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April President's Message

Friends,

It is hard to believe it, but I think winter really is over! This month we begin the Hebrew month of *Aviv* – literally “Spring” (yeah!) – and with Aviv we have the festival of Passover. Note, the name of the month Aviv is one of only four original Hebrew month names to be found in the Bible (and the only one found in the Chumash). During the Babylonian exile, Babylonian month names replaced the Hebrew names (Aviv being replaced by the month name *Nisan*), and these Babylonian names are the ones that have been in use on Hebrew calendars ever since. As in past years, we will celebrate several of the Passover holiday services jointly with our friends from Temples Beth Am and Beth David, so please be sure to check the calendar on page 2 of this bulletin for the correct dates, times, and locations of services. You will also find a form for selling your chametz on page 4.

And now for an *IMPORTANT* message! Save the date, Sunday June 10th, because on that date BHBI will host the party of the century! Come join Congregation BHBI as we celebrate “*101 YEARS of the BIG SHUL*”, the 101st anniversary of the founding of Congregation Beth Hamedresh Hagodol in 1911. Why didn't we celebrate the 100th anniversary, you ask? We did not want to give the congregation a *kenahorah!* As you all probably know, Congregation Beth Hamedresh Hagodol, literally “the Big Shul” was originally located on Hanover Street in the city. Its merger with Congregation Beth Israel in 1973 created our own present day BHBI. See the history page of our shul website for more details. To celebrate we will host a gala dinner party complete with a sumptuous meal and musical entertainment. Further details and reservation information will be presented in our May Bulletin. For now, just mark you calendar and dust off your dancing shoes. It will be an event you won't want to miss!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

**Please join us for this year's Finkelman Lecture on Sunday, April 29th at 2 pm
when Patti Durr, an Associate Professor from the
NTID/RIT Department of Deaf Cultural Studies, will present**

Sharing Deaf Survivors' Stories of the Shoah

English/ASL Interpretation. Dessert to follow. Everyone is welcome.



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS –APRIL 2012

Sunday	Apr 1	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Apr 6		No Service – First Passover Seder Light candles at 7:24 PM
Saturday	Apr 7	9:00 AM	Shabbat and Passover First Day Morning Service
Sunday	Apr 8	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 2 nd Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth David
Monday	Apr 9	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Apr 11	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Thursday	Apr 12	8:00 PM	Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Apr 13	9:30 AM	Joint Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am
		8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat and Erev Passover 8 th Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 7:32 PM
Saturday	Apr 14	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat and Passover 8 th Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Sunday	Apr 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Apr 20	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:41 PM
Saturday	Apr 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Shemini Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Apr 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Apr 27	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:49 PM
Saturday	Apr 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tazriah-Metzorah
Sunday	Apr 29	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion.
		2:00 PM	Finkelman Lecture: Patti Durr Shares Deaf Survivors' Stories of the Shoah

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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Yom Ha'shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Commemorations:

Community Commemoration – Wednesday, April 18th at 7 p.m. at the JCC – Phyllis Kasdin, author of *The Future Begins with the Past: An Archives Exhibit of Jewish Rochester* will discuss the Rochester Jewish community's efforts to begin to understand the pain of survivors and how to acknowledge them while also acknowledging those who perished. Also featured will be teens who went on the Federation's Journey for Identity to Poland and Israel.

Collaborative Teen Yom Ha'shoah Program, Sunday, April 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. During this community-wide teen event sponsored by the Federation, teens will learn about the resistance movement during the Holocaust and about tikkun olam.

Yom Ha'atzmaout (Israel Independence Day) Commemoration:

Hear Rabbi Joe Black, a vibrant force in today's contemporary Jewish music scene, at our annual celebration of Israel Independence Day - Yom Ha'atzmaut - on **Thursday, April 26th!** Scheduled for 7:00 PM at Temple Beth El, 139 S. Winton Road, all are welcome to this opportunity to party and celebrate Israel's 64th birthday. There is no charge to attend. Following the concert, all are invited to enjoy ice cream.

Preceding the concert, a special happening for **families with children ages 2-6**, co-sponsored by The PJ Library, will take place at **6:30 PM**. Featured will be a story and song with the music of Rabbi Black (a PJ Library artist!), as well as craft activity and snack. A dynamic performer, lyrical composer, and accomplished musician, Rabbi Black has produced several critically acclaimed albums of Jewish music, a songbook and two videos. His latest release, *Sabbatical*, reflects Rabbi Black's skillful guitar playing, his thoughtful original lyrics, and smooth, silky vocals. *Leave A Little Bit Undone*, his other adult album showcases 12 original songs based on biblical and liturgical texts. Original songs from Rabbi Black's two children's recordings, *Aleph Bet Boogie*, and *Everybody's Got A Little Music* are widely sung in religious schools, Jewish summer camps and community centers, and at youth group events. Rabbi Black has received numerous honors for his performances and compositions. He was recognized by *Moment Magazine* as one of the top ten male performers in Contemporary American Jewish music, as well as one of the top ten children's performers in American Jewish music.

Rabbi Black is Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Denver, Colorado. Prior to moving to Denver, he served as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1996-2010, and as Assistant then Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1987- 1996. He is married and has two children.

For more information, call 461-0490.

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The February Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m. Come join the lively discussion.

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.

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!!

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- March 3 Leon Metlay, Nina Klionsky and Katie Metlay in memory of their father and husband, Max Metlay
- March 10 The Congregation
- March 17 Katie Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg
- March 24 The Congregation

Pesach Guide – The 2012 Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide can be found on-line at: <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/jewish-law/holidays/pesah/rabbinical-assembly-pesah-guide-2012.pdf>



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Signature _____ Name _____

Address _____

Please fill out and mail this form to Congregation BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 so it is received no later than Wednesday, April 4th.

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.

April 6-7	Nissan	April 13-14	Nissan	April 20-21	Nissan - Iyar	April 27-28	Iyar
Leo Beechbinder*	15	Yetta Levine*	22	Hyman Rothschild*	29	Hyman Goldberg*	6
Sol Levin*	15	Evelyn Maimon	23	Karen Shulman	30	Morton Lewis	6
Judith Potter*	16	Simon Finkelman	24	Louis Goldberg*	1	Albert Bernstein*	7
Minnette Taylor	16	Blanche Levitz	25	Louis Goldman*	3	Harry Gordon*	7
Eliahu Louis Cohen*	18	Louis Priceman*	25	Beverly Honickman	4	Minnie Rothbard	9
Harry H. Levinson	18	Dorothy Riwkin*	25			Samuel Sanow*	10
David Morris*	20	Samuel B. Spiller*	25			Harry Cominsky*	11
Jacob Weinrib*	20	Arthur Weinberger	26			Dr. Murray Cowen	12
Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Alexander Greenbaum*	27	*Denotes name		Chasa Tillie Yablin*	12
Benjamin Ritter	21	Esther Gurian*	27	memorialized on			
		Ethel L. Goldstein*	28	BHBI Memorial			
		Rose Lewis*	28	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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YOM HASHOAH 2012
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE




Image City Photography Gallery
Exhibit and Reception
"The Ghosts of Auschwitz-Birkenau"
by Photographer Cole Thompson

Sunday, April 22, 2012
12Noon - 4:00 PM: Reception with Eva Abrams, Survivor
2:00 PM: Cole Thompson

View the striking photography of Cole Thompson at an exhibit of his work, "The Ghosts of Auschwitz-Birkenau." The exhibit will be shown at the gallery from April 18 to May 13, 2012.

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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