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January President's Message

Friends,

This is the beginning of the “New Year.” It’s not the New Year marking the Creation, which we celebrated 3 months ago, but the new year by the conventional calendar which we follow for day to day activities such as personal appointments, business, school and politics. It’s not only a new year, but a new decade – 2020. Did you ever think you would be saying that? When I turned ten, I thought how novel the phrase “nineteen-sixty” sounded. That was an exciting year. It was the first time I went to sleepaway camp and became aware of a presidential election. The names Kennedy and Nixon were all over the radio and TV. I think that was when I first heard of a strange place with a strange name -- Vietnam.

What’s new this year? A new low in civil discourse, a new high in CO2 levels for the last 20 million years and the highest global temperatures in recorded history.

New is the byword used by what used to be called Madison Avenue. New, new improved, new lower prices, new taste, new formula, New School, new look – and so on. The term “new” is used to denote a change from past practice: New Deal, New Frontier, New Math and New World -- New Testament (oy gevalt). When all else fails and there is a yearning for what came before, we say: “What’s old is new again.”

So at the risk of slipping into a cynical sense of deja vu, let’s wish each other a sincere Happy New Year. And realize that becoming happy doesn’t just happen as the calendar turns – but requires deliberate resolve and effort.

Our Chanukah party, which was planned and managed by Leon Metlay, was quite delightful. We had candle lighting, music, songs with guitar accompaniment by Sam Asher, and a stimulating word picture association game which brought out the artistic genius in our members. (Who said I pander to members?) Best of all we had a wonderful dinner supervised by Steve Teitel who applied his immense experience in quantum physics to preparing the menu. The salmon soup, lokshen kugel and latkes were delicious. For me, three gin and tonics elevated the spirit. Steve was helped with the food preparation by Paula Bobb, Aline Honickman, Nina Klionsky and Emily Fishman. Paula, Aline, Candace Rubin, Ira Cohen and Leon helped with the set up and clean up. Ami Schmerl, Ira, Leon and Harris Honickman set up the tables. We had great attendance with about 40 people from BHBI, Beth Am and Beth David and other friends.

See you at shul,
Harris Honickman

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JANUARY 2020

Friday	Jan 3	6:30 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David and Ohel Avraham at Beth Am (TBK room 103)(light candles 4:29 PM)
Saturday	Jan 4	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am, Torah: Vayigash
Sunday	Jan 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Jan 10	6:30 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am (TBK room 103) (light candles 4:36 PM)
Saturday	Jan 11	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am, Torah: Vayechi
Sunday	Jan 12	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Monday	Jan 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Jan 15	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Jan 17	6:30 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David and Ohel Avraham at Beth Am (TBK room 103)(light candles 4:45 PM)
Saturday	Jan 18	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service, Torah: Shemot
Sunday	Jan 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Jan 24	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am (TBK room 103) (light candles 4:54 PM) Shabbat Dinner at Beth Am
Saturday	Jan 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service, Torah: Va'eira
Sunday	Jan 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Jan 31	6:30 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am (TBK room 103) (light candles 5:03 PM)
Saturday	Feb 1	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am, Torah: Bo

FRIDAY SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David hold joint Shabbat Evening Services every Friday in the Beth Am Sanctuary (TBK Room 103). Services will be at 6:30 PM, except for the 4th Friday of the month when Services will be at 6:00 PM followed by a vegetarian dinner at 7:00 PM. Contact Ronna Marsh at 473-4317, or ronnamarsh@yahoo.com, by 6:00 PM of that week's Wednesday if you plan to come to the dinner.

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in November will be held on Wednesday, January 15th, at 7:30 pm at BHBI. New participants are welcome at any time! No prior experience required!

TOPS CARDS

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Dec 7	Steve and Ruth Teitel in memory of Steve's mother Eleanor Teitel
Dec 14	The Congregation
Dec 21	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of their daughter Hannah's birthday
Dec 28	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her aunt, Barbara Bertman

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EVENTS THIS MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY

Monday, January 27, 6-8pm

International Holocaust Remembrance Day Presentation & Discussion

Nazareth College, 4245 East Avenue, in the Golisano Academic Center / Linehan Chapel

What happens when hatred becomes normalized?

On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Nazareth College and Louis S Wolk Jewish Community Center of Great Rochester invite you to a panel discussion, featuring the poetry of Primo Levy and excerpts from *Survivors*, a new play about the Holocaust, featuring the inspirational stories of 10 Rochester based Holocaust Survivors.

A post discussion reception will be held at Casa Italiana on the Nazareth Campus (park in the Glazer Music Performance Center lot)

Pictures from the 2019 BHBI – Beth Am Chanukah Party



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.

Jan 3-4	Tevet	Jan 10-11	Tevet	Jan 17-18	Tevet	Jan 31 – Feb 1	Shvat
Meriam Jossem*	7	Joseph Morris*	14	Anna Buff*	21	Sidney Applebaum*	6
Mary Franke	8	Celia Suskind*	14	Benjamin Dvorkin*	21	Jacob Komenski*	6
David Goodman*	8	Dora Rogovin*	15	Goldie Simon*	23	Gidda Strauss*	6
Selma Kauffman Lansky*	9	Nathan Goldberg	16	Leah Keyfetz*	24	Morris Suskind*	7
Rebecca H. Nussbaum*	10	Fannie Sablowsky	17	Esther Sanzel*	24	Hyman Aaron Nusbaum*	8
William Silverstein*	10	Philip Sanzel*	17	Samuel Meilstein*	26	Herman Strauss*	8
Maurice Bloom*	11	Joseph Schiff*	17	Ida Boyarsky*	27	Dvora Brodie*	9
Sadye Abelman*	12	Hannah Sanzel*	17			Samuel Goldman*	9
Sol Lazarus*	12	Louis Bernstein*	18	Jan 24-25	Tevet/Shvat	Daniel Hirsch*	10
Fannie Osband*	13	Carl Kleinstein*	18	Jack Glazer	28	Miriam Weinberger	12
		Rose Needler*	18	Joe Lazarus*	28		
		Estelle Hirsch*	19	Jean Spencer	1	*Denotes name	
		Shie Schnidman*	19	Morris Weinstein*	2	memorialized on BHBI	
				Etta Levinson*	4	Memorial Plaque	
				Ida Silver*	4		

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 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

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 at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

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