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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **October's President's Message**

Friends,

### Archeology

As I write this, we are preparing for Yom Kippur. That is a time for an intensive – even painful examination of our life over the past year. The Torah enjoins us to “afflict your souls.” So we dig into ourselves. What have I done that was wrong? (And yes, what was right and good?) What was deliberate? What was accidental? How to make amends to those who I offended. All offenses to our fellow men and women are also offenses against G-d. We can atone for those by sincerely apologizing and offering restitution. But what of those sins that are solely against G-d? The rituals of Yom Kippur and our dedication to Torah point the way.

Exploring the past is the first step to atonement. A hint appears that something should be examined. Perhaps it is a fleeting regret that we kept in the back of our mind – an inadvertent slight against a colleague for which we intended to apologize – but never quite got around to . . .

In our daily prosaic lives, there are also opportunities to uncover and examine the past. By accident or by deliberation, we notice an unexplained mound, a depression, a stone or brick that has worked its way to the surface. So we pick at it and dig. After a while, the picking becomes a compulsion. More artifacts – a generous description to be sure – become visible. Ok, they're just old bricks from an abandoned walkway. How far does it go? What was its purpose and why did it fall into disuse? Years of rain and wind covered it with a thin layer of mud until it became a bed for undernourished grass with short roots.

The picking and scraping turned into what may be the first instance of using a string trimmer to conduct an archeological excavation. The brick walkway, installed about 1910 by the Hatch family who built the home that became our synagogue, led from Hawthorne Street past the porch up to at least the stairs leading to our building's rear entrance. Additional brick paths may exist under the asphalt that comprises our parking lot.

The uncovered path has a rustic look, which I hope will be found attractive. When we uncover our own faults this season and sincerely atone for them, we can emerge – perhaps not handsomely rustic – but more confident that we are on the path to becoming a better human being.

The Season of Our Gladness, Sukkot, is coming. See page 2 of this Bulletin for service dates and service times.

See you at shul,  
*Harris Honickman*

***We Wish You a Happy and Safe Sukkot***

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2020

Friday	Oct 2	6:00 PM	Erev 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Sukkot, jointly with Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 6:31 PM)
Saturday	Oct 3	9:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Sukkot Morning Service outside, weather permitting
		6:00 PM	Erev 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Sukkot, jointly with Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles after 7:29 PM)
Sunday	Oct 4	9:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Sukkot Morning Service outside, weather permitting
Friday	Oct 9	6:00 PM	Erev Shmini Atzeret, jointly with Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 6:19 PM)
Saturday	Oct 10	9:00 AM	Shmini Atzeret Morning Service with Yizkor outside, weather permitting
		6:00 PM	Erev Simchat Torah, jointly with Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles after 7:17 PM)
Sunday	Oct 11	9:00 AM	Simchat Torah Morning Service outside, weather permitting
Monday	Oct 12	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Oct 16	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 6:07 PM)
Saturday	Oct 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Bereishit
Sunday	Oct 18	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Wednesday	Oct 20	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Oct 23	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 5:56 PM)
Saturday	Oct 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning outside, weather permitting, Torah: Noach
Sunday	Oct 25	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Oct 30	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 5:46 PM)
Saturday	Oct 31	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Lech Lecha

### HOLIDAY SERVICES

BHBI will be holding holiday morning services, beginning at 9 AM, for the 1st and 2nd days of Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. Services will be outside, weather permitting. BHBI will also join with Temple Beth Am for evening holiday services on Zoom at 6 PM. In keeping with Conservative halacha, you should join the Zoom service before the start of the holiday, and stay connected throughout the holiday, with your computer set not to go into sleep mode. The Beth Am Zoom connection will last 72 hours without expiring. We will also join with Beth Am on Zoom for morning services, if weather causes us to cancel our outdoor service (Beth Am morning services on Zoom will start at 9:30 AM, except for Simchat Torah, which will start at 9:00 AM). The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

Note: due to the coronavirus situation, we regret that we will not be putting up the BHBI sukkah this year.

### BHBI 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. 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.

## **DONATIONS**

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

In memory of Art Mercer  
*Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke, Emily Fishman, Michael Fishman,  
Aline and Harris Honickman*

In memory of Katy Metlay  
*Mischa Gelman*

In memory of mother Beverly Clark  
*Jill Clark-Foulkes*

In memory of Trudy Baran  
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In memory of Marcelo Malka  
*Marco Malka y Negri*

In memory of Albert Senzel  
*Martin Senzel*

In memory of Harris' father Milton Honickman  
*Harris and Aline Honickman*

### **NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS**

*The following members and friends of BHBI send you their warmest greetings for the New Year:*

Ellen Ranke and Ira Cohen  
Sherris Kleinstein  
Ruth and Steve Teitel

The Mercer Family  
David Rogachefsky  
Tamara Strubel

### **HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL**

Ellen Franke and Ira Cohen  
Harris and Aline Honickman  
Jeff Nidetz and Leslie Toker  
Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay  
David Rogachefsky

Herb Spencer  
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Ruth and Steve Teitel

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### **AD SPONSORS**

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)

## Call of Togetherness – a poem for the Holiday Season

You are humanity's Beloved First Mover;  
No one strove to labor, create and guide before Your lightning arms revealed  
A velvet ribbon path for mercy and righteous achievement  
Smiled upon by lambent Heavenly orbs.

You are Father Eagle with tower-wings soaring above the multitude –  
Untouched by mire of jealousy, greed, hypocrisy, incivility  
And a myriad craven sins

Your glory is a fully lit menorah or candle duo at sunset,  
For their blessed blazes are humble, flickering benedictions  
Offered to honor Your infinite awe and splendor.

You champion prophets who can draw water from rock,  
And whose walking staff becomes twined with white almond blossoms –  
All miracles for the sake of He Who Will Be What He Will Be  
As He shepherds a selected desert meandering folk  
Still clutching malachite Egyptian fertility goddesses  
To their Holy Land Shrine.

The dewdrops sprinkled on rose of Sharon orchids by  
Gentle olive tree-dotted hillsides  
Cradled Hebrews who prostrated themselves while wrapped in striped wool,  
Giving soulful rainbow Covenant comfort to  
A more mature Master of Masters whose argent and blue lantern  
Will outlast all the generations after Noah

-- Batsheva Esther (Barbara Hantman) 9/12/20

There is still time to send your New Year's Greeting to the congregation!  
All greetings received in October will appear in the November Bulletin

### 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 October 21<sup>st</sup>.*

Names to be listed with New Year's greetings in the November 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)

## SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in October will be held on Wednesday, October 20th, 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.

# 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.

Oct 2-3	Tishrei	Oct 16-17	Tishrei	Oct 23-24	Cheshvan	Oct 30-31	Cheshvan
Harris I. Cezer*	18	Sam Gold	29	Ida Menter*	7	Israel Astrachan*	13
Ben Hobel*	18	Bernard Israel	30	Clara Spencer	7	Marion Grossman*	13
Jean Traub*	18	Celia Israel	30	Marion Lazar*	8	Jacob Markin*	13
Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Herbert Hirsch*	1	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15
Leon Titof	20	Bessie Miller*	1	Ida Buckbinder*	9	Lena Cohen*	16
Stanley Toker*	20	Sarah Rickler*	4	Irene Bernstein Mikolasek*	9	Sofya Kaminnik*	17
		Blanche Florescue Ross*	4	Flora Priceman*	9	Rae Toker	17
Oct 9-10	Tishrei	Charles Schnidman*	4	Bernard Lipschutz	10	Mosheh Lazar*	18
Tamar Rogachefsky*	22	Harry Silverman*	5	Ingeborg Vogelstein	10	Julia Goldman*	19
Daniel Horowitz	23			Dianne Hooker*	11		
Beverly Clark*	24			Lottie Astrachan*	12		
David Israel	24	*Denotes name		Alfred E. Hart*	12		
Robert Steinmetz*	24	memorialized on BHBI		Sol Weinstein*	12		
Morris Album*	25	Memorial Plaque					
Litman Cohen*	26						
Gershon Hinensky*	28						

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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