

# BULLETIN

Editor: Stan Schaffer

## **August President's Message**

Friends,

Our first Simon Finkelman Memorial Shabbaton was a great success! Over 30 people turned out for Shabbat evening dinner and services to welcome our special guest, Rabbi Shamai Kanter. Attendance at Saturday services and the following lecture was even higher. We were joined by Simon's wife Ella, and we were especially happy that Simon's daughter Triss and her husband Bob were able to come all the way from New York City. Our most distant participants were former members, the Anbars, who came all the way from Arizona! Rabbi Kanter's two talks, one on the weekly Torah portion and one on a particular prayer in the daily liturgy, spoke to the essence of what it means to live a Jewish life. Both talks were thought provoking and very well received. It is clear we have set a high standard for future Shabbatons in this series! I would like to thank everyone who turned out for this very fitting memorial to our dear friend Simon. I would like especially to thank Rabbi Kanter for generously sharing his time with us, Harry Rogachefsky for sponsoring the lavish Saturday kiddush, and Judith Mercer, Emily Fishman, Janet Grable and Jeff Nidetz who helped with food preparation and setup for the dinner and kiddush.

Coming up in August we will celebrate the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Rabbetzin Mrs. Esther Solomon! All members and friends are invited to the birthday celebration Sunday, August 3, from 1 to 4 pm in the Atkins Center of the Jewish Home. Our Tisha B'Av service will take place this year at BHBI on Saturday evening August 9. A light meal and study session will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by the service at 9:05 p.m. The study session and service will be held jointly with our friends from Temple Beth David. Our annual new members barbecue has been postponed from its usual time in August to early September, so please look for further information in our September Bulletin.

As many of you may have already heard, Temple Beth David of Irondequoit is currently considering relocating to Brighton and has approached BHBI about the possibility of a merger or partnership. The relocation of Temple Beth David would clearly impact BHBI no matter how we decide to respond. In consultation with the Board, I have therefore decided to appoint a Strategic Planning Committee to assess the current state of our Congregation and consider options for our future. I have asked Leon Metlay, Judith Mercer, Stan Schaffer, and Janet Grable to serve on this committee. I will chair the committee. Please feel free to contact me, or any member of the committee, if you have questions or concerns. Of course no action to alter the constitution, character or location of our Congregation will take place without open discussion and a vote by the membership.

See you in shul,

*Steve Teitel*

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You won't be disappointed!**

Indeed, our web site is so popular that it has had over 3,600 'hits' since it was started about 2 years ago! When you go to the web site you will find an interesting history of BHBI and the Rochester Jewish community, information about services and upcoming events, photos from past BHBI events, an on-line version of this and past bulletins, our very own Adon Olam songbook, and much, much more!

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2008

Friday	Aug 1	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services Light candles at 8:12 PM.
Saturday	Aug 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Masei</span>
Sunday	Aug 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		1-4 PM	Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Esther Solomon at the Jewish Home
Friday	Aug 8	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:03 PM
Saturday	Aug 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Services with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI <span style="float: right;">Torah: Devarim</span>
		8:00 PM	Light Meal and Joint Pre-Tisha b'Av Study Session with Congregants from Temple Beth David at BHBI
		9:05 PM	Joint Tisha b'Av Service with Congregants from Temple Beth David at BHBI
Sunday	Aug 10	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Monday	Aug 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board Meeting
Wednesday	Aug 13	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Joint Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	Aug 15	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Services at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:53 PM
Saturday	Aug 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Vaetchanan</span>
Sunday	Aug 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Aug 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:42 PM.
Saturday	Aug 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Eikev</span>
Sunday	Aug 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Aug 29	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:31 PM.
Saturday	Aug 30	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services <span style="float: right;">Torah: Re'ei</span> Blessing for the new month
Sunday	Aug 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

### When was the last time that you heard news of Israel from the source?

If you are relying on the general news medial to give you a picture of what is happening in Israel, you are missing a lot and getting a very skewed idea of what's happening! To get a much more complete picture of life in Israel, consider subscribing to the Jerusalem Post International Edition which is published weekly or checking out the internet web sites of the Jerusalem Post ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com)), Haaretz ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com)) or Y-Net ([www.ynetnews.com](http://www.ynetnews.com)). You can also go to the link to the English language broadcast of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's daily television news program. Check it out at [www.iba.org.il](http://www.iba.org.il)



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

- June 5 Ira Cohen in honor of his brother, Peter Cohen's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday  
June 12 The Congregation  
June 19 Harry Rogachefsky in honor of Rabbi Shamai Kanter and in support  
of the Simon Finkelman Memorial Shabbaton  
June 26 Karen Schulman in memory of her mother, Louise Ruth Schulman



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### TISHA B'AV

What is the significance of Tisha b'Av? Tisha b'Av, or the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning and a fast day because of the many calamities that have befallen the Jewish people on that date. The ancient First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians on Tisha b'Av as was the Second Temple by the Romans in 70CE. Bar Kochba's rebellion was put down on Tisha b'Av in 135 CE with a terrible massacre of huge proportions. In 1492, Tisha b'Av was the date by which the Jews had to leave Spain, lest they be caught in the Inquisition if they stayed. Finally, World War I, a conflict that uprooted many Jewish communities, also started on Tisha b'Av. This year, Tisha b'Av starts on the evening of Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be having a joint program with congregants from Temple Beth David at BHBI that evening.

## Do you have friends who are unaffiliated?

Tell them about BHBI and let them know that BHBI is Rochester's friendliest congregation! Then invite them to attend any of our services – they will be sure to get a wonderful welcome. In addition, this year we are offering a free 3-month trial membership including free High Holy Day tickets to individuals and families who have not previously been members of BHBI and who have not previously purchased High Holy Day tickets at BHBI. Tell your friends about this great offer!








### A message from the coordinator of Yahrzeit reminders, Herbert Spencer.

The month of September/Elul will mark 6 months since I began sending out yahrzeit notices. As we approach the High Holiday Season, I would like to remind you all that, if you received the notice from me and there was an error, please let me know so that I may correct it. If during the last 6 months you have had a yahrzeit and have not received a notice but would like to receive notices in the future, kindly let me know. By the same token if you wish to have your loved ones' names removed from the yahrzeit reminder list, also let me know. Everything is now computerized so it is easy to add and remove data. My E-Mail address is [hspence1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hspence1@rochester.rr.com) should you wish to contact me, or you may contact me by phone at 334-7493. Have a very Healthy and Happy Holiday.




### 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, August 13th. Come and enjoy interesting conversation and make new friends while gaining new insights into Torah! All are welcome.

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*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. A standard sponsored kiddush at BHBI costs just \$40 while a larger enhanced kiddush is just \$50.

**BULLETIN CONTENT**

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