

BULLETIN

October President's Message

Friends,

As I write this message to you, the High Holy Days are about to commence. We began our penitential season with Selichot Service on Saturday, September 25, jointly with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am. A nice crowd turned out to watch the Albert Brooks and Meryl Streep movie, *Defending Your Life*, a comic yet thoughtful movie about what lies in store after death. While not an overtly “Jewish” movie, it did have several clear points of contact with Jewish tradition. The premise of the movie is that when one dies, one’s life is judged. If one is found to have made insufficient progress in overcoming one’s fears, then one gets set back to earth to live another life in a new reincarnation; only when one has advanced sufficiently in their life on earth does one get forwarded to the next stage of the universe. While many of you may not be aware of it, this parallels the Jewish mystical notion of *gilgul*. This kabbalistic notion holds that one’s soul may be reincarnated through many different lifetimes as it purifies and perfects itself. Only when a soul has succeeded to carry out its unique mission does it advance to the next stage of Olam Ha’Ba. For those of you less mystically inclined, there was another clear point of Jewish contact. While waiting in “Judgment City” for their fate to be decided, the recently departed get to enjoy many benefits and pleasures, in particular, the food is always delicious and one gets to eat as much as one wants with no adverse effects! Thanks to Leon Metlay and Aaron Marsh for arranging and leading the Selichot service.

The following Sunday was our pre-holiday set up and clean up, when we changed the sanctuary furnishing for the High Holy Days, put up our new lawn sign to advertise the times of our services, and did some yard work to trim the hedges, pluck the weeds, and hack back the ivy. Thanks to Paula Bobb, Ira Cohen, Helen Gulack, Aline Honickman, Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay, Stan Schaffer and Esther Vogelstein who turned out to help. A special thanks to Helen for the very attractive new plantings by both our East Avenue sign and the sign by our main entrance – please take a moment to admire them when you come for holiday services.

By the time this message reaches you, Rosh Hashanah will be over, and Yom Kippur will be soon approaching. In this time of reflection I ask you to consider what your association with BHBI means to you, and how you can make that association more satisfying. For myself, I find that the more I contribute, the greater are the rewards I reap. If you have any concerns or suggestions to make your participation in BHBI more rewarding, I am always available to listen. Please give generously to our High Holiday Appeal.

I wish you a hatimah tovah, and a joyful new year,

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel



When you see them, please wish a welcome to BHBI's newest members:

Laura Colbert

Sue Baker

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2011

Saturday	Oct 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service Torah: Haazinu
Sunday	Oct 2	9:00 AM	Service, Discussion
Friday	Oct 7	6:15 PM	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service Light candles at 6:23 PM
Saturday	Oct 8	9:00 AM 4:45 PM 5:45 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service Yom Kippur Mincha Service Yom Kippur Neilah Service. Yom Kippur ends at 7:21 PM.
Sunday	Oct 9	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Monday	Oct 10	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Oct 12	8:00 PM	Erev Sukkot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI Light candles at 6:14 PM
Thursday	Oct 13	9:00 AM 8:00 PM	Sukkot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David Erev Sukkot Second Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am Light candles after 7:13 PM
Friday	Oct 14	9:30 AM 6:15 PM	Sukkot Second Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am Harvest Dinner in the Sukkah at Temple Beth Am Followed by Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 PM Light candles at 6:11 PM
Saturday	Oct 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat and Intermediate Day Sukkot Morning Service
Sunday	Oct 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Oct 19	8:00 PM	Erev Shmini Atzeret Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 6:03 PM
Thursday	Oct 20	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Shmini Atzeret Morning Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Erev Simchat Torah Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles after 7:02 PM
Friday	Oct 21	9:00 AM 8:00 PM	Simchat Torah Morning Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:00 PM
Saturday	Oct 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Bereisheet. Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Oct 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Oct 28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:49 PM
Saturday	Oct 29	10:00AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Noah
Sunday	Oct 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

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) which includes free High Holy Day tickets. 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!!

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Because of Sukkot, there will be no meeting of the Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study Group in October. The group will meet next on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Foundation for the Jewish Community of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester has a limited amount of funds available for need-based scholarships. These scholarships are available to Jewish students having a permanent Rochester address, who are studying Jewish content for high school and college credit, and for Jewish teens who participate in an accredited summer, semester, or year-long Israel experience program.

The application deadline is October 24, 2011. For more information or an application contact Jan Katz, Director, Jewish Educational Services at jkatz@jewishrochester.org or 461-0490.

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BHBI WEB SITE

Have you checked out the BHBI web site lately? If you haven't there is a lot that you're missing. The web site at www.BHBIRochester.org provides information about many aspects of our congregation, lists the BHBI calendar, has electronic versions of this and previous bulletins going back several years, has an extensive history of our congregation along with historic photos, includes photos from several BHBI dinners, picnics and other special events, and has the unique Adon Olam Songbook with information on over 100 melodies for Adon Olam.

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Contributions to the High Holy Day Appeal will be acknowledged in the November Bulletin. If you haven't had an opportunity to send in your donation yet, there still is time to do so.

IN MEMORIUM

As many of you know, a long time member of our congregation, Charles Levinson, recently passed away. Charles and Laura were in New Jersey visiting their daughter when Charles became ill several months ago. After a period in the hospital, and then in a nursing home, Charles passed away. Laura is now living in New Jersey with her daughter. For contact information, please call the BHBI office.

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. 30-Oct. 1	Tishrei	October 14-15	Tishrei	October 21-22	Tishrei	October 28-29	Cheshvan
Catherine Braz*	3	Harris I. Cenzer*	18	Beverly Clark*	24	Bessie Miller*	1
Hyman A. Davis*	5	Jean Traub*	18	David Israel	24	Ida Phillips	2
Rose Lewis*	6	Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Morris Album*	25	Sarah Rickler*	4
Annie Schwartz*	6	Robert Steinmetz*	19	Betty Katzen	25	Blanche Florescue Ross*	4
Fannie R. Spector*	8	Leon Titof	20	Sam Gold	29	Charles Schnidman*	4
Averil Toker	9	Stanley Toker*	20	Bernard Israel	30	Harry Silverman*	4
		Daniel Horowitz	23	Celia Israel	30	Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4
October 7-8	Tishrei					Ida Menter*	7
David Schaffer	10	*Denotes name				Al Solomon	7
Milton Honickman	11	memorialized on				Clara Spencer	7
Ida Strom	13	BHBI Memorial					
Annie Kovel*	14	Plaque					
Irving Solomon	15						

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.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

You can memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 3 Aline and Harris Honickman in memory of Aline's mother, Tanya Yudelson
 September 10 The Congregation
 September 17 The Congregation
 September 24 Hermann Vogelstein in honor of his sister, Esther's birthday

AD SPONSORS

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TO OUR DONORS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Charles Levinson

Ira Cohen

Paul and Rose Israel

Peg Toker

Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay

In memory of Muriel Hobel

Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay

In memory of Harold Krinsky

David and Rosemary Krinsky

In honor of Sue Baker's Bat Mitzvah

Suzan Litten

In honor of the birth of Juliana Layla Naomi Paprocki

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Sugarman



We Send Our Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to the Congregation

Winston and Cathy Block

Paula Bobb and Family

Ira Cohen

Emily Fishman

Steve and Helen Gulack

The Honickman Family

Paul and Rose Israel

Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay and Hannah

The Mercer Family

Katie Metlay

The Paprocki Family

Harry Rogachefsky

The Schaffer Family

Herb Spencer

Elana Spezio

The Teitel Family

Harvest in the Hut Dinner

Friday, October 14th, 6:15 pm at Temple Beth Am

\$7 / adult

\$5 / child

\$20 / family max

Call Temple Beth Am Office, 334-4855

to RSVP by October 7th

and send check to :

Temple Beth Am

PO Box 177

Henrietta, NY 14467

Menu:

Pumpkin Soup

Pasta & Veggies

Eggplant Parmesan

Carrot Cake

Challah

Coffee, Tea & Soft drinks

Gluten Free upon request

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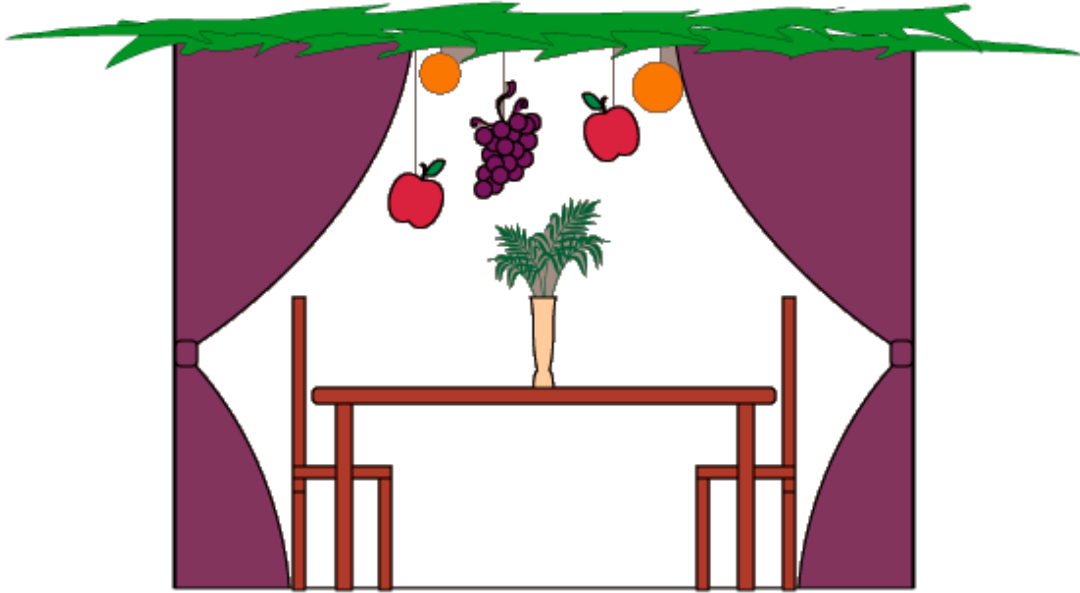
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Shabbat Services following dinner at 8 pm

**SUKKOT IS ALMOST HERE!
HELP SET UP THE BHBI SUKKAH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 10:30 A.M.**



EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival

The festival will be held at the JCC from October 30th to November 16th. Several authors will be present to discuss their books including:

- October 26th at 7:30 p.m. – Jessica Vance Shuster will discuss her novel *Rachis Behavior* which is based in the Australian wine county and examines identity, courage, loss and a third generation's responsibility for their grandparents' legacy.
- October 30th at 7:30 p.m. - Cokie and Steve Roberts share the Passover traditions of a mixed faith family when they discuss *Our Haggadah: Uniting Traditions for Interfaith Families*
- November 1st at 7:30 p.m. - Leah Koenig, the monthly food columnist for *The Forward* offers over 160 delicious, simple, kosher recipes in her cookbook *The Hadassah Everyday Cookbook: Daily Meals for the Contemporary Jewish Kitchen*.
- November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. - Myla Goldberg discusses her mystery novel, *The False Friend*. This is the first book in the Book Festival's Community Read. It may be purchased at the JCC Main Desk.
- November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. - Veteran technology reporter Steven Levy discusses his book *In the Plex: How Google Thinks, Works, and Shapes Our World*.
- November 6th at 7:30 p.m. - Kostya Kennedy, a senior editor at *Sports Illustrated*, discusses the peculiar nature of baseball hitting streaks and his book *56: Joe DiMaggio and the Last Magic Number in Sports*. That presentation will be followed by NY Times columnist, Robert Lipsyte who will discuss his book *An Accidental Sportswriter*.
- November 7th at 7:30 p.m. - Rabbi Simcha Weinstein discusses the origins of the most famous comic superheroes and his book *Up, Up, and Oy Vey: How Jewish History, Culture, and Values Shaped the Comic Book Superhero*.
- November 16th at 7:30 p.m. - Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole discuss the exploration and finds of the Cairo Geniza, the treasure trove of Jewish texts and manuscripts and their acclaimed book, *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*.

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 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.

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