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August's President's Message

Friends,

We are in the midst of the “dog days of summer” otherwise known as the “summer doldrums.” The latter reference to doldrums refers to an area in the oceans close to the equator called the intertropical convergence zone. That’s where tall sailing ships often encountered calm winds that left the ships stalled and unable to progress on their journey. The “dog days of summer” is actually a misnomer. The “dog days” refer to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, which means “big dog” in Latin and is supposed to represent one of Orion’s hunting dogs.

To the Greeks and Romans, the “dog days” occurred around the time Sirius appeared to rise alongside the sun, in late July in the Northern Hemisphere. They believed the heat from the two stars combined to make these days the hottest of the year, a period that could bring fever or even natural or manmade catastrophe.

In ancient times the summer was also when disease and plagues would more frequently afflict whole communities, though the causes are well understood today. The current COVID-19 pandemic is not so much related to the seasons; however one cannot avoid a sense that the doldrums have taken hold of many of us in dealing with the pandemic, including those responsible in local and national government. Too many are reluctant to deal with new data – facts – as they emerge.

And the facts are inescapable. The Delta variant is spreading rapidly, and the roughly 50% of the U.S. population that, at this writing, is not fully vaccinated is at risk. Further, even those who are fully vaccinated have some risk, albeit small, of being infected; thus far it has been found that vaccinated people who get infected do not become seriously ill, but new data may change that conclusion. My concern is the variants to come, i.e. epsilon, zeta, eta ... You get the idea. Each of us is a petri dish for new mutations, unless we get to herd immunity when more than 70% of people are fully vaccinated.

It now appears that medical authorities are moving toward a recommendation that we all return to wearing masks when indoors or in large crowds. There is some inconsistent, confusing and ever changing support for that position among our political leaders. Some of our members have been urging us to relax our COVID restrictions during services. My sense is that we should continue with masks, social distancing, abbreviated services and limiting contact during the Torah service.

It is frustrating to acknowledge that progress with COVID is not relentlessly positive. There will be periods when we may need to pause or even reverse relaxing restrictions.

Whatever the Greeks and Romans may have thought caused catastrophes during the summer, it was during such a time that the Temple was twice destroyed in Jerusalem. Now, following the Haftorahs of Rebuke which led up to Tisha B’Av, we are now reading the Haftorahs of Consolation and preparing for the High Holidays. We will have a Selichot service at BHBI on Sunday morning, August 29, at 9 AM. Selichot are penitential prayers at the end of Elul in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

See you in shul,
Harris Honickman

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Aug 1	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 6	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 8:07 PM)
Saturday	Aug 7	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Re'eh
Sunday	Aug 8	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Aug 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Aug 13	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 7:57 PM)
Saturday	Aug 14	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shoftim
Sunday	Aug 15	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 20	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am – see below for further information (light candles 7:47 PM)
Saturday	Aug 21	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Teitzei
Sunday	Aug 22	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 27	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am – see below for further information (light candles 7:35 PM)
Saturday	Aug 28	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Tavo
Sunday	Aug 29	9:00 AM	Selichot Service jointly with Temple Beth Am at BHBI

SERVICES

BHBI has resumed in-person Shabbat Morning Services, each Saturday at 10 AM. We meet indoors in our sanctuary, where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. Masks are required, KN95 masks available, and seating is socially distanced. If you feel comfortable to attend, we would love to welcome you back to services! Sunday morning services continue on Zoom at 9:00 AM, see the shul website for the Zoom link.

Temple Beth Am has Shabbat Evening Services every Friday at 6 PM on Zoom. 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>

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our monthly Torah study session is temporarily suspended.

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Mark Rose
*Estate of Pearl (Peg) Toker, and the
Toker-Nidetz Family, Leslie, Jeff and Mark*

In memory Sidney Gold
Linda and Norm Adams

In memory of mother Goldie Glazer
Ruth and Steve Teitel

In memory of David Gordon
Estate of Phil Garver

In memory of Haim Menachem Levy
Rose Israel

Mazal Tov to Nina's relatives Ben and Mariah
on the birth of a baby boy
Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org



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Temple Beth Am

Joint Yizkor Book 2021

Dear Temple Friends and Family,

Temple Beth Am and Congregation Beth Hamedresh–Beth Israel will again jointly publish an annual Yizkor Memorial Book in time for Yom Kippur. We use this book in place of the prayer book for each of the Yizkor services throughout the year. Our book will contain the Yizkor service, special readings, prayers, Kaddish, and a memorial list of our dearly departed. Having your loved ones included in the Yizkor Book is a dignified way of remembering and paying tribute to those who have been called to their eternal rest.

The congregations will share the production costs and will share the proceeds in proportion to the participation from each congregation. Please make your checks payable to Temple Beth Am or Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel as appropriate, and mark them Yizkor Book in the memo.

To have your relatives and friends listed in the Memoriam, **please complete the form on the back of this letter and return it by August 23rd to:**

Yizkor Book
c/o Bruce Nelson
120 Cobblestone Dr
Rochester, NY 14623

Do not send it to any temple office. All listings must be prepaid. Listings not prepaid by press time will not be published.

One, two or three names will be priced at \$18.00 (the number corresponding to Chai, the Hebrew word for life). Additional names, beyond the first three, are \$5.00 each name. Please print the names clearly since they will appear in the Yizkor Book exactly as you submit them.

The booklets will be mailed to you before Yom Kippur.

Shalom,

The Yizkor Memorial Book Committee

Hurry! Deadline is August 23rd



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Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel**



Temple Beth Am

Joint Yizkor Book 2021

The format of the Yizkor Book is as follows:

Remembered by

Please print your name or names as you wish it/them to appear in this book

In Loving Memory of

Print each name you want listed on a separate line. Example: Abraham and Sarah Person should be written on 2 lines, as they represent 2 names and 2 listings in our book. DO NOT use Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr.; just first and last names. Titles will not appear in the Yizkor Book. Remember to print the names clearly since they will appear in the Yizkor Book exactly as you print them. Add additional pages if needed.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO BRUCE NELSON BY August 23, 2021
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Checks must be received before names are published.

Rates: \$18 for one, two or three names. Each additional listing beyond three is \$5

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____

Your Congregation BHBI BETH AM

Number of names listed _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Number of booklets to mail to you (if you will not be attending live on Yom Kippur) (max 2) _____

Please send this form along with payment to : **Yizkor Book
c/o Bruce Nelson
120 Cobblestone Dr
Rochester, NY 14623**

For office use only

Payment Received

Names entered in Book

Date: _____

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 6-7	Av/Elul	Aug 13-14	Elul	Aug 20-21	Elul	Aug 27-28	Elul
Harry Eber*	30	Celia Goodman*	7	Morris Mittelman*	13	Winston Block	20
Bernard W. Engel*	30	Irving Mack*	8	Sylvia Album*	14	Abraham Goldman*	21
Rose Gordon	30	Fran Dubin Gulack	10	Isidor Hess*	14	Maurice Seide*	21
Eva Lederman*	2	David Nidetz	12	Frumeh Hinensky*	14	Hyman Senzel*	22
Albert Joffe*	4	Anna Zakofsky*	12	A. Ben Glaser*	16	Bessie Cominsky*	23
Harold Krinsky*	4			Celia Wolk*	17	Harry Rogachefsky*	24
Ethel Strom*	4	*Denotes name		Leonard Carl Grossman*	18	Rose Levin*	25
Gladys Glazer	5	memorialized on				David Goldman*	26
Judith Rodney	5	BHBI Memorial					
Tanya Yudelson	5	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

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.

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

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

Rochester Jewish Film Festival – August 1 to 8

For further information and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://rjff2021.eventive.org/welcome>

SELICHOT SERVICE

In preparation for the High Holy Days (which come early this year!), we will have a Selichot Service, in-person at BHBI, on Sunday August 29 at 9am. High Holy Day information will be given in the September Bulletin.

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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

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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