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March Vice-President's Message

Friends,

Recently, on two separate occasions, I was approached by a person asking for food. In each case, I had just purchased groceries and was leaving a small grocery store. And in both cases, feeling uncomfortably rattled, I hastened into my car and drove away.

Wishing I had handled things differently, I sought practical guidance from others. As a result, I put together 6 small bags of food which I'm keeping in my car, should the need arise again.

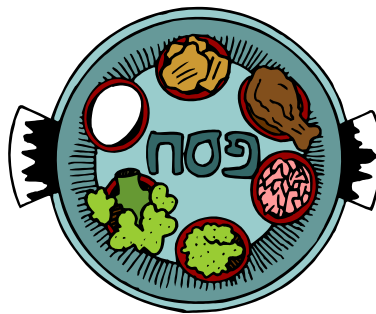
Soon we will get ready to celebrate the Passover holiday at the end of March, in the new month of Nisan. As the weather becomes milder, the beauty of life in nature will begin to stir, bud, grow, and blossom. All of nature, and humanity, needs nourishment. Making room to receive this nourishment requires us to let some things go. Our own personal chametz of habits that no longer serve us and attitudes that hold us back or hurt others needs to be acknowledged and then let go so that possibilities of new life and joy can emerge.

Our own community at BHBI is a place of both physical and spiritual nourishment. As we read in the Haggadah, "Let all who are hungry come and eat." May each of us find the nourishment we need here at BHBI and among our families and friends.

Hag Sameach!

Paula Bobb

Have a Happy Passover!



Save the Date for Our Next Interfaith Event

On Sunday afternoon, April 8th at 3 pm, BHBI will host Dr. Bilal Ahmed, a local physician who grew up in Pakistan and who discovered later in life that his family's religious and ethnic background is quite varied, and Sam Asher, who spent part of his childhood in Egypt, to discuss how individuals from different religious communities in the Middle East and South Asia interacted with each other in years past.

The event is free and open to the public.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2018

Saturday	Mar 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 4	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 9	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Mar 10	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 11	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 12	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday	Mar 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikra (Shabbat Rosh Chodesh)
Sunday	Mar 18	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Mar 21	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Mar 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav (Shabbat Ha-Gadol)
Sunday	Mar 25	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Saturday	Mar 31	9:00 AM	Joint BHBI, Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David Passover 1 st Day Service at BHBI
Sunday	Apr 1	9:30 AM	Joint BHBI, Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David Passover 2nd Day Service at Temple Beth Am (TBK Room 103)

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Mar. 2 – 5:43 PM
 Friday, Mar. 9 – 5:51 PM
 Friday, Mar. 16 – 7:00 PM
 Friday, Mar. 23 – 7:08 PM
 Friday, Mar. 30 – 7:16 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be scheduled on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI.

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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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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 3	The Congregation
February 10	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katie Metlay's 98 th birthday
February 17	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer, on the 25 th anniversary of his passing
February 24	Katie Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF A TRUE HERO: DR. JANUSZ KORCZAK

Sunday, March 4, 10 AM – 12 Noon, The Forum at Nazareth College

Featuring Daan Braveman, JD (President of Nazareth College), Dr. Michael Dobkowski (Professor of Religious Studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges), Dr. Jennie Schaff, Associate Professor of Education at Nazareth College) and Dr. Laura Streeter (Teacher at Penfield High School). Dr. Korczak was a well-known Christian physician, radio personality and director of two orphanages in pre-war Poland who was known as a champion of children's rights. He refused to leave the Jewish children who were in his care when they were to be sent to the concentration camps and he therefore accompanied them and perished. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was based on his work. The event will include panel presentations followed by questions, reflections and discussion. Free of charge.

SACRED DISAGREEMENT: How to Disagree Well in our Conversations on Israel

Sunday, March 4, 7pm; JCC Auditorium; Free

When it comes to an issue as highly charged as Israel, how do we disagree well? Guest speaker Dr. Eyal Rabinovitch is the founding director of Resetting the Table, an initiative designed to open conversation in Jewish spaces where speaking about Israel is avoided or volatile. Dr. Rabinovitch has trained dozens of corporate and nonprofit professionals, philanthropists and educators to investigate their differences and speak to the heart of what matters to them with clarity, meaning and depth.

For more information, contact Joy Getnick.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation as part of the Israel @ 70 Series, in partnership with the JCC.

Two Events in the JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival:

AMY KRITZER: Sweet Noshings

Monday, March 5, 2 pm; St. John's Brickstone, 1325 Elmwood Avenue; \$10, \$8 for JCC Members

Amy Kritzer developed *What a Jew Wanna Eat* as your source for home cooked (sometimes) kosher goodness. She has always enjoyed cooking and baking but needed a new goal and challenge to get back to her culinary roots. So she called up Bubbe Eleanor and pleaded for her to send her best recipes. Amy loved cooking these recipes so much she quit her corporate job and went to culinary school at Le Cordon Bleu in Austin. Now she spends her days teaching cooking classes developing recipes, personal chefing, and food writing. Amy's recipes have been featured in *Cosmopolitan*, *Bon Appetit*, *The Today Show* and others. In 2012, she was a finalist in *Daily Candy's* Start Small Go Big Contest.

DAVID DALIN: Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan

Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm; JCC Hart Theatre; \$10, \$8 for JCC Members

With a historian's eye and a rabbi's perspective, Dalin examines the lives, legal careers and legacies of the eight Jewish justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Louis D. Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Goldberg, Abe Fortas, and current justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer and Elena Kagan. Did they encounter anti-Semitism as they navigated the legal profession? What kinds of relationships did they have with the presidents who appointed them? What political debates arose during their nominations? Dalin, a rabbi and scholar of American Jewish studies, has taught at numerous universities and formerly was a Taube Research Fellow at Stanford.

He has written, co-authored and edited 11 books.

Finalist for 2017 National Jewish Book Award for

Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir.

Underwritten by the Ames Amzalak Memorial Trust.

(Editor's note: David Dalin was one of the sons of the rabbi who headed the congregation that I attended as a child. He is a brilliant scholar.)



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 2-3	Adar	March 9-10	Adar	March 16-17	Nisan	March 30-31	Nisan
Abraham Alderman*	16	Julie Feuerberg	24	Lena Levi*	1	Leo Buchbinder*	15
Muriel Hobel*	17	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Lester Miller*	1	Michael Kron	15
Celia Engel*	17	Barnet Stern*	26	Benjamin Braz*	2	Sol Levin*	15
Max Levy*	17	Lea Kron	27	Dr. Charles Cohen*	2	Rose Jossem*	16
Edna Astrachan*	19	Harris Priceman*	27	Morris Sherman*	3	Judith Potter*	16
Sam Malina*	19	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Eli Gerber*	4	Louis Cohen*	18
Anna Steinmetz*	19	Eva Friedman*	28	Jack Rodney	4	David Morris*	20
Louis Rickler*	20	Sarah Shulsky*	28	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Jacob Weinrib*	20
Harry Aranow*	21	Mollie Wolk*	28	Rachel Weinstein*	5	Beatrice Goldstein*	21
Carl Astrachan*	21	Karoline Hess*	29			Benjamin Ritter	21
Leila Markus*	21	Sadie Rose	29	March 23-24	Nisan		
Herman Sarachan*	21	Sam Wolk*	29	Esther Bertman*	8		
Percy Cohen*	22			Max Block	8		
				Seymour Ouzer*	10		
				Charles Levy	11		
				Morris Lipman*	11		
				Helen Neiman Goldman*	14		
				Sylvia Kowal	14		
				Harry Toker	14		

*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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SALE OF HAMETZ FORM

Note: If possible, all hametz, food not acceptable during Pesach (Passover), or materials containing such food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz should be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return it to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618 to be received in the office no later than Friday, March 23rd.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned do here by make and appoint Aaron Marsh, Rabbinical Intern, my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf, to sell all *hametz* owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., *hametz*; *hashash hametz* – suspect *hametz*; and all kinds of *ta'arovet hametz* – *hametz* mixtures); also, *hametz* that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pots, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned *hametz* owned or possessed by me may be found, especially in the premises located at (your address) _____.

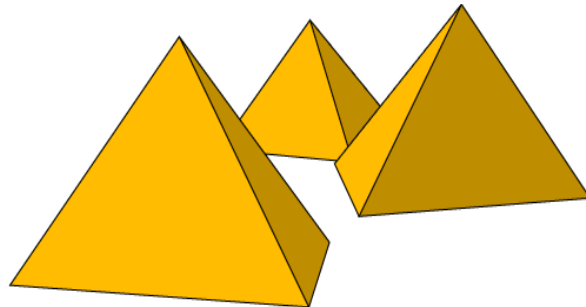
Aaron Marsh has the full authority and power to sell said *hametz* and to lease said place or places where in said *hametz* may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Aaron Marsh has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in Aaron Marsh, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Aaron Marsh or a rabbinic substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents.

And to this I affix my signature on this, the _____ day of March in the year 2018.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____



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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On March 9th, tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 22nd Annual ...

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA/CANADA



Short Deadline
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On Friday night, March 9th, 2018 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews -- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families -- all ages.

Invite your friends—all are welcome!

At Temple Beth Am

Shabbat Across America Dinner

Friday, March 9, 2018 • Dinner: 6:15 pm • Services : 7:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$10 • Children (under Bar/Bat Mitzvah) \$6

Due to the extremely short lead time, we ask that you RSVP by phone or email by Wednesday, March 7th.

Email to: info@bethamrochester.org or leave message at 334-4855

Please note any dietary restrictions in your email or voice message.

Then, send your check to:

**Temple Beth Am
2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 103
Rochester, NY 14618**

Use this form or enclose a note with the same information and mail to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 103., Rochester, NY 14618 as soon as possible.

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, St., Zip _____ Phone: _____

No. of Adults @ \$10 ____ No. of Children @ \$6 ____ Total Amount for Dinner \$ ____