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December Board Member's Message

Friends,

Over the last month we have observed the renovation of the roof on our building. Most of us have dealt with this maintenance activity for our own homes. We sometimes delay the work because of distractions or to delay incurring the expense. We are warned about the consequences of such procrastination by Kohelet (King Solomon) in Ecclesiastes.

“Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.” (Ecclesiastes 10:18)

We certainly have suffered the consequences of our “indolence.” By delaying work on our roof – even after evidence of water infiltration was visible – our roof rafters, interior walls and attic suffered further damage which we have paid for with increased cost over what it would have been if we had been more proactive. Perhaps this is why Ecclesiastes is read during Sukkot. That is after all the beginning of the rainy season in much of the world and it is when we begin to recite in the Amidah: “You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.”

There are other kinds of leaks. People - like rain - can fall through the cracks. Even in these times of relative national prosperity, there are many who are in want. There may have been the impression that the Jewish community was largely insulated from this concern, but a survey conducted recently by Jewish Family Services and Jewish Senior Life highlighted the problem of poverty and food insecurity among Jews in the Rochester area. The visibility of the problem may have been muted because many in need are reluctant to reveal their predicament and are embarrassed to approach agencies and ask for help. As much as 30 percent of the people who use the Brighton Food Cupboard are Jewish. The Jewish Federation's Super Sunday fundraiser will be conducted in February. Many of the funds collected are devoted to agencies like Jewish Family Service. When the time comes, please consider a generous contribution for those among us to receive help in a dignified way. Also consider contributions to agencies like the United Way which support the larger community in the area.

Chanukah begins on the evening of December 12. We are planning a party for Sunday December 17th which will begin at 5:00 p.m. Contact the office by email with your reservation. We'll have latkes, dreidels, music and fun. Bring your children, family and friends.

Happy Chanukah. See you in shul,

Harris Honickman



Join Us for the Joint BHBI-Beth Am Chanukah Celebration at BHBI on Sunday, December 17th

5:00 p.m. – Get together and snacks

5:30 p.m. – Menorah Lighting and Sing Along

6:00 p.m. – Festive Dinner including red lentil soup, salad, blintzes, latkes and dessert

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

Reservations are required by 5 p.m. on December 12th and may be made by emailing BHBIRochester@gmail.com

Payment will be accepted at the door or by mail sent to BHBI, 1369 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610

Bring your friends and family!!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 2017

Saturday	Dec 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Dec 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Dec 8	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Dec 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Vayeshev
Sunday	Dec 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Dec 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday	Dec 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Miketz Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Dec 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		5:00 PM	BHBI-Beth Am Joint Chanukah Celebration and Dinner at BHBI
Wednesday	Dec 20	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Dec 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayigash
Sunday	Dec 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Dec 29	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Saturday	Dec 30	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) Torah: Vayehi
Sunday	Dec 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Dec. 1 – 4:16 PM
 Friday, Dec. 8 – 4:15 PM
 Friday, Dec. 15 – 4:16 PM
 Friday, Dec. 22 – 4:19 PM
 Friday, Dec. 29 – 4:23 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Following the High Holy Days, we are resuming our Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study sessions. The next one will be scheduled on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Lots of Latkes! JCC Member Family Chanukah Dinner

The JCC invites member families with young children to a family Chanukah dinner on Wednesday, December 6th from 5-6 p.m. with a Chanukah themed puppet show, crafts, games and activities. The menu will feature pizza bagels, salads, dessert, and of course, latkes with all the fixings. Food will be provided by Harvest Eatery (kosher/vegetarian). Dairy-free, gluten-free and nut aware options are available by advance request. For more information, contact Joy Getnick at the JCC. Reservations are needed by Monday, December 4th. Cost: \$6/person; children ages 2 and under are free. Guest pricing is available.

Religious Pluralism: What Does It Mean for Israel and the Jewish People

The Jewish Federation is sponsoring a talk by Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and social justice advocate, about religious diversity and coexistence on Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m. at Temple B'rith Kodesh. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register on-line, go to <http://community.jewishfederation.org/site/Calendar/865100266>

Chanukah Celebration for 20 and 30-Somethings

The Jewish Federation, Chabad and various synagogue young professional groups are sponsoring a Chanukah celebration with wine, cheese, latkes and more for young people in their 20s and 30s at Artisan Works, 565 Blossom Road, Suite L, on Wednesday, December 18th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 if purchased through December 13th, \$25 at the door. To register, go to www.jewishrochester.org

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**SUNDAY
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MEN & WOMEN Men's suits Sweaters Coats Winter boots Hats, scarves, gloves	BOYS & GIRLS Green T-shirts (short or long-sleeve) Khaki pants Sweaters Coats Sneakers Cleats Winter boots Hats, scarves, gloves	TOILETRIES Toilet paper Soap Shampoo & conditioner Body lotion Toothbrush & toothpaste Feminine hygiene products	HOUSEHOLD GOODS Laundry baskets Detergent (laundry & dish) Cleaners (kitchen, bath, etc.) Sponges, mops, brooms Blankets Area rugs Pots & pans Dishes & silverware Towels (bath & kitchen)	SMALL APPLIANCES Rice cookers Pressure cookers Crock pots Vacuum cleaners Sewing machines Irons

For more information go to www.JewishRochester.org/CommunityRelations.

New Classes Are Starting at the JCC

SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING FOR ADULTS RETURNS

Two New Classes

Sundays, December 3-31, Yiddish Center

Deciphering the Jewish Calendar, 10-11am

Join us as we journey back 1600 years to the formation of the Jewish Calendar. We will study its structure, analyze its accuracy, and marvel at its mathematical meticulousness.

Instructor: Rabbi Yitzi Shulman

The Rochester Jewish Ethics Forum presents the Ethics of Interpersonal Relationships, 11am-12pm

Explore traditional Jewish ethics as they pertain to interpersonal relationships in a modern context.

Instructor: Rabbi Dani Schon

For more information, contact **Joy Getnick**. **\$25/course, \$40 for both**. *In partnership with Ohr Torah.*

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Why not contribute to BHBI while making on-line purchases for Chanukah? It's easy to make purchases on-line at Amazon.com and support BHBI financially at the same time. Just 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 price. The more you buy in this way, the more BHBI makes!

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.

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sofya Kaminnik
Nelly Vishnagorsky

In memory of Hannah Langerman
Ayala Emmett

In memory of Dr. Bernard Klionsky
Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke

In Memory of Dr. Bernard Klionsky
Ruth and Steve Teitel

In memory of Herbert Hirsch
Phyllis Hirsch

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Bell Price
Leslie Toker and Jeff Nidetz
Peg Toker
Cathy Block

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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| November 4 | Ellen Franke in honor of the 60 th anniversary of Ira Cohen's bar mitzvah |
| November 11 | Dave Rogachefsky in honor of the 57 th anniversary of his sister, Dvora Brodie's bat mitzvah |
| November 18 | Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of the birthdays of Beth Metlay, Robyn and Katharine Carney, Leon Metlay and Daniel Klionsky and in memory of Nina's father, Dr. Bernard Klionsky |
| November 25 | Katharine Metlay in memory of her mother, Fannie Titof
Ruth and Steve Teitel in memory of Steve's mother, Eleanor Teitel |

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

BHBI is delighted to welcome our newest member, Tracie Fishman. Please welcome her to the BHBI family.

CONDOLENCES

The congregation sends its condolences to Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay, Hannah and the entire family on the recent passing of Nina's father, Dr. Bernard Klionsky.

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 1-2	Kislev	December 15-16	Kislev - Tevet	December 22-23	Tevet	December 29-30	Tevet
Jack Soble*	14	Emma Aranow*	28	Abraham Stolnitz*	5	Sadye Abelman*	12
Bernard Rodney	17	Karen Cohen	28	Barbara Bertman*	6	Sol Lazarus*	12
Edward M. Hart	19	Morris Kanthor*	3	Sigmund Traub*	6	Fannie Osband*	13
Hyman Ring*	20	Morton Fink*	4	Meriam Jossem*	7	Joseph Morris*	14
		Abraham Weinstein*	4	Mary Franke	8	Celia Suskind*	14
December 8-9	Kislev			David Goodman*	8	Dora Rogovin*	15
Jack Goldberg*	21			Selma Kauffman Lansky*	9	Nathan Goldberg	16
Ida Bobb	24			Rebecca H. Nusbaum*	10	Fannie Sablowsky*	17
Emanuel Kovel'ski*	24			William Silverstein*	10	Philip Senzel*	17
Sarah Hoffman*	25			Maurice Bloom*	11	Joseph Schiff*	17
Hyman Snider*	25					Hannah Senzel*	17
Michael Miller*	27					Louis Bernstein*	18
						Carl Kleinstein*	18
						Rose Needler*	18

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

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CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britten Road and Mt. Hope Cemeteries and that we sell cemetery plots? If you would like more information, contact Steve Teitel.

AD SPONSORS

We are always looking for additional businesses that are interested in placing an ad in the BHBI Bulletin. If you know of someone whose business or company may be interested, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

GOODSEARCH.COM

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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 Steve Teitel at 473-5741 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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