

# BULLETIN

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## ***May President's Message***

Friends,

This month marks my last note to you as President of our congregation as I reach my two year term limit set by our constitution. It has been a rewarding and challenging two years. I look forward to serving the congregation in other capacities in the years to come and I ask you to give your full support to my successor.

Our annual Membership Meeting will take place Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 pm at BHBI. At this meeting we will approve our upcoming year's budget and vote in our congregational officers and trustees for a new term, including our new President. A slate of proposed candidates is listed on Page 2 of this bulletin. The Membership Meeting is also your opportunity to voice any concerns or comments you may have about the state of our congregation. If you are unable to attend, please send your proxy with another member. A member may hold up to two proxies, however only attending members can count towards a quorum, so do please make every effort to attend personally. Members must be in good standing in order to vote.

On Shabbat morning, May 23, we will have a special Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush, sponsored by Janet Grable to honor everyone's birthday and anniversary all year round! You all know from past experience that this is something you don't want to miss! So please be sure to come. Thursday evening, May 28, starts the holiday of Shavuot, marking the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. We will start the holiday off with a shul dairy dinner Thursday at 6:00 pm. Everyone who has come to our dinners in the past knows that the food will be great and a good time will be had! Please see the reservation form on Page 5 of this Bulletin and send it in to the shul office by May 22, so we will know how many to prepare for. Friends are invited!

See you in shul,

*Steve Teitel*

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Sunday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

**ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND!**

**Members MUST in be in good standing in order to vote. You may bring your dues up to date at any time before the meeting – or at the meeting itself.**

**Each member may hold up to 2 proxies for other members who cannot attend. Only members in attendance will count toward the quorum.**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2009

Friday	May 1	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at BHBI Light candles at 7:53 PM
Saturday	May 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Services                      Torah: Acharei-Kedoshim
Sunday	May 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	May 8	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Services with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:01 PM
Saturday	May 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Emor
Sunday	May 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	May 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board Meeting
Wednesday	May 13	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	May 15	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:09 PM
Saturday	May 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service                      Torah: Behar-Bechukotai
Sunday	May 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		7:00 PM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Friday	May 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:16 PM
Saturday	May 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Followed By Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush Blessing for the New Month                      Torah: Bamidbar
Sunday	May 24	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Thursday	May 28	6:00 PM	Shavuot Dinner
		8:30 PM	Erev Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Service and Study Session
Friday	May 29	9:00 AM	Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Morning Service
		8:00 PM	Shabbat and Erev Shavuot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Evening Service Light candles at 8:22 PM
Saturday	May 30	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor with Congregants from Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Sunday	May 31	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

### Proposed BHBI Officers for 2009-2010

President	Leon Metlay
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Steve Teitel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Judith Mercer
Treasurer	Ira Cohen
Financial Secretary	Stan Schaffer
Recording Secretary	Harris Honickman

# 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.

May 1-2	Iyar	May 15-16	Iyar	May 22-23	Iyar - Sivan	May 29-30	Sivan
Minnie Rothbard	9	Pauline Hobel	22	Samuel Schwartz*	1	Max Atkin*	8
Samuel Sanow*	10	Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Sam Dubin	2	Bessie Eber*	8
Harry Cominsky*	11	Reuben Cohen	26	Nathan Epstein*	2	Albert Bernstein	8
Dr. Murray Cowen	12	Leopold Beechbinder*	27	Bessie Klein*	2	Max Vogelstein	8
Chasa Tillie Yablin*	12	Charles Bertman*	27	Rose Levin*	4	Benjamin Weinrib*	8
Johanna Schild*	13	Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4	Sarah Osband*	10
		Harry T. Levinson*	27	Morris Levine*	5	Jessie Stolnitz*	10
May 8-9	Iyar	Abraham Goldman*	28	Ida Sherman*	5	Harry Strauss*	11
		Arnold Kauffman*	28	Ann Alderman*	6	Minnie Strom*	11
Haskell Isaac Smith*	15			Sam Solomon	6	Theresa Mayer	
Samuel Lederman*	16					Block	12
Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16	* Denotes name				Rose Sallerson*	13
Libbie Goldberg*	18	memorialized on BHBI					
Samuel Gastel*	21	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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## THANKS

As the repairs to our sanctuary are now at last completed, we would like to thank the following agencies and contractors who provided us with excellent and responsive service:

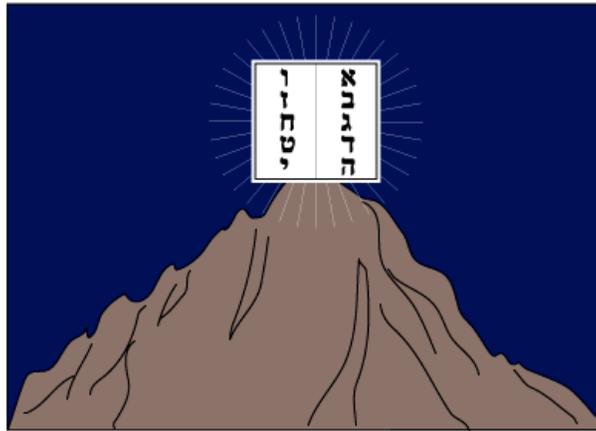
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## GET WELL SOON

The congregation wishes a speedy recovery to Muriel and Ben Hobel and to Sherwood Snyder who have recently been hospitalized.

## COUNTING THE OMER

We count the Omer to mark the days from Passover to Shavuot. The counting of the Omer began on the first night of Passover and continues each night thereafter as we count a week of weeks between the Festival of Freedom and the Festival of the Giving of the Torah. Traditionally, we do not attend parties or other happy events during this period.



## SHAVUOT DINNER

Enjoy great food and lots of fun at the BHBI Shavuot Dairy Dinner on Thursday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be accepted until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost: Ages 12 and over: \$10, Children under 12: \$6, Family Maximum: \$36

Reservation Form

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed reservation form to BHBI, 1369 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610

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

**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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