

BULLETIN

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March President's Message

Friends,

March is now upon us. The secular sense of March for me has always been the Ides of March – by way Shakespeare's play, strongly imbued in me by my 8th grade teacher (thank you Mrs. May). It's a powerful and colorful story – full of personal conflict and noble if somewhat misdirected loyalties.

Contrast "Julius Caesar" with the story of Purim. We have a young Jewish woman who has been taken to the Persian King's palace to become his new wife. Esther makes the best of her situation – perhaps sensing that G-d has some purpose to the fate she has been led to. It's clear that Esther and Mordechai are loyal – to their God and to their people – the Jewish people. Julius Caesar, Marc Antony and Octavius are loyal too – to their mutual ambition. Cassius was insecure – almost paranoid. Brutus was loyal to the idea of the Roman republic, but lacked the confidence to confront Caesar directly or to persuade his fellow senators to join him in legally deposing the potential tyrant.

The burning ambition of Haman is certainly viler than that of any of the characters in the great play. While the Caesar and Antony sought personal glory and Cassius possibly vengeance, Haman was infected with an early form anti-Semitism. He created the classic ploy of setting up a scapegoat as a threat and whose destruction would establish his reputation and justify his increased power.

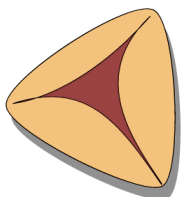
The consequences for the protagonists in Shakespeare's play are well known from the work and from history. The conspirators are hunted down and take their own lives. Octavius' ambition collides with Antony's - leading to Antony's defeat. Octavius goes on to become Augustus Caesar and watches as his family is destroyed by internecine ambition and violence.

And what of the consequences of Haman, Mordechai and Esther's actions?

Haman goes to the gallows with his sons while Mordechai and Esther see the defeat of their enemies and the salvation of their people. The exile does not end but the Jewish people continue their journey through history under G-d's guiding hand.

See you at shul,

Harris Honickman

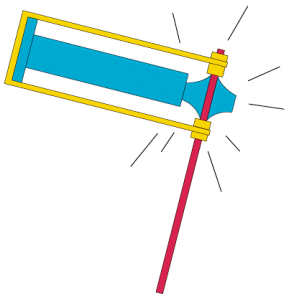


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BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – March 2007

Friday	Mar. 2	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 5:42 PM.
Saturday	Mar. 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Tetzaveh
		7:30 PM	Purim Megillah Reading
Sunday	Mar. 4	9:00 AM	Purim Morning Service and Megillah Reading
Friday	Mar. 9	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:50 PM.
Saturday	Mar. 10	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar. 11	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Monday	Mar. 12	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Wed.	Mar. 14	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	Mar. 16	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 6:59 PM.
Saturday	Mar. 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei Blessing for the new month
Sunday	Mar. 18	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Mar. 23	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:07 PM.
Saturday	Mar. 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Vayikrah
Sunday	Mar. 25	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	Mar. 30	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 7:15 PM.
Saturday	Mar. 31	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services Torah: Tzav



Purim's here, so join the fun.
Come to BHBI on Saturday evening, March 3rd to hear the 'whole megillah'. We promise you palace intrigue, suspense, a beautiful heroine and, of course, a happy ending (and hamentashen). Come back and continue celebrating this epic story on Sunday morning, March 4th as we do it all over again.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- February 3 Janet Grable in honor of members of the Congregation with December, January and February birthdays and anniversaries
- February 10 Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay in honor of Katharine Metlay's birthday
- February 17 Jill Clark in memory of her father, Stanley Clark, and by the Congregation to bid Paul and Rose Israel a fond farewell
- February 24 Katharine Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay

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TORAH FUND

Ira Cohen

Wishing Lynn Goldberg a speedy recovery
Charles and Laura Levinson

Wishing Janet Grable's mother, Gloria Taxon,
a speedy recovery
Esther Vogelstein

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Several memorial plaques have recently been added to our memorial boards. You can also memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a BHBI memorial plaque. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE UNAFFILIATED?

Tell them about BHBI and invite them to attend our services – they will be sure to get a wonderful welcome. We would also be happy to add them to our bulletin distribution list and send them information about BHBI. Give their contact information to Harris Honickman, Stan Schaffer or Leon Metlay who will put them on the mailing list.

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
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nazareth College Arts Center and the Rochester Children's Theatre present the Rochester Children's Theatre's production of 'And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank' on Sunday, March 4th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Avenue in conjunction with a photo exhibition by world-renowned photographer Michal Ronnen Safdie titled 'Rwanda: After - Darfur: Now'. For reservations, call the Nazareth College Box Office at 389-2170. In attendance will be Anne Frank's childhood friend and neighbor, Eva Schloss, whose mother married Anne's father after the war. She will be answering audience questions after each performance.

Rochester Teens in grades 8 – 12 get to rub elbows with acclaimed comedian, Aaron Freeman, on Saturday evening, March 10th from 8 – 10 p.m. at the JCC when he performs at an evening of Jewish humor. The event is free of charge and is only open to teens. It is sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation's JERNY Program for Jewish Youth with generous support from the Molly S. and Louis B. Wolk Foundation. Please RSVP to Josh Boress at 461-0490 or jboress@jewishrochester.org

The Rochester Coalition of Jewish Women's Organizations presents 'Israel: New Challenges for the Next Generation' with speaker, Shari Eshet, director of the National Council of Jewish Women's Israel operations, on Sunday, March 11th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the JCC. The program is free and will be followed by Israeli treats, Israeli music and a photo exhibition titled 'Recent Images from Israel' by Rochester's Marcia Birkin. Please RSVP to Abbey Rasnick at 461-0490 or arasnick@jewishrochester.org

On Wednesday evening, March 21st, the Jewish Community Federation is sponsoring an Israel update led by analyst Mike Cohen, at Temple B'rith Kodesh beginning at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the community.

The Tillie Rose Education Institute is sponsoring a program titled 'Domestic Violence – What Can We Do to Stop It' at the JCC on Wednesday, March 28th. The evening's activities begin with a dinner at 6 p.m. followed by presentations by psychologist Carol Goodman Kaufman, who wrote the book 'Sins of Omission' about the Jewish community's negligence in responding to the problem of abuse, Rabbi Rebecca Gutterman of Temple B'rith Kodesh, and Paula Sheinberg of Alternatives for Battered Women. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost for the evening's activities including dinner is \$14. Please RSVP to Hela Lipitz at 461-2259.

Scholarships Available

The Jewish Community Federation is pleased to announce the availability of need-based and incentive scholarships for Jewish young people, between ages 13 and 21, participating in accredited Israel programs.

In addition to Israel trips, funds may be applied to other upcoming Jewish travel experiences, Jewish high school programs, and college courses with Jewish content. Spring distributions will be made for programs to take place this coming summer or next year.

The deadline for applications is March 21, 2007.

For a full description of the scholarship guidelines, contact Jan Katz, Jewish Education Services Director at 461-0490 or at jkatz@jewishrochester.org

Summer Opportunities at Brandeis University

Brandeis University offers a host of summer opportunities for talented teens through its BIMA program from July 2 – July 30. The BIMA experience brings teens together to cultivate a vibrant, pluralistic environment brimming with artistic discovery and Jewish experiences. Brandeis also offers the Genesis program which combines small group interdisciplinary discussions led by highly qualified instructors in topics including world religions and Jewish values; humanity and the environment; Judaism and justice; Israel: inside and out; exploring identity through theatre arts; and investigating journalism, Judaism and ethics. For more information, go to www.brandeis.edu

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.

Mar. 2-3	Adar	Mar. 9-10	Adar	Mar. 16-17	Adar-Nisan	Mar. 23-24	Nisan
Charles Saul		Louis Rickler*	20	Harris Priceman*	27	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5
Gordon*	13	Carl Astrachan*	21	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Rachel Weinstein*	5
Rose Riwkin*	13	Harry Aronow*	21	Eva Friedman*	28	Flora Priceman*	7
Charles Ambush*	15	Leila Markus*	21	Karoline Hess*	28	Esther Bertman*	8
Gussie Gillenson		Herman Sarachan*	21	Sarah Shulsky*	28	Seymour Ouzer*	10
Bernstein*	15	Percy Cohen*	22	Sadie Rose	29	Sadie Leitman	11
Irvin Boyer*	15	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Mollie Wolk*	29	Morris Lipman*	11
Stanley Muszynski*	15	Barnet Stern*	26	Sam Wolk*	29	Harry Veeder	11
Haskall Isaac Smith*	15			Lena Levi*	1		
Abraham Alderman*	16	Mar. 30-31	Nisan	Lester Miller*	1		
Celia Engel*	16	Stanley Solomon	13	Benjamin Braz*	2		
Max Levy	17	Helen Neiman		Dr. Charles Cohen*	2		
Edna Astrachan*	19	Goldman*	14	Eli Gerber*	3		
Sam Malina*	19	Harry Toker	14	Bessie Friedman			
Anna Steinmetz*	19	Leo Beechbinder*	15	Reicher	3		
		Sol Levin*	15	Esther Rosenthal	3		
		Rose Jossem*	16	Morris Sherman*	3		
		Minnette Taylor	16	Jacob Shiffman	3		
		Eliahu Louis Cohen*	18	David Gross*	4		
		Harry H. Levinson	18				

* 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.

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, March 14th.

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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

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