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May's President's Message

Friends,

April has started out as it typically does in Rochester – gray, cold and rainy with a few snow showers. Let's see if May follows like the song says it should ... with flowers. The COVID restrictions have largely been relaxed but we have to wonder if that is premature given the upsurge in new infections from new variants. Is wearing a mask really that onerous? I came to think of it as something of a fashion statement.

There are some things that I never thought I would live see. One was the collapse of the Soviet Union. In the late 1980s, I thought that it would just continue to go on for decades. Now we see the Russian Revolution has come full circle with the effective re-establishment of a Czarist regime with economic inequality in Russia more extreme than it was in the U.S. during the gilded age. The brutality of Putin's war on Ukraine has reached a level reminiscent of other mass killings in the 20th Century. Of course we've known of mass killings in Asia, Africa and Central America – and it is not acceptable to be more outraged about such atrocities in Europe than in those places, but I had put it out of mind that it could re-occur in Europe – with the notable exception of Bosnia in the 1990s. And if that was not enough, Russian officials have made not so subtle statements about the possible use of tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine. The unthinkable is not so impossible.

UN Special Envoy for Mid-East Peace, Tor Wennesland, refrained from blaming Israel for the recent violence on the Temple Mount, when videos showed Palestinian rioters throwing rocks, setting fireworks and using barricades of refuse in the mosque. Meanwhile, what the U.S. and others find completely unacceptable, is that some Jews want to pray out loud on the Temple Mount in violation of the centuries old ban on Jewish worship there. That ban is officially labeled "status quo".

This is my last message to you for my term in office. I have tried to keep these letters relevant to Jewish concerns, our Congregation's needs and have sometimes indulged my own sense of whimsy to convey my messages. It has been an honor to be president of our shul. I look forward to supporting our next president that you will choose next month at our Annual Meeting.

See you at shul,

Harris Honickman

BHBI ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 3 PM – in person at BHBI

Come join us to vote in our new Officers and Trustees, approve our annual budget, and make your views known! Please make every effort to attend because we need a quorum to conduct business. If you cannot attend, you may send a proxy for someone attending the meeting to vote on your behalf. Each attending member may cast up to two proxies. But proxies do not count towards the quorum.

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 by Thursday 9pm. Contact Paul Breese-Garelick at (585) 738-1028 or Paul.breese.garelick@gmail.com. Masks are optional but proof of covid vaccination (a valid vaccination card or NYS Excelsior pass) is required. The Beth Am Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2022

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| Sunday | May 1 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | May 6 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:59 PM) |
| Saturday | May 7 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Kedoshim |
| Sunday | May 8 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | May 9 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom |
| Friday | May 13 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:07 PM) |
| Saturday | May 14 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Emor |
| Sunday | May 15 | 9:00 AM 3:00 PM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link BHBI Annual Members Meeting, in-person at BHBI |
| Friday | May 20 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:14 PM) |
| Saturday | May 21 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behar |
| Sunday | May 22 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | May 27 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:21 PM) |
| Saturday | May 28 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Bechukotai |
| Sunday | May 29 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Yom HaZikaron – Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers: Tuesday, May 3, 7pm in-person and on Zoom at Temple Beth El. Registration required, go to: <https://jewishfederationofgreaterroche.regfox.com/yom-hazikaron-2022>

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration – Israel's Independence Day: Thursday, May 5, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the JCC. Kosher Dinner by Sabra Grill (must order in advance), music, dancing, activity stations and more! Register at: <https://jewishfederationofgreaterroche.regfox.com/yom-haatzmaut-2022>

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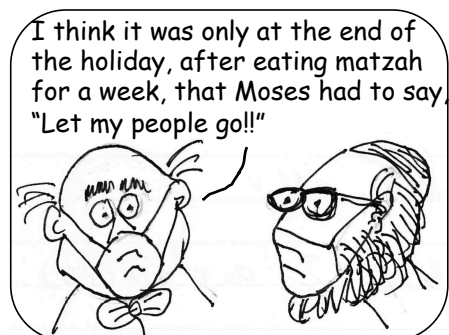
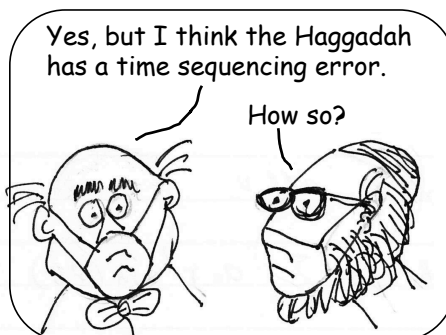
In memory of Meshullam Langerman
Ayala Emmett

In memory of Beverly Honickman
Harris and Aline Honickman

In memory of Jack Rodney
Paula Bobb

In memory of Samuel Gastel
Jill Clark-Foulkes

Life in our Times:



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.

| May 6-7 | Iyar | May 13-14 | Iyar | May 20-21 | Iyar | May 27-28 | Iyar/Sivan |
|------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|------|--------------------------|------------|
| Hyman Goldberg* | 6 | David Gross* | 13 | Samuel Gastel* | 21 | Leopold Buchbinder* | 27 |
| Morton Lewis | 6 | Johanna Schild* | 13 | Samuel Sanow* | 22 | Charles Bertman* | 27 |
| Harry Gordon* | 7 | Haskell Isaac Smith* | 15 | Esther Leah Silverman* | 24 | Isadore D. Goldberg* | 27 |
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| Harry Cominsky* | 11 | Samuel J. Weisenberg* | 16 | Annette Garver | 26 | Abraham Goldman* | 28 |
| Tessie Yablin* | 11 | Libby Goldberg* | 18 | | | Arnold Kauffman* | 28 |
| Dr. Murray Cowen* | 12 | | | | | Shirley B. Dvorkin* | 29 |
| | | | | | | Samuel Schwartz* | 1 |
| | | | | | | Sam Dubin | 2 |
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| | | | | | | Bessie Klein* | 2 |
| | | | | | | Rose Levin* | 4 |
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*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

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.

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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 – *kiddushim are temporarily suspended due to COVID.*

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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