

# BULLETIN

## **April President's Message**

Friends,

Spring is officially here, but someone seems to have neglected to tell the appropriate authorities!

Our Purim celebration was well attended. BHBI's official coroner pronounced Haman really, most sincerely, dead – see the photo in the "pics" section of our BHBI website. Our thanks go to Rabbi Isaacs for his reading of the megillah, and special thanks to Janet Grable for the very lovely mishloach manot baskets presented to the congregation.

Herb Spencer has now taken over the job of sending out our yahrzeit notices. He has done a great job computerizing our database of names and dates. If you have any comments, questions, or corrections, please contact Herb.

The month of April will find us celebrating the festival of Passover. The first seder ushers in the holiday at sundown, Saturday, April 19. We will join our friends from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am for first day Pesach services on Sunday morning, April 20, starting at 9:30 am. Services for Shabbat and the seventh day of Pesach will be held at BHBI on Saturday, April 26, at 9:00 am. Services for the eighth and final day of Pesach, including Yizkor, will be held at BHBI on Sunday, April 27 at 9:00 am jointly with our friends from Beth Am. Please use the form found in the insert of this bulletin to sell your chumetz for the holiday.

Wishing you a joyous Pesach,

*Steve Teitel*

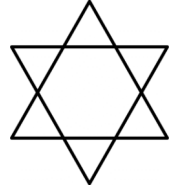


**Have a very happy Passover!**



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

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| March 1  | Katharine Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg |
| March 8  | The Congregation  |
| March 15 | The Congregation  |
| March 22 | The Congregation  |
| March 29 | The Congregation  |



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

### GENERAL FUND

*Malcolm and Annette Weinberg*

### TORAH FUND

In memory of Rose Israel's sister

*Charles and Laura Levinson*

## 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.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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](mailto:stanschaffer@frontiernet.net)

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## 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.

## CHANGES TO THE MISHEBERACH LIST

We are currently updating the list of those whose names are called out when we say a misheberach for people who are ill during our Torah service each Shabbat. We will be starting from scratch with a new list at the end of March, so if you know someone who is ill and who would appreciate getting a misheberach, please contact Leon Metlay at [metlionsky@frontiernet.net](mailto:metlionsky@frontiernet.net), send the names in to BHBI, or leave a message on the shul answering machine at 244-2060 as soon as possible.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Hillel Community Day School on being named a winner of the Jewish Community Federation's Elmer Lewis Award together with the Boys and Girls Club for the 2 organizations' exceptional joint after-school programs.

## EVENTS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

### *Weeknight Cookery – Israeli Style*

Join an Israeli cooking demonstration and enjoy the results while you watch! On **Wednesday, April 2nd**, Israeli chef Rubie Cordova, visiting Rochester as part of the Jewish Community Federation's Chef Exchange with Modi'in, Israel, will work side-by-side with Rochester chef Andrew Lederman to produce "Weeknight Cookery, Israeli Style." Andrew and Rubie will concentrate on dishes an Israeli family might make during a typical week. This special opportunity will take place at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue at **7 PM**. Cost for the demo and tastings is \$10 per person. Contact Abbey Rasnick at the Jewish Community Federation (461-0490 x244 or [arasnick@jewishrochester.org](mailto:arasnick@jewishrochester.org)) to RSVP or for more information.

### *Passport to Israel – A One-Day Family Excursion*

Gather the kids and head for the airport for a one-day family excursion to Israel.

Sunday, April 6, 2008, Rochester International Airport International Welcome Hall, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, free of charge.

#### **Visit Israel for a day...**

- Pack your bags...What would you need for a trip to Israel?
- Pick up your passport at the airport!
- Exchange American currency for Israeli currency
- Shop at Israeli vendors from our local synagogue gift shops
- Visit the Israeli cities...follow a map on your journey!
- Go on an archeological dig to find ancient artifacts!
- Taste Israeli food
- Israeli Book Bash sponsored by the JCC
- Walk through Ben Yehudah Street
- Visit our Partnership community Modi'in!
- Make a hamsa, mosaic art, jewelry & salt scrub!



## KASHRUT RULES FOR PASSOVER

This year the first night of Passover falls on Saturday night, April 19th. As a result, in order not to violate Shabbat, food preparation for the Seder should be completed before nightfall on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the traditional search for the leaven is performed and on Friday morning the remaining leaven is removed and a blessing is recited. As a result, one should not have a challah on Friday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup>, but instead should use a matzah ashirah (enriched matzah or egg matzah), which may not be used at the seder but is not considered chametz, and hence may be eaten on Pesach.

When purchasing foods for Passover, look for the words 'Kosher for Passover' or a small letter 'P' next to the hecksher, which indicates that it is Kosher for Passover. Unopened packages of sugar, pure (not herbal) tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables, milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar, muenster and Camembert, and baking soda do not require Kosher for Pesach designation if purchased before Passover. Of course, fresh fruits and vegetables (except legumes for most Ashkenazi Jews), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat do not require a Kosher for Passover designation. The Conservative Movement's Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has also ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible.

How does one kasher a dishwasher for Passover? After not using the dishwasher for 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run to kasher it.

# 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.

| April 4 - 5        | Adar II<br>- Nissan | April 11 - 12   | Nissan | April 18 - 19         | Nissan | April 25 - 26      | Nissan |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Mollie Wolk*       | 29                  | Flora Priceman* | 7      | Helen Neiman Goldman* |        | Beatrice           |        |
| Sam Wolk*          | 29                  | Esther Bertman* | 8      | Harry Toker           | 14     | Goldstein*         | 21     |
| Lena Levi*         | 1                   | Seymour Ouzer*  | 10     | Leo Beechbinder*      | 14     | Benjamin Ritter    | 21     |
| Lester Miller*     | 1                   | Sadie Leitman   | 11     | Sol Levin*            | 15     | Yetta Levine*      | 22     |
| Benjamin Braz*     | 2                   | Morris Lipman*  | 11     | Rose Jossem*          | 15     | Evelyn Maimon      | 23     |
| Dr. Charles Cohen* | 2                   | Harry Veeder    | 11     | Judith Potter*        | 16     | Blanche Levitz     | 25     |
| Eli Gerber*        | 3                   | Stanley Solomon | 13     | Minnette Taylor       | 16     | Louis Priceman*    | 25     |
| Bessie Friedman    |                     |                 |        | Eliahu Louis Cohen*   | 16     | Dorothy Riwkin*    | 25     |
| Reicher            | 3                   |                 |        | Harry H. Levinson     | 18     | Samuel B. Spiller* | 25     |
| Esther Rosenthal   | 3                   | * Denotes name  |        | David Morris*         | 18     | Arthur Weinberger  | 26     |
| Morris Sherman*    | 3                   | memorialized on |        | Jacob Weinrib*        | 20     | Alexander          |        |
| Jacob Shiffman     | 3                   | BHBI Memorial   |        |                       | 20     | Greenbaum*         | 27     |
| David Gross*       | 4                   | Plaque          |        |                       |        | Esther Gurian*     | 27     |

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.

**So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations.**

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**OFFICE:** 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](mailto:BHBI@frontiernet.net)

**WANT TO REMEMBER OR HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION?**

*Consider sponsoring a kiddush or making 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](http://www.BHBIRochester.org)

**WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS?** Consider having us e-mail it to you!

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## SALE OF CHAMETZ 2008

It is forbidden for a Jew to have any chametz in his possession during the Passover Holiday. If one has any chametz that cannot be consumed or destroyed before Passover, then it should be set aside in a relatively inaccessible place and sold to a non-Jew. This sale must be done in accordance with Halakhah and is therefore usually done by a rabbi.

Rabbi Goldberg of Temple Beth David will sell chametz on your behalf before Passover. Please give him authorization to do so by completing the following bill of sale to transfer ownership of the chametz. Send the bill of sale to Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg, Temple Beth David, 3200 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617. It must be received no later than Thursday, April 17, 2008. Please consider sending a donation to Temple Beth David along with the bill of sale.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple Beth David  
3200 St. Paul Blvd.  
Rochester, NY 14617

I (We) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg to sell all chametz products that are now in my (our) possession and on my (our) premises on Friday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 wherever these may be: at my home, place of business or elsewhere. Rabbi Goldberg is to act as agent in my (our) behalf for the complete transaction of the sale in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business): \_\_\_\_\_