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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

## **September President's Message**

Friends,

We've had an active August with some repairs to the shul (thanks to Steve for painting the steps), Jacob Schaffer's bar mitzvah (Mazel tov!), and Steve's Chinese picnic (yum!). Next come the High Holy Days. On September 4th at 8:45 PM at Beth Am we have a showing of the Israeli movie Ushpizzin followed by a discussion and Selichot service. Then, on the evening of September 8th, Rosh Hashanah starts. This year we will again welcome Dr. George Kornfeld as our cantor.

Following Yom Kippur, the holiday season continues with the festival of Sukkot. Come join us in the sukkah. This year, Sukkot is enlivened by Noah Honickman's Bar Mitzvah on September 25th. Please join us for the celebration!

In July we observed the Fast of Tisha b'Av, the commemoration of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. This begins a seven week period of self examination culminating with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The Selichot service, held the night after the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah is a time to beseech G-d for forgiveness. It is also time to ask others for forgiveness. We are taught that the reason for the destruction of the Temple was hatred between Jews. We are also taught that during our period of self examination we can't properly repent our sins before G-d if we don't also seek forgiveness from our fellows. I know that I often focus on my priorities and overlook what is important to others. I am easily distractible, often indecisive and a chronic procrastinator. Sometimes I'm just plain lazy. I'm sure all the officers of our shul get tired of nagging me to do things. If, during the past year, I have slighted you, insulted you, annoyed you, or hurt you in any way, I humbly ask your forgiveness.

L'shanah tova u'm'tuka (for a good and sweet year),

*Leon Metlay*

**May you be inscribed for a good year.**



**L'Shana Tova Tikatevu**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2010

Friday	Sept 3	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:23 PM
Saturday	Sept 4	9:30 AM 8:45 PM	Shabbat Morning Service <span style="float: right;">Torah: Nitzavim-Vayeilech</span> Movie “Ushpizzin” at Temple Beth Am followed by Selichot service at 10:30 p.m.
Sunday	Sept 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Sept 8	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah First Day Service Light candles at 7:14 PM
Thursday	Sept 9	9:00 AM 7:15 PM 8:30 PM	Rosh Hashanah First Day Service Tashlich at Lake Riley Erev Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service Light candles after 8:13 PM
Friday	Sept 10	9:00 AM 8:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service Joint Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 7:11 PM
Saturday	Sept 11	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Ha’azinu
Sunday	Sept 12	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Sept 13	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Friday	Sept 17	6:45 PM	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service Light candles at 7:46 PM
Saturday	Sept 18	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:56 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service Yom Kippur Mincha Service Yom Kippur Ne’ilah Service Yom Kippur ends
Sunday	Sept 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion followed by sukkah building
Wednesday	Sept 22	7:00 PM	Erev Sukkot First Day Service Light candles at 7:35 PM
Thursday	Sept 23	9:00 AM	Sukkot First Day Morning Service
Friday	Sept 24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:07 PM
Saturday	Sept 25	9:00 AM	Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot Service with Bar Mitzvah of Noah Honickman
Sunday	Sept 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Sept 29	8:00 PM	Joint Erev Shemini Atzeret Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am led by Rabbi Goldberg with Yizkor
Thursday	Sept 30	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Joint Shemini Atzeret Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI led by Rabbi Goldberg with Yizkor Erev Simchat Torah service



**FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**  
**By**  
**RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG**

**September 2010**

The Conservative Movement worldwide has recently brought out two new prayer books of remarkable quality. The first is newly edition of *Siddur Va'ani Tefillati* of the Israeli Masorti Movement. The siddur's sub-title is: *Siddur Yisre'eili*, "An Israeli *Siddur*." Perhaps on another occasion I will tell you more about it. Compact and beautifully presented, this *siddur* has been prepared (and marketed) not only with the *davenning* public in mind, but also with that large sector of the Israeli population who know little about Judaism and Jewish prayer, but who are open to engagement with the *masoret*, the Jewish religious tradition, or who seek Jewish spiritual enrichment in their live.

The second prayer book is the Rabbinical Assembly's *Maḥzor Lev Shalem* for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I cannot possibly begin to give justice to this magnificent publication, but it seems to me to take Conservative liturgy to a new level. While it embraces much of the *masoret* that the *davener* is familiar with it also understands, like *Siddur Va'ani Tefillati*, that a prayer book needs to address the needs of those for whom the structure and content of the prayer book is unfamiliar or perplexing. It understands that the words of the prayers are only the beginning in prayer: they help us enter another level of awareness of seeing reality and seeing ourselves. It assumes that the worshipper today has difficulties with much of the language of traditional liturgy. What do we mean, for example, when we speak of God as "Avinu"? What do we mean when we call God "malkeinu"? To address these questions and struggles *Maḥzor Lev Shalem* has provided explanations, commentaries and reflections on the margins of every page. Commentaries and explanations also accompany the Torah readings and the *Haftarot*. The basic theme of each prayer or *piyyut* (poem) is as well as the beautiful structures of the latter. In addition one is guided gently through the choreography of the services.

The finest of liturgical poetry, often of a deeply introspective and personal character, from outside the Ashkenazic tradition has also been included. Here is one example, written by Solomon ibn Gabirol (Spain, 11<sup>th</sup> century) found in other non-Ashkenazic liturgies, but included in *Maḥzor Lev Shalem* in the preface to the *Ma'ariv* Service of Rosh Hashanah.

Mighty God who listens to the poor and hears their prayer;  
How long will You be distant and hidden from me?  
Night and day I turn, calling out with a true heart,  
always thanking You, for Your kindness is so great.  
My sovereign, my hope is in You; my heart trust in You,  
as dreamer of dreams depends on an interpreter.  
This I ask: hear my prayer.  
This I seek—not more, not less.

The Hebrew of the latter line, *otah avakeish, lo fahot ve-lo yoteir*, has a refreshing powerful directness, as direct as the living street Hebrew of Israel today. It speaks with an urgency which is the very essence of *Yamim Nora'im*.

The name of this remarkable *maḥzor*, *Lev Shalem*, is based on the verse, *ve-hithalakhti lefanekha be-emet uve-leiv shaleim*, "I have walked before You sincerely and wholeheartedly" (Isaiah 38:3). The *Even Shoshan Hebrew Dictionary* prefaces the biblical source with the explanation: in truth (*be-emet*), with wholeness (*uve-tamim*), with integrity (*be-yosher*) and trustworthiness (*uv-ne'emanut*). I look forward to the time when it will be possible to *davven* with *Maḥzor Lev Shalem* to fulfill the aim of the *Yamim Nora'im*: to be whole with ourselves, with others, and with God.

*L'shanah tovah,*

*Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg*

# BAR MITZVAH OF NOAH HONICKMAN

September 25, 2010

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot



On Saturday, September 25th we will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Noah Honickman; son of Aline and Harris and younger brother of Matthew. Noah is a seventh grader at Twelve Corners Middle School whose favorite activities include soccer, history and video games. He has an inquiring mind and regularly enjoys challenging his parents with hard questions on religion. He has been working very hard towards this day and hopes you can share it with him. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service.



## VISITS TO ELDERLY MEMBERS

Many of our elderly members do not have much opportunity to get out and would love visitors. Please visit them when you have an opportunity. Esther Solomon, Ella Finkelman, Ben and Muriel Hobel, Maxine Gold and Erika Gunder are at the Jewish Home, Harry Rogachefsky is at Heather Heights, Alan Fishman is at the Highlands at Brighton, and Paul and Rose Israel (who recently returned to Rochester from a time living in Florida) are now residing in Greece.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

BHBI would like to welcome its newest members, Patrick and Sue Kruchten and their children Josh and Rachel. In addition, Paul and Rose Israel, who moved to Florida a few years ago, have returned to Rochester and are rejoining BHBI.

## TORAH STUDY

Because of the High Holy Days, there will be Torah study during the month of September.

## 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)

# 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.

Sept 3-4	Elul – Tishrei	Sept 10-11	Tishrei	Sept 17-18	Tishrei	Sept 24-25	Tishrei
Rose Levin*	25	Catherine Braz*	3	David Schaffer	10	Harris I. Cenzer*	18
David Goldman*	26	Hyman A. Davis*	5	Milton Honickman	11	Jean Traub*	18
Trudy Bender Baran	27	Rose Lewis*	6	Ida Strom	13	Marie L. Steinmetz*	19
I. Robert Lewis*	27	Annie Schwartz*	6	Annie Kovel*	14	Robert Steinmetz*	19
Phillip Rogachefsky*	27	Fannie R. Spector*	8	Irving Solomon	15	Stanley Toker*	20
Janet Kanthor*	28					Daniel Horowitz	23
Gerald Glasser*	29						
Mazel Tov Levy	29	* Denotes name					
Shirley Arlene Dvorkin*	1	memorialized on					
Ronni Lynn Gordon*	1	BHBI Memorial					
David Lester Kauffman*	1	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.

## AMAZON.COM

The next time that you want to buy something from Amazon.com go to the BHBI web page at [www.BHBIRochester.org](http://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 or your family and support BHBI at the same time!!

## WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Please note that our wheelchair lift is now fully installed and operational. If you are someone who has stayed away from services because of difficulty climbing our stairs, know that there is now a safe, easy and convenient way to join us once again. Please come and give it a try! There is a conveniently located button to press should you need assistance. So don't delay any longer – join us at BHBI services and events! Of course, contributions to help with the expense of the lift are still welcome.



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at 473-8072 or by e-mail at [stanschaffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:stanschaffer@frontiernet.net)**

## **TO OUR DONORS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **TORAH FUND**

In honor of Esther Solomon's birthday  
*Charles and Laura Levinson*

### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Harold Krinsky  
*David and Rosemary Hyland*

In honor of Ben and Muriel Hobel's 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary  
*Steve and Ruth Teitel*

In honor of Jacob Schaffer's bar mitzvah  
*Inge Schaffer*

### **WHEELCHAIR LIFT FUND**

In memory of Tanya Yudelson  
*Joe Yudelson*

## **THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

August 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Congregation
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay in honor of their wedding anniversary
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Elaine and Stan Schaffer in honor of Jacob's bar mitzvah
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Congregation

## **DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNAFFILIATED AND INTERESTED IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?**

Let them know about BHBI's special free 3 month trial membership (available to prospective first-time new members only). Have them contact BHBI at 244-2060 or BHBI@frontiernet.net and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!! Free high holy day tickets are included too!

### **GOODSEARCH.COM**

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### **THE RABBI GOLDBERG FUND**

Contributions to the Rabbi Goldberg Fund enable us to engage Rabbi Goldberg to lead additional services at BHBI during the year. Whenever the funds in the Rabbi Goldberg Fund reach a predetermined level, we will schedule an additional service with Rabbi Goldberg. To contribute to this purpose, please send a check in to BHBI with a notation that the contribution should be used for the Rabbi Goldberg Fund.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

The opening event of the UJA Federation's 2011 campaign will feature columnist David Brooks on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center. Cost for the dinner and program is \$50 per person. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to privately make a commitment to the 2011 UJA Federation Campaign. A minimum gift of \$500 is suggested. Contact Jay Podolsky at the Federation at 461-0490 x224 to RSVP.

## HIGH HOLY DAY GREETINGS

The following people send wishes for a good New Year to all the members of the congregation:

Paula, Rachael and Sarah Bobb

Ira Cohen

Alan and Emily Fishman

Phil and Annette Garver

Maxine Gold and Lyn Michaels

Janet Grable

Ben and Muriel Hobel

Harris, Aline, Matthew and Noah Honickman

Charles and Laura Levinson

The Mercer Family

Katie Metlay

Leon Metlay, Nina Klionsky and Hannah

The Paprocki Family

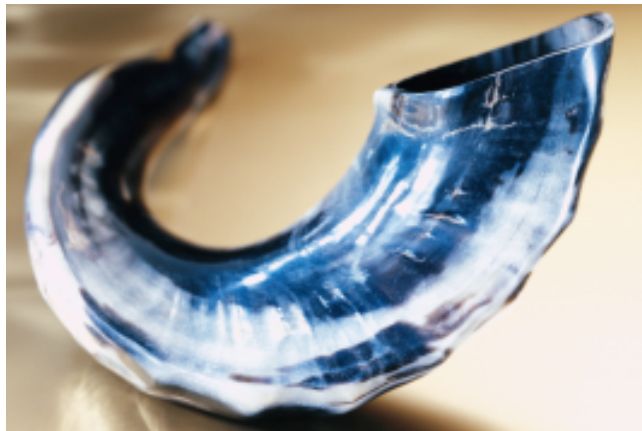
Harry Rogachefsky

Stan, Elaine, Aviva, Aaron and Jacob Schaffer

Herb Spencer

Elana Spezio

Ruth, Steve and Jack Teitel



**Please be generous this year when you make your donation to our High Holy Day Appeal.**

**OFFICE:** The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue 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 making a donation to any one of our funds* (General Operating, Kiddush, Library, Torah, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship, Our Youth, Special Events, Rabbi Goldberg Fund 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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