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July President's Message

Friends,

Summer is finally upon us. Schools have closed, the days are long, and hopefully the weather will cooperate! I hope you are all finding ways to enjoy and relax.

One of my favorite summer events is the Rochester Jewish Film Festival, which this year runs from Sunday July 8 through Sunday July 15. In this, its seventh year, you can choose from among 20 different films, from short to feature length, documentary, comedy and drama, Israeli, foreign and domestic, all relating in different ways to the Jewish experience. The festival opens with the movie "Hyam Plutzik: American Poet," a documentary with an interesting local connection: Plutzik was the first Jewish professor at the University of Rochester, where he spent most of his career in the English department. Other films include the Israeli movie "Sweet Mud", which tells the story of a 12 year old growing up on a kibbutz in the 70's and which won the 2006 Ophir Award (Israeli Oscar), and prizes at the Sundance and the Berlin Film Festivals; the USA produced, Oscar winning short, "West Bank Story," a musical comedy about competing falafel stands (I kid you not); and the restored USA 1937 Yiddish movie, "The Cantor's Son." There is certain to be something for everyone. Rochester is very fortunate to have such a film festival that would be the envy of many a larger city. Further information can be found online at <http://www.rjff.org/> or by calling the Jewish Community Center at 461-2000 x 235.

As some of you may have noticed, our lawn has been looking a bit scruffy lately due to an upset in our usual mowing operation. Not to worry! The shul is now the proud home of a working riding lawn mower thanks to a generous donation from Ira Cohen. So put your guinea pigs and sheep away, our lawn should be back in proper shape for the rest of the season. Thanks to Art Mercer for arranging and subsidizing the first cut of the season, to Harris Honickman for getting Ira's mower into shape, and to Chris Paprocki who will do our mowing.

On a more somber note, our Tisha B'Av evening service will take place this year on July 23rd jointly with congregants of Temple Beth David, at Beth David. A study program will begin at 8 pm followed by services at 9 pm (fast begins at 8:37 pm).

I am saddened to note the passing of Mrs. Esther Cole, a very long time member of the congregation. In earlier days Esther was a dedicated member of the shul sisterhood, regularly attending services and helping out with kiddushim. In more recent days, health permitting, she was a regular attendee at shul dinners and special events. May the Lord comfort the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

See you at shul,

Steve Teitel

Check out our web site at www.BHBIRochester.org to get the latest info on happenings at BHBI, to view photos from our social events, and to try out some new melodies for Adon Olam.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – July 2007

Sunday	July 1	9:00 AM	Service, Discussion
Friday	July 6	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 8:34 PM.
Saturday	July 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Pinchas
Sunday	July 8	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Monday	July 9	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday	July 11	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	July 13	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:30 PM.
Saturday	July 14	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Blessing for the new month Torah: Matot-Masei
Sunday	July 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Friday	July 20	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 8:25 PM.
Saturday	July 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Devarim
Sunday	July 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion
Monday	July 23	8:00 PM	Joint Tisha B'Av study program and services with Congregants from Temple Beth David at Beth David Fast begins at 8:37 PM.
Friday	July 27	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 8:19 PM.
Saturday	July 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vaetchanan
Sunday	July 29	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion

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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 2	The Congregation
June 9	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Freade Kaplan Woods
June 16	The Congregation
June 23	Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay in honor of their niece, Robyn's graduation from high school
June 30	The Congregation

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GENERAL FUND

Get well soon to Simon Finkelman
Lyn Michaels and Maxine Gold

In memory of Esther Cole
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In memory of Esther Cole
Dr. Jack Presberg

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.

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, July 11th.

GET WELL SOON

To Simon and Ella Finkelman, who are both getting rehabilitation at the Jewish Home, Simon after a stroke and Ella after a fall. They would appreciate visitors.

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

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EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Rochester Jewish Film Festival will be held July 8th – 15th. The following films will be screened:

Hyam Plutzik: American Poet	7/8	1:30 pm
Hebrew Lesson	7/8	3:30 pm
The First Time I Was Twenty/West Bank Story	7/8	7:15 pm
Rape of Europa	7/9	6:15 pm
Close to Home	7/9	9:00 pm
KZ/Pigeon	7/10	6:15 pm
Gorgeous!	7/10	9:00 pm
More than 1,000 Words	7/11	6:30 pm
Sweet Mud	7/11	9:00 pm
The Cantor's Son	7/12	2:00 pm
Yippee/The 10 th Man	7/12	6:30 pm
Three Mothers	7/12	9:00 pm
Wrestling with Angels	7/14	7:30 pm
Wrestling with Angels	7/14	10:00 pm
Sendak: Animation for Children	7/15	11:00 am
Toots/Under the Roller Coaster	7/15	4:00 pm
Dear Mr. Waldman	7/15	7:30 pm

For tickets to the various films being shown at the festival, call the JCC at 461-2000 x235.

The JCC is asking for family or individual photos taken between Rosh Hashanah 2006 and Rosh Hashanah 2007 for their Jewish Faces of Rochester exhibition. You are invited to submit a 4" by 6" photo on photographic paper. Please write your name on the back of the photo. Unfortunately photos cannot be returned. They should be dropped off at the main desk at the JCC or sent to: Phyllis Kasdin, JCC of Greater Rochester, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618.



ENJOY THE FOURTH OF JULY

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY QUIZ

Test your knowledge and check your answers on page 6

- George Washington made his famous statement "To bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..." in a thank you letter to the congregation following his visit to a synagogue in this city. Name the city.
a) New York b) Philadelphia c) Newport, RI d) Boston
- The first Jews to settle in what later was to become the United States came from which country?
a) Germany b) Russia c) Spain d) Brazil
- This lawyer and ardent Zionist became the first Jewish justice of the US Supreme Court. Name him.
a) Felix Frankfurter b) Louis Brandeis c) Arthur Goldberg

Y A H R Z E I T S

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.

July 6-7	Tammuz	July 13-14	Tammuz/ Av	July 20-21	Av	July 27-28	Av
Louis Edelson*	21	Hyman		Anna Berman*	8	Frank Carper*	13
Bernard Sallerson*	21	Tannenbaum*	28	George Cohen*	8	Sarah R. Spector*	13
Max Goodman*	23	Celia Silverstein*	29	William Aaron		Samuel Gross	15
David Gordon*	23	Sydney Gold	1	Bernstein*	9	Abraham Heyman*	17
Nelli Ahuva Metlay*	24	Louis Schiff*	1	Haim Menachem Levy	12	Phillip Boyarsky*	18
Ira Edward Potter*	24	Ray Bloch	2	Hyman Silverman*	12		
Thelma Ring Smith*	25	Benjamin Bobb	2				
Louise Schulman	26	Joseph Greenbaum*	2				
Irwin Bertman*	27	Moses Berkowitz*	3				
Mark Rose	27	Dave Kovel	5				
Abraham Schriba*	27	Kathy Shur*	5				
Ida M. Weiss	27						

* 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.

M E M O R I A L P L A Q U E S

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

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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. To sponsor a kiddush, write the congregation or call Aline Honickman at 271-5145.

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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ANSWERS TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY QUIZ ON PAGE 4

1. c) Newport, RI 2. d) Brazil 3. b) Louis Brandeis

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