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January's President's Message

Friends,

We ended 2020 first with Chanukah and then with much of the community celebrating Festivus -- or something like that -- with the hopeful expectation that two vaccines would soon be available. Unlike so many disappointments last year, this expectation was met. There may be more vaccines from other sources. As we inferred in the last letter, how bad would we feel if instead of us all celebrating, we were to find ourselves mourning someone who had succumbed so close the conclusion of this plague? To prevent that, there is a clear path. You know the drill . . . follow the instructions of medical experts, wear masks, keep a safe social distance and wash hands regularly . . . yada, yada, yada.

Thanks to a grant from the Farash Foundation, we received six Winix HEPA air purifiers. We are arranging and setting them up in sanctuary. We will be able to have services with them, when we have a condition of Yellow or better in the neighborhood. We'll still need to wear masks and keep 6 feet apart.

Even though it is the dead of winter, the evening of January 27 is the beginning of Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees. Shevat is near the beginning of winter when the rainy season is ending in the Land of Israel and the trees are about to begin new growth. It is traditional to partake of seven species of fruit and grains native to that land. Because of the pandemic, we will refrain from gathering together for a Tu B'Shevat seder, but we can still enjoy one with our families with whom we cohabit.

Please watch your email for notice of when we can resume services in our building. Then, once again, I can sign off with . . .

See you at shul,
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 TU B'SHEVAT – January 28!!

Yiddish word for the new year:

oysgezoomt – to be wiped out from Zooming all day (literally, "all Zoomed out")

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BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JANUARY 2021

Friday	Jan 1	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:28 PM)
Saturday	Jan 2	---	Shabbat Morning, Torah: Vayechi
Sunday	Jan 3	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Jan 8	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:35 PM)
Saturday	Jan 9	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information, Torah: Shemot
Sunday	Jan 10	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Jan 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Jan 15	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:43 PM)
Saturday	Jan 16	---	Shabbat Morning, Torah: Va'eira
Sunday	Jan 17	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Wednesday	Jan 20	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Jan 22	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 4:52 PM)
Saturday	Jan 23	---	Shabbat Morning, Torah: Bo
Sunday	Jan 24	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Jan 29	---	Erev Shabbat (light candles 5:01 PM)
Saturday	Jan 30	---	Shabbat Morning, Torah: Beshalach
Sunday	Jan 31	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 January will be held on Wednesday, January 20th, 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 honor of Mark Toker's birthday
Lynn and Norm Adams

In memory of Jack Glazer
Ruth and Steve Teitel

In memory of Barbara Bertman
Renee Bertman-Hilton

In memory of Bessie and Albert Senzel, Sylvia and Haskell
Hollander, Eva and Abraham Friedman
Joyce and Bruce Senzel

In memory of Nathan Goldberg
Estate of Phil Garver

In memory of Sigmund Traub
Mollie and Ken Traub

In memory of Suzan Litten
Sue Baker

In honor of Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay
Dave Rogachefsky

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

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.

Jan 1-2	Tevet	Jan 8-9	Tevet/ Shvat	Jan 15-16	Shvat	Jan 29-30	Shvat
Louis Bernstein*	18	Samuel Meilstein*	26	Etta Levinson*	4	Morris Gurian*	17
Carl Kleinstein*	18	Ida Boyarsky*	27	Ida Silver*	4	Paul Israel	18
Rose Needler*	18	Jack Glazer	28	Sidney Applebaum*	6	Gitla Perkal*	18
Estelle Hirsch*	19	Joe Lazarus*	28	Jacob Komenski*	6	Samuel Spencer	18
Shie Schnidman*	19	Jean Spencer	1	Gidda Strauss*	6	Besse Gold	20
Anna Buff*	21	Morris Weinstein*	2	Morris Suskind*	7	Benjamin Lapides*	20
Benjamin Dvorkin*	21			Hyman Aaron Nusbaum*	8	Simon Pogal*	21
Goldie Simon*	23	Jan 22-23	Shvat	Herman Strauss*	8	Jacob Rubenstein*	21
Leah Keyfetz*	24	Daniel Hirsch*	10	Dvora Brodie*	9	E. Sarah Maltinsky*	23
Esther Sanzel*	24	Miriam Weinberger	12	Samuel Goldman*	9		
		Joesph Yudelson	12				
		Abraham Newell*	13				
		Anna Sanow*	13				
		Stanley Clark*	16				

*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque

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.

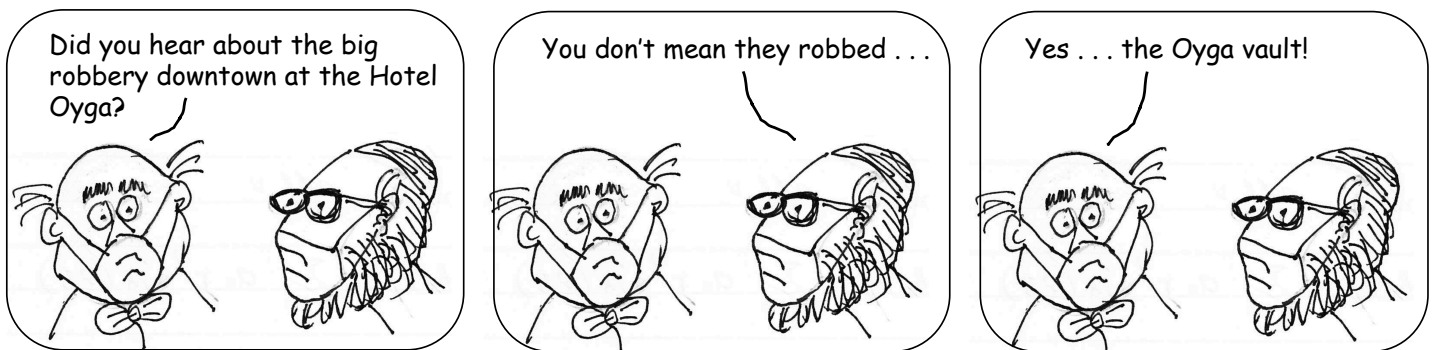
MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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.

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