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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## ***July President's Message***

Dear Friends,

It is with a combination of joy and sadness that I bring you the news that Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg will be leaving Rochester this August to assume a new, full time, position at a Conservative congregation in Queens, NYC. We have indeed been very fortunate to have shared Rabbi Goldberg with Temple Beth Am, as our spiritual leader for the past two years. Those who have interacted with Rabbi Goldberg, whether at a service or through his monthly column in this Bulletin, are sure to have appreciated both his scholarship and chazzanut, as well as his deep sense of humanity that represents the best of our tradition. It is thus with sadness that we must view his departure from us. At the same time we are exceedingly happy that he has found the full time position that he so justly deserves. We therefore wish Rabbi Goldberg the best of luck and success with his new congregation, and a warm welcome will always await him if he has occasion to visit back in Rochester. Please join us Sunday evening, July 10th, as we host a joint BHBI-TBA farewell dinner in honor of Rabbi Goldberg. See page 3 of this bulletin for reservation information and other details.

Our joint BHBI – Beth Am Shavuot dinner on June 7 was a big success, with one of the biggest crowds in recent years attending. I wish to thank Judith Mercer and Paula and Rachel Bobb for their help preparing the dinner, Janet Grable and Esther Vogelstein for making the wonderful desserts, and Aaron Marsh, Judith Mercer, Esther Vogelstein and Paula Bobb for helping to set up and/or clean up. Thanks to all others who helped serve, clean up, or participated in any other way – I am sorry if I have forgotten to include your name. Thanks also to Leon Metlay for the entertaining and educational trivia quiz, as well as for the more serious study session that followed.

Our annual summer picnic, to be held jointly with Temple Beth Am, will take place this year on August 12<sup>th</sup> prior to Friday evening services at Temple Beth Am. Mark your calendar now. Please come join in the fun and the good food! The reservation form and additional information will be found in the August bulletin.

See you in shul,

*Steve Teitel*

**Please Join BHBI and Beth Am  
For a Special Dinner at BHBI  
On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
As We Honor and Say Farewell to  
Rabbi Goldberg**

**Come to the dinner, enjoy a great meal, and wish Rabbi Goldberg the very best before he embarks for his new position in New York City.**

**See the reservation form on page 3**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY 2011

Friday	July 1	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:35 PM
Saturday	July 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service <span style="float: right;">Torah: Chukat</span>
Sunday	July 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 8	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:33 PM
Saturday	July 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI <span style="float: right;">Torah: Balak</span>
Sunday	July 10	9:00 AM  6:00 PM	Service and Discussion  BHBI-Beth Am Joint Dinner at BHBI to Honor and Say Farewell to Rabbi Goldberg
Monday	July 11	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	July 13	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	July 15	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:29 PM
Saturday	July 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service <span style="float: right;">Torah: Pinchas</span>
Sunday	July 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:24 PM
Saturday	July 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service. <span style="float: right;">Torah: Matot</span>
Sunday	July 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 29	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 8:27 PM
Saturday	July 30	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service with congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am. Blessing for the New Month. <span style="float: right;">Torah: Masei</span>
Sunday	July 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

### Have a Happy Independence Day!

**Can you correctly answer this 3-part Independence Day trivia question?**

1. Which president famously visited a synagogue and followed up that visit by writing a thank you letter to the congregation that included the famous phrase *“to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...”*
2. Where was the synagogue that he visited located?
3. Which future president accompanied him on his visit to the synagogue?

See page 5 for the answer to these trivia questions.



**FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**  
**By**  
**RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG**

**July 2011**

As many of you already know, I am sure, I will soon be leaving Rochester, to take up the position of Rabbi of a congregation in Queens, New York City. As much as I am excited about this new position, it is tinged with sadness for having to say farewell to BHBI and Beth Am. It has been an honor to have served both congregations on *Shabbatot*, *Regalim* and High Holy Days. I shall miss the fine members I have got to know these past two years as well as your talented and committed leadership. While BHBI and Beth Am are proud of, and committed to, their own traditions and practices I have been deeply impressed by the ability to make the necessary compromises for the joint services, and I have confidence that this will continue.

I came to Rochester in August 2007, as (initially) a one-year Interim Rabbi with Temple Beth David. There must be something about Rochester and the Rochester Jewish community that makes it difficult to leave! I shall always consider these four years as among the most satisfying of my years in the Rabbinate. In addition to serving THREE congregations, it was in Rochester that I also became an American citizen, taught at its top-class University and completed several academic articles.

I will survive the nightmare of packing my books and papers. If one can survive a Rochester winter, one can survive almost anything! But in this age of e-mail and cell phones I am not going to say good bye, only *au revoir* and *le'hitra'ot*. The great Spanish-Jewish poet, Yehudah Halevi wrote a famous poem which begins, *Libi ba-mizrah, va-ani be-sof ma'arav*, "I am in the furthest west, but my heart is in the East." True, I shall soon be in New York City, but part of my heart will always be in Rochester.

*Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg*

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**Join Us for a Joint BHBI-Beth Am Dinner Honoring Rabbi Goldberg  
at BHBI on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Cost of the Dinner: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 12 and under, \$36 family maximum.

**RSVP by Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** by calling BHBI at 244-2060 and leaving a message, by sending in this reservation form so it is received by July 6<sup>th</sup> or by e-mailing Steve Teitel at [stte@pas.rochester.edu](mailto:stte@pas.rochester.edu)

Payment may be mailed to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 or dropped off just before the dinner.

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ # or children ages 12 and under attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 1-2	Sivan-Tammuz	July 15-16	Tammuz	July 22-23	Tammuz	July 29-30	Tammuz-Av
Gerald Braz	30	Sarah Singer*	14	Louis Edelson*	21	Hyman Tanenbaum*	28
Hyb Jossem*	30	Rachel Strauss*	14	Bernard Sallerson*	21	Celia Silverstein*	29
Samuel Hoffman*	2	Rachel Morris*	15	Max Goodman*	23	Sydney Gold	1
Sara Sarachan*	2	Yetta Goldman*	16	David Gordon*	23	Louis Schiff*	1
Rose Joffe*	3	Sarah Marken*	16	Nelli Ahuva Metlay*	24	Ray Bloch	2
Jennie Epstein*	4	Sam Hector*	20	Ira Edward Potter*	24	Joseph Greenbaum*	2
David Glasser*	4	Harry Sarachan*	20	Thelma Ring Smith*	25	Moses Berkowitz*	3
		Rose Schiff*	20	Louise Schulman	26	Dave Kovel	5
July 8-9	Tammuz			Irwin Bertman*	27	Kathy Shur*	5
Morris Krinsky*	7			Oscar Hart	27		
Sarah Shnitman*	9			Mark Rose	27		
Rabbi Aaron Solomon*	9			Abraham Schriba*	27		
Eva Krinsky*	10	* Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque					
Phillip Morrow*	11						
Rochli Rothschild*	11						
Eli Hobel	12						

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

You can memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

## BHBI WEB SITE

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### GENERAL FUND

*Phil and Annette Garver*

*Malcolm and Annette Weinberg*

In honor of Rabbi Goldberg

*Stan and Elaine Schaffer*

### THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 4	The Congregation
June 8	Janet Grable in honor of Shavuot
June 9	Janet Grable in honor of Shavuot
June 11	Cathy and Winston Block in memory of Winston's mother, Teresa Mayer Block
June 18	The Congregation
June 25	The Congregation

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve and Helen Gulack whose son, Ben Gulack, recently received his M.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and whose daughter, Miriam Koesterich, received her master's degree from Colorado State University.

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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](mailto:BHBI@frontiernet.net) and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!!

### EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rochester Jewish Film Festival will be held from July 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets now at the JCC or on-line at [rjff.org](http://rjff.org)

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### Answers to the Independence Day Trivia Questions

1. George Washington
2. Newport, Rhode Island
3. Thomas Jefferson (then Secretary of State)

**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, 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.

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