

BULLETIN

Editor: Stan Schaffer

March President's Message

Friends,

“When Adar comes, joy increases.” By the time you are reading this, the month of Adar will be half gone. I hope your joy is increasing, as mine has. On the personal front I’ve enjoyed a family reunion and celebration. On the BHBI front other great things are happening. We’ve closed out the books on 2009 in better financial shape than we expected. One year ago we had a disaster. A year later, does anyone even remember the Great Flood? Just look at us now! Our sanctuary is beautiful (thanks in large part to Steve Teitel). Our collaboration with Temple Beth Am is going smoothly. We have a rabbi. We’re getting good minyans on Shabbat mornings. **OUR WHEELCHAIR LIFT IS OPERATIONAL** (also thanks in large part to Steve Teitel)! I shouldn’t just thank Steve. It is the effort of many volunteers that keeps our shul alive and vibrant.

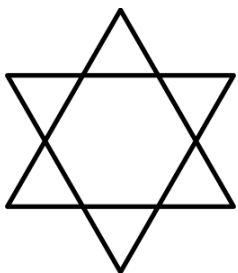
The lift operates by holding down the button to make it move up or down. Any of you who have not been coming to services because of difficulty with the stairs can now get into the building with ease. If you would like to come to services but need a ride, just call and we’ll try to find you a ride.

Early this month is the Shabbat Across America dinner, hosted by Temple Beth Am. I hope you got your reservation in, as it should be a fun evening.

We just celebrated Purim. I hope yours was joyful. If Purim comes, that means that Pesach is only a month away. Time to clean house and get ready. Rabbi Goldberg will be selling our chametz this year. Please complete and send in the form that can be found on Page 6 of this bulletin. I wish you all a happy and kosher Passover.

B’shalom,

Leon Metlay



Have a very happy and healthy Passover!

During Passover, we will be having a series of joint services with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David according to the following schedule:

Tuesday morning, March 30th at Temple Beth David beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday morning, March 31st at Temple Beth Am beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Monday morning, April 5th at BHBI beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 6th at BHBI beginning at 9:00 A.M. with Yizkor (joint service only for Beth Am and BHBI)

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2010

Friday	Mar 5	6:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am with Rabbi Goldberg officiating followed by Shabbat Across America Dinner at 6:30 PM Light candles at 5:46 PM
Saturday	Mar 6	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 8	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Mar 10	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	Mar 12	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:54 PM
Saturday	Mar 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI with Rabbi Goldberg officiating Blessing for the new month. Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 19	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 7:03 PM
Saturday	Mar 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikrah
Sunday	Mar 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 26	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:11 PM
Saturday	Mar 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav Shabbat Hagadol
Sunday	Mar 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Tuesday	Mar 30	9:30 AM	Joint 1 st Day Passover Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David Light candles after 8:16 PM
Wednesday	Mar 31	9:30 AM	Joint 2 nd Day Passover Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DONATION TO HELP US PAY FOR THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT!

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET, PLEASE MAKE YOUR
DONATION TODAY

Name(s): _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

Send this form to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 along with your
special donation for the wheelchair lift today!





FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By
RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG

March 2010

I am sure that none of us can believe that Passover is just around the corner, so we all had better get into gear preparing for it and move into a *Pesachdik* mode!

It is appropriate to start reflecting on the message of Passover, and the meanings of the many rituals associated with it. Take the four cups of wine, for instance. We drink four cups on account of the four expressions of Redemption used in Exodus 6:6–8, “I will free you.... and deliver you...I will redeem you...I will take you to be My people.” A fifth expression “I will bring you into the Land” is the basis for having the Cup of Elijah. Rabbi Irving Greenberg has expanded upon the meaning of the four terms thus, “God too them (the Israelites) out of their burdens and suffering, saved them from hard labor, liberated them with mighty acts, and dedicated them as a holy people” (*The Jewish Way*, p. 51).

Many Jews have taken the Four Cups to represent The Four Freedoms which President F. D. Roosevelt declared in 1941: freedom of speech and expression; freedom of worship; freedom from want.....which will secure *a healthy peacetime* life for its inhabitants; freedom from fear.”

It is worth the effort to study the entire speech and to ask to what extent this vision has been fulfilled. If we only look at the state of our nation today, this vision has far from been achieved. Millions live in want, unable to find employment, millions fear whether they will keep their jobs, and millions without health insurance live in dread of sickness, and many who do still live in fear of financial ruin.

Regardless of one's own political viewpoint and what should be done to redeem ourselves from this shocking situation, I am deeply saddened, if not angered, by the attitude of those who seem to express the attitude of, “I'm OK, I don't want to pay for others.” I malignant selfishness seems to pervade too many of the American people.

This is not the Jewish way. *Pirkei Avot* (5:13) discusses four different types of characters. The worst type of character is the one who says, “What is yours is mine, and what is mine is mine.” The trait of the person who says, “What is mine is mine, and what is yours is yours,” is merely mediocrity. What happens when the other does not have anything? While the ideal character trait of “Mine is yours and yours is yours,” the trait of the saintly, cannot reasonably be applied on a societal level, but at the very least those who have should not be content until everyone can live with dignity and without fear. Roosevelt's words are more than relevant to us in these hard times.

Wishing you a *hag kasher ve-sameah*.

Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg

KASHRUT RULES FOR PASSOVER

When purchasing foods for Passover, look for the words ‘Kosher for Passover’ or a small letter ‘P’ next to the hecksher, which indicates that it is Kosher for Passover. Unopened packages of sugar, pure (not herbal) tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables, milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar, muenster and Camembert, and baking soda do not require Kosher for Pesach designation if purchased before Passover. Of course, fresh fruits and vegetables (except legumes for most Ashkenazi Jews), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat do not require a Kosher for Passover designation. The Conservative Movement's Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has also ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Finally, how does one kasher a dishwasher for Passover? After not using the dishwasher for 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run to kasher it.

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.

March 5-6	Adar	March 12-13	Adar-Nissan	March 19-20	Nissan	March 26-27	Nissan
Louis Rickler*	20	Harris Priceman*	27	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Stanley Solomon	13
Harry Aronow*	21	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Rachel Weinstein*	5	Helen Neiman	
Carl Astrachan*	21	Eva Friedman*	28	Flora Priceman*	7	Goldman*	14
Leila Markus*	21	Karoline Hess*	28	Esther Bertman*	8	Harry Toker	14
Herman Sarachan*	21	Sarah Shulsky*	28	Max Block	8	Leo Beechbinder*	15
Percy Cohen*	22	Sadie Rose	29	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Sol Levin*	15
Ida Sallerson		Mollie Wolk*	29	Sadie Leitman	11	Rose Jossem*	16
Levine*	25	Sam Wolk*	29	Morris Lipman*	11	Judith Potter*	16
Barnet Stern*	26	Lena Levi*	1	Harry Veeder	11	Minnette Taylor	16
		Lester Miller*	1				
		Benjamin Braz*	2				
		Dr. Charles Cohen*	2				
		Eli Gerber*	3				
		Bessie Friedman					
		Reicher	3				
		Esther Rosenthal	3				
		Morris Sherman*	3				
		Jacob Shiffman	3				
		David Gross*	4				

* Denotes name memorialized on 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.

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

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So far our TOPS Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful.
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Katie Metlay

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In memory of Nathan Goldberg

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In memory of Sylvia Levy

Joe Yudelson

TORAH FUND

In honor of Katie Metlay's 90th birthday

Stan and Elaine Schaffer

THE RABBI GOLDBERG FUND

Contributions to the Rabbi Goldberg Fund enable us to engage Rabbi Goldberg to lead additional services at BHBI during the year. Whenever the funds in the Rabbi Goldberg Fund reach a predetermined level, we will schedule an additional service with Rabbi Goldberg. To contribute to this purpose, please send a check in to BHBI with a notation that the contribution should be used for the Rabbi Goldberg Fund.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 13	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katie Metlay's 90 th birthday
February 20	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer
February 27	Katie Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay

TORAH STUDY

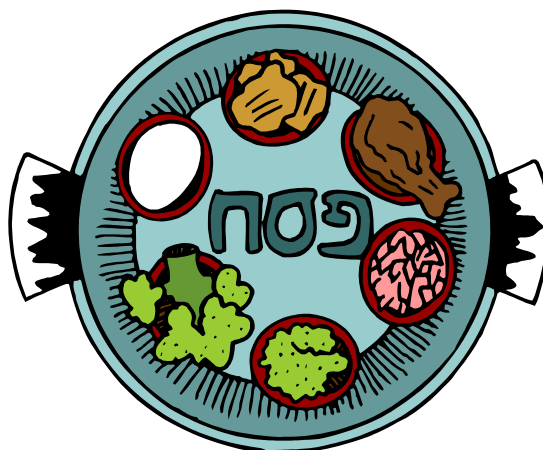
Join congregants from Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth David and BHBI for our monthly Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session at BHBI on Wednesday evening, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively and engaging!

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

Let them know about BHBI's special free 3 month trial membership (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!!

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Hear Ami Nahshon, CEO of the Abraham Fund, present his vision for coexistence between the Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel at Temple Brith Kodesh on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



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NATION BY HELPING TO SEND PASSOVER CARE
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Address: _____

E-mail/ Phone #: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

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Questions or the help: Keith Freedman kdfreedy@aol.com
PLEASE SEND DONATIONS BY SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010

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

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