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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## ***December President's Message***

Friends,

Now that we've all had our bountiful portion – hopefully not too bountiful – of fixings for the secular Thanksgiving, we turn to preparing for our next feast. Our Chanukah festivities will begin on the first night at 5:00 pm on December 25. It will be an evening of lighting menorahs, music, songs, children's dreidel games, grown-up Chanukah quizzes and festive food. Please come with your friends and share the fun. To make your reservation, just complete the form on page 5 and send it in with your check.

Remember that we cannot take for granted that everyone in our community – Jews and people of other faiths – was able to enjoy Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, there are people who are in need throughout the year. There are many ways to help. The United Way provides services to the entire community. Jews in our community are helped by the Jewish Federation, Jewish Home, Jewish Family Service, Hillel Foundation, Jewish Community Federation, and by synagogues such as ours.

You can help by supporting these organizations directly. You can also contribute to the Jewish Community Federation's annual Super Sunday appeal – this year on December 4th. Please volunteer to work the phones and please give a generous contribution. The appeal helps our brethren locally, in Israel and around the world.

We have scheduled a special meeting of the Congregation for December 11th at shul to vote formally on the dues change that was previously announced. You should receive a letter in the mail giving you additional information about the meeting. Please come to voice your opinion.

I look forward to seeing you all at shul.

Harris Honickman

### **Please Note:**

**Beginning in December, our Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evenings will start at 8:00 p.m.**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS –December 2005

Thursday	Dec. 1	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session with congregants from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Dec. 2	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:17 PM.
Saturday	Dec. 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Toldot</span>
Sunday	Dec. 4	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Dec. 9	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:16 PM.
Saturday	Dec. 10	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Services with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI <span style="float: right;">Torah: Vayetzei</span>
Sunday	Dec. 11	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion BHBI Membership Meeting
Monday	Dec. 12	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Friday	Dec. 16	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:17 PM.
Saturday	Dec. 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service <span style="float: right;">Torah: Vayishlach</span>
Sunday	Dec. 18	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Dec. 23	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:21 PM.
Saturday	Dec. 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Vayeishev</span> Blessing for the new month <span style="float: right;">Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush</span>
Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion Chanukah Celebration and Dinner
Friday	Dec. 30	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:26 PM.
Saturday	Dec. 31	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service <span style="float: right;">Torah: Miketz</span>

**Come to the BHBI Chanukah Celebration and Dinner on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 5 p.m., light the Chanukah candles at 5:30, then have activities and a scrumptious Chanukah meal. Make your reservation by completing the form on page 5.**



## Join us for our November/December Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush after Shabbat morning services on December 24<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays

Sarah Bobb  
Ira Cohen  
Ella Finkelman  
Muriel Hobel  
Betty Katzen  
Bruce Lipsky  
Hanni Metlay  
Leon Metlay  
Steven Paprocki  
Stan Schaffer  
Jack Teitel  
Ruth Teitel  
Mark Toker  
Nelly Vishnagorsky

### Anniversaries

Harris and Aline Honickman  
Paul and Rose Israel  
Robert and Rise Levine  
Steve and Ruth Teitel



## TORAH STUDY

Join friends from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David for an interesting evening of Torah Study at BHBI at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1st. We will be studying Parshat Toldot.

## ENJOY AN EVENING OF COMEDY

Join rabbi and comedian David Kilimnick for an evening of rousing comedy and a dessert reception at Congregation Beth Shalom on Saturday evening, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Kilimnick (the son of Beth Shalom's Rabbi Kilimnick) is an ordained rabbi in his own right and is also a very popular comic in Israel, who peppers audiences with stories about his misadventures after making aliyah. He has gotten rave reviews in the Israeli press and will only be performing his 'Aliyah Monologues' once in Rochester. Tickets are \$18 if reserved in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 463-1625 for more information.

## CHANUKAH FUN

The JCC is hosting Chanukah Chooplah, a day of fun at the JCC on December 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4 pm. All of the JCC's facilities will be open to the public. While you are there, do a mitzvah and drop off school supplies to be donated to children in the Rochester City Schools.

**So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations.**

**To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at [schaffer@localnet.com](mailto:schaffer@localnet.com)**

**THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS  
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

November 5 Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Rose Garver  
November 12 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky  
November 19 Phil and Annette Garver  
November 26 Esther Vogelstein

**TO OUR DONORS -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**TORAH FUND**

Ira Cohen

**KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

Art and Judith Mercer

In honor of Betty and Morris Herman  
Congratulations to Ruth and Louis Siegel  
Charles and Laura Levinson

**SUPER SUNDAY**

The Jewish Community Federation's Super Sunday phonathon is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Please be generous with your donation when called by a Super Sunday volunteer.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Jeff Nidetz has stepped down as our kiddush coordinator. We all thank him for his hard work in preparing our wonderful Shabbat kiddushim. Aline Honickman has graciously volunteered to prepare the kiddushim from now on. If you would like to sponsor a kiddush, contact her at 271-5145 or by e-mail at [alineh@frontiernet.net](mailto:alineh@frontiernet.net)

**ORDER A GREAT CHANUKAH GIFT**

It's still not too late to order Shlock Rock CDs in time for Chanukah. Instill some Jewish Pride with these wonderful Jewish themed rock and rap music CDs that will really get you grooving! The CDs, which cost just \$13, are great gifts for adults and kids alike, and are being sold by the Hillel School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class as a fundraiser for their trip to Israel. There are 10 CDs to choose from. For more information, contact Aviva Schaffer at 473-8072. All orders must be in by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

# 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.

Dec. 2-3	Kislev	Dec. 9-10	Kislev	Dec. 16-17	Kislev	Nov. 25-26	Tevet
Eva Shulman	3	Nathan Bernstein*	9	Rebecca H. Nussbaum	16	Morris Kanthor	3
Pauline Solomon	3	Beatryce Cohen*	9	Rose Alderman*	20	Morton Fink*	4
Sam Morris*	4	J. Louis Shapiro*	9	Hyman Ring*	20	Belle Lipsky	4
Israel Schriba*	4	Feist Hess*	10	Ernst Beutler	21	Abraham Weinstein*	4
Jacob Smilack*	4	Eleanor Teitel	10	Ida Taub	22	Abraham Stolnitz*	5
Dorothy Lewis		Dr. Mark Blue	11			Barbara Bertman*	6
Cohen*	5	Wolf Schild*	12	Dec. 23-24	Kislev	Sigmund Traub*	6
Mark H. Keyfetz	5	Rachel Olkes*	13	Ida Bobb	24		
Ilse Beutler	6	Jack Soble*	14	Sarah Hoffman*	25		
Natalie Glickman	6			Michael Miller*	27		
Meyer Koveliski*	7			Emma Aranow*	28		
		* Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Karen Cohen	28		
				Rose Marcus	28		
				Hyman Snider*	28		

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.

## RESCHEDULED EVENT

The following event from the 2005 Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival was rescheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin - *Around the Family Table: Songs and Prayers for the Jewish Home*. For tickets and more information, call 461-2000 ext. 235.

## Chanukkah Dinner Reservation Form

Sunday, December 25, 2005

The fun begins at 5 p.m., followed by the lighting of all of our menorahs at 5:30 p.m., songs and games, and then a tasty Chanukah meal.

Dinner: \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, family maximum of \$35

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your reservation form to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 so that it is received no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The shul office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The shul phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Harris Honickman at 271-5145 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at [BHBI@frontiernet.net](mailto:BHBI@frontiernet.net)

**WANT TO REMEMBER OR HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION?**

*Consider sponsoring a kiddush or make a donation to any one of our funds* (General Operating, Kiddush, Library, Torah, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship, Our Youth, Special Events, 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.

**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 Stan Schaffer know. We always appreciate feedback.

**DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN?**

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**WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS?** Consider having us e-mail it to you!

Contact Elaine or Stan Schaffer at: [the\\_schaffers@juno.com](mailto:the_schaffers@juno.com)

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