

BULLETIN

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March President's Message

Friends,

With a winter like we have had so far, I hope old Mother Nature is not saving it all for March!

This March we will be having a few special events, to be held jointly with Temple Beth Am. On Friday, March 2, we will join Beth Am for the annual "Shabbat Across America" dinner and service, an event celebrated by hundreds of synagogues across the continent. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm and Service at 8:00 pm, both to be held at Beth Am. By the time this bulletin reaches you, I believe the deadline for dinner reservations will have passed. But all are still welcome to join for the Service.

On Wednesday evening, March 7, at 7 pm, we will have our annual Purim Service, also to be held jointly with Temple Beth Am, at Beth Am. This year Rabbi Simeon Kolko will help with the reading of the Megillah. So please come, bring your graggers, and be prepared to tell Haman what you think of him. Silly costumes welcome!

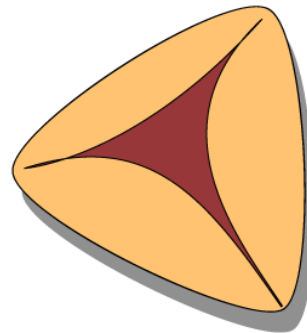
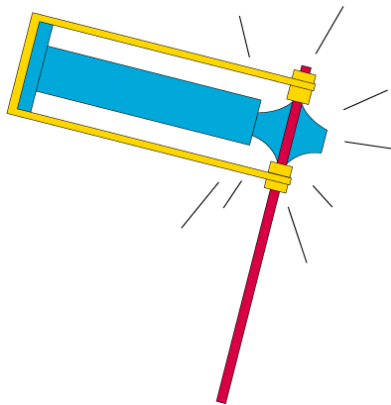
With Purim on its way, Pesach can't be far off. This year we will again have joint services with Temples Beth Am and Beth David for the 2nd and 7th days of the Holiday. Please consult the April bulletin for times and locations.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

Purim begins Wednesday evening, March 7th.

Join the celebration as we join with our friends from Temple Beth Am to read the Megillah of Esther at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7th at Temple Beth Am



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2012

Friday	Mar 2	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:43 PM
Saturday	Mar 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tetzaveh
Sunday	Mar 4	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Mar 7	7:00 PM	Joint Purim Megillah Reading with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am
Friday	Mar 9	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:51 PM
Saturday	Mar 10	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 11	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 12	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Mar 14	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Mar 16	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:00 PM
Saturday	Mar 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Mar 18	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 23	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:08 PM
Saturday	Mar 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikrah Rosh Chodesh Nissan
Sunday	Mar 25	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion.
Friday	Mar 30	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 7:16 PM
Saturday	Mar 31	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am

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February 4	The Congregation
February 11	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katie Metlay's 92 nd birthday and Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her father, Stanley Clark
February 18	The Congregation
February 25	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer

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PURIM QUIZ

Test your knowledge of details related to Purim in this quiz (answers on page 4):

<p>1. How were Mordechai and Esther related?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. He was her cousin b. He was her father c. He was her uncle d. He was her brother 	<p>5. Hamentashen are made in the shape of Haman's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Beard b. Hat c. Ring d. Buttons
<p>2. When Mordechai told Esther of Haman's plans, she asked him to declare a fast that was how long?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 day b. 2 days c. 1 week d. She didn't tell him how long the fast should last 	<p>6. Which present Iranian city was believed to have been ancient Shushan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teheran b. Isfahan c. Shiraz d. Tabriz
<p>3. According to tradition, Haman was a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Midianite b. Assyrian c. Amalekite d. Philistine 	<p>7. Shushan Purim is commemorated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. On the same day as Purim b. On the day before Purim c. On the day after Purim d. On the Shabbat after Purim
<p>4. The Hebrew equivalent of the name Esther is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tamar b. Hadassah c. Naomi d. Miriam 	<p>8. Packages of treats sent to friends on Purim are called</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mishloach la'evionim b. Pur c. Matanot le'Purim d. Mishloach manot

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The February Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. Come join the lively discussion.

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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.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

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Persian Jews in America: A 2,500-Year-Old Community Confronts the New World

Sunday, March 4th, 8pm

The Jews of Persia trace their roots to the Babylonian exile of the 6th century BCE. Today, approximately 70,000 Iranian Jews live in the US, having immigrated in the aftermath of the Iranian Revolution of 1979. A strongly traditional community to this day, Persian Jews are concentrated primarily in large enclaves in Los Angeles and Great Neck. How does an ancient community face this geographic and cultural transition while preserving its core identity? Hear a panel of community leaders from both the New York and Los Angeles communities address this unique chapter in Jewish immigration to the US.

George Mitchell in Conversation with Howard Gardner

Tuesday, March 13th, 8pm

George Mitchell was a key player in resolving the Northern Ireland conflict, was chairman of an international fact-finding committee on violence in the Middle East and served as US Special Envoy for Middle East Peace.

THE MEANING OF PURIM

From MyJewishLearning.com

The overriding theme of Purim is the saving of the Jews from a mortal threat. Even though God is not mentioned at all in the Book of Esther, from a Jewish perspective, God is the one who is pulling the strings of redemption behind the scenes. The holiday of Purim has become one of the best-loved holidays of the Jewish year. The reasons for this are easy to see. It is a joyous holiday on which everyone just lets go. Most significant, however, is the paradigmatic nature of the story of Purim. It is not difficult to see how a story in which a small and threatened Jewish community in exile is able to triumph over its foes would prove to be a powerful image for a Diaspora community faced over the centuries with threats from many different sources. The story of Purim, however, holds out the hope that no matter how bad the circumstances, things will turn out well in the end.

ANSWERS TO THE PURIM QUIZ

1. A – COUSIN
2. A – 1 DAY
3. C – AMALEKITE
4. B – HADASSAH
5. B – HAT
6. C – SHIRAZ
7. C – THE DAY AFTER PURIM
8. D – MISHLOACH MANOT

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.

March 2-3	Adar	March 9-10	Adar	March 16-17	Adar	March 23-24	Nissan
Anna Schiff*	9	Abraham Alderman*	16	Julie Feuerberg	24	Lena Levi*	1
Edith Berkowitz*	10	Celia Engel*	16	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Lester Miller*	1
Samuel Goldstein*	10	Muriel Hobel	17	Barnet Stern*	26	Benjamin Braz*	2
Fanny Techler		Max Levy	17	Harris Priceman*	27	Dr. Charles Cohen*	2
Levinson*	10	Edna Astrachan*	19	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Eli Gerber*	3
Max Metlay	10	Sam Malina*	19	Eva Friedman*	28	Morris Sherman*	3
Nachema Pincus	10	Anna Steinmetz*	19	Karoline Hess*	28	Jacob Shiffman	3
Shanie Rachel		Louis Rickler*	20	Sarah Shulsky*	28	David Gross*	4
Robinson*	11	Harry Aronow*	21	Sadie Rose	29	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5
Irving Gold	12	Carl Astrachan*	21	Mollie Wolk*	29	Rachel Weinstein*	5
Charles Saul Gordon*	13	Leila Markus*	21	Sam Wolk*	29	Flora Priceman*	7
Rose Riwkin*	13	Herman Sarachan*	21				
Marion Carton Gulack	14	Percy Cohen*	22				
Charles Ambush*	15			*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		March 30-31	Nissan
Gussie Gillenson						Esther Bertman*	8
Bernstein*	15					Max Block	8
Irvin Boyer*	15					Seymour Ouzer*	10
Stanley Muszynski*	15					Charles Levy*	11
Haskall Isaac Smith*	15					Morris Lipman	11
						Helen Neiman	
						Goldman*	14
						Sylvia Kowal	14
						Harry Toker	14

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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