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May President's Message

Friends,

As I announced in last month's Bulletin, Congregation BHBI will be hosting a very special event the second weekend in June. At that time we will celebrate the 101st Anniversary of the founding of Congregation Beth Hamedresh Hagodel. Known affectionately as the "Big Shul", Beth Hamedresh Hagodel merged with Beth Israel in 1973 to create our present day Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel.

In honor of this occasion, we have planned an entire weekend of celebratory events. Starting with the Shabbat evening service on Friday, June 8, and continuing with Shabbat morning service on Saturday, June 9, we will have a special Shabbaton featuring Rabbi Shamai Kanter. I am sure many of you know Rabbi Kanter, who was the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth El for over 20 years. Rabbi Kanter last visited BHBI several years ago, when he was invited to initiate our Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture series. If you are interested to join for dinner with the Rabbi at 6 pm on Friday evening June 8th, please make your reservation by Monday, June 4th, by calling or emailing the shul office (244-2060, bhbi@frontiernet.net) or sending in the reservation form on page 4. The cost is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child 12 or under, \$36 family maximum.

On Sunday, June 10, we will have a *Gala Anniversary Party and Dinner*. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres start at 5:00 pm. At 5:30 we will have musical entertainment featuring the piano playing of Maury Rosenberg (see <http://mauryrosenberg.com>). A home cooked dinner will follow at 6:30 pm, including chicken soup, salad, roast chicken, kasha varnishkes, seasonal vegetables, and dessert. The theme of the party will be "101 Years of the Big Shul" and throughout dinner we will play classic American popular hits from the last 101 years! Singing and dancing are encouraged! The cost for the party is \$25 per person and reservations are required by Monday, June 4th. Call or email the shul office or send in the form on page 4 of the bulletin to make your reservation. If any of you have any memorable photos or stories from the long history of our Congregation, I invite you send them in so that we may share them at the party!

Returning to regular business . . . in May we will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Please see the calendar on page 2 of this bulletin for the schedule of services, which again this year will be held jointly with our friends from Temple Beth Am. On the first day Shavuot, Beth Am will host a luncheon following services at Beth Am. Please call the TBA office, 334-4855, to let them know if you are coming.

Finally, on Sunday, May 20th, at 2 pm we will have our annual BHBI membership meeting. Please come to vote in our new slate of officers and trustees. This is also a time for you to present your thoughts or discuss any concerns you may have regarding the state of our Congregation. As always, you may send a written proxy for your vote with another member, but proxies do not count in making the quorum we need to conduct business. So please make every effort to attend!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

**The 2012 BHBI Annual Membership Meeting
will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 P.M.**

**All members are urged to attend. To vote, members' dues obligations must be paid up.
Members may each hold up to 2 voting proxies for other members in good standing.
Proxies do not count toward a quorum.**

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS –MAY 2012

Friday	May 4	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:57 PM
Saturday	May 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Acharei-Kedoshim
Sunday	May 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	May 9	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	May 11	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with members of Temple Beth Am at TBA Light candles at 8:05 PM
Saturday	May 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with members of Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Emor
Sunday	May 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	May 14	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Friday	May 18	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:12 PM
Saturday	May 19	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behar-Bechukotai Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	May 20	9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion BHBI Annual Membership Meeting
Friday	May 25	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:19 PM
Saturday	May 26	9:30 AM 8:00 PM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Bamidbar Joint Erev Shavuot 1 st Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 9:29 PM
Sunday	May 27	9:30 AM 8:00 PM	Joint Shavuot 1 st Day Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Joint Shavuot Erev 2 nd Day Service with Yizkor together with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles after 9:30 PM
Monday	May 28	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot 2 nd Day Service with Yizkor together with Temple Beth Am at BHBI

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In memory of Aaron Baker, Bessie Baker, Morry Baker and Robert Baker
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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.

STOCK-A-SHELF

BHBI is participating in the Jewish Federation's Stock-A-Shelf effort on behalf of the Brighton Food Cupboard and has been asked to collect donations of canned fruit. Please drop canned fruit containers off in the bin that will be in the BHBI lobby throughout the month of May.



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Join this important community-wide effort as Jewish Organizations throughout Rochester collect donations during the month of May.

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For more information about the Brighton Food Cupboard, visit jfsrochester.org or call 271-5355

This initiative is sponsored by the Rochester Board of Rabbis
and the Community Relations Committee of the



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SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. Come join the lively discussion.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- April 7 The Congregation
- April 14 The Congregation
- April 21 Aline and Harris Honickman in memory of Harris' mother, Beverly Honickman
- April 28 Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Harry Gordon



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF "THE BIG SHUL" (BETH HAMEDRESH HAGODEL) WITH A HOST OF EVENTS ON JUNE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH – SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH SHABBATON WITH RABBI SHAMAI KANTER

Friday evening dinner with Rabbi Kanter at 6 P.M. (limited to BHBI and Beth Am members)
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat Services and a D'var Torah.
Dinner is \$12 for adults and children ages 13 and over, \$8 for children ages 12 and younger.
The family maximum is \$36.

Shabbat morning services Saturday, June 9th at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Kanter



SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH GALA ANNIVERSARY PARTY AND DINNER

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5 p.m. followed by the music of Maury Rosenberg at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes and dance to the music of each decade of the past 101 years!
Friends of BHBI are welcome to attend. Price \$25 per person.

RSVP Form for the Gala Weekend

Friday evening dinner with Rabbi Kanter:

of adults @\$12 per person: _____ = \$ _____

of children under 12@ \$8 per person _____ = \$ _____

Sunday evening gala anniversary party and dinner:

of people attending @ \$25 per person: _____ = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Please send this reservation form to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 so that it is received no later than Monday, June 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.

May 5-6	Iyar	May 12-13	Iyar	May 19-20	Iyar - Sivan	May 26-27	Sivan
Johanna Schild*	13	Maurice Baker	21	Leopold Beechbinder*	27	Morris Levine*	5
Haskell Isaac Smith*	15	Samuel Gastel*	21	Charles Bertman*	27	Ida Sherman*	5
Samuel Lederman*	16	Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Ann Alderman*	6
Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16	Bessie Baker	26	Harry T. Levinson*	27	Max Atkin*	8
Libbie Goldberg*	18	Reuben Cohen	26	Abraham Goldman*	28	Bessie Eber*	8
				Arnold Kauffman*	28	Max Vogelstein	8
				Samuel Schwartz*	1	Benjamin Weinrib*	8
				Sam Dubin	2	Robert Baker	9
				Nathan Epstein*	2	May Cohen	9
				Bessie Klein*	2	Sarah Osband*	10
				Rose Levin*	4	Jessie Stolnitz*	10
				Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4	Harry Strauss*	11
						Minnie Strom*	11

*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial 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.

CONDOLENCES

The BHBI family sends its condolences to Steve and Helen Gulack on the recent loss of Steve's father.

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

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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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