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# **B U L L E T I N**

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## ***September's President's Message***

Friends,

September and High Holy Days. They are almost synonyms. I suppose in the modern era we could add the beginning of school to this mix. The September President's letter always includes mention of the date and times for services - and who will lead the services; for many years that has been Dr. George Kornfeld. This year will NOT be an exception.

We will hold services – OUTSIDE. Given the number of people we hope will attend and the need for social distancing, we will hold the services in the parking lot, south of the building. That area is somewhat quieter than all the other spots we have used for Shabbat services, as the building insulates it from East Avenue road noise. It can be sunny there, so we suggest you bring a wide brimmed hat and maybe – if you have one - a parasol, as well as a comfortable lawn chair. Folding chairs will also be available.

Everyone should wear masks, and keep a safe social distance. Regretfully, we ask that you not bring young children who can't be expected to observe these safe practices.

The services will be shorter than we usually have, with most piyutim (poetic readings) left out. We will also skip most English readings that we typically hand out. The shofar will be sounded from a safe distance.

The date and time for our Selichot service will be announced in early September. Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening, September 18<sup>th</sup> and continues through the 20<sup>th</sup> when we will also have Tashlich, jointly with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham, at Lock 32 of the Erie Canal on Clover Street. Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre on the 27<sup>th</sup> and concludes on evening of the 28<sup>th</sup>. See page 4 of this Bulletin further details. We will notify everyone through email at least 3 hours before the start of services if we need to cancel due to rain.

This will be a different High Holy Day season, but in more than one way it will be just like it was in earlier years. We will be together. We will pray - for forgiveness, for health, for tolerance, for prosperity, for life and for peace.

As we were about to send this Bulletin, we just heard that a former long time member, Art Mercer has passed away. Baruch dayan ha'emet. May his memory be a blessing.

L'Shana Tova Tekatevu. May you be inscribed for a Good Year.

Be safe,

*Harris Honickman*

***We Wish You and Yours a  
Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year 5781!***

See page 4 for information about High Holy Day Services

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2020

Friday	Sept 4		Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:21 PM)
Saturday	Sept 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Ki Tavo
Sunday	Sept 6	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Sept 11		Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:09 PM)
Saturday	Sept 12	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Nitzavim/Vayelech
Sunday	Sept 13	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Sept 14	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	Sept 16	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Sept 18	---	Erev Rosh Hashanah 1st Day (no service) (light candles 6:56 PM)
Saturday	Sept 19	9:00 AM ---	Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Service, outdoors in the BHBI parking lot Erev Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day (no service) (light candles after 7:55 PM)
Sunday	Sept 20	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service, outdoors in the BHBI parking lot Tashlich with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at the park at the Clover Street Erie Canal Lock 32
Friday	Sept 25		Erev Shabbat (light candles 6:43 PM)
Saturday	Sept 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning outside, weather permitting, Torah: Ha'azinu
Sunday	Sept 27	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Sunday	Sept 27	6:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service, outdoors in the BHBI parking lot (light candles 6:40 PM)
Monday	Sept 28	9:00 AM TBA TBA 7:38 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service, outside in the BHBI parking lot Yom Kippur Minchah Service, outside in the BHBI parking lot Yom Kippur Neilah Service, outside in the BHBI parking lot Final Shofar Sounding

### BHBI has resumed Shabbat Morning Services!

Services are now being held each Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, *outside* the building, weather permitting, canceled if it looks like rain. Everyone must wear a facial mask and keep 6 feet socially distanced. Please bring your own lawn chair, siddur, and chumash, if you are able. Folding chairs and books will be available for those who cannot bring their own. Hand sanitizer will be available. A good sun hat and a water bottle are recommended. All are welcome! But to our sincere regret, in order to maintain safe social distancing, pre-bar/bat mitzvah age children should not attend. Unfortunately, for safety's sake, there will be no kiddush following services. Sunday morning services continue on zoom at 9:00 AM, see the shul website for the zoom link.

### IN MEMORIAM

With sadness we announce the passing of Arthur Mercer, a former long time member of the Congregation, and past President of the Britton Road Cemetery Association.

### SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in September will be held on Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. New participants are welcome at any time! No prior experience required! Visit our website [www.BHBIRochester.org](http://www.BHBIRochester.org) for the Zoom link.

## DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Rose T. Cohen  
*Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke*

In memory of Haim Menachem Levy  
*Rose Israel*

In memory of Joseph Teitel and Goldie Glazer  
*Steve and Ruth Teitel*

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We are always looking for additional businesses that are interested in placing an ad in the BHBI Bulletin. If you know of someone whose business or company may be interested, please have them contact the congregation at [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com)

## Life in our Times



## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

*Come join us to usher in the New Year!*

BHBI's High Holy Day Services, led by Dr. George Kornfeld, will take place **outdoors**, weather permitting, in the parking lot on the south side of the building. Please be sure to wear a hat to protect yourself from the sun, and to wear a face mask and keep proper social distancing. Young children, who may have trouble following safety rules, should not attend. Bring your own lawn chair if you have one, folding chairs will be provided if you don't. If the weather forces us to cancel a service, we will notify you by email.

**Selichot:** Begins Saturday evening, September 12, and continues through Sunday, September 13. The day, time, and location of our Selichot Service will be announced by email.

### **Rosh Hashanah:**

Friday, September 18: Erev 1st Day – no service (light candles at 6:56 PM)  
Saturday, September 19: Morning 1st Day Service at 9:00 AM  
Erev 2nd Day – no service (light candles after 7:55 PM)  
Sunday, September 20: Morning 2nd Day Service at 9:00 AM  
Tashlich at 4:00 PM at Lock 32 of the Erie Canal on Clover Street

### **Yom Kippur:**

Sunday, September 27: Kol Nidre at 6:30 PM (light candles at 6:40 PM)  
Saturday, September 28: Morning Service with Yizkor at 9:00 AM  
Mincha Service, time to be announced  
Neilah Service, time to be announced  
Yom Kippur ends 7:38 PM

### **New Year's Greeting**

*Would you like to have your name(s) listed along with New Year's greetings to the congregation in the October BHBI Bulletin? If so, complete and send in the form below by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Names to be listed with New Year's greetings in the October bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form along with a check for \$5 made out to Congregation BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610

## HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

The Congregation depends on its members and friends to support our ongoing services and activities throughout the year. Please be generous when you consider a donation to our High Holy Day Appeal.

## 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](mailto:gouldron@aol.com)

## SOME THINGS TO DO WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

**On Thursday, September 3, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm**, the Federation will sponsor an online preview and discussion of the documentary **Harbor From the Holocaust**, about Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe who found safe haven in Shanghai. The full movie airs Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 10 p.m. on WXXI-TV. For details, go to: <https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/2020/08/harbor-holocaust-virtual-screening-discussion>

### **Watch: Five Yiddish Comedians Walk into a Zoom**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCle7OX5pd8&feature=youtu.be>

Look for the skit about Cantor Yankle from The Bronx.

## 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.

Aug 28-29	Elul	Sept 4-5	Elul	Sept 11-12	Elul	Sept 18-19	Tishrei
Fran Dubin Gulack	10	A. Ben Glaser*	16	Bessie Cominsky*	23	Shirley Arlene Dvorkin	1
David Nidetz	12	Celia Wolk*	17	Harry Rogachefsky*	24	Ronni Lynn Gordon*	1
Anna Zakofsky*	12	Leonard Carl Grossman*	18	Rose Levin*	25	David Lester Kauffman*	1
Morris Mittelman*	13	Winston Block	20	David Goldman*	26	Catherine Braz*	3
Sylvia Album*	14	Abraham Goldman*	21	Trudy Bender Baran	27	Hyman A. Davis*	5
Isidor Hess*	14	Maurice Seide*	21	I. Robert Lewis*	27	Rose Lewis*	6
Frumeh Hinensky*	14	Hyman Senzel*	22	Phillip Rogachefsky*	27	Annie Schwartz*	6
*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque				Janet Kanthor*	28		
				Anna Levin*	28	Sept 25-26	Tishrei
				Gerald Glaser*	29	Fannie R. Spector*	8
				Mazel Tov Levy	29	Averil Toker	9
						Fanny Kovelski*	10
						Milton Honickman	11
						Annie Kovel*	14

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 Leon Metlay at [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](http://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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