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March President's Message

Friends,

The Israeli national elections are now weeks away. Unlike the US, in Israel one does not directly vote for the Prime Minister, nor for any specific representative. Israel has a parliamentary system in which parties make lists of their candidates and voters vote for the list of their choice. If a party clears the required minimum of 3.25% of all votes, it then receives a number of seats in the Knesset proportional to its vote count. The party with the most seats tries to form a majority coalition and if successful, then selects the Prime Minister. Often different parties unite to present a single joint list as a means of strengthening their position. This past week was the deadline for parties to submit their lists for the election, and the result was a surprising number of new alignments, new fractures, and some significant departures from the political scene. To help you keep track, below is Steve's concise guide to the 2019 Israeli electoral lists! In the order in which they have ranked in recent polls, these are:

Likud is the mainstream center-right party headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu has been the longest serving Israeli PM, serving first in 1996-1999, then making a come back in 2009 and remaining in power ever since.

Kachol-Lavan (Blue-White) is the joint list of Hosen Yisrael (Israel Resilience) led by Benny Gantz, and Yesh Atid (There is a Future) led by Yair Lapid. Gantz, Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) from 2011-2015, is a political newcomer. The platform of his party remains vague. Lapid was a popular TV news anchor before entering politics in 2012. The centrist Yesh Atid was a coalition partner of Netanyahu's after the 2013 election but joined the opposition after 2015. Gantz and Netanyahu are thought to be the leading contenders to form the next government.

HaYamin HeHadash (New Right) is a new rightist party formed by the breakaway leaders of the Jewish Home party, Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked. The Jewish Home party is a religious Zionist party that has advocated for annexation of large regions of the West Bank ("Area C"). The departure of Bennett and Shaked to form the New Right is an attempt to broaden the appeal of their platform beyond the religious sector.

Labor is the center-left party that ruled Israel from its founding until the aftermath of the Yom Kippur war, when it lost to Likud. In the 2015 election, Labor formed the Zionist Union together with the Hatnuah party of Tsipi Livni, who in previous Likud and Kadima led coalitions had served in several high ministerial positions. But in a surprise move this year, Labor's current leader Avi Gabbay announced that Labor was dissolving this partnership. Livni subsequently retired from politics.

United Torah Judaism is an alliance of Degel HaTorah and Agudat Yisrael, and represents the interests of the Ashkenazi Haredi sector. Because no party ever wins a majority in an election, United Torah Judaism has often played a key role in forming governing coalitions, and so exerted an influence exceeding its numbers.

Hadash-Ta'al: In an attempt to form a more powerful political block, in the 2015 elections four predominantly Arab parties united to form the Joint List, winding up tied with Yesh Atid as the 3rd largest faction in the current Knesset. However internal divisions have now caused the Joint List to split. The Hadash-Ta'al list includes Ta'al (Arab Movement for Change) headed by Ahmad Tibi, and Hadash (New), a descendent of the Communist Party, currently led by Ayman Odeh, the former leader of the Joint List.

Ra'am-Balad comprises the other two participants in the previous Joint List. Ra'am (United Arab List) receives support from religious and nationalist Israeli Arabs, and is popular among the Bedouin. Balad (Country) advocates for equal rights for Arab citizens and opposes the characterization of Israel as a Jewish state.

Shas is the Sephardi religious party. Founded in 1984, it has participated in both Likud and Labor led coalitions. In recent years it has been hurt by a rivalry between current leader Aryeh Deri, and Eli Yishai, who became leader when Deri was convicted of taking bribes and sent to prison in 2000. Following Deri's return to power, Yishai split to form his own party Yachad (Together) which will not be running in the current election.

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BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2018

Saturday	Mar 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayakhel
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 (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Mar 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday	Mar 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikra
Sunday	Mar 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Mar 20	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Purim Service and Megillah Reading with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Mar 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Mar 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 29	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Saturday	Mar 30	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Mar 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 1 – 5:40 PM
 Friday, March 8 – 5:49 PM
 Friday, March 15 – 6:58 PM
 Friday, March 22 – 7:06 PM
 Friday, March 29 – 7:14 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

There will be no Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study in March because of Purim.

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Meretz (Vigor) is the leftist, social-democratic party, currently lead by Tamar Zandberg. Its prospects in the current election do not look good. It had sought an alliance to run on a joint list with Labor, but was rejected as being too leftist.

Yisrael Beiteinu (Israel our Home) is a right leaning party predominantly supported by Russian immigrants. Recently its support from that sector, and more generally, has declined. Its leader Avigdor Lieberman served as Defense Minister under Netanyahu until resigning late last year over the conduct of the war in Gaza.

Kulanu (All of Us) is a centrist party founded and led by Moshe Kahlon. It has focused on socioeconomic issues and is a member of the current governing coalition.

HaBayit HaYehudi (Jewish Home)-**National Union-Otzma Yehudit** (Jewish Strength): After the departure of its former leaders to form the New Right, HaBayit HaYehudi is led by Rafi Peretz, former Chief Rabbi of the IDF. The far-right National Union is led by MK Bezalel Smotrich, elected in 2015 on the Jewish Home list. The extreme-right Otzma Yehudit is led by Michael Ben-Ari, a follower of the late Rabbi Kahane. The merger of these parties occurred at the urging of PM Netanyahu, who promised two future cabinet positions to Jewish Home for agreeing to the deal.

Gesher (Bridge) is the party of Orli Levy-Abekasis who split from from Yisrael Beiteinu, and subsequently formed her own party in 2018. She is the daughter of the late David Levy, a prominent Likud politician of the 1980's.

Zehut (Identity) is a libertarian party founded in 2015 and led by former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset Moshe Feiglin.

Although many of these lists have names suggesting hope and unity, it would seem the Israeli political scene remains as divided and contentious as ever.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

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.

IN MEMORIAM

The congregation sends its sincerest condolences to Sherris Kleinstein on the recent sudden passing of her brother and fellow BHBI member, Sherman Kleinstein. May his memory be a blessing.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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| February 2 | The Congregation
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katie Metlay's 99 th birthday and in memory of Leon's |
| February 9 | father, Max Metlay.
Katie Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay. |
| February 16 | The Congregation |
| February 23 | Katie Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg |

CEMETERY PLOTS

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In honor of Katie Metlay's 99th birthday
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YAHARZEITS

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 I- Adar II	March 8-9	Adar II	March 15-16	Adar II	March 22-23	Adar II
Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Emma Sarachan*	4	Anna Schiff*	9	Celia Engel*	17
Barnet Stern*	26			Irving Gold	12	Max Levy	17
Lea Kron	27			Charles Saul Gordon*	13		
Harris Priceman*	27			Charles Ambush*	15	March 29-30	Adar II
Rebecca Cohen*	28					Mollie Wolk*	28
Eva Friedman*	28					Sam Wolk*	29
Sarah Shulsky*	28	*Denotes name					
Karoline Hess*	29	memorialized on					
Sadie Rose	29	BHBI Memorial					
Mary Weinreb*	1	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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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Celebrate Israel – An Evening to Celebrate All Things Israel

Sunday, March 3rd, 7-9 pm at the JCC. Jewish National Fund Representative, Dana Gerby Klein, will speak about what Israel does for us both locally and globally, including a wine tasting by wine aficionado Bonnie Abrams and Israel Inspired nosh. FREE and open to the community. Dairy Kashruth observed. For more information, Contact Joy Getnick at jgetnick@jccrochester.org or at 585-461-2000 ext 239. Sponsored by the Rabbi Shaya and Nechie Kilimnick Israel Resource Center in partnership with the Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester.

Muslim-Jewish Women’s Connection Event

Thursday, March 7th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Islamic Center of Rochester, 727 Westfall Road. The event will give women of these two faiths the opportunity to meet as a group and connect one on one to learn about different customs and about shared beliefs. Cost: \$10. For information, contact Samantha Reak at 241-8641 or by sending an email to sreak@jewishrochester.org

Mishloach Manot

Once again, this year BHBI is partnering with Temple Beth Am in a fundraiser which will enable you to participate in sending mishloach manot packages of goodies to fellow BHBI members for Purim. See the order form below:

Mishloach Manot Order Form 2019

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This year the Mishloach Manot delivery will be a joint event by Temple Beth Am and Cong. Beth Hamedresh Beth Israel, and we will be baking additional hamentaschen for Temple Beth David. Each Congregation's membership has a separate listing. If you want to send to your entire congregation the cost is \$30. If you want to send Purim wishes to both congregations the cost is \$50. If you only want to pick a few names, the cost is \$1 per name for members, \$5 for write-in non-members, \$11 for write-in non-members outside Monroe County.

Instructions:

1. Check off on the list above, those people on whose packages you want your name to appear.
2. We need help baking at the Hamentaschen Bake-In at BHBI at 9 am, or packing/labeling bags at 11 am on **Sunday, March 17th**. Please call Ronna Marsh, 473-4317 if you can help.
3. We need help to deliver the packages on **Thursday, March 21st**, call Aaron Marsh, 334-7224 if you can help.
4. Please return this completed form to and a check to:

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 2131 Elmwood Ave
 Room 103
 Rochester, NY 14618

Return this Form with a check
 no later than March 13th

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Please send your mishloach manot order form and your check to Beth Am at the address listed above.

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