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December Vice-President's Message

Friends,

The big event for December (at least for Jews) is Chanukah, which begins on the evening of Saturday, December 8, 2012, and ends on the evening of Sunday, December 16, 2012.

Right now, we are planning to have a joint BHBI/Beth Am Chanukah party starting at 5 pm on Sunday, December 9th with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. Janet Grable has consented to chair the committee and will be happy to get help from anyone who will volunteer. Please offer to help out. Please get your reservations in by Wednesday December 5th. Please be sure to either (i) mail in the reservation form found on page 5 of this bulletin, (ii) e-mail us at BHBI@frontiernet.net, or (iii) leave a message on our office answering machine 244-2060. We are looking forward to our friends from Temple Beth Am to join us.

Sunday, December 2nd is the Jewish Federation's Super Sunday and the Federation is looking for volunteers to help. You can make a critical difference by volunteering just three hours on Super Sunday. Super Sunday shifts are: 9AM-noon, 11AM-2PM, 3-5:30PM and 6-9PM (dinner included). For more information go to www.JewishRochester.org or call the Federation at 461-0490.

So far, the late Fall has been pretty mild – like last year. Perhaps global warming isn't so bad after all. Also, we've had some great kiddushim lately. If you haven't come by recently for Shabbat services, please do so. What's wrong with some spiritual uplifting followed by a tasty meal and friendly conversation? And let's all pray for peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Leon Metlay is scheduled to give a talk on Jewish religious practices to students at Siena Catholic Academy on East Avenue.

The leaves have been removed from our lawns and the furnace is working just fine – so we should be all set for the winter.

See you in shul,

Harris Honickman

**Have a Happy Chanukah!
Please Join Us for Our Chanukah Party
on Sunday, December 9th**



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – DECEMBER 2012

Saturday	Dec 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Dec 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Dec 7	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 4:16 PM
Saturday	Dec 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month. Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Dec 9	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		5:00 PM	BHBI/Beth Am Chanukah Party at BHBI
Monday	Dec 10	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Dec 12	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Dec 14	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 4:17PM
Saturday	Dec 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Miketz
Sunday	Dec 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Dec 21	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:20 PM
Saturday	Dec 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayigash
Sunday	Dec 23	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion (Fast of Tevet)
Friday	Dec 28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:24 PM
Saturday	Dec 29	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Vayechi
Sunday	Dec 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve and Helen Gulack on the recent marriage of their son, Yaaki Koesterich, to Elana Steinfeld.

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Come join in the lively discussion along with congregants from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David.

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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GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sofya Kaminnick
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In memory of Abraham Friedman
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In memory of Tamar Rogachefsky
David Rogachefsky

In memory of Nathan Goldberg
Phil and Annette Garver

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 3 The Congregation
November 10 The Congregation
November 17 David Rogachefsky in memory of his mother, Tamar Rogachefsky
November 24 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of the birthdays of Leon, his sister, Beth Metlay, and his nieces Katharine and Robyn Carney
Steve and Ruth Teitel in memory of Steve's mother, Eleanor Teitel

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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!!

THE SHERUT PROJECT

The Jewish Federation has developed a new program called The Sherut Project to engage 25-45 year olds to shape our Jewish future. The Sherut Project will offer meaningful Jewish education opportunities tailored to individual needs. It will assist individuals in networking with other young professionals around multiple disciplines. Members will be encouraged to engage in service to the Jewish and general community and will connect families in meaningful Jewish contexts. The Sherut Project will also connect young Jewish adults with activities interest in the global Jewish world. As part of The Sherut Project, the Federation is offering a program called Ramim which debuted in 2010-11 to resounding success. This extraordinary global platform partners professionals in Rochester with those in Modi'in, Israel, Rochester's Partnership 2Gether community. Participants share ideas, strengths, challenges and models of success; empowering both communities. Built into the program are opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth. The next information session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Federation. For information or to RSVP contact Debbie Zarkowsky at dzarkowsky@jewishrochester.org

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.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 1	Kislev	December 14-15	Tevet	December 21-22	Tevet	December 28-29	Tevet
Edward M. Hart	19	Ida Phillips	2	Ida Buckbinder*	9	Len Cohen*	16
Rose Alderman*	20	Sarah Rickler*	4	Irene Bernstein		Sofya Kaminnick*	17
Hyman Ring*	20	Blanche Florescue Ross*	4	Mikolasek*	9	Ray Toker	17
		Charles Schnidman*	4	Bernard Lipschutz	10	Mosheh Lazar*	18
December 7-8	Kislev - Tevet	Harry Silverman*	4	Ingeborg Vogelstein	10	Nachem Reb Tsvi	
		Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4	Dianne Hooker*	11	Hersh	18
Beverly Clark*	24	Ida Menter*	7	Lottie Astrachan*	12	Julia Goldman*	19
David Israel	24	Clara Spencer	7	Lewis Glaser	12	Bessie Schnidman*	21
Morris Album*	25	Marion Lazar*	8	Alfred E. Hart*	12		
Betty Katzen	25	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	Sol Weinstein*	12		
Sam Gold	29			Israel Astrachan*	13		
Rona Luxemburg	29			Marion Grossman*	13		
Bernard Israel	30			Nellie Beckler*	15		
Celia Israel	30						
Bessie Miller*	1						

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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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

A new memorial plaque in memory of Robert Baker was recently added to our BHBI memorial board. You can also 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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RECIPE FOR LATKES

Makes approximately 12 palm-sized latkes

- 4 medium potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup matzah meal (flour or bread crumbs can be substituted)
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. each salt and black pepper (more or less to taste)
- vegetable oil

Shred the potatoes and onion into a large bowl. Press out all excess liquid (if using a food processor, use the chopping blade for 2 or 3 seconds after pressing out liquid to avoid stringy fly-aways). Add eggs and mix well. Add matzah meal gradually while mixing until the batter is doughy, not too dry. (you may not need the whole amount, depending on how well you drained the veggies). Add the baking powder, salt and pepper and mix well. (Don't taste the batter -- it's really gross!). Don't worry if the batter turns a little orange; that will go away when it fries. Heat about 1/2 inch of oil to medium-high heat. Form the batter into thin patties about the size of your palm. Fry batter in oil. Be patient: this takes time, and too much flipping will burn the outside without cooking the inside. Don't fry too many latkes at once – doing so will cause them to absorb all of the oil. Flip when the bottom is golden brown.

BHBI/Beth Am Chanukah Dinner Reservation Form

Sunday, December 9th at BHBI

Be sure to bring your menorahs!

5:00 P.M. – The party begins

5:30 P.M. – Chanukah candle-lighting followed by songs

6:00 – Dinner and games

Cost: Adults: \$12, Kids ages 12 and under: \$8, Family Max: \$36

Bring a friend!!

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Adults; _____ Children Under 12

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send your reservation form to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 to be received no later than December 5th.



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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