**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel** 

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### December President's Message

Friends,

At this season many – Jews and those of other faiths – take time to give thanks for the bounty we enjoy in this country. Certainly no country has ever offered as much material comfort as ours.

Unfortunately, there are still many who are in need, not just this season, but throughout the year. There are many ways to help. In the spring, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts conduct 'Scouting for Food' to collect food and clothing for those in need locally. We also have the United Way to provide services for the greater Rochester area. The Jewish community is fortunate to have the Jewish Community Federation, Jewish Home, Hillel Community Day School, Jewish Family Service, Hillel Foundation and the JCC. And on December 3rd, the JCF will have their Super Sunday fundraiser as part of the United Jewish Appeal which supports Jewish organizations and helps the needy in our community, Israel and around the world. Please give as generously as you can to these Jewish and secular efforts as well to as to our congregation.

We extend sincere thanks to all those who gave their time and energy towards two Sundays of leaf raking in November. Those who helped were: Chris Paprocki, Andrea Paprocki, Leon Metlay, Ira Cohen, Steve Teitel, Art Mercer, Esther Vogelstein, Harris Honickman and Yacob Deng.

Chanukah arrives on the evening of December 15 and lasts to sundown on December 23. The shul will have our annual Chanukah party on evening of Sunday, December 17 beginning at 5 p.m. It will be an evening of lighting menorahs, songs, music, dreidel games, and festive food. Please bring your menorahs, dreidels, children, friends – and especially your appetite for fun.

See you at shul,

Harrís Honíckman



# Join in the fun!

The BHBI Hanukkah Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins with refreshments at 5 p.m., candle lighting at 5:30, followed by traditional Hanukkah foods and lots of fun. Don't forget your candles and your dreydels!!

# **BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – December 2006**

Friday	Dec. 1	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:18 PM.	
Saturday	Dec. 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Vayeitzei
Sunday	Dec. 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
Friday	Dec. 8	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with a at Beth Am Light candles at 4:16 PM.	congregants from Temple Beth Am
Saturday	Dec. 9	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Dec. 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
Monday	Dec. 11	7:30 PM	Board Meeting	
Wed.	Dec. 13	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborativ BHBI	e Joint Torah Study Session at
Friday	Dec. 15	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:17 PM.	
Saturday	Dec. 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Blessing for the new month	Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Dec. 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
		5:00 PM	BHBI Hanukkah Party	
Friday	Dec. 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:20 PM.	
Saturday	Dec. 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Miketz
Sunday	Dec. 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	
Friday	Dec. 29	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:25 PM.	
Saturday	Dec. 30	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Vayigash
Sunday	Dec. 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion	

# Live generously. Be generous.

Please give when you are contacted by the Jewish Community Federation on Super Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The money raised by the Federation supports local Jewish agencies as well as others around the country, in Israel and elsewhere.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the effort on Super Sunday, call the Federation at 461-0490.

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

November 4 The Congregation

November 11 Ira Cohen in honor of the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his bar mitzvah

November 18 The Congregation

November 25 Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay in honor of Leon's birthday

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

#### **TORAH FUND**

Wishing Mel Gurell a speedy recovery

Charles and Laura Levinson

**GENERAL FUND** 

Ira Cohen

In memory of Louis Gastel

Ruth Polur

## WELCOME

Although she moved to Rochester several months ago and joined our congregation before the High Holy Days, we want to officially welcome Mrs. Katharine Metlay to our BHBI family. As most of you know, Mrs. Metlay is Leon's mother. She grew up in Canada and lived most of her adult life in Pittsburgh and is a dietician by profession. Although it was difficult to leave Pittsburgh, she has adjusted well to Rochester and is happy to be closer to her family and to have joined BHBI. Please welcome her when you meet her.

### **TORAH STUDY**

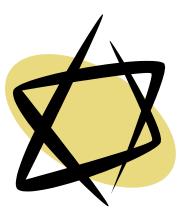
Join friends from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David for an interesting evening of Torah Study at BHBI at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING INFO

This year, both the first and last night of Hanukkah fall on Friday evening. Does one light the Hanukkah candles before the Shabbat candles or vice-versa? Since Shabbat takes precedence over Hanukkah, the Hanukkah candles should be lit first (before the Shabbat candles). On Saturday evening, after sunset, one does Havdalah before lighting the Hanukkah candles.

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



# Hanukkah Dinner Reservation Form

Sunday, December 17, 2006 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 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are needed to help at the dinner. Please call Leon Metlay at 271-2945 if you would like to volunteer.



### **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. 1-2	Kislev	Dec. 15-16	Kislev	Dec. 22-23	Tevet	Dec. 29-30	Tevet
Dr. Mark Blue	11	Sarah Hoffman*	25	Morris Kanthor*	3	Selma Kauffman	
Wolf Schild*	12	Hyman Snider*	25	Morton Fink*	4	Lansky*	9
Rachel Olkes*	13	Michael Miller*	27	Belle Lipsky	4	William Silverstein*	10
Jack Soble*	14	Emma Aranow*	28	Abraham Weinstein*	4	Maurice Bloom*	11
Rebecca H. Nussbaum	16	Karen Cohen	28	Abraham Stolnitz*	5	Manuel Miller*	11
		Rose Marcus	28	Barbara Bertman*	6	Sadie Aberman*	12
Dec. 8-9	Kislev			Sigmund Traub*	6	Sol Lazarus*	12
Rose Alderman*	20	-		Meriam Jossem*	7	Fannie Osband*	13
Hyman Ring*	20	* Denotes name		David Goodman*	8	Celia Suskind*	14
Ernst Beutler	20	memorialized on				Dora Rogovin*	15
Ida Taub	21	BHBI Memorial				_	
Ida Taub Ida Bobb	22	Plaque					
Iua Dooo	∠4	-					

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**

The Jewish Community Federation is sponsoring Holiday of Lights on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Avenue. Activities include laser light shows, "make and take" projects, opportunities for kids to play throughout the museum, light kosher food and many more surprises.

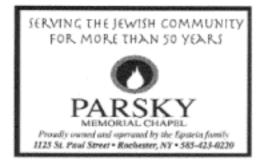
The JCC is sponsoring Hanukkah Hoopla, fun for the entire family, on Monday, Dec. 25th from 10 am - 5 pm

### AMAZON.COM

Thinking about your Hanukkah gift purchases? The next time that you want to buy something from Amazon.com, go to the BHBI web page at www.BHBIRochester.org and click on the Amazon.com link. Each time you make a purchase after linking to Amazon.com from our web page, BHBI gets a percentage of the purchase. Buy gifts or something for yourself and support BHBI at the same time!!

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**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

#### 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?**

Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several months can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

# <u>WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS</u>? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Stan Schaffer at: <u>stanschaffer@frontiernet.net</u>

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