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June's President's Message

Friends,

At our Annual Members Meeting in May, the Congregation voted for Officers and Board members to continue in their positions for another year. I want to thank the Congregation for entrusting me to serve for another term as your President. I also wish to thank all the other officers and trustees who have agreed to continue serving, and to thank Katharine Cvitkovich, who is now stepping down from the Board after two years of service.

Running a small Congregation has its challenges. I am reminded of a joke. Wealthy Mr. Macher was a long-time member of Beth Fancy-Shmancy. One Shabbat he starts showing up for services at the small, humble, Shaare Tzebrukhen. The regulars are perplexed, and one Shabbat they decide to approach him. "Tell us, we know you used to go to Beth Fancy-Shmancy, so why is it that you are now coming here? Perhaps you did not like the Hazzan there?" Mr. Macher answers, "No, the Hazan has a wonderful voice, I can't complain." "Then perhaps it is the Rabbi there, he gives boring sermons?" Mr. Macher answers, "No, the Rabbi is very inspirational, I can't complain." "Then perhaps it is the kiddishes, maybe the food is too rich there?" Mr. Macher replies, "No, the kiddushim there are excellent, I can't complain." "So then please tell us, why are you now coming to Shaare Tzebrukhen?" Mr. Macher answers, "Here I can complain!"

In my years as President, I've heard many complaints. Let me take this opportunity to answer two of them. Complaint (1): "I can't stand it when . . ." Answer: choose from one of the following, (i) stand it, (ii) make a constructive suggestion, or (iii) offer to do something about it yourself. Complaint (2): "I can't stand it when *they* . . ." Answer: As we are a small congregation, please hereby be informed that you are one of the "they;" now see answer to complaint (1). In my years as President I have come to one conclusion: we *all* have our own personal peculiarities (myself excluded, though my wife begs to differ). And in a small congregation, those peculiarities often shine brighter than they would in a larger group. To keep our Congregation going it is vital that we approach each other with a spirit of tolerance for, and acceptance of, our different foibles. We need to realize that everyone at BHBI contributes something important, in their own way.

We had a nice Erev Shavuot dinner, held jointly with Temple Beth Am. Thank you to all who came, and many thanks to Paula Bobb who helped me with preparation of the dinner, and to Ruth Teitel who cut the watermelon. Thanks also to the many who offered to help but, due to the efficiency of our dinner crew, were not utilized. Thanks to Leon Metlay for leading us in an interesting Tikkun Leil Shavuot discussion on the relation between Judaism and democracy.

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 – JUNE 2023

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| Friday | June 2 | 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 8:26 PM) |
| Saturday | June 3 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Naso |
| Sunday | June 4 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | June 9 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:31 PM) |
| Saturday | June 10 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behaalotecha Kiddish luncheon follows service |
| Sunday | June 11 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | June 12 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board Meeting on Zoom |
| Friday | June 16 | 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 8:34 PM) |
| Saturday | June 17 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shlach |
| Sunday | June 18 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | June 23 | 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 8:36 PM) |
| Saturday | June 24 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Korach |
| Sunday | June 25 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | June 30 | 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 8:36 PM) |
| Saturday | July 1 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chukat/Balak |

THANK YOU TO OUR MAY KIDDUSH SPONSORS

May 13: Esther and Hermann Vogelstein in memory of their father Max Vogelstein
 May 20: Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of the baby naming of Miriam Aviva,
 daughter of Katharine and Chris Cvitkovich

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In memory of Sam Dubin
Helen and Steve Gulack

We welcome and thank our newly elected officers and trustees:

President: Steve Teitel

Treasurer: Ira Cohen

1st Vice President: Leon Metlay

Recording Secretary: Nina Klionsky

2nd Vice President: Harris Honickman

Trustees: Paula Bobb, Emily Fishman, Aline Honickman, Judith Mercer

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.

| June 2-3 | Sivan | June 9-10 | Sivan | June 16-17 | Sivan/ Tamuz | June 23-24 | Tamuz |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| Janet Riwkin Glaser* | 14 | Sarah Rebecca Gerber* | 21 | Isadore Goldman* | 29 | Alan Fishman | 5 |
| Maxine Gold | 17 | Minnie Marcus* | 21 | Hyb Jossem* | 30 | Morris Krinsky* | 7 |
| Evelyn Goldman Kauffman* | 17 | Nathan Yablin* | 21 | Samuel Hoffman* | 2 | Sarah Schnidman* | 9 |
| Louis Maltinsky* | 17 | Fannie Warnick* | 23 | Sarah Sarachan* | 2 | Rabbi Aaron Solomon* | 9 |
| Sadie Stolnitz* | 17 | Louis Sanow* | 24 | Eva Goodman* | 3 | Eva Krinsky* | 10 |
| Katherine Weinrib* | 17 | Ada Gordon* | 25 | Rose Joffe* | 3 | Esther Walder Klionsky | 11 |
| Lyons I. Jossem* | 18 | Stella Getz* | 27 | Jennie Epstein* | 4 | Phillip Morrow* | 11 |
| Zus Kaminnik | 19 | Mary Goldman* | 27 | David Glasser* | 4 | Rochli Rothschild* | 11 |
| Chayah Simah Malina* | 19 | Betty Newell* | 27 | | | | |
| Esther Senzel* | 20 | Eva Wasserman* | 27 | | | | |
| | | | | | | June 30 – July 1 | Tamuz |
| | | | | | | Gad Strubel* | 13 |
| | | | | | | Rachel Strauss* | 14 |
| | | | | | | Rachel Morris* | 14 |
| | | | | | | Sarah Singer* | 15 |
| | | | | | | Yetta Goldman* | 16 |
| | | | | | | Sheila Kleinstein* | 16 |
| | | | | | | Sarah Markin* | 16 |

*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, 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.*

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