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November President's Message

Friends,

It was a long stretch, but the Holidays are finally over! We had a very nice crowd participating for all our High Holiday Services. Thanks to George Kornfeld, who once again served as our Cantor, and to Ira Cohen and Leon Metlay who led other portions of the various services. Thanks to all who helped with the organization or served as ushers or page announcers, and a special thanks to the Honickman family for sponsoring the Break Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

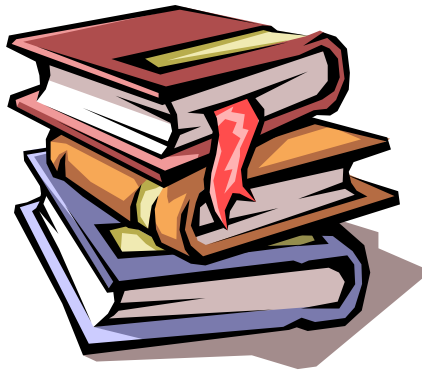
Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah were a joint affair, with hosting and participation from all the small Conservative shuls, BHBI, Beth Am and Beth David. Simchat Torah evening and morning at BHBI were an especially joyful and entertaining celebration, with the usual songs and joking and even a raven that came to visit. Thanks to the participants from all of the congregations, particularly those who organized the schedule and led the services. For Shmini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, and the following Shabbat we enjoyed wonderful and tasty kiddushim, sponsored by Janet Grable. Thank you, Janet! And thanks to Judith Mercer and Esther Vogelstein who helped Janet prepare and cook.

Some of you have asked me about the Talmud passages I cited during my Yom Kippur address to the Congregation. For those interested, these passages, which refer to the less than cordial relations that sometimes existed between the Houses of Hillel and Shammai, are: Talmud Bavli - Sanhedrin 88b, Shabbat 17a, and Eruvin 13b; and Talmud Yerushalami - Beitzah 2:4 and Shabbat 1:4. For the Yerushalami, I used the Neusner translation to English.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of long time members Ben Hobel and Tamar Rogachefsky. May their memories be a blessing to their loved ones.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel



**The JCC's 19th Annual Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival will be held from
October 30th – November 16th**

A number of authors will be present to discuss their books. Go to www.rjbf.org for more information.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2011

Friday	Nov 4	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 5:40 PM
Saturday	Nov 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Lech Lecha
Sunday	Nov 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Nov 9	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study Session at BHBI
Friday	Nov 11	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 4:32 PM
Saturday	Nov 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Vayeirah
Sunday	Nov 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Nov 14	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Friday	Nov 18	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:25 PM
Saturday	Nov 19	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Chayei Sarah
Sunday	Nov 20	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Nov 25	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:20 PM
Saturday	Nov 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Toldot. Blessing of the New Month.
Sunday	Nov 27	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion.

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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

Now that the holidays are past us, the Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study Group will resume its regular meetings on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



Evening The Global Day of Jewish Learning



Last year on November 7th, Rochester celebrated the first Global Day of Jewish Learning - honoring the completion of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's monumental translation on the Talmud - in concert with Jewish communities worldwide. We were delighted when, in partnership with Rochester's Jewish Community Center, hundreds of adult learners turned out at the center to choose from over 40 workshops; additionally there were tracks for educators and teens.

The mission of "Global Day" is to bring the Jewish people together once a year to celebrate our foundational Jewish texts through community based learning. This year, we honor the spirit of the "Global Day" with a very special "Global Evening of Jewish Learning." We hope all who are interested will join us for, **"Can You Hear Me?" The Wisdom of the Sh'ma."**

The Sh'ma is a section of verses that is commanded to be recited twice a day, as it is stated explicitly in the Torah, "speak of them... when you retire and when you arise" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

We are fortunate to present Cantor Ellen Dreskin to address this intriguing topic. Her discussion of the sh'ma will be followed by breakout sessions with three esteemed rabbis from our own community.

The details of "The Global Evening" are as follows. There is no cost to attend but RSVP is requested by Nov. 4th.

"Can You Hear Me?" The Wisdom of the Sh'ma with Cantor Ellen Dreskin
Sunday, November 13, 2011
7:00-9:15 PM
Jewish Community Center • 1200 Edgewood Avenue

Study through story and song with Cantor Dreskin followed by a text based break-out session with one of the following:

Rabbi Aviva Berg, Temple Beth David
Rabbi Shaya Kilimnick, Congregation Beth Sholom
Rabbi Amy Sapowith, Temple Sinai

RSVP by or email your break-out session choice to: soutlaw@jewishrochester.org/Info: 461-0490, x253.

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.

November 4-5	Cheshvan	November 11-12	Cheshvan	November 18-19	Cheshvan	November 25-26	Cheshvan -Kislev
Marion Lazar*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15	Louis Gastel*	23	Abraham	
Joseph D. Stolnitz*	9	Lena Cohen*	16	Emanuel		Friedman*	29
Ida Buckbinder*	9	Sofya Kaminnik*	17	Koveleski*	24	Jacob Marker*	29
Irene Bernstein		Ray Toker	17	Nathan Strom*	24	Rose Nidetz	30
Mikolasek*	9	Mosheh Lazar*	18	Mary Jaffey*	28	Sam Morris*	4
Bernard Lipschutz	10	Nachem Reb Tsvi		Harvey Sanow*	28	Israel Schriba*	4
Ingeborg		Hersh	18	Fannie Stern*	28	Jacob Smilack*	4
Vogelstein	10	Julia Goldman*	19			Dorothy Lewis	
Dianne Hooker*	11	Bessie Schnidman*	21			Cohen*	5
Lottie Astrachan*	12					Mark H. Keyfetz*	5
Lewis Glaser	12						
Alfred E. Hart*	12	*Denotes name					
Sol Weinstein*	12	memorialized on					
Israel Astrachan*	13	BHBI Memorial					
Marion Grossman*	13	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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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- October 1 The Congregation
- October 8 Yom Kippur Break Fast by Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Harris' father, Milton Honickman
- October 15 Katharine Metlay in memory of her brother, Leon Titof
- October 20 Janet Grable in honor of Shemini Atzeret
- October 21 Janet Grable in honor of Simchat Torah
- October 22 Janet Grable in honor of the holidays and Jill Clark in memory of her mother, Beverly Clark

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In memory of Stanley Toker
Peg Toker

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Jill Clark
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Paul and Rose Israel
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