	Rose Gordon
August 22	Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Tanya Yudelson
August 29	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

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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!!

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, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively and engaging!

THE RABBI GOLDBERG FUND

We have recently started a Rabbi Goldberg Fund to enable us to engage Rabbi Goldberg to lead additional services at BHBI during the year in addition to the 16 joint services that he will be leading for BHBI and Temple Beth Am. Whenever the funds in the Rabbi Goldberg Fund reach a predetermined level, we will schedule an additional service with Rabbi Goldberg. To contribute to the Rabbi Goldberg Fund, please send a check in to BHBI with a notation that the contribution should be used for the Rabbi Goldberg Fund.

CONDOLENCES

The congregation sends its sincere condolences to Steve, Ruth and Jack Teitel on the recent passing of Steve's father.

COME HELP US READY BHBI FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

In preparation for the High Holy Days, we will be getting the mahzors out of storage and changing our Torah and lectern covers as well as our bimah curtains on Sunday, September 13th at 11 a.m. Come help us with this mitzvah!



We Send Our Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to the Congregation

Cathy and Winston Block
Jill Clark
Ira Cohen and Dianne Hooker
Ella Finkelman
Alan and Emily Fishman
Phil and Annette Garver
Mrs. Maxine Gold and Lyn Michaels
Janet Grable
Ben and Muriel Hobel
Harris, Aline, Matthew and Noah Honickman
The Kleinstein Family
Bob and Rise Levine
Charles and Laura Levinson
Art and Judith Mercer

Leon Metlay, Nina Klionsky and Hannah
Mrs. Katharine Metlay
Jeff Nidetz, Leslie Toker and Mark
The Paprocki Family
Harry Rogachefsky
Stan, Elaine, Aviva, Aaron and Jacob Schaffer
Mrs. Esther Solomon and Family
Herb Spencer
Elana Spezio
Jeff, Lyn and Gavi Springut
Ruth, Steve and Jack Teitel
Peg Toker
Ken and Mollie Traub
Joseph Yudelson

TO OUR DONORS -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Ben and Muriel Hobel's 61st Wedding Anniversary Steve and Ruth Teitel

In appreciation of Leon Metlay's many contributions to BHBI and to support ongoing BHBI building upgrades

Mark Bobb

In memory of Mark and Sadie Rose

Peg Toker

RABBI AARON SOLOMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Esther Solomon's 103rd Birthday *Charles and Laura Levinson Paul and Rose Israel*

In memory of Chaim Menachem Levy Paul and Rose Israel

RABBI GOLDBERG FUND

Ira Cohen

OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue 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, Rabbi Goldberg Fund 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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