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# BULLETIN

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## **February's President's Message**

Friends,

I've never been a passionate sports fan, with the exception of baseball from 1962 to 1966. Those were the years when Willie Mays was leading the Giants in the National League pennant races – often against the Dodgers. The Giants only won the 1962 pennant after tying with the Dodgers for the regular season, then won the 3 game playoff, lost the World Series and didn't win the pennant again for 27 years. As for football, my brief attempts at touch football are too embarrassing to even mention and even more painful for me to remember.

I've always been struck by the enthusiasm that others have for football even if I'm put off by the apparent violence and injuries that often afflict players. I have to admit, I admire the skill, coordination, strategy and the hundreds of hours of practice that go into creating the plays where a receiver runs with his back to the quarterback, and times his turn around to catch a well-aimed throw from the QB.

I'm probably indulging in hyperbole if I compare the role of a shul president to that of a quarterback. I do have to coordinate with the vice-presidents, treasurer, and secretary, the Board of Trustees and the congregation. There are individual members who have special concerns for themselves and unique views on how the shul should be run. My dual role as building chairman has brought me into an intimate relationship with the bowels of our building. That last sentence took on a too literal meaning when the sewer repeatedly backed up into the basement this past fall.

Enabling our members to participate in our services has been our primary focus during the pandemic. We have taken all the precautions recommended by medical authorities. Some of those precautions are onerous and that probably has affected attendance at services. We held a special meeting recently and are looking for ways to increase attendance, especially on Shabbat. It's been suggested that we have a signup sheet online, on which one indicates dates that they could be counted on to attend. We will send out an email link when that's up and running. I've spoken and written in the past – along with previous presidents - how we view our services, the role of the siddur, the rituals and the meaning they hold. We want have services that are meaningful and which meet the needs of all our members.

We are open to suggestions on ways the make our services more inviting. Please let me know your ideas.

See you at shul,  
*Harris Honickman*

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

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2022

Friday	Feb 4	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 5:09 PM)
Saturday	Feb 5	---	No Service at BHBI this morning    Torah: Terumah
Sunday	Feb 6	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 11	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 5:18 PM)
Saturday	Feb 12	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI    Torah: Tetzaveh
Sunday	Feb 13	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Feb 14	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Feb 18	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom only – see below for further information (light candles 5:27 PM)
Saturday	Feb 19	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI    Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Feb 20	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 25	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 5:36 PM)
Saturday	Feb 26	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI    Torah: Vayak'hel
Sunday	Feb 27	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link

### SHABBAT SERVICES

**BHBI** has 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. All attendees must be vaccinated and wearing a surgical, KN95 or N95 face mask at all times. KN95 masks are available in the sanctuary for those who need. 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** most Fridays at 6 PM live-streamed on Zoom and/or in-person (see calendar above). For in-person attendance, reservations are required at least two days before the service, by emailing Ronna Marsh at [ronnamarsh@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnamarsh@yahoo.com). Masks and proof of covid vaccination (a valid vaccination card or NYS Excelsior pass) are required. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

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## YAHREZITS

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.

Feb 4-5	Adar I	Feb 11-12	Adar I	Feb 18-19	Adar I	Feb 25-26	Adar I/II
Samuel Goldstein*	10	Muriel Hobel*	17	Edna Astrachan*	19	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25
				Carl Astrachan*	21	Eva Friedman*	28
*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque				Herman Sarachan*	21	Sam Finkelstein*	1
						Mary Weinreb*	1

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.

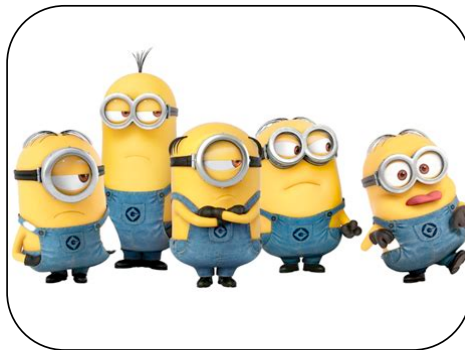
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## CEMETERY PLOTS

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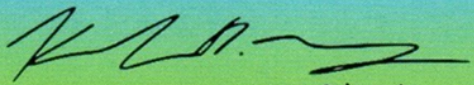
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