

BULLETIN

Editor: Stan Schaffer

October President's Message

Friends:

I hope you had a rewarding and enlightening holiday season. You know what they say, "No job is finished until the paper work is finished." The next-to-last thing to do is to thank the people who made the holiday services such a success. This includes our Chazan, Dr. George Kornfeld (oh, those shofar blasts!), and Ira Cohen who led pretty much everything that George didn't lead, also our usher, Steve Teitel, the page announcers, Stan Schaffer and Harris Honickman, the haftorah readers, Janet Grable, Elaine Schaffer, Hermann Vogelstein, and Nina Klionsky. Judith Mercer did the apples and honey, my wife and I donated the flowers, the Honickmans sponsored the break-fast (on top of preparing for a bar mitzvah!). Bruce Nelson, of Beth Am, edited the Yizkor booklet. Steve Teitel, Ira Cohen, Paula Bobb, Harris Honickman, Esther Vogelstein, Nina Klionsky, and Helen Gulack put up the sukkah. Special thanks to Helen for the posters. Hermann Vogelstein did a prodigious amount of Torah reading during Sukkot. Rabbi Goldberg inspired us on Shemini Atzeret. Janet Grable and Steve Teitel did the Sukkot and Shemni Atzeret kiddushim. Our friends at Beth Am made us welcome for services on the second day of Sukkot. And of course, Noah Honickman and his family made Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot especially festive. I'm sure I've forgotten someone. Please forgive me if I overlooked you.

Now that Sukkot is past us, it's not over until we put away the sukkah as well as the holiday curtains and Torah covers. Please join us to do that on Sunday morning, October 3rd, at 10:30 AM. Many hands make light work!

One of the topics I mentioned in my Yom Kippur address was the importance of the continuity of institutions, especially our own. As noted above, it takes work from a lot of people, as well as money, to keep our congregation functioning. Beth Hamedresh Hagodel was founded in 1911. I wonder if its founders imagined that their big beautiful building would be gone in less than 50 years. I also wonder if they imagined that in a hundred years their synagogue would be located at a prestigious East Avenue address. Should we have some sort of commemoration of the centennial of Beth Hamedresh Hagodel? What do you think we should do? Please think about this and share your ideas with me.

The month of Cheshvan, which follows our current month of Tishri, is often called Mar Cheshvan (Bitter Cheshvan), because it doesn't have any holidays in it. I think it should be called Cheshvan Menucha (Restful Cheshvan), because it allows us to get back to normal after a month of holidays. Enjoy the peace and quiet!

B'shalom,

Leon Metlay



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2010

Friday	Oct 1	9:00 AM	Joint Simchat Torah Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David
		7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 6:33 PM
Saturday	Oct 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Blessing for the New Month Torah: Bereisheit
Sunday	Oct 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Oct 8	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 6:21 PM
Saturday	Oct 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI with Rabbi Goldberg officiating Torah: Noah
Sunday	Oct 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Oct 11	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Oct 13	7:30 PM	Joint Torah Study with members of Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Oct 15	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:09 PM
Saturday	Oct 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Lech Lechah
Sunday	Oct 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Oct 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:58 PM
Saturday	Oct 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayeirah
Sunday	Oct 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Oct 29	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 5:47 PM
Saturday	Oct 30	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Chayei Sarah
Sunday	Oct 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

BHBI would like to welcome its newest members, Hermann Vogelstein, Nelly Vishnagorsky, and Simeon and Sherrie Kolko and their son, Zachary.

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

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By
RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG

October 2010

On Yom Kippur afternoon before I returned to the synagogue for *Minḥab* and *Ne'ilab* I read through the Book of Jonah and some of the commentaries in the Rabbinical Assembly's wonderful new *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. We all know that Jonah was commanded to go and preach to the people of Nineveh. Why this city? As the commentary informs the reader, Nineveh was no ordinary city, for it was the capital of the Assyria which had destroyed the northern state of Israel (Samaria) and led it into captivity in 722 BCE. At the end of the Book of Jonah we read that the people of Nineveh, from the greatest to the smallest, performed *Teshuvah* which was accepted by God. The content of Jonah is rather mind-boggling, since Nineveh (even though it was destroyed by the Babylonians in 612) can be compared to Germany of the Nazi era.

At the end of October I will be going to Israel for a month's working stay in connection with preparation of a book in the field of Jewish Music that connects with Germany. The book will eventually be published by the Jewish Music Research Centre of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as part of its *Yuval Music Series*. My book will include the publication of chants and melodies of the South-German synagogue tradition according to an unpublished manuscript of a *ḥazzan* in Esslingen, now a satellite town of Stuttgart, in Baden-Württemberg. One of the tragedies of the Shoah was near-complete destruction of this chant tradition. Echoes of it survive only here and there, so the publication of my book (and hopefully an accompanying CD) will also serve as testimony and witness to a musical-liturgical tradition that was once vibrant.

The Jewish Music Research Centre (the "*Merkaẓ*" to those of us who are connected with it) will be making this working stay possible. However, the funding is actually coming from Germany, and more specifically, from a group of non-Jews who belong to a body called *Freunde Jüdischer Kultur, Esslingen* (Esslingen Friends of Jewish Culture). Members of this organization are particularly eager to see the completion of the book and have invited me to come to Germany to speak. All over Germany today there are similar organizations of Germans who feel the loss of the great Jewish culture that was once present in Germany, notwithstanding the rebirth of a Jewish community there in recent years. They feel that this culture was part of their culture, too. For example, in South Germany, countless synagogues (some including *mikva'ot*) have been rebuilt in towns and villages that once had active Jewish communities. Alas, they are mostly only museums and memorials, but once cannot but be moved by such positive gestures.

I correspond frequently with a member of the *Freunde Jüdischer Kultur, Esslingen*, a true Judeophile who has learnt Hebrew, and is personal friend of the local rabbi and *ḥazzan*. He recently told me about the recent trip taken by members of his group to see the Esslingen *Mahzor*, a magnificently illustrated medieval *mahzor* on exhibition in Dresden. The artwork of this illustrated *mahzor*, as my friend pointed out to me, was done by gentiles, a testimony to close interaction that there often was between Jews and gentiles in medieval times.

I am, obviously, very excited about my forthcoming visit to Israel and I hope that much will be achieved towards the completion of the publication. I have heard rumors that I might be invited to lead a seminar of the Ashkenazi music working group at the Hebrew University. I hope to visit some interesting synagogues during my stay, including the Syrian Ades Synagogue for *bakkashot* on Shabbat morning at 3:00 am (yes am!). I can't wait to listen to Israeli radio, watch Israeli TV, buy Israeli newspapers). I nervously dread the temptation of bookstores which I won't be able to resist.

I must never forget the generosity of those who are funding my stay. The enormity of the Holocaust can never be erased, but a new spirit on the part of many Germans today is hope for optimism. Just as the people of Nineveh did *Teshuvah*, so I believe that many Germans, consciously or subconsciously, are doing *Teshuvah* for the sins of the Nazi era.

Lehitra'ot

Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg

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.

Oct 1-2	Tishrei	Oct 8-9	Cheshvan	Oct 15-16	Cheshvan	Oct 22-23	Cheshvan
Beverly Clark*	24	Bessie Miller*	1	Marion Lazar*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15
David Israel	24	Ida Phillips	2	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	David Mandelbaum	15
Morris Album*	25	Sarah Rickler*	4	Ida Buckbinder*	9	Lena Cohen*	16
Betty Katzen	25	Blanche Florescue		Irene Bernstein		Sofya Kaminnik*	17
Sam Gold	29	Ross*	4	Mikolasek*	9	Ray Toker	17
Bernard Israel	30	Charles Schnidman*	4	Bernard Lipschutz	10	Mosheh Lazar*	18
Celia Israel	30	Harry Silverman*	4	Ingeborg Vogelstein	10	Nathan Pastor	18
		Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4	Dianne Hooker	11	Nachem Reb Tsvi	
		Ida Menter*	7	Lottie Astrachan*	12	Hersh	18
		Clara Spencer	7	Lewis Glaser	12	Julia Goldman*	19
				Alfred E. Hart*	12	Bessie Schnidman*	21
				Sol Weinstein*	12		
				Israel Astrachan*	13	Oct 29-30	Cheshvan
				Marion Grossman*	13	Louis Gastel*	23
						Emanuel Koveleski*	24
						Nathan Strom*	24
						Mary Jaffey	28
						Harvey Sanow*	28
						Fannie Stern*	28

* 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.

WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Please note that our wheelchair lift is now fully installed and operational. If you are someone who has stayed away from services because of difficulty climbing our stairs, know that there is now a safe, easy and convenient way to join us once again. Please come and give it a try! There is a conveniently located button to press should you need assistance. So don't delay any longer – join us at BHBI services and events!

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In memory of Mamie & Phillip Morrow, Bessie & Harry Cominsky, Edna & Carl Astrachan,
and Bea & Jerry Levien
Hanna and Norm Lester

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sarah Applebaum Gastel
Ruth Polur

Contributions to the High Holy Day Appeal will be acknowledged in the November Bulletin

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 4th	The Congregation
September 11th	The Congregation
September 18th	Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Milton Honickman (Yom Kippur break fast)
September 23rd	Janet Grable in honor of Sukkot
September 25th	Joseph Yudelson in honor of Noah Honickman's bar mitzvah
September 30th	Janet Grable in honor of Shemini Atzeret

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The opening event of the UJA Federation's 2011 campaign will feature columnist David Brooks on Sunday, October 3rd starting at 5 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center. Cost for the dinner and program is \$50 per person. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to privately make a commitment to the 2011 UJA Federation Campaign. A minimum gift of \$500 is suggested. Contact Jay Podolsky at the Federation at 461-0490 x224 to RSVP.

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TORAH STUDY

Join us for an interactive session of Torah study with our friends from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI on Wednesday evening, October 13th at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively!

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?

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BULLETIN CONTENT

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