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Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel

BULLETIN

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July President's Message

Friends,

I often find myself in discussions with friends, talking about one or another of the situations in the world, political, economic, social, artistic, in which it appears that civilization is on the point of collapse. As we discuss these situations, we talk about what they (the ubiquitous "they", representing the powers-that-be) ought to do about whatever it is, and we talk about what we ought to do. At that point, someone usually says something like "but what can one person do?"

There are lots of situations where the additional efforts of a single person might appear futile, but there are others in which one person can make a difference. There are lots of ways in which one person can make a difference at BHBI. At lots of our services, one or two people make the difference between having a minyan and not having a minyan. With many of our minyanim, if one or two people had decided to sleep in, we would not have had a minyan.

Now it is summer. Many people are going away for vacation. We need additional people for our services. Of course, I'd love for a few more people to get the every-Saturday habit. However, if you don't come regularly to services, coming to even one time a month can make a big difference. It would be nice to see some of you a little more regularly. We can have our Torah service if we have a minyan by 10:30. If you have Jewish guests from out of town, bring them with you. It's a friendly atmosphere and they'll probably be offered an aliyah.

On a more solemn note, Tisha b'Av is early this year, beginning on Monday evening July 15th. We'll be having a joint service together with Temple Beth Am at BHBI, with the service starting at 8:30 PM following a brief study session that precedes it at 8:00. Please join us for both the study session and the service.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who offered us good wishes and congratulations on our daughter Hannah's graduation from Rochester School for the Deaf.

Have a great summer, and spend some of it with us.

B'shalom,

Leon Metlay

TISHA B'AV

What is Tisha b'Av and why do we commemorate it? Tisha b'Av, the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av, is commemorated as a fast day because of the many tragedies that have befallen our people on that day:

- The decree that our forefathers would not be able to enter the promised land for 40 years
- The destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians
- The destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans
- The capture of the Romans of Beitar, the last Jewish fortress to hold out during the Bar Kochba Rebellion
- The day in 1290 when all the Jews were ordered to leave England
- The day in 1492 when all Jews in Spain had to be baptized or had to leave Spain at the beginning of the Spanish Inquisition
- The day on which World War I began

Because of the many tragedies that have befallen our people on Tisha b'Av, in addition to fasting, it is customary to refrain from normal activities on Tisha b'Av, to read from the Book of Lamentations and to sit on a low stool as is traditional when one is in mourning.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY 2013

| Friday | July 5 | 7:00 PM | Shabbat evening service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:34PM | | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday | July 6 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Matot-Masei | | | | |
| Sunday | July 7 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion | | | | |
| Monday | July 8 | 7:30 PM | Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees | | | | |
| Friday | July 12 | 7:00 PM | Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 8:31 PM | | | | |
| Saturday | July 13 | 9:30 AM | Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Devarim | | | | |
| Sunday | July 14 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion | | | | |
| Monday | July 15 | 8:00 PM | Joint Erev Tisha b'Av Commemoration (discussion at 8 pm followed by service at 8:30 pm) with Temple Beth Am at BHBI | | | | |
| Wednesday | July 17 | 7:30 PM | Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI | | | | |
| Friday | July 19 | 8:00 PM | Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:26 PM | | | | |
| Saturday | July 20 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vaetchanan | | | | |
| Sunday | July 21 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion | | | | |
| Friday | July 26 | 8:00 PM | Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:19 PM | | | | |
| Saturday | July 27 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Eikev | | | | |
| Sunday | July 28 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion | | | | |

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study sessions have been switched to the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, July 17th 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.

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

Since the High Holy Days are just around the corner, let your friends 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 BHBIRochester@gmail.com and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!!

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Maxine Gold

Paul and Rose Israel

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

| June 1 | The Congregation |
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| June 8 | The Congregation |
| June 15 | The Congregation |

June 22 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Hannah graduating from Rochester School for the Deaf

UPCOMING EVENTS Concert in the Lake George Area

You're invited to a concert featuring Cecile Saine, soprano, and Paula Bobb, pianist, on August 10th at 7:30 PM at the Marcella Sembrich Museum, 4800 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, NY. Seating will be limited. Purchase tickets (\$30) in advance at: http://www.wiawaka.org/fundraising-events.html.

For more information about the concert: http://www.wiawaka.org/calendarlist.php

For more information about the concert site: http://www.thesembrich.org/events

Save the Date! Joint Beth Am – BHBI Picnic Friday, August 9th 5:30 pm at Temple Beth Am

\$15/family or \$5/person if RSVP received by July 31 \$18/family or \$6/person if RSVP received after July 31 Plus PAREVE dish to pass. Without dish to pass add \$2/person or \$6/family

RSVP (to be received by July 31) 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, hot dogs, 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 a hechsher other than 'K'): pickles, olives; non-dairy dessert: Tofutti, cookies, Italian ice; potato chips, pretzels, tortilla chips, salsa; tabuleh; hummus/pita bread; soda; juice; carrot & celery sticks; non-dairy packaged dip; fresh corn; fresh fruit, cole slaw, pita chips; bagged salad.

2013 ROCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The 2013 JCC Ames Amzalek Rochester Jewish Film Festival will be held July 21 – 29 at a number of venues around town. In addition to the evening screenings, a number of matinees will be held. For tickets or more information, go to http://www.rochesterjewishfilmfestival.org/images/pdfs/brochureweb.pdf or call 461-2000.

Jewish Film Festival Calendar – July 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| DRYDEN | JCC | JCC | JCC | JCC | | DRYDEN |
| 1:00pm | 1:00pm | 11:00am | 1:00pm | 11:00am | | 6:00pm |
| THE OTHER | WELCOME TO | AN UNLIKELY | NO PLACE ON | MAN WITHOUT | | SOSÚA: MAKE |
| SON | KUTSHER'S | OBSESSION: CHURCHILL | EARTH | A CELL PHONE | | A BETTER WORLD |
| 7:30pm | DRYDEN | AND THE JEWS | LITTLE (1) | 1:00pm | | |
| LIFE IN STILLS | 6:00pm | | 6:00pm | HANNAH | | 7:30pm |
| | KOCH | 1:00pm | MY SO-CALLED | ARENDT | | DOWNTOWN |
| Opening | 0.20nm | THE FLAT | ENEMY | | | EXPRESS |
| Night Party! | 8:30pm DISOBEDIENCE: | LITTLE (1) | LITTLE (1) | LITTLE (1) 6:30pm | | 9:30pm |
| | THE SOUSA | 6:30pm | 9:00pm | ZAYTOUN | | BALLAD OF |
| | MENDES | OMA & BELLA | THE DAY I SAW | 20000 | | THE WEEPING |
| | STORY | | YOUR HEART | 9:00pm | | SPRING |
| | | 9:00pm | | MELTING | | |
| | | MY DAD IS | LITTLE (5) | AWAY | | |
| | | BARYSHNIKOV | 9:00pm | | | |
| 00 | 00 | | THE INVISIBLE | | | |
| 28 | 29 | | | | | |
| DRYDEN | DRYDEN | | | | | |
| 1:00pm DAVID | 7:00pm Hava Nagila | | | | | |
| DAVID | Hava Naylla | | | | | |
| 3:00pm | Closing | | | | | |
| HITLER'S | Night Party! | | | | | |
| CHILDREN | | | | | | |
| G:00nm | | | | | | |
| 6:00pm PARIS | | | | | | |
| MANHATTAN | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 8:30pm | | | | | | |
| FILL THE VOID | | | | | | |

TICKET INFORMATION

TICKET PRICING:

General Admission Ticket \$9 JCC Member/\$11 Non Member

Weekday Matinee Ticket \$7 JCC Member/\$9 Non Member

Opening Night and Closing Night Ticket (Party included) \$15 JCC Member/\$20 Non Member

All Festival Pass \$150 JCC Member/\$165 Non Member

JCC Matinee Pass (NEW!) \$36 JCC Member/\$48 Non Member

Discounts \$1 off for Students (Advance sale only)

Advance sale tickets are NOT available at The Little Theatre or The Dryden Theatre. Please, do not call theatres for information.

ALL FESTIVAL PASS HOLDER POLICY: All Festival Pass (AFP) holders are guaranteed seats up to 15 minutes prior to show time. RJFF cannot guarantee seating for late arrivals. AFPs are non-transferable.

NEW THIS YEAR! JCC MATINEE PASS: This pass is valid for all six matinee films shown at the JCC Hart Theatre. All JCC Matinee Pass holders are guaranteed seats up to 15 minutes prior to show time. RJFF cannot guarantee seating for late arrivals. Passes are non-transferable.

WALK-INS DAY OF SHOW: Per availability, tickets are sold 45 minutes prior to show time at festival venues. If a film is almost sold out, RJFF will distribute temporary tickets, and if seats become available at show time the temporary ticket can be exchanged for a valid ticket. RJFF does not guarantee ticket availability for walk-ins. You are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

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 5-6 | Tammuz - Av | July 12-13 | Av | July 19-20 | Av | July 26-27 | Av |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Doriene Baker Hyman Tanenbaum* Celia Silverstein* Sidney Gold Louis Schiff* Ray Bloch Benjamin Bobb Joseph Greenbaum* Moses Berkowitz* Dave Kovel Kathy Shur* | 28 28 29 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 5 | Anna Berman* George Cohen* William Aaron Bernstein* David Titof Haim Menachem Levy Hyman Silverman* *Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque | 8 8 9 9 12 12 | Frank Carper* Sarah R. Spector* Samuel Gross Abraham Heyman* Phillip Boyarsky* Sarah Applebaum Gastel* Charles Levinson | 13 13 15 17 18 18 | Jennie Braime* Abraham I. Spector* Alexander Aronov Morris Ohl* Israel Osband* Bessie Gastel* Rose T. Cohen Jacob Osband* Joseph Teitel Samuel Wechsler* | 20 20 21 21 22 25 26 26 26 26 |

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.



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

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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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<u>OFFICE</u>: 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 BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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

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