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July's President's Message

Friends,

As the story goes, Paul Dirac, one of the preeminent theoretical physicists of the 20th century, was once giving a public lecture. Upon finishing, an old woman stood up in the back of the lecture hall to ask, "Prof. Dirac, isn't it true that the Earth is carried around the sun on the back of a large turtle?" Dirac replied, "But Madam, what is supporting that turtle?" The woman replied, "Why, obviously, another turtle!" Unfazed, Dirac asked back, "But Madam, what is *that* turtle resting on?" To which the woman replied, "It is no use Prof. Dirac, you can't fool me. *It is turtles all the way down!*"

I was reminded of this story as I watched the hearings of the House Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the Capitol. We may have different opinions on whom we *wish* would have won the 2020 Presidential election, but the evidence seems to leave zero doubt as to who actually *did* win. And yet large swaths of the American public, let alone representatives in government, continue to believe in, or advocate for, the Big Lie -- that the 2020 election was stolen. Facts no longer seem to matter, not even obvious or well-investigated ones. All that matters is what one believes. It is turtles all the way down.

And speaking of elections, Israel is now on its way to a fifth round of elections in three and a half years. The government headed by Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid, comprising an unlikely coalition of right-wing, centrist, left-wing, and Islamist parties, and holding a bare one-vote majority, lasted longer than most expected. That majority was eroded by the recent defection of one of Bennett's party members, and then the anticipated defection of a second. The straw that broke the camel's back was the attempt of the government to extend a law, in effect since 1967 but requiring extension every 5 years, that applies Israeli civil law to Israeli settlers in the West Bank (Palestinian residents of the West Bank are under Israeli military law). Many of the left-wing members of the governing coalition, although ideologically opposed to this law, voted in favor for the sake of preserving the coalition. The right-wing members of the Netanyahu led opposition, although ideologically in favor of this law, voted against for the sake of bringing down the government. Unable to pass the extension of the law, and fearing the chaos that would ensue if the law expired, Bennett and Lapid decided to dissolve the Knesset and call for new elections in the fall. In this situation, the law will remain in effect until a new government is sworn in. It remains to be seen if new elections will yield a more stable governing coalition, or if we will see a repeat of the previous four indecisive elections.

Back on the home front, I am sad to report that Brownstein's Deli and Bakery in Brighton will close its retail store at the end of July, after 35 years in business. Details may be found on their Facebook page.

Well, at least the weather has been nice.

See you at shul,
Steve Teitel

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 on page 2). 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 – JULY 2022

Friday	July 1	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person (TBK room 103) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:36 PM)
Saturday	July 2	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Korach
Sunday	July 3	9:30 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	July 8	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person (TBK room 103) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:34 PM)
Saturday	July 9	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chukat
Sunday	July 10	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	July 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	July 15	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (dinner to follow) – also live streamed at https://www.tberochester.org/live-stream/ (light candles 8:30 PM)
Saturday	July 16	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Balak
Sunday	July 17	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	July 22	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person (TBK room 103) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:24 PM)
Saturday	July 23	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Pinchas
Sunday	July 24	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	July 29	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El – also live streamed at https://www.tberochester.org/live-stream/ (light candles 8:17 PM)
Saturday	July 30	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Matot/Massei
Sunday	July 31	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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In memory of Bessie Baker, Maurice Baker, and Robert Baker
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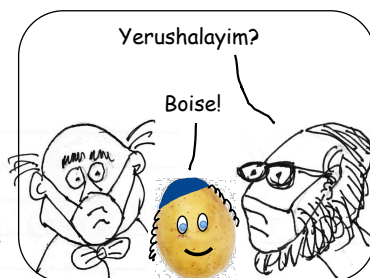
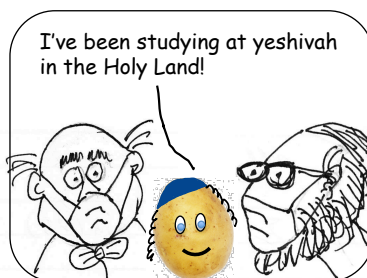
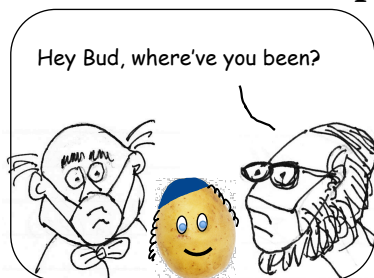
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In memory of Max Vogelstein
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In memory of Nelli Ahuva Metlay
Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay

The Adventures of Bud the Spud



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.

July 1-2	Tamuz	July 8-9	Tamuz	July 15-16	Tamuz	July 22-23	Tamuz/Av
Eva Goodman*	3	Eva Krinsky*	10	Sam Hector*	20	Nelli Ahuva Metlay*	24
Rose Joffe*	3	Esther Walder Kliensky	11	Harry Sarachan*	20	Ira Edward Potter*	24
Jennie Epstein*	4	Phillip Morrow*	11	Rose Schiff*	20	Inge Schaffer	24
David Glasser*	4	Rochli Rothschild*	11	Louis Edelson*	21	Thelma Ring Smith*	25
Alan Fishman	5	Gad Strubel*	13	Bernard Sallerson*	21	Irwin Bertman*	26
Morris Krinsky*	7	Rachel Strauss*	14	Max Goodman*	23	Oscar Hart	27
Sarah Schnidman*	9	Rachel Morris*	14	David Gordon*	23	Mark Rose	27
Rabbi Aaron Solomon*	9	Sarah Singer*	15			Abraham Schriba*	27
		Yetta Goldman*	16	July 29-30	Av	Hyman Tanenbaum*	28
Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Sheila Kleinstein	16	Benjamin Bobb	2	Celia Silverstein*	29
		Sarah Markin*	16	Joseph Greenbaum*	2	Sidney Gold	1
				Moses Berkowitz*	3	Louis Schiff*	1
				Kathy Shur	5		
				Julian Sugarman	7		
				Anna Berman*	8		
				George Cohen*	8		

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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