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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

BULLETIN

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September President's Message

Friends,

The fall is nearly upon us, and with it the start of the High Holy Day period. We will begin with our Selichot program, held jointly with our friends from Temple Beth Am, at Temple Beth Am on Saturday evening, September 8th, at 8:30 pm. We will start by viewing the movie "Groundhog Day", followed by a discussion and the Selichot service. We will be joined there, for the first time, by friends from Ohel Avraham. Rosh Hashanah then starts Sunday evening, September 16th. See page 2 of this bulletin for a detailed schedule of holiday services. High Holy Day tickets will be mailed out shortly after Labor Day along with information about our High Holy Day Appeal. The High Holy Day appeal is the major annual fundraising activity for our congregation. Your donation to the High Holy Day appeal allows us to charge the lowest membership dues in the community, so be generous in your donation. Also, if you have any friends or family looking for a warm and engaging congregation to spend the holidays with, please be sure to tell them about BHBI's complimentary three month trial membership, available to all potential first time new members. The membership includes High Holy Day tickets at no charge. Students are also welcome to attend our High Holy Day services free of charge.

On Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot, Friday and Saturday October 5-6, we will have a special Shabbaton for prospective new members, featuring Rabbi Simeon Kolko. Rabbi Kolko will be addressing the congregation on the topic "Shaping our future: Jews and the 2012 election." It is certain to be an interesting and engaging program and discussion. Friday evening Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Kolko will start at 6 pm. Please contact the shul for dinner reservations by Monday, October 1st. A reservation form can be found on page 5 of this bulletin. All prospective new members are invited to attend the dinner at no charge, but reservations are required.

While most of us are actively engaged thinking about our upcoming High Holy Days, it should be noted that this past August was an important holiday period for others. July 20 to August 19 (coinciding with the Jewish month of Elul) marked the Muslim holiday of Ramadan, in which devout Muslims fast each day from sunrise to sunset. This year, we were surprised to receive an invitation from the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester to attend one of the evening *Iftar* break-fast dinners held at the center. The invitation was announced at Shabbat morning services, and a group of four of us attended. It was a very interesting and pleasant evening, and we were all touched by the warmth and hospitality of our hosts. In days like ours, when stories of conflict fill the news, it is rewarding and perhaps even inspiring to be able to sit with others and realize how much we all have in common.

I wish you and your loved ones a healthy and sweet New Year.

Shanah Tovah,

Steve Teitel

L'Shana Tova Tikateivu May you be inscribed for a good year!

HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET SALES

BHBI sells High Holy Day tickets to non-members for a very reasonable price. If you know someone who might be interested in purchasing High Holy Day tickets, have them contact BHBI. We offer free High Holy Day tickets for students.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2012

Saturday	Sept 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Ki Teitzei				
Friday	Sept 7	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:15 PM				
Saturday	Sept 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with members of Temple Beth Am at BH Torah: Ki Tavo				
		8:30 PM	Selichot Program at Temple Beth Am followed by service at 10:30 PM				
Sunday	Sept 9	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
		11:00 AM	Sanctuary Preparation for the High Holy Days				
Monday	Sept 10	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees				
Wednesday	Sept 12	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI				
Friday	Sept 14	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 7:02 PM				
Saturday	Sept 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Nitzavim				
Sunday	Sept 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
		7:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah First Day Service Light candles at 6:59 PM				
Monday	Sept 17	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah First Day Service Light candles after 7:57 PM				
		6:45 PM	Tashlich and Mincha at Lake Riley				
		8:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service				
Tuesday	Sept 18	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service				
Friday	Sept 21	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:50PM				
Saturday	Sept 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service Torah: Vayelech				
Sunday	Sept 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
Tuesday	Sept 25	6:30 PM	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service Light candles at 6:43PM				
Wednesday	Sept 26	9:00 AM	Yom Kippur Morning Service and Yizkor				
		5:00 PM	Yom Kippur Mincha Service				
		6:00 PM	Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Service				
		7:41 PM	Conclusion of Yom Kippur				
Friday	Sept 28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:37 PM				
Saturday	Sept 29	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Ha'azinu				
Sunday	Sept 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
		To be arranged	Erev Sukkot First Day service with Ohel Avraham and Temple Beth Am at Nazareth College				

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Harold Krinsky David and Rosemary Hyland

In memory of Tanya Yudelson *Joseph Yudelson*

In memory of Harry and Rae Toker Peg Toker In memory of Moses Berkowitz

Gloria Berkowitz

In memory of Haim Menachem Levy Paul and Rose Israel

In memory of Mark and Sadie Rose Peg Toker

John Rothbard

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 4	Esther Vogelstein in honor of the anniversary of her brother Hermann's bar mitzvah
August 11	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of Bessie Gastel and Ruth and Steve Teitel in memory of Steve's
_	father, Joseph Teitel
August 18	The Congregation
August 25	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of the upcoming weddings of Sarah Shapiro to Alan
_	Sonnenfeld and Gabe Tabak to Ruth Brown

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.

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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, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. Come join in the lively discussion along with congregants from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNAFFILIATED AND INTERESTED IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?

Let them know about BHBI's special <u>free 3 month trial membership</u> (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!! With the High Holy Days about to begin, now is a great time to tell your unaffiliated friends about our congregation and to urge them to visit.

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.

August 31-Sept. 1	Elul	September 7-8	Elul	September 14-15	Elul - Tishrei	September 21-22	Tishrei
Isidor Hess* Frumeh Hinensky* A. Ben Glasser Celia Wolk Leonard Mayer Grossman	14 14 16 17	Maurice Seide* 2 Hyman Senzel* 2 Bessie Cominsky* 2 Rose Levin* 2 David Goldman* 2	21 21 22 23 25 26	Janet Kanthor* Gerald Glasser* Mazel Tov Levy Shirley Arlene Dvorkin* Ronni Lynn Gordon* David Lester Kauffman*	28 29 29 1 1	Rose Lewis* Annie Schwartz* Fannie R. Spector* Averil Toker Milton Honickman	6 6 8 9 11
		Trudy Bender Baran I. Robert Lewis* Phillip Rogachefsky*	27 27 27	Catherine Braz* Hyman A. Davis*	3 5	Ida Strom Annie Kovel* Harris I. Cenzer* Ben Hobel* Jean Traub* Marie L. Steinmetz* Robert Steinmetz*	Tishrei 13 14 18 18 18 19 19

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.

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

CONDOLENCES

We announce with great sadness the passing of Gladys Glazer, the mother of Ruth Teitel. The Congregation sends its condolences to Ruth and Steve and to the entire family. The funeral was held in Boston.

GOODSEARCH.COM

Goodsearch.com is an on-line internet search program that pays non-profit organizations like BHBI a fee every time someone uses their search service. Go to www.goodsearch.com, enter the search term that you want and put in BHBI on the line where it says Who Do You Goodsearch For? BHBI will benefit from each search you make!



So far our **TOPS** Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, **TOPS** Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase **TOPS** Gift Cards, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at stanschaffer@frontiernet.net



We Send Our Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to the Congregation

Lyn and Norm Adams and Maxine Gold Sue Ann Baker Paula Bobb and Family Ira Cohen Emily Fishman Steve and Helen Gulack Aline, Harris, Matthew and Noah Honickman Paul and Rose Israel Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay and Hannah The Mercers Katie Metlay The Paprocki Family Harry Rogachefsky Stan, Elaine, Aviva, Aaron and Jacob Schaffer Herb Spencer Ruth and Steve Teitel and Family Leslie Toker, Jeff Nidetz and Mark

JOIN US FOR A SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT DINNER IN THE SUKKAH (WEATHER PERMITTING) ON FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5TH AS WE INITIATE A WEEKEND SHABBATON WITH RABBI SIMEON KOLKO

Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services and a discussion led by Rabbi Kolko titled "Shaping Our Future: Jews and the 2012 Election"

Dinner Cost: Adults \$12, Children Ages 12 Years and Under \$8, Family Maximum \$36 Free for prospective new members!

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Number of Children Ages 12 and Under Attending: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Please send this completed reservation form along with your check to: BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610

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.

<u>BULLETIN CONTENT</u> 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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