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December President's Message

Friends,

There was an event on November 23rd which has been called 'historic'. A six hour meeting took place at Temple B'rith Kodesh which involved almost all of the synagogues of Rochester. About 130 people attended, representing Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox congregations. The theme was synagogue collaboration, as I have mentioned in these messages in the past. The event was facilitated by Rabbi Lou Feldstein, of Dynamic Change Solutions. We heard speakers, we attended workshops and we brainstormed. Our congregational leaders were in the thick of it. Our members were invited to attend and many signed up. We were represented by a disproportionately large number for our size.

I attended a workshop on finding niches of underserved people in the Jewish community and finding strategies to serve them. Another workshop I attended was on finding forgiveness, with discussion related to overcoming the divisions caused by old unresolved feuds. When people divided up into groups to brainstorm, I facilitated a discussion about collaboration in programming in the arts. Given our synagogues concert sponsoring activities over the last few years, it's not surprising that our shul was well represented in that discussion. Stan Schaffer facilitated the table discussing teens. Thank you, Stan. We ended the day discussing a vision of a collaborative future for our community. The final report of this meeting will be presented in January, but our Board will be discussing this meeting much sooner.

Chanukah is the major event coming up in December. Our congregation is once again hosting a joint Chanukah party with Temple Beth Am. It will be on December 21st. See page 4 of the bulletin for details.

I need your help. Somehow I always seem to be the person designated to buy the alcohol for the party. I think it's because I served Tequila shots at a party themed on Chanukah in Mexico many years ago. There are pictures of that party on the shul web page. In any case, I've been delegated to buy the alcohol for this year's party again, and I'm having trouble deciding what to buy. If you have ideas for drinks that are not too complicated to make (preferably something I can just make a big punch bowl of) please pass your ideas along to me via the synagogue email bhbirochester@gmail.com. Thank you for your help. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the party, and at services throughout the month.

See you in shul,

Leon Metlay



Happy Chanukah!!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – DECEMBER 2014

Friday	Dec 5	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 4:17 PM
Saturday	Dec 6	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Dec 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Dec 8	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Dec 12	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Light candles at 4:17 PM
Saturday	Dec 13	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Dec 14	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Wednesday	Dec 17	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Dec 19	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:18 PM
Saturday	Dec 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Miketz
Sunday	Dec 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		5:00 PM	BHBI/Beth Am Joint Chanukah Party at BHBI
Friday	Dec 26	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:22PM
Saturday	Dec 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayigash
Sunday	Dec 28	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

This month's Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Jean Traub
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In memory of Daniel Horowitz
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In memory of Tanja Block
Cathy Block

In memory of Bernard Lipschutz
Judith Mercer

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 1	Hermann and Esther Vogelstein in memory of their mother, Ingeborg Vogelstein
November 8	Tamara Strubel in honor of the BHBI officers and Board of Trustees
November 15	Leon Metlay and Nina Kliionsky in honor of the birthdays of Matthew and Daniel Kliionsky, Robynne and Katharine Carney and Beth and Leon Metlay
November 22	Katharine Metlay in memory of her mother, Fannie Titof

BHBI WEBSITE

Have you checked out the BHBI web site lately? If you haven't there is a lot that you're missing. The web site at www.BHBIRochester.org provides information about many aspects of our congregation, lists the BHBI calendar, has electronic versions of this and previous bulletins going back several years, has an extensive history of our congregation along with historic photos, includes photos from several BHBI dinners, picnics and other special events, and has the unique Adon Olam Songbook with information on over 100 melodies for Adon Olam.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Helen and Steve Gulack on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Rose Koesterich.

SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, December 7th is the Jewish Federation's Super Sunday. Please be generous when the Super Sunday volunteer calls you.

COURSE ON JEWISH MYSTICISM

The Jewish Federation is offering a course titled 'Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret Knowledge in Judaism' on Wednesday evenings at the Federation and on Sunday mornings at the JCC. The course is part of the Federation's Melton series. Rabbi Michael Silbert of the University of Rochester's Hillel is the presenter. The 10 session course recently began and costs \$200. To register, send a check to Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, 441 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. For more information, contact Jacqui Lipschitz at jlipschitz@jewishrochester.org

NEW JEWISH BOOK CLUB

The JCC is starting a new Jewish book club which will meet on Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. beginning on December 1st. For more information, contact the JCC

RECIPE FOR SUFGANIOT (JELLY DONUTS) FOR CHANUKAH

Sour cream adds a slight contrast to the sweetness of the jelly filling and the powdered sugar, making this recipe a tasty variation on the popular Israeli Chanukah treat.

3 cups of unbleached flour (sifted)	2 teaspoons baking powder	2 tablespoons sugar	2 eggs
2 cups low-fat sour cream	Canola oil for frying	Jelly of your choice	Powdered sugar

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs and sour cream. Mix until well blended. Heat the oil, and when very hot add 1 tbsp of batter to the oil. Fry until doughnut puffs and becomes light brown, then turn and cook on the other side. Repeat until all doughnuts are cooked. Set cooked doughnuts on a paper towel to cool (the paper towel will also absorb the excess oil). Poke a small hole into each doughnut, and fill with jelly of your choice. Sprinkle the doughnuts with powdered sugar and serve immediately. This recipe makes 25 doughnuts. Note: To fill the jelly into the doughnut, you can use a syringe, or you can poke a hole with a skewer (do it slowly) and carefully fill the doughnuts.



Come One, Come All
To the Joint BHBI-Beth Am Chanukah Party and Holiday Dinner
Sunday, December 21st at 5:00 PM at BHBI

Don't forget to bring your menorah.

Cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 12 and younger

RSVPs should be received by December 15th

Name(s): _____

of Adults Attending: _____ @ \$12 each

of Children 12 Years of Age and Under Attending: _____ @ \$8 each

Total amount remitted: \$ _____

RSVP by calling the BHBI office at 244-2060 and leaving a message, by emailing us at BHBIRochester@gmail.com
or by sending your check and this form to: BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610.

CHANUKAH QUIZ

(Adapted from MyJewishLearning.com – see page 6 for answers to the quiz questions)

Test your knowledge of Chanukah by answering these quiz questions:

1. On Chanukah, the paragraph beginning “Al Ha-Nissim...” is added to:
a) The Shema b) The Amidah c) The Birkat Hamazon d) b & c
2. The Maccabees were revolting against the ideas of:
a) Humanism b) Hellenism c) Pragmatism d) Atheism
3. The famous Chanukah song written and performed by Peter, Paul and Mary was called:
a) I Have a Little Dreidel b) Light One Candle c) O Hanukkah
d) December is the Best Month of the Year
4. The Megillah for Chanukah is called:
a) The Scroll of Light b) The Scroll of Antiochus c) The Scroll of Esther
d) The Scroll of Judah Maccabee
5. Which rabbi thought that all 8 candles of the Chanukah menorah should be lit on the 1st night of Chanukah and one fewer candle should be lit each subsequent night of the holiday?
a) Hillel b) Shammai c) Akiva d) Rashi

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.

December 5-6	Kislev	December 12-13	Kislev	December 19-20	Kislev - Tevet	December 26-27	Tevet
Jack Soble*	14	Joseph Goldberg*	21	Michael Miller*	27	Abraham Stolnitz*	5
Bernard Rodney	17	Ida Bobb	24	Emma Aranow*	28	Barbara Bertman*	6
Edward M. Hart	19	Emanuel Kovel'ski*	24	Karen Cohen	28	Sigmund Traub*	6
Hyman Ring*	20	Sarah Hoffman*	25	Morris Kanthor*	3	Meriam Jossem*	7
		Hyman Snider*	25	Morton Fink*	4	David Goodman*	8
		Hannah Langerman	27	Belle Lipsky	4	Selma Kauffman Lansky*	9
				Abraham Weinstein*	4	Rebecca H. Nusbaum*	10
						William Silverstein*	10
						Maurice Bloom*	11
						Gloria Taxon	11

*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.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Leon Metlay at 271-2945 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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 Fund, Kiddush Fund, Harry Rogachefsky BHBI Building Fund, Torah Fund, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship Fund, Special Events 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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Answers to the Chanukah quiz: 1) d; 2) b; 3) b; 4) b; 5) b

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