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November President's Message

Friends:

What I'm about to say is going to upset some of you. I hope it does. I also hope it will motivate you to take action.

What do you do on Friday nights? Do you light candles? Bless the challah? Jewish tradition fosters family togetherness as we go through the familiar rituals. Part of the Friday night tradition is Kabbalat Shabbat, the prayers for greeting the Sabbath. It's not a long service but it's a wonderful way to get into the Sabbath mood. Judging from our turnout on Friday nights, those of you who say Kabbalat Shabbat do it somewhere else.

I was recently looking back through some old BHBI bulletins, going back to when I was president 20 years ago. One of the things I wrote about back then was the problem getting a minyan on Friday night. Since then we've experimented with different times, without notable success. At this point I can propose changing the time of the service without worrying about inconveniencing the regular attendees. There are so few. More of our members attend the monthly services at Heather Heights than any others. On our last joint Friday night service at Beth Am, none of our members attended. I anticipate that for the October 29th Friday night joint service at BHBI, there will be more Beth Am members than BHBI members.

What can we do? Is 8 PM too early? Too late? Should we go back to having a 6 PM service so that people can go home to dinner afterwards. Or should we have services later so people can have a more leisurely dinner beforehand? Based on our relative success at Heather Heights should we try to schedule services at other assisted living facilities in town?

Whatever we try will be destined to fail, unless you, the members of BHBI, resolve to attend Friday night services. Think about it. This is an important part of our tradition. Get the Friday night habit!

The one kind of event we can pretty much guarantee a crowd for is a holiday party. The next such event will be the Chanukah party, celebrated jointly with Beth Am on Sunday December 5th at BHBI. I hope to see you there. I also hope to see you at a Friday night service soon.

B'shalom,

Leon Metlay



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2010

Friday	Nov 5	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 5:38 PM
Saturday	Nov 6	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Blessing for the New Month Torah: Toldot
Sunday	Nov 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Nov 8	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Nov 10	7:30 PM	Joint Torah Study with members of Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Nov 12	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 4:31 PM
Saturday	Nov 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Vayeitzei
Sunday	Nov 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Nov 19	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:24 PM
Saturday	Nov 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Nov 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Nov 26	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:20 PM
Saturday	Nov 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Nov 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having our BHBI Hanukkah celebration on Sunday, December 5th. Mark your calendar and be sure to join us then as we all light our menorahs and celebrate the holiday. There will be more details in the December bulletin.

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!!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR 2010 HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Ira Cohen
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THE RABBI FUND

Contributions to the Rabbi Fund enable us to engage Rabbi Goldberg to lead additional services at BHBI during the year. Whenever the funds in the Rabbi 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 Fund.

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Are you starting your Hanukkah shopping? Why not shop on-line? 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!!

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, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is always lively!

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.

Nov 5-6	Cheshvan– Kislev	Nov 12-13	Kislev	Nov 19-20	Kislev	Nov 26-27	Kislev
Abraham Friedman*	29	Ilse Beutler	6	Rachel Olkes*	13	Rose Alderman*	20
Jacob Marker*	29	Natalie Glickman	6	Jack Soble*	14	Hyman Ring*	20
Rose Nidetz	30	Meyer Kovelski*	7	Rebecca H. Nusbaum	16	Ernst Beutler	21
Eva Shulman	3	Nathan Bernstein*	9	Edward M. Hart	19	Ida Taub	22
Sam Morris*	4	Beatryce Cohen*	9			Ida Bobb	24
Israel Schriba*	4	J. Louis Shapiro*	9			Sarah Hoffman*	25
Jacob Smilack*	4	Feist Hess*	10	* Denotes name		Hyman Snyder*	25
Dorothy Lewis		Eleanor Teitel	10	memorialized on			
Cohen*	5	Dr. Mark Blue	11	BHBI Memorial			
Mark H. Keyfetz*	5	Wolf Schild*	12	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!

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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In honor of Noah Honickman's bar mitzvah

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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 2	Jill Clark in memory of her mother, Beverly Clark
October 9	The Congregation
October 16	Esther and Hermann Vogelstein in memory of their parents, Max and Inge Vogelstein
October 23	Ira Cohen in memory of Dianne Hooker

EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Global Day of Jewish Learning

Join many of your friends and neighbors at the many interesting events to be held at the Global Day of Jewish Learning at the JCC on Sunday, November 7th. Go to www.jewihrochester.org for more information and on-line registration.

The Main Event – A Celebration of Extraordinary Jewish Women

The Jewish Federation is sponsoring a celebration of extraordinary Jewish women with a dinner celebration at Temple Beth El on Monday, November 15th. The cost to attend is \$45 per person. Attendees will have an opportunity to make their own personal pledge to the 2011 UJA Federation Campaign. For more information or to register on-line go to www.JewishRochester.org

Kristallnacht Commemorations

There will be 3 events in the community to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, when in 1938 the Nazis attacked Jewish synagogues, businesses and homes in Germany in a forerunner to the Holocaust. On Wednesday, November 3rd, Dr. Jud Newborn will discuss the White Rose Anti-Nazi Resistance at the Nazareth College Shults Center Forum at 7 p.m. On Tuesday evening, November 9th, a commemorative interfaith service will be held at Temple B'rith Kodesh at 7 p.m. The next day, November 10th, MCC will host its 19th annual Kristallnacht commemoration which will focus on "Kristallnacht in the Soviet Union : A prelude to the Holocaust and the Nuremberg Trials." The featured speaker will be Joshua Rubenstein, the Northeast regional director of Amnesty International USA. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the MCC Theatre. All 3 events are free and open to the public.

Alan Dershowitz on Live from NY's 92nd Street Y

The JCC will telecast a conversation with Professor Alan Dershowitz titled "Is peace possible with a nuclear Iran?" from New York City's 92nd Street Y on Thursday November 4th from 8 to 10 p.m. Contact the JCC or go to www.jccrochester.org for more information.

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 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.

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