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May President's Message

Friends,

Our Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture this past April was a great success. Those of you who were fortunate to attend, heard a real tour de force, as Prof. Paul Finkelman (Simon's son) enthralled the audience with his scholarly yet engaging discussion of why, in his view, the erection of Ten Commandments Monuments in public spaces is a clear violation of the Constitution's requirement of separation of church and state. Contrasting the different enumerations and translations of the Commandments between Jewish and various Christian traditions, and recounting events from the famous Alabama Ten Commandments Monument case in which he served as an expert witness, Prof. Finkelman touched on constitutional law, American society, religion, and history, while sprinkling in liberal doses of the well known Finkelman sense of humor. For those of you who missed the talk, my condolences, but take heart! The talk was so thoroughly enjoyed that we hope to invite Paul back for another lecture sometime in the future.

We begin May with yet another special event. On Sunday, May 5, at 10 am, BHBI will host the first session in our new Jewish-Muslim interfaith dialogue series, co-sponsored by BHBI, Temples Beth Am and Beth David, and the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester. Our first meeting will address the topic, *What do our different religious teachings say about our responsibility to work to improve the world?* After brief presentations on the topic, the session will be opened to questions from the audience to a panel of community representatives. Rabbi Simeon Kolko will give the presentation representing the Jewish point of view. Following questions, refreshments will be served. We hope this series will serve as a welcoming and informal way to learn about each other's cultural perspectives and religious beliefs, while forming new bonds of friendship and respect between our respective communities. The dialogue series is open to the general public, so please spread the word and invite all to come. I hope to see you there!

In May we will also celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Services will be held jointly with Temple Beth Am, and in part with Temple Beth David. The holiday will start with our traditional Shavuot dinner at BHBI on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm, followed by Erev Shavuot service and study session. Please use the reservation form on page 4 of this Bulletin to let us know you are coming to the dinner. For the rest of the holiday services, please see the calendar on page 2 for times and locations.

Finally, our annual membership meeting will take place on Sunday, May 19, at 10 am (note the new time). Please come to vote in our new slate of officers and trustees. 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 all effort to attend!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

Join BHBI, Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth David and the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester for the first session of our new Jewish-Muslim interfaith dialogue series at BHBI on Sunday morning, May 5th at 10 a.m.

as we hear about the similarities and differences in how our faiths address the question

What Do Our Different Religious Teachings Say About Our Responsibility to Work to Improve the World?

The event is free and open to the public and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for members of each community to get to know each other

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2013

Friday	May 3	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:55 PM
Saturday	May 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behar-Bechukotai Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	May 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		10:00 AM	Jewish-Muslim Dialogue Event at BHBI
Wednesday	May 8	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	May 10	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:03PM
Saturday	May 11	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Bamidbar
Sunday	May 12	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	May 13	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Tuesday	May 14	6:00 PM	BHBI-Beth Am Joint Shavuot Dinner at BHBI followed by Erev Shavuot First Day Service and Torah Study Light candles at 8:08 PM
Wednesday	May 15	9:30 AM	Joint Shavuot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Shavuot Second Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles after 9:16 PM
Thursday	May 16	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot Second Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Friday	May 17	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:11 PM
Saturday	May 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Nasso
Sunday	May 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		10:00 AM	BHBI Annual Membership Meeting
Friday	May 24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:18 PM
Saturday	May 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behaalotchah
Sunday	May 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	May 31	8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 8:24 PM

**COME TO THE BHBI-BETH AM JOINT SHAVUOT DINNER
ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 14TH AT 6 P.M. WHICH WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY AN EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE AND TORAH STUDY.
SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 4.**

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In memory of Harry Gordon
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April 6 The Congregation
April 13 The Congregation
April 20 Ruth and Steve Teitel and Rachel and Stuart Axelrod in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Carley Shapiro
April 27 Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her grandfather, Samuel Gastel

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, May 8th 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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IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?**

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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Walk the Land 65!

The Jewish Federation and the Afikim Foundation are sponsoring Walk the Land 65, a 1.6 mile walk from the JCC to the Jewish Home on Sunday, May 5th. The event will begin with registration and crafts at the JCC from 2-2:30 p.m. and the walk will commence at 2:30 p.m. There will be strolling musicians, snacks and fun along the way. Buses will return participants to the JCC. The first 100 people to register will receive a free tee shirt.

Hear Ret. Col. Miri Eisin on Women in Israel

Hear Miri Eisen, who was the former spokesperson for the Israel Defense Forces and retired from the IDF at the rank of full Colonel, as she addresses "Women in Israeli Society" at a free lecture on Thursday, May 23rd, 7:30 PM, at Temple Beth El.

Concert by Hochstein Music School Piano Faculty

Members of the piano faculty at the Hochstein Music School will be performing on Thursday evening, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Hochstein Music School Performance Hall. The performance will include music for solo and collaborative pianists, 1-4 pianos, 2-16 hands! The music will range from gorgeous/haunting/sublime to sparkling/sassy and fun! Our own Paula Bobb will be playing in 5 of the selections.

THE BHBI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 19TH AT 10 A.M.

All BHBI members should try to attend. If you cannot attend, please give a written proxy to another member to vote on your behalf. Members may hold up to 2 proxies. Proxies do not count toward the minimum quorum of one-fourth of the membership.

BHBI/Beth Am Shavuot Dinner Reservation Form

Tuesday, May 14th at BHBI at 6:00 P.M.

To be followed by an Erev Shavuot service and Torah study.
Cost: Adults: \$12, Kids ages 12 and under: \$8, Family Max: \$36
Bring a friend!!

Name(s):

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 Thursday, May 9th.

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 3-4	Iyar - Sivan	May 10-11	Sivan	May 17-18	Sivan	May 31-June 1	Sivan
Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Sam Dubin	2	May Cohen*	9	Fannie Warnick*	23
Bessie Baker	26	Nathan Epstein*	2	Robert Baker*	10	Louis Sanow*	24
Reuben Cohen	26	Bessie Klein*	2	Sarah Osband*	10	Ada Gordon*	26
Leopold Beechbinder*	27	Rose Levin*	4	Jessie Stolnitz*	10	Stella Getz*	27
Charles Bertman*	27	Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4	Harry Strauss*	11	Mary Goldman*	27
Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Morris Levine*	5	Minnie Strom*	11	Betty Newell*	27
Harry T. Levinson*	27	Ida Sherman*	5	Rose Sallerson*	13	Eva Wasserman*	27
Abraham Goldman*	28	Ann Alderman*	6	Janet Riwkin Glaser*	14	Elsie Cohen	28
Arnold Kauffman*	28	Mat Atkin*	8			Isadore Goldman*	29
Samuel Schwartz*	1	Bessie Eber*	8	May 24-25	Sivan		
		Max Vogelstein	8				
		Benjamin Weinrib*	8	Evelyn Goldman			
				Kauffman*	17		
				Louis Maltinsky*	17		
				Sadie Stolnitz*	17		
				Katherine Weinrib*	17		
				Lyons I. Jossem*	18		
				Zus Kaminnik	19		
				Esther Senzel*	20		
				Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21		
				Minnie Marcus*	21		
				Nathan Yablin*	21		

*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque

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