

BULLETIN

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July President's Message

Friends,

Our special Gala Weekend celebrating the 101st Anniversary of the founding of Beth Hamedresh Hagodel, “The Big Shul”, was a great success. We had a nice turnout both Friday evening and Saturday morning for our Shabbaton with Rabbi Kanter, who engaged the congregation with interesting discussions on recent poetry from Israel and current trends and outlook for synagogues in the United States. Then Sunday night was our Gala Dinner and Party, where all had an especially joyful time. The piano playing of Maury Rosenberg had people up and dancing, the food was great, the trivia quiz on Rochester Jewish history was entertaining and enlightening, and the 101 Years of American Popular Song revealed the Jewish connections to all our old favorite tunes. We were very happy to have some people with connections to the old days of the Big Shul attend the event and contribute memorabilia for our display.

An event such as this could not have taken place without the help and contributions of many. I would like to thank Paula Bobb, Laura Colbert, Judith Mercer and Esther Vogelstein for their enormous help in the kitchen. The amazing “Big Shul” cake (see photo on the accompanying insert) was made by Janet Grable, who also helped with the hors d'oeuvres. Decorations and table settings were by Paula and Laura. Chris Paprocki, our caretaker Lual, and his friend Thomas helped rearranging the sanctuary furniture for the party. Leon Metlay prepared the displays of Big Shul memorabilia, and we thank Gloria Sarachan and Dvora Kolko for contributions. We thank David Benjamin and Laughing Cat Books for the Jewish Rochester Trivia Quiz and complementary CDs of the quiz (if you would like a copy, just let me know). Leon, Paula, and Robynne Carney helped with cleaning up. Ira Cohen helped with transport. I want to thank Paula, Judith and Nina Klionsky for help with serving, as well as our waiters Robynne, Sarah Bobb and Rachel Bobb. Thanks to Casey Shapiro who served as our bartender. We thank Temple Beth Am for use of their projector and screen. A special thank you to Harry Rogachefsky for his very generous support of the event, as well as to all others who made donations in honor of the occasion. If I have forgotten someone, please forgive me. Look later in this bulletin for some photos of the party. More photos will be posted on the “Pics” page of the BHBI website.

Moving from the festive to the solemn, Tisha B'Av services will be at the end of the month, held jointly with our friends from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David. Evening service will be Saturday, July 28, at BHBI. We will begin with snacks at 8:00 pm, have Mincha from 8:10 to 8:30, study from 8:35 to 9:35, have havdalah, then read the Book of Eichah. Sunday morning service will be 9:30 am at Temple Beth David. Anyone needing a ride to Beth David should contact Pam Rosen at 377-2141 by Wednesday, July 25th.

Finally, I remind you that July 8 - 16 is the Rochester Jewish Film Festival. I urge you to support this wonderful community resource, now in its twelfth year. A list of this year's offerings can be found on the festival's website: www.rjff.org

See you in shul and at the movies!

Steve Teitel

**Join us for this year's joint BHBI-Beth Am picnic
Friday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Beth Am
Put it on your calendar now!**

For more information, see page 4.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY 2012

Sunday	July 1	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 6	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:33 PM
Saturday	July 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Balak
Sunday	July 8	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion. Fast of Tammuz.
Monday	July 9	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	July 11	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	July 13	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with members of Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:30 PM
Saturday	July 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with members of Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Pinchas
Sunday	July 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 20	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:25 PM
Saturday	July 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Matot-Masei
Sunday	July 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	July 27	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:18 PM
Saturday	July 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Devarim
		8:00 PM	Joint Tisha b'Av Evening Service and Study Session with members of Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Sunday	July 22	9:30 AM	Joint Tisha b'Av Morning Service and Study Session with members of Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David

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SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:30 p.m. Come join in the lively discussion along with congregants from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David.

The following members and friends of BHBI wish to send greetings to the congregation in celebration of the 101st anniversary of the founding of Beth Hamedresh Hagodel:

Judith Mercer
Norman and Linda Adams
Katy Metlay
Ira Cohen
Sue Baker
Bethel Kent
Phil and Annette Garver
Richard Cole
Janet Grable and David Benjamin
Harris and Aline Honickman
Rob and Ellen Lerner
Laura Colbert
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky
Esther Vogelstein
Steve and Ruth Teitel
Bruce and Candy Nelson
Allison Helms
Harry Rogachefsky
Paula Bobb
Helen and Steve Gulack
Gloria Kaplan and family
Marcia Nabut
Ken and Mollie Traub
David and Susan Rothenberg
Samuel Zwillich
Jeff Nidetz and Leslie and Mark Toker
Peg Toker
Aharon Baruch and Lipman's Kosher Market
Stan and Elaine Schaffer
Ruth Steinberg and family
Paul and Rose Israel



Photos from the Gala Celebrating Beth Hamedresh Hagodel's 101st Anniversary



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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 2 The Congregation
June 9 The Congregation
June 16 The Congregation
June 23 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Nina's birthday

Save the Date!

Joint Beth Am / BHBI Picnic

Friday, August 10th 5:30 pm at Temple Beth Am

\$15/family or \$5/person if RSVP on/before Aug. 3

\$18/family or \$6/person if RSVP after Aug. 3

Plus PAREVE dish to pass. Add \$2/person, \$6/family w/o dish to pass.

RSVP by sending payment with a note to the Temple Beth Am office (Temple Beth Am, POB 177, Henrietta, NY 14467). Indicate your name, how many people, how many of each (for planning): vegetarian, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken (more than 1 serving of each is permitted).

Please contact Ami Schmerl at 334-1950 or social@bethamrochester.org specifying items you are bringing so we do not have duplicates

Suggested dish to pass (must be pareve and have hechsher other than "K"): pickles; olives; non-dairy dessert: Tofutti, cookies, Italian Ice; potato chips, pretzels, salsa, tabuleh; hummus/pita bread; soda; juice; carrot & celery sticks; non-dairy packaged dip; fresh corn; fresh fruit Cole Slaw, Pita chips, bagged salad, soda, juice, salsa/tortilla chips

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!!

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- **The Rochester Jewish Film Festival** will be bringing several interesting films to town July 8–16. For information and tickets, go to www.RJFF.org
- **Temple Beth Am Mitzvah Project** – Temple Beth Am invites BHBI members to join in making handmade blankets for the children at Golisano Children's Hospital on Monday, July 9th from 4-6 pm. Materials will be provided by Temple Beth Am. For more information, call Ruth at 905-9001.
- **US Holocaust Memorial Museum Exhibit at the JCC** – A traveling exhibit on Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is can be viewed at the JCC through July 22nd.

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.

July 6-7	Tammuz	July 13-14	Tammuz - Av	July 20-21	Av	July 27-28	Av
Sam Hector*	20	Nelli Ahuva Metlay*	24	Ray Bloch	2	William Aaron Bernstein*	9
Harry Sarachan*	20	Ira Edward Potter*	24	Benjamin Bobb	2	David Titof	9
Rose Schiff*	20	Thelma Ring Smith*	25	Joseph Greenbaum*	2	Haim Menachem Levy	12
Louis Edelson*	21	Irwin Bertman*	27	Moses Berkowitz*	3	Hyman Silverman*	12
Bernard Sallerson*	21	Oscar Hart	27	Dave Kovel	5	Frank Carper*	13
Max Goodman*	23	Mark Rose	27	Kathy Shur*	5	Sarah R. Spector*	13
David Gordon*	23	Abraham Schriba*	27	Anna Berman*	8	Samuel Gross	15
		Doriene Baker	28	George Cohen*	8		
		Hyman Tanenbaum*	28				
		Celia Silverstein*	29				
		Sydney Gold	1				
		Louis Schiff*	1				
*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque							

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BHBI WEBSITE

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.

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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