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December's President's Message

Friends,

The good news, that most of us are aware of, is that there are at least two vaccines which are about to become available and that are both effective and safe. There may be at least two more from several sources very soon. Further, the election has been decided and the ogres have begun to recede back into the shadows.

The conclusion of the election season is a time to rededicate ourselves to the ideals that elections are meant to attain – respect for our fellow citizens, for law and for truth; and for tolerance toward those with whom we disagree.

With the installation of a new administration, we will look with concern on how the nation's policy towards Israel and its neighbors may change. Whatever one thinks of the previous administration, there were favorable – though controversial – shifts in U.S. policy toward Israel. Some supporters of Israel thought the shifts were too favorable while others think they did not go far enough. The dialog to resolve the differences will test how well the election succeeded in achieving the mutual tolerance that a democracy requires.

Chanukah is a time for rededication now, just as it was 2200 years ago. We were successful for much of the time from the spring through the fall in conducting outside services behind our building. Now the weather has turned cold, and though we will try to have services when the unseasonably warm weather permits, it is likely that we won't be able to resume services until the weather turns warmer or a vaccine is released. Meanwhile we can participate with Beth Am's Shabbat Zoom services by logging on before Shabbat begins on Fridays. Look below in this Bulletin for the links and more details. We may be able to obtain special HEPA filters, which could allow limited services – indoors. We will keep the Congregation informed through email.

Happy Chanukah,
Harris Honickman

Services

With the cold weather upon us, **BHBI** will be suspending our outdoor Shabbat Morning Services. Please pay attention to email messages for any new developments.

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> Check the Beth Am website, bethamrochester.org, for updates.

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

HAPPY CHANUKAH!!

Join BHBI and Temple Beth Am for a joint Havdalah and Chanukah Candle Lighting service on Zoom. Saturday, December 12, at 5:30 PM. Visit the BHBI website, www.BHBIRochester.org, for the Zoom link.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – DECEMBER 2020

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|----------|--|
| Friday | Dec 4 | 6:30 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:17 PM) |
| Saturday | Dec 5 | --- | Shabbat Morning, Torah: Vayishlach |
| Sunday | Dec 6 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Dec 11 | --- | Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:17 PM) |
| Saturday | Dec 12 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information, Torah: Vayeishev |
| | | 5:30 PM | Havdalah Service and Chanukah Candle lighting on Zoom – visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Sunday | Dec 13 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | Dec 14 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom |
| Wednesday | Dec 16 | 7:30 PM | Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI |
| Friday | Dec 18 | 6:30 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:19 PM) |
| Saturday | Dec 19 | --- | Shabbat Morning, Torah: Mikeitz |
| Sunday | Dec 20 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Dec 25 | --- | Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:23 PM) |
| Saturday | Dec 26 | --- | Shabbat Morning, Torah: Vayigash |
| Sunday | Dec 27 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in December will be held on Wednesday, December 16th, 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.

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Steve's mother, Eleanor Teitel
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In memory of Betty Rose
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In memory of Peg Toker
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Sue Baker

In memory of her aunt, Barbara Bertman
Jill Clark-Foulkes

In honor of daughter Hannah's birthday
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In memory of Len Gold
Lyn and Norm Adams

In memory of Tanja Block
Cathy Block and Tiffany Vaughan

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

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

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.

| Nov 27-28 | Kislev | Dec 4-5 | Kislev | Dec 18-19 | Tevet | Dec 25-26 | Tevet |
|--|--------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Dr. Mark Blue | 11 | Edward M. Hart | 19 | Morton Fink* | 4 | Maurice Bloom* | 11 |
| Wolf Schild* | 12 | Hyman Ring* | 20 | Abraham Weinstein* | 4 | Sadye Abelman* | 12 |
| Jack Soble* | 14 | Joseph Goldberg* | 21 | Abraham Stolnitz* | 5 | Sol Lazarus* | 12 |
| Bernard Rodney | 17 | Ida Bobb | 24 | Barbara Bertman* | 6 | Fannie Osband* | 13 |
| | | Emanuel Kovelski* | 24 | Sigmund Traub* | 6 | Joseph Morris* | 14 |
| | | Sarah Hoffman* | 25 | Meriam Jossem* | 7 | Celia Suskind* | 14 |
| | | Hyman Snider* | 25 | Mary Franke | 8 | Dora Rogovin* | 15 |
| | | | | David Goodman* | 8 | Nathan Goldberg | 16 |
| *Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque | | Dec 11-12 | Kislev | Selma Kauffman Lansky* | 9 | Fannie Sablowsky* | 17 |
| | | Michael Miller* | 27 | Rebecca H. Nussbaum* | 10 | Philip Sanzel* | 17 |
| | | Emma Aranow* | 28 | William Silverstein* | 10 | Joseph Schiff* | 17 |
| | | Karen Cohen | 28 | | | Hannah Senzel* | 17 |
| | | Morris Kanthor* | 3 | | | | |

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.

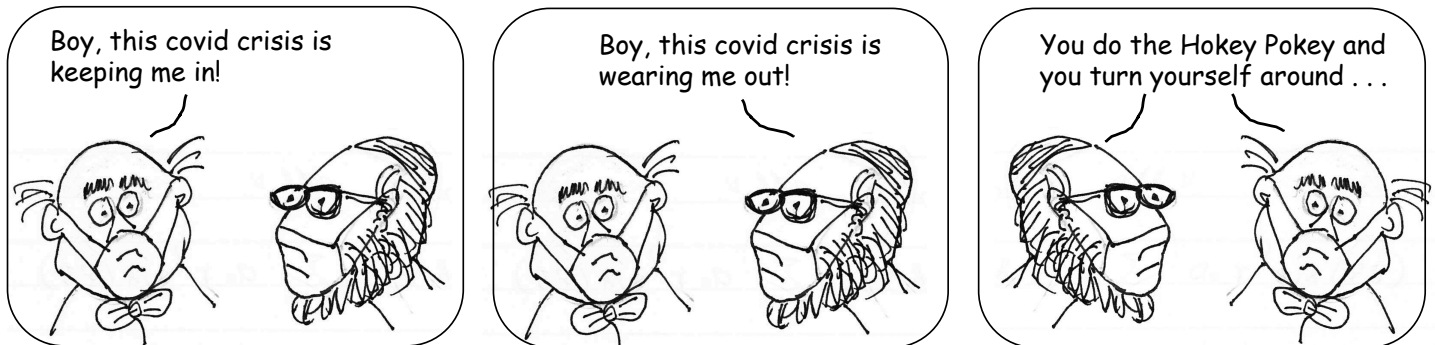
MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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.

CEMETERY PLOTS

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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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WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Steve Teitel at: BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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