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November's President's Message

Friends,

This month I have a somewhat disjointed message which reflects my state of mind at present and things I am dealing with.

Last year I was rooting for Tampa Bay in the World Series against Los Angeles because I still hold a grudge against the Dodgers for leaving Brooklyn in 1957. This year, because my father was a long time Giants fan, I favored them against the wild card Dodgers even though the Giants also left New York the same year. Well the Dodgers beat the Giants in the division series, so I'm glad the Atlanta Braves beat the ex-Brooklynites for the pennant. In the World Series, I'm going with the Braves this year against Houston; they cheated less in recent years than the Astros. Yes, I know, the Giants' Barry Bonds was no paradigm of integrity for playing by the rules.

The hyper partisan events in our country, including the irrational opposition to vaccination, the racial strife, the anti-Zionism among some who call themselves Progressive, along with the disappointing conclusion of the war in Afghanistan gives one – well at least me – a sense that we are in a dystopian era. Some of the popular media series reflect this. Think of *The Walking Dead*, *The Hunger Games*, and the *Squid Game* (thanks to Steve Teitel for informing me about that last one).

We took down the Sukkah – with help from Leon Metlay, Nina Klionsky, James Metlay, Steve Teitel, Tamara Strubel, and Ira Cohen. Right in the middle of the proceedings, thanks to Steve's acute sense of smell, we detected a gas leak in the basement. After visits by the Rochester Fire Department and RG&E, we had the leaks in the gas lines fixed and there is now no danger. However, the total cost for the repairs – not completed as yet – to our furnaces and gas lines will be considerable.

Chanukah arrives quite early this year, falling at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend on Sunday November 28. We should remember that the events surrounding the first Chanukah paralleled the dystopian circumstances in our present. There was a passionate devotion and defense of our faith in G-d and the Torah against external and internal attempts assimilate the practices of the Hellenistic culture. The miracle of Chanukah commemorates the victory that helped to preserve our faith. In succeeding years, even those streams of thought and philosophy that did not contradict Jewish practice, were sometimes viewed as controversial. The discussion about the perceived conflict between science and Jewish ethics continues to this day and still divides us.

We will communicate through email to the Congregation later in November what our plans are for celebrating Chanukah. Our plans will take account our concerns on how to limit exposure to COVID.

Happy Chanukah,
Harris Honickman

**ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd , 6:00 AM TO 9:00 PM
VOTE AT YOUR REGULAR POLLING PLACE**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday morning November 7.

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2021

Friday	Nov 5	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 5:39 PM)
Saturday	Nov 6	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Toldot
Sunday	Nov 7	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Nov 8	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Nov 12	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 4:31 PM)
Saturday	Nov 13	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeitzei
Sunday	Nov 14	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Nov 19	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 4:25 PM)
Saturday	Nov 20	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Nov 21	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Nov 26	---	No service at Temple Beth Am this evening (light candles 4:20 PM)
Saturday	Nov 27	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Nov 28	9:00 AM sundown	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link Erev Chanukah!!!

SHABBAT SERVICES

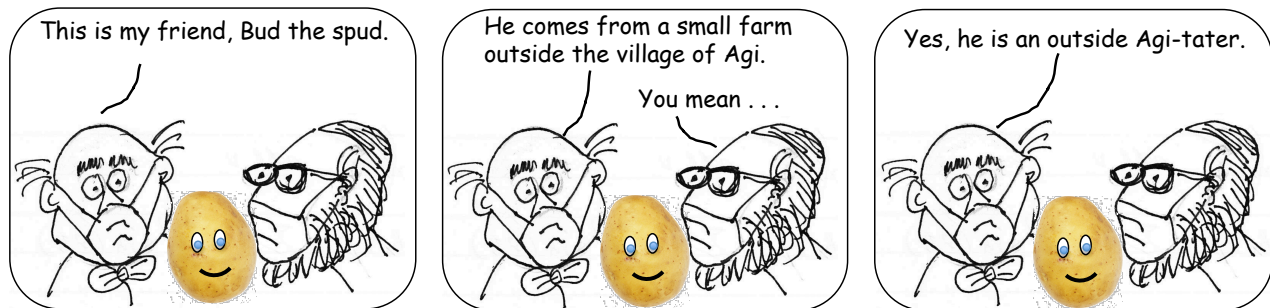
BHBI has resumed in-person **Shabbat Morning Services**, each Saturday at 10 AM. We meet indoors in our sanctuary, where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. Masks are required, KN95 masks available, and seating is socially distanced. Sunday morning services continue on Zoom at 9:00 AM, see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

Temple Beth Am has **Shabbat Evening Services** every Friday at 6 PM live-streamed on Zoom. Several services each month (see calendar above) are also in-person in the TBA sanctuary as well as on Zoom. If you wish to join in-person, reservations are required at least two days before the service. Make reservations by emailing Ronna Marsh at ronnamarsh@yahoo.com. For in-person services, masks are required and you must present proof of covid vaccination (a valid vaccination card or NYS Excelsior pass) either at the service or in advance by emailing Ronna. If you wish to join the Zoom stream, please connect to the service before the start of Shabbat/Holiday and set your computer not to go into sleep mode. Please confirm service details by going to the Beth Am website, bethamrochester.org. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

Kristallnacht Remembrance - Propaganda: Past & Present

Wednesday, November 10, 7 pm on Zoom: Steven Luckert, Senior Program Curator in the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. To register, go here: https://monroecommunity.zoom.us/meeting/register/%20tZMrce-gqjkqE9Pz_rUaCbb7FevbqJSYIiKi

Life in our Times



YAHREZEITS

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.

Nov 5-6	Kislev	Nov 12-13	Kislev	Nov 19-20	Kislev	Nov 26-27	Kislev
Charles Franke	2	Nathan Bernstein*	9	Bernard Rodney	17	Ida Bobb	24
Sam Morris*	4	Beatryce Cohen*	9	Edward M. Hart	19	Emanuel Koveliski*	24
Israel Schriba*	4	Joseph Louis Shapiro*	9	Hyman Ring*	20	Sarah Hoffman*	25
Jacob Smilack*	4	Rose Alderman*	10	Joseph Goldberg*	21	Hyman Snider*	25
Dorothy Lewis Cohen*	5	Feist Hess*	10			Michael Miller*	27
Mark H. Keyfetz*	5	Eleanor Teitel	10			Emma Aranow*	28
Rachel Olkes*	6	Dr. Mark Blue	11	*Denotes name		Karen Cohen	28
Meyer Koveliski*	7	Wolf Schild*	12	memorialized on			
Fanny Titof	8	Jack Soble*	14	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

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

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Paula Bobb

Tamara Strubel

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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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