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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

BULLETIN

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November President's Message

Friends,

I trust that everyone enjoyed the holidays. Now refreshed, cleansed of our sins, suitably warm and dry from the shelter of our sukkah, and contentedly satisfied from our feasts – we turn forward to the tasks of the New Year.

We had great attendance and participation for the holiday services this year. Thanks to Leon Metlay for coordinating the services and all who helped with readying the sanctuary for the High Holy days, page announcing, chanting haftorot, and assisting with the services.

The following people helped to build the sukkah this year: Leon Metlay, Stan Schaffer, Esther Vogelstein, Paula Bobb, Art Mercer, Steve Teitel, Ira Cohen, Matt Honickman and Joe Yudelson. Leon Metlay and Harris Honickman spent several hours taking down the sukkah on 10/22. Great job and thanks to all!

Special thanks to Janet Grable for sponsoring the kiddushim for Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret as well as the September-October-November Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush.

We will be calling members to help with leaf raking on Nov. 12th and 19th. Please help out. The job is easier and goes much faster the more people we have helping.

Finally, I want to wish each and every one of you a happy Thanksgiving.

See you at shul,

Harris Honickman



Pitch in and do your part!

Help us with leaf raking at BHBI on Sunday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring a rake and a lot of spirit! Free hot chocolate and lots of appreciation will be served to all those who show up and help.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – November 2006

Friday	Nov. 3	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:42 PM.				
Saturday	Nov. 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Lech Lecha				
Sunday	Nov. 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion				
Wed.	Nov. 8	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI				
Friday	Nov. 10	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 4:33 PM.				
Saturday	Nov. 11	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Vayeirah				
Sunday	Nov. 12	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion				
		10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Leaf Raking at BHBI				
Monday	Nov. 13	7:30 PM	Board Meeting				
Friday	Nov. 17	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:27 PM.				
Saturday	Nov. 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Chayei Sarah Blessing for the new month				
Sunday	Nov. 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion				
		10:00 AM	Leaf Raking at BHBI				
Friday	Nov. 24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:22 PM.				
Saturday	Nov. 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Toldot				
Sunday	Nov. 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion				

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 Wednesday, November 8th.

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ISRAEL QUIZ

In addition to Jerusalem, Hebron and Tiberius, this is one of Judaism's 4 holy cities. See page 3 for the answer.

Thank you to the following people who donated to the BHBI High Holy Day Appeal

Mark Bobb

Paula Bobb

Jill Clark

Ira Cohen

Phil and Annette Garver

Nat Goodhartz

Ben and Muriel Hobel

Harris and Aline Honickman

Paul and Rose Israel

The Kleinstein Family

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Bruce and Katy Lipsky

Art and Judith Mercer

Katharine Metlay

Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

Dave Rogachefsky

Stan and Elaine Schaffer

Karen Schulman

Rose Silver

Herb Spencer

Steve and Ruth Teitel

Peg Toker

Nelly Vishnagorsky

Annette and Malcolm Weinberg

Jerry and Arlene Wiesenberg

Joe and Tanya Yudelson

Focus on Israel

The ancient yet modern city of Safed (called Sefat in Hebrew), located 3200 feet above sea level in the mountains of eastern Galilee, is one of Judaism's 4 holy cities. For centuries it was the home of many of Judaism's great mystics. One of our great sages, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, predicted that at the end of days, the messiah will travel from Safed to Jerusalem. Following the Spanish Inquisition, many of the world's greatest Jewish religious scholars and mystics moved to Safed, which flourished as a site of great learning. It became the spiritual center of the Jewish world and the place where the Kabbalah was developed and reached the peak of its influence. Subsequently, Safed went into decline because of earthquakes, plagues and Arab attacks. The battle for Sefed during Israel's War of Independence was one of the war's most dramatic -- the city was saved by a single small cannon known as the Davidka.

Many of Safed's ancient synagogues are still in use. Today, Safed's cobblestone alleyways are lined with art galleries and Judaica shops. Safed has drawn thousands of Ethiopian and Russian Jews, who now call it home. In fact, Israel's largest absorption center for Ethiopian Jews is located in Safed. During this past summer's war, Safed was targeted by Hizbollah and many missiles fell on the town. Luckily, none of Safed's ancient historical sites was destroyed. For more information about Safed, go to www.safed.co.il.

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 stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 2	Yom Kippur break fast sponsored by Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Milton				
	Honickman				
October 7	Janet Grable in commemoration of Sukkot				
October 8	Janet Grable in commemoration of Sukkot				
October 14	Janet Grable in honor of members with September, October and November birthdays and				
	anniversaries and in commemoration of Shemini Azeret				
October 15	Janet Grable in commemoration of Simchat Torah				
October 21	Jill Clark in memory of her mother, Beverly Clark				
October 29	Katharine Metlay in memory of her brother, Leon Titof				

TO OUR DONORS -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

TORAH FUND

In memory of Florence Metelsky

Peg Toker

In memory of Betty Slaford

Peg Toker

Wishing Muriel Hobel a speedy recovery

Charles and Laura Levinson

FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAY BIMAH FLOWERS

In memory of Bessie & Harry Cominsky, Edna and Carl Astrachan, and Gerald Levien

Howie & Mary Jo Astrachan, Hanna & Norm Lester, and Bea Levien

Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

GENERAL FUND

Annette and Malcolm Weinberg

In memory of Esther Mandelbaum

Sara Orbach

In honor of Chris and Andrea Paprocki *Julian and Sonia Sugarman*

In memory of Ceal Levine

Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In memory of Ceal Levine and Clara Spencer

Herb Spencer

Thanks to Leon Metlay for leading the minyans during Ceal Levine's shiva

Herb Spencer

GET WELL WISHES

To Muriel Hobel who is recuperating from surgery at the Jewish Home. Muriel would love visitors, so pay her a visit if you have a chance.

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. 3-4	Cheshvan	Nov. 10-11	Cheshvan	Nov. 17-18	Cheshvan/	Nov. 24-25	Kislev
					Kislev		
Israel Astrachan*	13	Bessie Schnidman*	21	Mary Jaffey*	28	Sam Morris*	4
Marion Grossman*	13	Louis Gastel*	23	Harvey Sanow*	28	Israel Schriba*	4
Nellie Buckler*	15	Emanuel		Fannie Stern*	28	Jacob Smilack*	4
David		Kovelsky*	24	Abraham		Dorothy Lewis	
Mandelbaum	15	Nathan Strom*	24	Friedman*	29	Cohen*	5
Lena Cohen*	16			Jacob Marker*	29	Mark H. Keyfetz*	5
Sofya Kamminik*	17			Rose Nidetz	30	Ilse Beutler	6
Ray Toker	17			Eva Schulman	3	Natalie Glickman	6
Mosheh Lazar*	18			Pauline Solomon	3	Meyer Kovelski*	7
Nathan Pastor	18					Nathan Bernstein*	9
Nachem Reb Tsvi						Beatryce Cohen*	9
Hersh	18			* Denotes name		J. Louis Shapiro*	9
Julia Goldman*	19			memorialized on		Feist Hess*	10
				BHBI Memorial		Eleanor Teitel	10
				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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

See 'My America, Art from the Jewish Museum Collection, 1900-1955' at the Memorial Art Gallery until December 24th. In addition, on Sunday, November 19th from noon to 4 p.m., the Jewish Community Federation is sponsoring art activities, tours, storytelling and musical performances at the museum in connection with the exhibition.

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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.

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<u>WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS</u>? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Elaine or Stan Schaffer at: the schaffers@juno.com

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