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February President's Message

Friends,

With this message I am happy to let you know of my return to "active duty" as the Congregation's President. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Harris Honickman for filling in for me over the last several months.

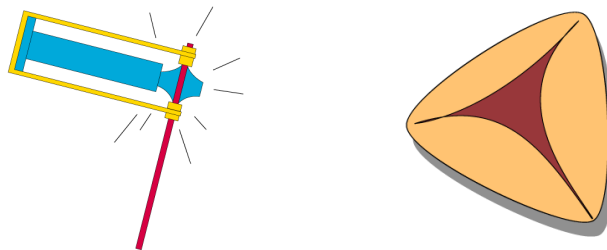
Coming up this month is the holiday of Purim! Purim evening service this year will be Saturday, February 23, at 7:00 pm at BHBI. We will be joined by friends from Temples Beth Am and Beth David. Come join us to hear the whole megillah! This year we are also participating in a shalach manot project with Temple Beth Am. Please see the special insert included with this bulletin for information on how to order a shalach manot basket for congregational friends and others – it is a great way to carry out one of the important mitzvot of Purim, as well as to treat your friends to a tasty snack! On Sunday, February 24th, BHBI has been invited to a Purim morning service at Temple Beth David. The regular Sunday minyan starts at 8:30 am, will be followed by a pancake breakfast at 9 am and then the reading of the Megillah will take place at 10:30 am. Please contact our gabbai, Leon Metlay, if you will be coming to this breakfast, so that he can give an estimate of attendees from BHBI to TBD.

Looking further down the road, on Saturday March 2, BHBI will host the new group "Jewish Young Rochester" at our Shabbat morning service. This is a group of Jewish young professionals and graduate students that joins together for various social, networking and other events. Most recently they have organized a "shul hopping" schedule to visit the various congregations in town. So please come join us March 2 to show JYROC our warm and welcoming BHBI hospitality!

Looking even further down the road, we will be having the next in our Simon Finkelman Memorial Lectures on Saturday, April 21. This year we are delighted to have Simon's own son, Prof. Paul Finkelman, come and visit with us. Paul is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School, and he will be speaking about, "Are the Ten Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law? Why Jews Should be Concerned About Public Displays of the Decalogue." The talk will follow Shabbat morning kiddush at roughly 1:00 pm, and the public is invited to attend. So please mark your calendar for this very special event – be sure to come, and bring a friend!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel



**Join us for the Purim megillah reading at BHBI
on Saturday evening, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and
again on Sunday morning, February 24th at 10:30 a.m.
(following a pancake breakfast) at Temple Beth David!**

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2013

Friday	Feb 1	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 5:04 PM
Saturday	Feb 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Yitro
Sunday	Feb 3	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Feb 8	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 5:14PM
Saturday	Feb 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Mishpatim
Sunday	Feb 10	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Feb 11	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Feb 13	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Feb 15	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:23 PM
Saturday	Feb 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Terumah
Sunday	Feb 17	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Friday	Feb 22	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:32 PM
Saturday	Feb 23	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tetzaveh
		7:00 PM	Joint Purim Megillah Reading with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at BHBI
Sunday	Feb 24	8:30 AM	Joint Sunday morning minyan at Temple Beth David followed by a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am.
		10:30 AM	Joint Purim Megillah Reading with Temple Beth David at Beth David

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, February 13th 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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January 5	Ruth and Steve Teitel in memory of Ruth's father, Jack Glazer
January 12	The Congregation
January 19	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her father, Stanley Clark

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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 RESOURCE PLACE

The JCC and Jewish Family Service proudly announce the opening of The Resource Place at the JCC (TRP), made possible through the generosity of the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation. TRP is designed to provide you with information, referrals and programming that can help you address the challenges of everyday life. TRP is staffed by Master's-level Social Workers and a Human Service professional. The goal of TRP is to connect people with services designed to strengthen individuals, strengthen families, and strengthen community. You are invited to participate in TRP's grand opening celebration on Thursday, January 31st from 4-6 pm. To RSVP, contact dsawdey@jccrochester.org or call 461-2000 x214.

92Y LIVE – SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

The appointment of Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court electrified the nation. The first Hispanic Justice on the high court, and a Latina with a compelling life story - raised in a Bronx housing project, educated at Princeton and Yale, worked as a Manhattan prosecutor and then a federal judge - she already possessed a sterling legal career before becoming perhaps the most recognizable face on the Supreme Court. And now she is the author of a memoir, *My Beloved World*, a revealing book about the personal values and important influences that propelled this fascinating American success story. Be a part of this most special occasion - the celebration of a New York life on Tuesday, February 5th from 8 to 10 p.m. by watching the 92Y Live broadcast at the JCC. JCC Member: \$8; Non Member: \$12; Contact Joy Getnick at 461-2000 x239 or at jgetnick@jccrochester.org for more information.

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.

February 1-2	Shevat	February 8-9	Shevat - Adar	February 15-16	Adar	February 22-23	Adar
Sarah Maltinsky*	23	Lottie Fink*	29	Dora Newell*	6	Charles Saul Gordon*	13
Bernard Falk*	25	Rose Ring*	29	William Schwartz*	6	Rose Riwkin*	13
Marian Bernstein*	27	Henrietta Schaffer	30	Anna Schiff*	9	Aaron Baker	14
Ada Goldstein*	27	Boris Schwarts	30	Edith Berkowitz*	10	Marion Carton Gulack	14
Samuel Keyfetz*	27	Sam Finkelstein*	1	Samuel Goldstein*	10	Charles Ambush*	15
		Mary Weinrib*	1	Fanny Techler Levinson*	10	Gussie Gillenson	
		Werner Schaffer	2	Max Metlay	10	Bernstein*	15
		Philip Schiff*	3	Nechama Pincus	10	Irvin Boyer*	15
		Betty Glaser	4	Shanie Rachel Robinson*	11	Stanley Muszynski*	15
		Anna Ruderman*	4	Irving Gold	12	Haskall Isaac Smith*	15
		Hyman Sablowsky*	4			Abraham Alderman*	16
		Emma Sarachan*	4			Celia Engel*	16
		Celia Lapides*	5			Muriel Hobel*	17
						Max Levy	17
						Edna Astrachan*	19
						Sam Malina*	19
						Anna Steinmetz*	19

*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.

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You can also memorialize a friend or loved one on 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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JEWISH FEDERATIONS' HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF FUND

The JFNA Hurricane Relief Fund is helping the recovery and rebuilding in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. You may donate online at <http://jfed.org/SandyRelief> or send checks to JFNA, Wall Street Station, P.O. Box 148, New York, NY 10268. Please indicate "JFNA Hurricane Relief Fund" on all checks or in the designation box online.

Test Your Knowledge of Purim – Try Our Purim Quiz (Answers on Page 6)

- The longest verse in the Bible is found in the Scroll of Esther. The Hebrew text contains:
 - 31 words
 - 35 words
 - 43 words
 - 90 words
- Who was the king in the Purim story?
 - Antiochus
 - Ahashuerosh
 - Cyrus
 - Nebuchadnezzar
- How many times is G-d's name mentioned in the Megillah of Esther?
 - Zero
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
- Hamantashen derives from two German words. It means:
 - Haman's ears
 - Three-cornered hat
 - Haman delicacy
 - Haman's pockets
- Which special prayer is said in the Shemonah Esrai and in the Grace after Meals on Purim?
 - Adon Olam
 - Ein Kelohainu
 - Al Ha'nisim
 - Shoshanat Ya'akov
- The day before Purim is called:
 - Shushan Purim
 - Adloyada
 - Ta'anit Esther
 - Shabbat Zachor
- Who was Zeresh?
 - Haman's wife
 - Haman's daughter
 - Esther's mother
 - Esther's aunt
- Besides hamantaschen, what other food is traditionally eaten at Purim?
 - Knishes
 - Kreplach
 - Knaidlach
 - Humous
- How many times are we required to listen to the reading of the Megillah?
 - Once
 - Twice
 - Three times
 - None
- How did Haman determine the day the Jews were to be annihilated?
 - Through a dream
 - By drawing lots
 - He asked Esther
 - He consulted an astrologer

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.

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN? Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several years can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Stan Schaffer at: stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

PURIM QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. c; 2. b; 3. a; 4. d; 5. c; 6. c; 7. a; 8. b; 9. b; 10. b.

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PURIM PACKAGES (MISHLOACH MANOT) ORDER FORM

Megillah reading Saturday, February 23, 7 pm at BHBI

This year BHBI is joining with Temple Beth Am in a fundraiser to send Mishloach Manot packages. When you write a person's name below, that person will receive a tasty Purim package prepared by the 2 congregations, together with a list of the names of all the people who contributed towards that package. Note, a person will receive only *one* package no matter how many people list their name on these order forms.

Please enclose \$1.00 for each name that you list of a member of *either* Congregation BHBI *or* Temple Beth Am, and \$5.00 for each name that you list of someone *local* who is unaffiliated with either shul. Or choose the ****Special Deal**** -- For \$30 you can have your name placed on packages for *all* members of *either* BHBI *or* TBA (specify which), or for \$50 you can have your name placed on packages for *all* members of *both* shuls. Both congregations will split the proceeds of the fundraiser.

1. Please write the names of people who you want to have receive a package below (or indicate the "Special Deal").

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_____	_____	_____

2. Enclose \$1.00 for each BHBI or TBA member's name, and \$5.00 for each unaffiliated person's name. (If you are listing someone who is not affiliated with BHBI or TBA, please list their address on the back). Enclose \$30 or \$50 if you are choosing one of the special deals. Enclosed is a check for \$_____ made out to Temple Beth Am.

3. Please check here if you will attend the Hamentaschen Bake-In on **Sunday, February 10th at 10 am at Temple Beth Am**. *Volunteers are needed!*

4. Please check here if you will be able to help deliver the packages, and call Aaron Marsh, 334-7224, to volunteer.

5. Please write your Name and Address below.

Please check here if you are out of town for Purim.
--- Don't make a box for us, but please mail a postcard with the Mishloach Manot names on it.

6. Please mail this order form and enclosed check to:

Temple Beth Am
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Henrietta, NY 14467

Please make sure your form is received no later than Friday, February 15.