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November's President's Message

Friends,

The holidays are finally over! With the small shul collaborative we had minyans for all but one evening service on Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. Thanks to all who participated and helped to organize and lead the services.

Our new sukkah went up quickly, and came down almost as quickly! Shaped like a box kite, it tried to take off on one windy day, to be found later resting on its sechach. We had to take down the walls as a precaution against flying away again. Next year we will use weights to hold it down.

We now enter the month of Cheshvan, which in Talmudic sources is called Marcheshvan. The usual interpretation is that "mar" means "bitter," and Cheshvan is bitter because there are no Jewish holidays in it. Unfortunately, this Cheshvan may turn out bitter for a number of other reasons. This Cheshvan will be the month for elections! We start with the run-off election in Brazil on Sunday (Oct 30). Voters will choose between current right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro and left-wing former President "Lula" da Silva. At stake may be the future of the Amazon rain forest. We follow with Israeli national elections on Tuesday, November 1. Vying for power will be a right-wing coalition of the Likud, Religious Zionists, and Orthodox parties led by Netanyahu, vs the anyone-but-Netanyahu coalition consisting of the centrist Yesh Atid party of current prime minister Lapid, leftist Labor and Meretz, right of center Yisrael Beiteinu, and new centrist National Unity party led by former IDF chiefs Gantz and Eizenkot, and former Likudnik Sa'ar. The Arab parties, which ran on a united list two elections back, then fractured into two lists for the last election, has now fragmented into three separate lists. Yet the race is so tight that the Arab vote might prove influential. This will be the fifth national election in the last three years, and it remains unclear whether it will produce a stable governing coalition or not. Finally, a week later on November 8, we will have our own US elections. Never, in recent times, has our country seemed more divided. Whatever your political viewpoint, I urge you most strongly to go and vote. Early voting in New York begins on Saturday, October 29. You can find a list of early voting times and locations in our October Bulletin, or by going to: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>

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** on Fridays at 6 PM. Services are in-person at Temple Beth El, usually in the TBE Chapel, and live-streamed on Zoom. For the Zoom link and other details, visit the Beth Am website: <https://bethamrochester.org/>

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6. Turn your clocks back one hour at 2 am.

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2022

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| Friday | Nov 4 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE main sanctuary) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:40 PM) |
| Saturday | Nov 5 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Lech Lecha |
| Sunday | Nov 6 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Nov 11 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:32 PM) |
| Saturday | Nov 12 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeira |
| Sunday | Nov 13 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | Nov 14 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board Meeting on Zoom |
| Friday | Nov 18 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:26 PM) |
| Saturday | Nov 19 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chayei Sarah |
| Sunday | Nov 20 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Nov 25 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 4:21 PM) |
| Saturday | Nov 26 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Toldot |
| Sunday | Nov 27 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Ira Cohen
Tracie Fishman
Nat Goodhartz
Harris and Aline Honickman

The Mercers
Alan Resnick
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky
Jeffrey Nidetz and Leslie Toker
Robert Levine and Rise Friedman

Herbert Spencer
David Rogachefsky
Stephen and Ruth Teitel
Kenneth and Mollie Traub

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

To the cemetery fund in memory of Beverly Clark
Jill Clark-Foulkes

In memory of Leon Titof
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In memory of Tante Bev Clark
Renee Bertman-Hilton

In memory of Herbert Hirsch and of Paul Halpern
Phyllis Hirsch

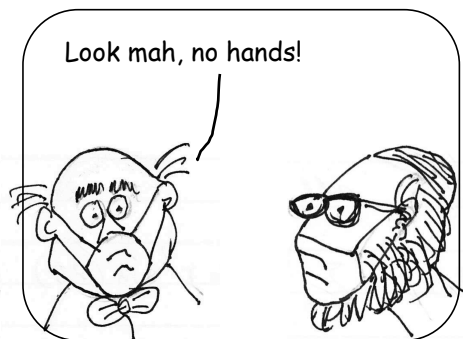
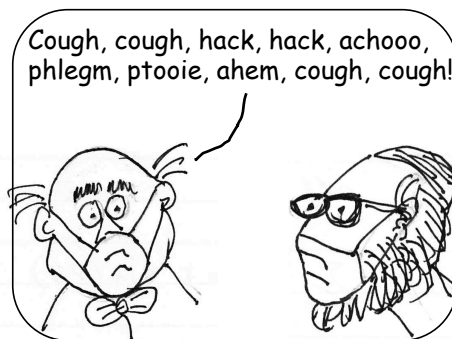
In memory of Sam Gold
Lyn and Norm Adams

In memory of Moris Amon
Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke

From Joseph and Shifra DeCoursey

From Anonymous

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.

| Nov 4 - 5 | Cheshvan | Nov 11 - 12 | Cheshvan | Nov 18 - 19 | Cheshvan | Nov 25 - 26 | Kislev |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| Dianne Hooker* | 11 | Mosheh Lazar* | 18 | Mary Jaffe* | 28 | Charles Franke | 2 |
| Lottie Astrachan* | 12 | Julia Goldman* | 19 | Harvey Sanow* | 28 | Sam Morris* | 4 |
| Alfred E. Hart* | 12 | Bessie Schnidman* | 21 | Fannie Stern* | 28 | Israel Schriba* | 4 |
| Sol Weinstein* | 12 | Louis Gastel* | 23 | Abraham Friedman* | 29 | Jacob Smilack* | 4 |
| Israel Astrachan* | 13 | Bernard Klionsky | 24 | Rose Nidetz | 30 | Dorothy Lewis Cohen* | 5 |
| Marion Grossman* | 13 | Nathan Strom* | 24 | | | Mark H. Keyfetz* | 5 |
| Jacob Markin* | 13 | | | *Denotes name | | Rachel Olkes* | 6 |
| Nellie Beckler* | 15 | | | memorialized on | | Meyer Kovelski* | 7 |
| Lena Cohen* | 16 | | | BHBI Memorial | | Fanny Titof | 8 |
| Sofya Kaminnik* | 17 | | | Plaque | | | |
| Rae Toker | 17 | | | | | | |

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, Britton 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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Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We note with sadness the passing of former long-time BHBI member Moris Amon.

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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.*

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