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**November's President's Message**

Friends,

As we approach the end of October, we move away from High Holy Days and Sukkot toward several secular events. First comes the World Series with the Tampa Bay Rays against the LA Dodgers. The Dodgers deserted my home town Brooklyn in 1957, so I'm obligated to favor Tampa Bay [*editor's note: sorry Harris, the Dodgers won!*]. Next comes Halloween, a somewhat sacrilegious version of Purim. Then we have Election Day which this year includes a very real leftover odious ogre from the aforementioned Halloween. Lastly we have Thanksgiving, which is somewhat of a Sukkot redux – only indoors and with a heavy dose of avian protein.

There's no getting away from it; this year Sukkot without our shul sukkah was a disappointment. This is all the more reason to hold fast to studying Torah and recount the journey undertaken by our ancestors so long ago as they followed their course through the wilderness – which is what erecting the sukkah is to recall for us.

Our own immediate journey is to be vigilant and to stay safe. The practices which we are all familiar with must be maintained. Wear masks, keep a safe social distance and wash hands regularly. Sure, we're all tired of hearing this not to speak of actually doing these practices. The word from experts is that the epidemic will probably worsen over the next few months as the weather turns colder. While we're all anticipating a vaccine, this is no time to relax. No one wants to be the last person to catch the virus or pass it on.

Let's look forward to Chanukah.

Stay safe,  
*Harris Honickman*

**Services**

**BHBI** has been holding Shabbat Morning Services each Saturday at 9:30 AM, *outside* the building in our parking lot. As the cold weather comes upon us, it is likely that these outside services will cease. Please pay attention to email messages on Friday, announcing whether or not a service will take place.

**Temple Beth Am** is now having two Friday Shabbat Evening Services, and one Shabbat Morning Service, each month on Zoom. See the calendar on page 2 for the dates. If you wish to join, please connect to the service before the start of Shabbat and set your computer not to go into sleep mode. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

**BHBI** Sunday morning services continue on Zoom at 9:00 AM, see the shul website for the Zoom link.

**SOME THINGS TO DO WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

It is said that Eskimos have 50 different words for snow. Have you ever wondered what concepts have a similar diversity of expression in Yiddish? For the answer, see: <https://vimeo.com/471422504>

For a variety of interesting webinars on religion, Biblical archeology, politics, culture, Israeli affairs, visit the Temple Emanu-El (of New York City) Streicker Center: <https://www.emanuelnyc.org/streickercenter/past-events/>

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2020

|           |        |          |   |
|-----------|--------|----------|---|
| Friday    | Nov 6  | 6:30 PM  | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:37 PM)             |
| Saturday  | Nov 7  | 9:30 AM  | Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Vayeira   |
| Sunday    | Nov 8  | 9:00 AM  | Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link |
| Monday    | Nov 9  | 7:30 PM  | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom   |
| Friday    | Nov 13 | ---      | Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:30 PM)  |
| Saturday  | Nov 14 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information, Torah: Chayei Sarah     |
| Sunday    | Nov 15 | 9:00 AM  | Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link |
| Wednesday | Nov 18 | 7:30 PM  | Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI  |
| Friday    | Nov 20 | 6:30 PM  | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:24 PM)             |
| Saturday  | Nov 21 | 9:30 AM  | Shabbat Morning Service outside, weather permitting, Torah: Toldot  |
| Sunday    | Nov 22 | 9:00 AM  | Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link |
| Friday    | Nov 27 | ---      | Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:20 PM)  |
| Saturday  | Nov 28 | 9:30 AM  | Shabbat Morning outside, weather permitting, Torah: Vayeitzei   |
| Sunday    | Nov 29 | 9:00 AM  | Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link |

### SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in November will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 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 Sarah and Abe Hantman  
*Barbara Hantman*

In memory of Daniel Horowitz  
*Mollie Traub*

In memory of Jean Traub  
*Ken Traub*

In memory of Nina's father Bernard Klionsky  
and in honor of Metlay-Klionsky family birthdays  
*Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky*

### HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Robert Levine and Rise Freedman

Stan and Elaine Schaffer

Judith Mercer

### 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)

**BHBI Website:** [www.BHBIRochester.org](http://www.BHBIRochester.org)

# 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 30-31  | Cheshvan | Nov 6-7              | Cheshvan | Nov 13-14         | Cheshvan /Kislev | Nov 20-21             | Kislev |
|--|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Israel Astrachan*                                  | 13       | Bessie Schnidman*    | 21       | Mary Jaffe*       | 28               | Dorothy Lewis Cohen*  | 5      |
| Marion Grossman*                                   | 13       | Louis Gastel*        | 23       | Harvey Sanow*     | 28               | Mark H. Keyfetz*      | 5      |
| Jacob Markin*                                      | 13       | Dr. Bernard Klionsky | 24       | Fannie Stern*     | 28               | Rachel Olkes*         | 6      |
| Nellie Beckler*                                    | 15       | Nathan Strom*        | 24       | Abraham Friedman* | 29               | Meyer Kovelski*       | 7      |
| Lena Cohen*  | 16       |                      |          | Rose Nidetz       | 30               | Fanny Titof           | 8      |
| Sofya Kaminnik*                                    | 17       |                      |          | Charles Franke    | 2                | Nathan Bernstein*     | 9      |
| Rae Toker  | 17       | Nov 27-38            | Kislev   | Sam Morris*       | 4                | Beatryce Cohen*       | 9      |
| Mosheh Lazar*                                      | 18       | Dr. Mark Blue        | 11       | Israel Schriba*   | 4                | Joseph Louis Shapiro* | 9      |
| Julia Goldman*                                     | 19       | Wolf Schild*         | 12       | Jacob Smilack*    | 4                | Rose Alderman*        | 10     |
| *Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque |          | Jack Soble*          | 14       |                   |                  | Feist Hess*           | 10     |
|  |          | Bernard Rodney       | 17       |                   |                  | Eleanor Teitel        | 10     |

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

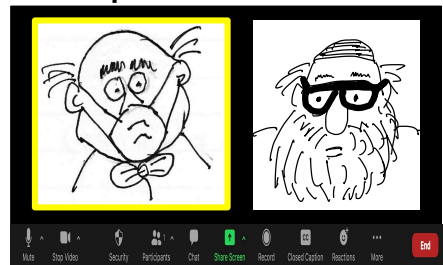
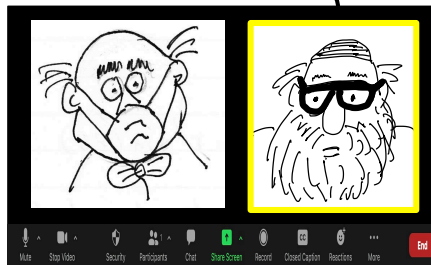
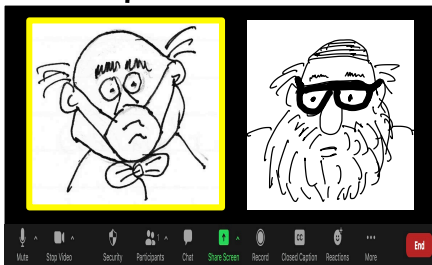
Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britten Road and Mt. Hope Cemeteries and that we sell cemetery plots? If you would like more information, contact Steve Teitel at [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com).

## Life in our Times

I'm starting to really like these Zoom services!

Great! But why are you still wearing your mask?

I don't want to spread any computer viruses



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**OFFICE:** The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Steve Teitel at 473-5741 or Harris Honickman at 271-5145. You can also e-mail us at [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com)

**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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