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March President's Message

Friends,

Our Purim Evening celebration was held jointly this year with Temples Beth Am and Beth David, with a good turnout from all three congregations. Thanks to Rabbis Kolko and Berg, as well as to all the others who participated in the reading of the megillah, and to Leon Metlay for organizing the service. A special thanks to our friends at Temple Beth Am who organized the baking of the delicious hamentaschen that were served and the shelach manot baskets that were prepared. Thanks to our friends from Beth David for inviting us to their waffle breakfast, shpiel, and service on Purim morning.

The first Shabbat of March will be a busy one. On Friday March 1 we will join with Temple Beth Am *for Shabbat Across America*. Dinner is at 6 pm with a Kabbalat Shabbat service following at 7:30, at Temple Beth Am. Then on Shabbat morning March 2, BHBI will be host to *Jewish Young Rochester*, a group of Jewish young professionals and graduate students. I hope to see you at these events.

With Purim over, Pesach is just around the corner! Pesach starts this year with the first seder on Monday, March 25. Pesach services will be held jointly with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David – see the schedule of times and locations in this Bulletin's calendar on page 2. A form for selling your chametz is enclosed on page 3 of this Bulletin. I wish each and every one of you the very best for a happy Pesach.

Finally, as I write, the 2013 Oscars have just been awarded. Although Israel had an unprecedented two nominations in the category of best documentary, alas, neither won. But one of those films, *The Gatekeepers*, will open in Rochester on March 22 at the Little Theatre. The movie consists of interviews with all six surviving former directors of the Shin Bet – the Israeli internal security service – who discuss their service and the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. To all who are interested in the current situation in Israel, I urge you to go see this movie.

See you in shul,
Steve Teitel

Have a very happy Passover!



Save the Date!

The 2013 Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture at BHBI will be presented after services at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th by

Professor Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School whose presentation will be

“Are the Ten Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law?” A dessert reception will follow the lecture. The public is invited to attend.

Please tell your friends about this event.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH & EARLY APRIL 2013

Friday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	Shabbat Across American Dinner at Temple Beth Am followed by Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:41 PM
Saturday	Mar 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 8	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:50PM
Saturday	Mar 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 11	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Mar 13	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Mar 15	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:58 PM
Saturday	Mar 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikrah
Sunday	Mar 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:06 PM
Saturday	Mar 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Mar 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Tuesday	Mar 26	9:00 AM	Joint Passover First Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles after 8:12 PM
Wednesday	Mar 27	9:30 AM	Joint Passover Second Day Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am
Friday	Mar 29	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 7:15 PM
Saturday	Mar 30	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am
Sunday	Mar 31	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion Light candles at 7:17 PM
		8:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover Seventh Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Monday	Apr 1	9:30 AM	Joint Passover Seventh Day Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover Eighth Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am Light candles after 7:19 PM
Tuesday	Apr 2	9:00 AM	Joint Passover Eighth Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI

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February 2	The Congregation
February 9	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer
February 16	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Leon's father, Max Metlay
February 23	The Congregation

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

RABBI ISRAEL MEIR LAU, WORLD RENOWNED SPEAKER AND AUTHOR AND FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL

March 2, 8:30pm, at the JCC Hart Theatre, \$18 per person

Keynote Address by Rabbi Lau

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BEYOND BORDERS: A HISTORY OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17, 10-11:30am at the JCC; Free

A three-part lecture/discussion on the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict from the late 19th century to 2013.

Registration is requested. For information or to register, please contact Joy Getnick at the JCC at 461-2000 x239 or go to jccrochester.org.

JEWISH FEDERATION ISRAEL LECTURE SERIES

Tal Becker, Senior Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and the Hartman Institute for Contemporary Jewish Thought will give a presentation titled *"Beyond Survival: Re-imagining the Jewish Connection to Israel"* on Thursday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Mr. Becker was previously a senior policy advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event is free and open to the public.

THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT ON THE BIG SCREEN

March 10, 7pm; at the JCC's Hart Theatre, Free

Promises, the highly acclaimed feature length documentary about 7 children who live in and around Jerusalem, followed by *West Bank Story*, the humorous 2007- Oscar winner for "Best Live Action Short".

To register, contact Joy Getnick at the JCC at 461-2000 x239 or go to jccrochester.org

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 1-2	Adar	March 8-9	Adar - Nissan	March 15-16	Nissan	March 29-30	Nissan
Louis Rickler*	20	Harris Priceman*	27	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	David Morris*	20
Harry Aranow*	21	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Rachel Weinstein*	5	Jacob Weinrib*	20
Carl Astrachan*	21	Eva Friedman*	28	Flora Priceman*	7	Beatrice Goldstein*	21
Leila Markus*	21	Karoline Hess*	28	Esther Bertman*	8	Benjamin Ritter	21
Herman Sarachan*	21	Sarah Shulsky*	28	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Yetta Levine*	22
Percy Cohen*	22	Sadie Rose	29	Charles Levy	11	Evelyn Maimon	23
Julie Feuerberg	24	Mollie Wolk*	29	Morris Lipman*	11	Simon Finkelman	24
Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Sam Wolk*	29			Blanche Levitz	25
Barnet Stern*	26	Lena Levi*	1	March 22-23	Nissan	Louis Priceman*	25
		Lester Miller*	1	Helen Neiman Goldman*	14	Dorothy Riwkin*	25
		Gertrude Swartz	1	Sylvia Kowal	14	Samuel B. Spiller*	25
		Benjamin Braz*	2	Harry Toker	14		
		Dr. Charles Cohen*	2	Leo Beechbinder*	15		
		Eli Gerber*	3	Sol Levin*	15		
		Morris Sherman*	3	Rose Jossem*	16		
		Jacob Shiffman	4	Judith Potter*	16		
		David Gross*		Minnette Taylor	16		
				Eliahu Louis Cohen*	18		
				Harry H. Levinson	18		
*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque							

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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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