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June President's Message

Friends,

We look forward to June with the weather finally turning from an extended winter to something resembling spring. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity to have services in our building as we go to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the approach to the epidemic. Please watch for notices that we will send to you through email.

The end of May had a crowded schedule for us. We had our Annual Meeting on the 31st. All the current trustees and officers were again nominated and we all waited with tense anticipation for how the Congregation would vote. However the vote turned out, we thank you for your participation.

On the 28th we had erev Shavuot followed by the two day holiday. Unfortunately, we still could not have services in our sanctuary because of the coronavirus epidemic. There has been discussion by the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative movement about how to use online streaming to conduct services. Because the Festivals and holy days prescribed in the Torah are like Shabbat, there has been a challenge of how to conduct services online. Further, when there are more than ten people chanting, singing and praying aloud, the audio is usually not synchronized which makes listening and participating more difficult and less enjoyable.

The recent teshuvah by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Conservative movement states that it is acceptable to conduct a streaming online service with electronic devices, such as a smart phone or computer, if they are turned on before the Shabbat or festival begins. That still leaves the problem of operating the device – as with touching the screen or keyboard during the service which the teshuvah considers prohibited. Further, streaming applications such as Zoom often “time out” when users don’t perform certain actions on the device; this requires turning the device back on during the Shabbat or festival. These considerations may seem arcane to some, but the Torah, Talmud and rabbinic responsa are very much concerned with the integrity of our approach to these matters. Saying “what difference does it make” or “we can choose to do whatever we like” is not respectful to our faith and traditions.

We continue to have weekday minyans online every Sunday at 9:00 AM via Zoom. The Zoom link is in this bulletin and on the BHBI website.

Continue following the social distancing instructions from our medical authorities. Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain in Washington D.C.

Be safe,
Harris Honickman

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2020

Friday	June 5		Erev Shabbat (light candles 8:28 PM)
Saturday	June 6		Shabbat Morning, Torah: Naso
Sunday	June 7	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	June 12		Erev Shabbat (light candles 8:33 PM)
Saturday	June 13		Shabbat Morning, Torah: Behaalotecha
Sunday	June 14	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	June 15	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	June 17	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study via Zoom visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	June 19		Erev Shabbat (light candles 8:35 PM)
Saturday	June 20		Shabbat Morning and Blessing for the New Month, Torah: Shelach
Sunday	June 21	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	June 26		Erev Shabbat (light candles 8:36 PM)
Saturday	June 27		Shabbat Morning, Torah: Korach
Sunday	June 28	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

CONRONAVIRUS COVID-19 ALERT

Due to the ongoing coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency, all services and activities at BHBI, and all joint Friday Services at Temple Beth Am, are suspended until further notice. Sunday morning services will be live streamed via Zoom. Visit our website www.BHBIRochester.org for the link.

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in May will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. New participants are welcome at any time! No prior experience required! Visit our website www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link.

TOPS CARDS

So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Ira Cohen at 943-1040 or by e-mail at gouldron@aol.com

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Information from the Federation on the COVID-19 crisis can be found at:
<https://www.jewishrochester.org/novelcoronavirusoutbreak-covid-19>

Information from the Federation about community resources, updated weekly, can be found at:
<https://www.jewishrochester.org/communityresources->

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In memory of Annette Garver
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SOME THINGS TO DO WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Why not improve your Yiddishkeit and take a free online course from YIVO, the Institute for Jewish Research? Offerings include:

Oh Mama, I'm in Love! The Story of the Yiddish Stage

Folksong, Demons, and the Evil Eye: Folklore of Ashkenaz

Discovering Ashkenaz: Jewish Life in Eastern Europe

A Seat at the Table: A Journey into Jewish Food (must register for this course by May 31 for free tuition)

For information and to register, go to: <https://yivo.org/Online-Classes>

Enjoy the free 10-day "We Are One: Global Film Festival," May 29 – June 7. More than 100 films, curated by festivals such as Tribeca, Cannes, New York and Sundance, will be available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/weareone>

Or watch the not-for-free Israel Film Center Festival from the NYC JCC, June 7 -14. For information and tickets go to: <https://israelfilmcenterstream.org/festival/>

BHBI 2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual BHBI membership meeting was held Sunday, May 31, with participation via Zoom. Please welcome as our newly elected officers and trustees a cast of familiar characters:

Officers:

President: Harris Honickman
1st Vice President: Steve Teitel
2nd Vice President: Leon Metlay
Treasurer: Ira Cohen
Recording Secretary: Nina Klionsky

Trustees:

Paula Bobb
Emily Fishman
Aline Honickman
Judith Mercer
Tamara Strubel

We thank you all for your service to our Congregation!

Life in our Times

I went to visit the grandkids on vroom today

Don't you mean "Zoom"?



No, I mean "vroom". I drove by their house and honked.

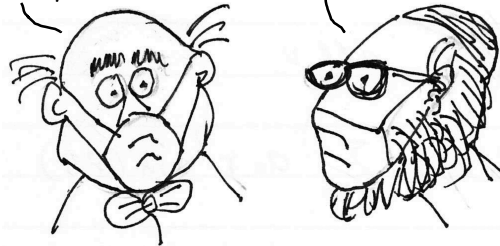


They ran out to greet me, got too close, and I panicked. I shifted into third, and vrooom!



This joke is not even remotely funny!

True, but it fills up a lot of blank space in the bulletin!



We welcome your suggestions for content for the Bulletin!

Yahrzeits

With the absence of Shabbat Services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, at Sunday morning service we will read the names of our late loved ones whose Yahrzeits occur on the just ended Shabbat or during the following week.

May 29-30	Sivan	June 5-6	Sivan	June 12-13	Sivan	June 19-20	Sivan/ Tamuz
Max Atkin*	8	Janet Riwkin Glaser*	14	Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21	Isadore Goldman*	29
Albert Bernstein*	8	Maxine Gold	17	Minnie Marcus*	21	Hyb Jossem*	30
Bessie Eber*	8	Evelyn Goldman Kauffman*	17	Nathan Yablin*	21	Samuel Hoffman*	2
Max Vogelstein	8	Louis Maltinsky*	17	Fannie Warnick*	23	Sarah Sarachan*	2
Benjamin Weinrib*	8	Sadie Stolnitz*	17	Louis Sanow*	24	Eva Goodman*	3
May Cohen*	9	Katherine Weinrib*	17	Ada Gordon*	25	Rose Joffe*	3
Robert Baker*	10	Lyons I. Jossem*	18	Stella Getz*	27	Jennie Epstein*	4
Sarah Osband*	10	Zus Kaminnik	19	Mary Goldman*	27	David Glasser*	4
Jesse Stolnitz*	10	Chayah Simah Malina*	19	Betty Newell*	27		
Harry Strauss*	11	Esther Senzel*	20	Eva Wasserman*	27		
Theresa Mayer Block	12					June 26-27	Tamuz
Minnie Strom*	12					Alan Fishman	5
Rose Sallerson*	13					Morris Krinsky*	7
				Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Sarah Schnidman	9
						Rabbi Aaron Solomon*	9
						Eva Krinsky*	10
						Esther Walder Kliensky	11
						Phillip Morrow*	11
						Rochli Rothschild*	11

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.

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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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 Steve Teitel know. We always appreciate feedback.

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