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February's Message to the Congregation

[Editor's note: This month we have a special message to you from a surprise source.]

Friends,

As we begin the month of February, we are reminded of the importance of community and togetherness. As we gather for services and events, let us remember the unique bond that we share as members of this synagogue.

As we move deeper into the winter months, it can be easy to become isolated and disconnected from one another. However, it is during these times that the warmth and support of our synagogue community is needed the most. Let us make an effort to reach out to one another, to check in on those who may be struggling, and to offer our help and support.

This month, we will be celebrating the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, also known as the "New Year of the Trees." This holiday is an opportunity for us to reflect on our relationship with the natural world and to give thanks for the abundance that surrounds us.

Lastly, I want to remind our congregation of the importance of tzedakah, or charitable giving. As a Conservative synagogue, we are committed to social justice and tikkun olam, the repair of the world. One way we can work towards these goals is by supporting organizations that are working to make a difference in our community and beyond. I encourage you to consider making a donation to our Tzedakah Fund, which supports a variety of organizations working towards social justice.

As always, we are grateful for the support and participation of our congregants. Your contributions make our synagogue a vibrant and welcoming community. We encourage you to get involved in any way that you can, whether that be through volunteering, participating in our events, or making a donation to help support our programming.

Together, we can continue to build a strong and supportive community that will sustain us for years to come.

[See page 2 to find out the author of this stirring message!]

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/>

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2023

Friday	Feb 3	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 5:07 PM)
Saturday	Feb 4	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Beshalach
Sunday	Feb 5	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 10	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 5:16 PM)
Saturday	Feb 11	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Yitro
Sunday	Feb 12	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Feb 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Feb 17	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 5:26 PM)
Saturday	Feb 18	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Mishpatim
Sunday	Feb 19	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 24	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 5:35 PM)
Saturday	Feb 25	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Terumah
Sunday	Feb 26	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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In memory of Albert Senzel
Martin L. Senzel

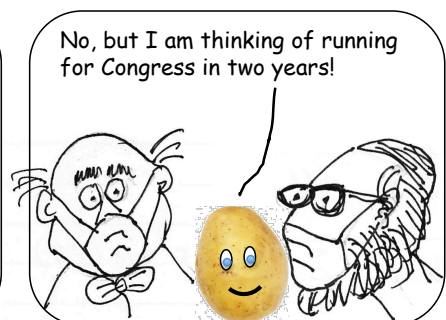
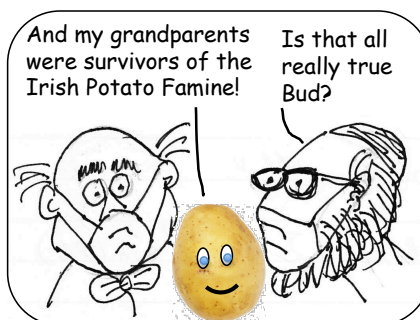
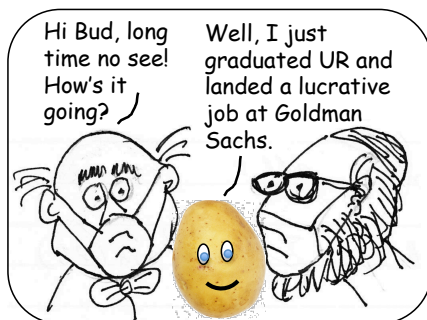
From Sue Baker

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSOR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

David Rogachefsky in memory of his sister Dvora Brodie

The author of our monthly message on page one is everyone’s favorite bot, ChatGPT! The message was created from an edited merger of ChatGPT’s responses when I asked it to write a roughly 300, 400, or 600 word message to the congregation for the February 2023 issue of the bulletin of a small Jewish Conservative synagogue in Rochester NY. Among ChatGPT’s responses that I edited out were: “February is also a month of reflection and renewal. As we approach the start of the Jewish calendar year . . .”, “On February 27th, we will be holding a special service in honor of the holiday of Purim”, “Another event I want to highlight is our annual community Passover Seder, which will be held on March 27th.” ChatGPT certainly seems to have some trouble with the timing of Jewish holidays, but don’t we all!

Life in Our Times, featuring 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.

Feb 3-4	Shvat	Feb 10-11	Shvat	Feb 17-18	Shvat/Adar	Feb 24-25	Adar
Abraham Newell*	13	Besse Gold	20	Mariom Bernstein*	27	Betty Glaser	4
Anna Sanow*	13	Benjamin Lapidés*	20	Ada Goldstein*	27	Anna Ruderman*	4
Stanley Clark*	16	Simon Pogal*	21	Samuel Keyfetz*	27	Hyman Sablowsky*	4
Morris Gurian*	17	Jacob Rubenstein*	21	Lottie Fink*	29	Emma Sarachan*	4
Paul Israel	18	E. Sarah Maltinsky*	23	Rose Ring*	29	Celia Lapidés*	5
Gitla Perkal*	18	Bert Falk*	25	Boris Schwarts	30	Dora Newell*	6
Samuel Spencer	18	Philip Garver	26	Sam Finkelstein*	1	William Schwartz*	6
				Mary Weinreb*	1	Sherman Kleinstein*	9
				Werner Schaffer	2	Anna Schiff*	9
				Philip Schiff*	3	Edith Berkowitz*	10
						Samuel Goldstein*	10
						Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10
						Max Metlay	10

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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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, which were suspended due to COVID, are now being resumed on a once a month basis on the 2nd Shabbat of each month.*

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.

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN? Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several years can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

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