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April President's Message

Friends,

Our joint Purim service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David was a merry affair with a nice turnout and nice snacks. Thanks to everyone who participated in the reading of the Megillah and a particular thanks to all who helped in the preparation of our shalach manot bags: Lou Babin, Gary Cohen, Ira Cohen, George Haag, Aline Honickman, Juliet Lande, Nina Klionsky, Aaron Marsh, Leon Metlay, Bruce Nelson, Andrea Paprocki, Ami Schmerl, Linda Servetnik, Tammy Strubel, Lacey Termini and Rebecca Weber. Thanks to Bonny Abrams for the musical entertainment!

As you are receiving this bulletin, the Passover Holiday has just begun! I wish you a happy and kosher Pesach. On Sunday, April 8, BHBI will host another program in our Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue series. This day, the first day following the end of Passover, marks the celebration of Mimouna. In Israel today Mimouna is marked by outdoor parties and picnics, in which all join in. But the festival originated among the Jewish communities of North Africa, particularly Morocco, when Muslim neighbors would come to their Jewish neighbors' homes with gifts of flour, honey, milk, butter and green beans to be used to prepare post-Passover *chametz* dishes. Jews would prepare snacks and sweets and open their houses to visitors and neighbors to celebrate together the onset of spring, and exchange wishes for mutual prosperity in the coming year. So this year, to celebrate Mimouna, we will have an interfaith program with three speakers, each speaking about multiethnic relations in the countries of their birth. Dr. Bilal Ahmed, Associate Medical Director of Highland Hospital and originally from Pakistan, will talk about his own family's diverse ethnic background; upon taking a DNA test from National Geographic's Genome Project he was surprised to find that some of his closest genetic matches were with Ashkenazi Polish Jews. Hazzan Sam Asher, spiritual leader of Ohel Ovraham, will speak about his childhood and family history in Egypt. The last speaker will be Dr. Ahmet Celenli from the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester. The event starts at 3 pm and all are welcome, so bring your friends. And of course . . . snacks will follow the discussion!

Towards the end of April, the Rochester Jewish Community will be privileged to host to a truly outstanding Israeli cultural icon. Sponsored by the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, Rochester will have in residence the celebrated Israeli novelist Amos Oz, who will serve as the inaugural Farash Fellow for the Advancement of Jewish Humanities and Culture. His 2002 memoir "A Tale of Love and Darkness," about Oz's youth growing up in the Jerusalem of pre-state British ruled Palestine, was recently turned into a movie produced by Natalie Portman (spoiler alert: IMHO the book is much better than the movie). Oz will formally receive the Fellowship Award, and give a presentation to the public, on Tuesday April 24, at 5 pm in the Dryden Theatre of the George Eastman Museum. He will give a second public lecture, titled "Zionism: Conflicting Dreams," on Monday April 30, at 5 pm in the Hawkins-Carlson Room of Rush Rhees Library on the University of Rochester River Campus.

When you receive this Bulletin in April, hopefully the snow will be gone and the weather will be warm again. What better way is there to celebrate, then by coming to shul for Shabbat! Hope to see you there!

Chag Pesach Sameach,

Steve Teitel

**Join us for our interfaith event on
Diverse Communities in the Middle East & South Asia
on Sunday, April 8th at 3 pm!**

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2018

Sunday	Apr 1	9:30 AM	Joint Passover 2 nd Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Thursday	Apr 5	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Apr 6	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth David (TBK Room 200)
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Apr 7	9:30 AM	Joint Passover 8 th Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Temple Beth David (TBK Room 200)
Sunday	Apr 8	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		3:00 PM	Interfaith Event and Mimouna Celebration at BHBI
Monday	Apr 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Apr 13	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Apr 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Apr 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Apr 19	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Apr 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tazriya-Metzora
Sunday	Apr 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Saturday	Apr 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
Sunday	Apr 29	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

WHEN WILL PASSOVER BE OVER?

Passover ends at 8:27 PM on Saturday, April 7th.

PASSOVER AND SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Thursday, Apr. 5 – 7:23 PM

Friday, Apr. 6 – 7:24 PM

Friday, Apr. 13 – 7:33 PM

Friday, Apr. 20 – 7:41 PM

Friday, Apr. 27 – 7:49 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be scheduled on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI.

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March 3	The Congregation
March 10	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of James Metlay-Schotts' first birthday Katie Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg
March 17	The Congregation
March 24	The Congregation
March 31	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Elaine's father, Benjamin Ritter

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Sharing Survivor's Stories Through the Arts – Community Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) commemoration on Wednesday, April 11th from 7:00 – 8:15 pm at the JCC. The event will feature Dr. Erika Hughes of Portsmouth University in the UK. It is free and open to the public.

Speaking Resistance: Performance, the Holocaust and Contemporary Jewish Identity – Thursday, April 12th 12-1 pm at the JCC (lunch available). This is another opportunity to learn from Dr. Hughes. Please register via the JCC's web site.

Holocaust Remembrance Concert: A Time to Remember – Sunday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at the Eastman School of Music's Kilbourn Hall. \$10 for the general public, free for UR ID holders. Tickets sold at the door. There will be a kosher reception after the performance sponsored by Temple Beth El.

Community Yom HaZicharon (Israel Memorial Day) Ceremony – Tuesday, April 17th, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm at Temple Sinai.

Community Yom HaAtzmaout (Israel Independence Day) Celebration – Wednesday, April 18th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the JCC. This year's community-wide celebration features live entertainment by New York City-based Israeli cover band Capa'im, dancing, PJ Library activities for the kids and more! Cost: Free and open to the public. Kosher food will be available for purchase.

Memory of the Shoah in Europe: A Panel Discussion – Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 pm in Conference Room D (Room 202) at the University of Rochester's Rush Rhees Library.

Farash Fellowship Award Honoring Author Amos Oz – Tuesday, April 24th at 5:00 pm at the Dreyden Theatre at the George Eastman Museum.

My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes – Film by Oscar nominee Oren Jacoby to be screened on Thursday, April 26th at 7 pm in Linehan Chapel at Nazareth College. The screening will be followed by a talk-back with Vincent Marmorale, President of the Italy and the Holocaust Foundation. For more information, go to www2.naz.edu

Zionism: Conflicting Dreams – Lecture by Israeli author, Amos Oz on Monday, April 30th from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the Hawkins-Carlson Room at the University of Rochester's Rush Rhees Library. A reception will follow.

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**THE 2018 LEON KATZEN MEMORIAL LECTURE
TUESDAY APRIL 24TH AT 7PM AT TEMPLE BETH EL**

**WEAPONIZING HUMAN RIGHTS TO TARGET ISRAEL:
ORWELL IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

PROFESSOR GERALD STEINBERG

In 1948, and in the spirit of "Never Again," the United Nations adopted a Universal Declaration of Human Rights. However, instead of providing the basis for international action against anti-Semitic attacks, this declaration and the institutions created to implement it were hijacked to target Israel through double standards, false allegations and boycotts. Professor Gerald Steinberg, a leading expert on this form of political, legal and economic warfare, will deliver the third annual Leon Katzen Memorial Lecture and will discuss the most effective ways to defeat this assault.

No admission charge.

Editor's Note: Gerald's parents, like mine, were refugees from Germany who settled in San Francisco's large Jewish refugee community after World War II, where they became close friends. Gerald is a brilliantly gifted person who, while in high school, was chosen to do research at NASA's Ames Research Center. He attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received a BA in Physics and Near East Studies, then went on to the University of California at San Diego where he received a Master's Degree in Physics, followed by receiving his Doctorate in Government from Cornell University. He then completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the MIT-Harvard Program on Defense and Arms Control. He was the founder and is the Director of the Program on Conflict Management and Negotiation at Bar Ilan University in Israel, and was also the founder of NGO Monitor, which he continues to lead.



Celebrate Israel at 70 this Yom Ha'Atzmaout!

YAHREZEITS

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.

April 6-7	Nisan	April 13-14	Nisan - Iyar	April 20-21	Iyar	April 27-28	Iyar
Yetta Levine*	22	Hyman Rothschild*	29	Hyman Goldberg*	6	David Gross*	13
Evelyn Maimon	23	Karen Schulman	30	Morton Lewis	6	Johanna Schild*	13
Simon Finkelman	24	Louis Goldberg*	1	Harry Gordon*	7	Haskell Isaac Smith*	15
Louis Priceman*	25	Louis Goldman*	3	Abraham Mosheh Malina*	7	Samuel Lederman*	16
Dorothy Riwkin*	25	Beverly Honickman	4	Harry Cominsky*	11	Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16
Samuel B. Spiller*	25			Tessie Yablin*	11	Libby Goldberg*	18
Arthur Weinberger	26			Dr. Murray Cowen*	12		
Alexander Greenbaum*	27						
Esther Gurian*	27						
Ethel L. Goldstein*	28						
Rose Dworkis Lewis*	28						

*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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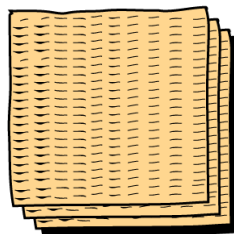
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Wishing you and yours

a very happy Passover!

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