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#### Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

# BULLETIN

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#### December President's Message

Friends,

Thanksgiving may be over, but Hanukkah is now on the way! We start the holiday with the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Our BHBI Hanukkah celebration and dinner will take place Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting with a get together at 6 pm, we will light our menorahs at 6:30 pm (bring your own menorah and candles from home!) and then have a traditional dairy dinner at 7 pm including latkes and blintzes. The committee organizing our Hanukkah celebration has been busy preparing games and entertainment for all, so be sure to come! Reservations were due by November 30, but a few last minute reservations may be accommodated if we hear from you in the next day or two.

I am happy to announce that Janet Grable was the winner of our BHBI bake off, held in conjunction with the Rochester "Great Jewish Community Bake-Off." Janet went on to represent BHBI in the community wide contest, but unfortunately was not chosen as the overall Rochester winner (no accounting for taste!). Anyone who missed her fantastic "Beehive Honey Cake" can have a second chance to see it and taste it at the Chanukah party.

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank all of you who joined with us to celebrate our son Jack's bar mitzvah last month, and to thank you for all your good wishes. Celebrations are only possible with good people to celebrate with. We feel it has truly been a blessing to have joined the BHBI family and to have been able to share such a happy occasion with you. Needless to say we are very proud of the great job Jack did and look forward to his enhanced participation, and future jokes, as he now continues as an adult member of our congregation.

In response to my last month's appeal concerning a new High Holiday bimah cover, several of our congregants graciously responded with offers to fill the need. After discussions with the interested parties, we have decided to go forward with an offer from Joseph Yudelson who will dedicate the new bimah cover in memory of his late wife Tanya, z"l. I wish to thank all those who generously offered their help – it is indeed gratifying to know that when a special need arises, we can count on our members to step forward. We will all look forward to a beautiful new bimah cover for our next High Holiday season.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel



See you at the Hanukkah Celebration and Dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup>!

Send in your reservations ASAP!

See page 2 for more details.

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#### **BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – December 2007**

Saturday	Dec 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Vayeishev				
Sunday	Dec 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast, Discussion					
Friday	Dec 7	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:16 PM.					
Saturday	Dec 8	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services					
			Blessing of the new month	Torah: Miketz				
		6:00 PM	Hanukkah Celebration and Dinner					
Sunday	Dec 9	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion					
Monday	Dec 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board Meeting					
Wednesday	Dec 12	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI					
Friday	Dec 14	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:17 PM.					
Saturday	Dec 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Vayigash				
Sunday	Dec 16	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion					
Friday	Dec 21	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:19 PM.					
Saturday	Dec 22	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Services with at BHBI	h Congregants from Temple Beth Am Torah: Vayechi				
Sunday	Dec 23	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion					
Friday	Dec 28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 4:24 PM.					
Saturday	Dec 29	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services	Torah: Shemot				
Sunday	Dec 30	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion					

### DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND DINNER RESERVATION FORM

	Price:	\$10/ac	dults	3 -	\$6/childr	en under 12			
To help us plan, <u>please</u> n	nake your reserv	vation <b>o</b>	n or	· befo	re Friday	November 30th.	Clip and	d ret	urn ASAP!
Enclosed is payment:	adults @ \$10	each	=	\$	& _	children @ \$	66 each	=	\$
(Family max is	s \$35)	Total	=	\$					
Your Name(s):									

Make checks out to BHBI and mail them to: BHBI, 1369 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610.

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

November 3 The Congregation

November 10 Ruth and Steve Teitel in honor of Jack's bar mitzvah

November 17 Janet Grable in honor of congregants with September – November

birthdays and anniversaries and the 18th anniversary of her

employment at Marshall's and by Ruth and Steve Teitel in memory of

Steve's mother, Eleanor Teitel

November 24 The Congregation



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

#### **GENERAL FUND**

In honor of Jack Teitel's bar mitzvah

Peg Toker

#### 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 12th. Don't forget to bring along your menorahs too! We will be lighting Hanukkah candles when we meet.

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 the schaffers@juno.com

#### DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE UNAFFILIATED?

Tell them about BHBI and let them know that BHBI is Rochester's friendliest shul! Then 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.

#### **AMAZON.COM**

Now that Hanukkah is almost here why not do you gift shopping on-line at Amazon.com. 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!!

#### PLEASE VISIT OR CALL OUR ELDERLY MEMBERS!

Many of our elderly members are no longer able to come to shul and would love to hear from their BHBI friends. Please call or visit them. They'd love to hear from you!

#### **EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

- The JCC invites youth ages 8 to 14 to participate in Youth Night at the JCC from 6 to 8:30 pm on Saturday, December 1st. Kids are invited to play soccer, basketball, and table tennis, and use the playgym, virtual gym, cardio room, swimming pool and more. Cost \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Register at the JCC or on-line at www.jccrochester.org
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Jewish Community Federation's Super Sunday. Please be generous when a Super Sunday volunteer calls.
- Temple Beth David is hosting a free concert in memory of Rabbi Skopitz from 3 to 5 pm on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scheduled performers include: Cantor Sam Asher, Rabbi Shaya Kilimnick, Rabbi Michael Herzbrun, Yiddush vocalist Bonnie Abrams, RPO cellist Don Reinfeld, jazz pianist and vocalist Jonathan Feldman, and the 12 Corners Klezmer Band. Everyone is welcome.
- Come and Build-a-Bear at the Summit on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:15 pm and enjoy Hanukkah songs, games and snacks. Design your very own teddy bear and tee shirt! Please RSVP to the Jewish Community Federation by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Celebrate Hanukkah with residents of Wolk Manor on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:15 pm. There will be crafts, a sing-along and food. As a tzedakah project, make menorahs with the residents. Please RSVP to the Jewish Community Federation by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Everyone is invited to attend a Hanukkah dinner at Hillel Community Day School on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 pm. Advance reservations are required by November 29<sup>th</sup>. For information and reservations, call HCDS at 271-6877.
- The Jewish Community Federation, JERNY and area religious schools are sponsoring the Hanukkah Project to collect gifts of winter clothes and accessories for those who are less fortunate. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. They may be dropped off at the Jewish Community Federation, Temple Beth David, Temple Beth El, Temple B'rith Kodesh or Temple Sinai through December 12<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be distributed by Jewish Family Service.

#### SHOW THE BHBI SPIRIT!

Just make a contribution of \$18 or more to BHBI by the end of Hanukkah to get your very own Bee-H-Bee-I tee shirt



#### **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. 30 – Dec. 1	Kislev	December 14 - 15	Tevet	December 21 - 22	Tevet	December 28 - 29	Tevet
Ernst Beutler Ida Taub Ida Bobb Sarah Hoffman* Hyman Snider* Michael Miller*  December 7 - 8	21 22 24 25 25 27 Kislev -	Barbara Bertman* Sigmund Traub* Miriam Jossem* David Goodman* Selma Kauffman Lansky* William Silverman* Maurice Bloom*	6 6 7 8 9 10	Fannie Osband* Celia Suskind* Dora Rogovin* Nathan Garver Dorothy Lapides Henry Orbach Fannie Sablowsky* Philip Sanzel*	13 14 15 16 16 16 17	Anna Buff* Benjamin Dvorkin* Goldie Simon* Leah Keyfetz* Joseph Morris * Esther Sanzel* Samuel Meilstein*	21 21 23 24 24 24 24 26
Emma Aranow* Karen Cohen Rose Marcus Morris Kanthor* Morton Fink* Belle Lipsky Abraham Weinstein* Abraham Stolnitz*	28 28 28 3 4 4 4 5	Manuel Miller* Sadie Aberman* Sol Lazarus*	11 12 12	Joseph Schiff* Hannah Senzel* Louis Bernstein* Carl Kleinstein* Rose Needler* Estelle Hirsch* Shie Schnidman*	17 17 18 18 18 19	* 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.

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<u>OFFICE</u>: The shul office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The shul phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Steve Teitel at 473-5741 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?**

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

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