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BULLETIN

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March President's Message

Friends,

The last few months I've been telling stories of great rabbis of the past, but this month I'm taking a break from that to discuss something more immediate. The landscape of Jewish Rochester is changing. I've said that before but it has become clearer during the last month. Temple Beth El and Temple Beth David are proceeding with their collaboration with their aim to be sharing a building by 2015. Temple Beth Am put their building up for sale more than a year ago. They have voted to accept an offer and plan to move out of their building after Shavuot. They will be using space at Temple B'rith Kodesh. Both of these developments will have an impact on us.

We have had long-term collaborations with both Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David. Back in the 1980s we had a joint school with Beth Am for several years. When that collaboration ended, we had a similar collaboration with Beth David for several years. More recently, we have been having monthly joint services with Beth Am for more than a decade. We have also done joint holiday services with both Beth Am and Beth David. We did joint adult education programs in the past and have had an ongoing monthly Torah study group since the early 2000s.

The movement of Beth David towards Beth El has already begun to have an impact on us. They are now having joint services with Beth El in situations where they previously would have had them with us. This will make it harder to get a minyan for week-day holiday services.

The movement of Beth Am to the TBK location will have the opposite effect. It will generally be more convenient for our members to attend joint services in Brighton than in Henrietta. In the meantime, we have a number of joint activities at Temple Beth Am during March, including the Shabbat Across America dinner on March 7th, the Erev Purim service on the 15th, and regularly scheduled Shabbat services on Friday the 14th and Saturday the 29th. Please come and help Beth Am say "goodbye" to their building.

Of course, you should also come to all of our other scheduled services. In coming months, we will need to adjust to the changing scene and that will require more commitment from our membership.

If Purim is coming, then Pesach is just around the corner. Enjoy your spring housecleaning!

Leon Metlay

Save the Dates! 2 Upcoming Concerts in May.

The Jewish musical duo of French double bassist Rémy Yulzari and Israeli guitarist Nadav Lev who delighted us when they played at BHBI last year will return to Rochester in early May for two concerts sponsored by BHBI. The first concert, at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening, May 1st will be held at BHBI. It will be open to the public with a \$10 donation suggested. The second concert, to be held at 4 pm on Sunday afternoon, May 4th at the JCC, will feature Rémy and Nadav as well as a group of Sufi Muslim musicians from Ithaca. That event will be a collaboration with our friends in the Turkish community as part of our 'United by Faith' interfaith series and will be free and open to the public. Please tell your friends about these exciting upcoming musical events!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2014

Saturday	Mar 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 7	6:15 PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner at Temple Beth Am Followed by Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30 PM Light candles at 5:48 PM
Saturday	Mar 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Vayikrah
Sunday	Mar 9	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 10	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Friday	Mar 14	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 6:57 PM
Saturday	Mar 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav
		8:30 PM	Purim Megillah Reading with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am
Sunday	Mar 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Mar 19	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Mar 21	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:05 PM
Saturday	Mar 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Mar 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 28	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:13 PM
Saturday	Mar 29	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Torah: Tazriah
Sunday	Mar 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

FREE 3-MONTH TRIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR FIRST-TIME NEW MEMBERS

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!!

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.

Mish	iloach <i>M</i> ian	ot Order Form			
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Hamedresh Beth Israel. Each Congregat	nt event by Temple Beth Am & Cong. Beth ion's membership has a separate listing. If you on the cost is \$30. If you want to send Purim	Enclosed is \$ for names checked above OR \$30.00 for (check one)			
,	\$550. If you only want to pick a few names,	Temple Beth Am's entire list or			
the cost is \$1 per name.	5 350. If you only want to pick a few flames,	BHBI's entire list OR			
Instructions:		the Special Deal of \$50.00 for both lists			
1. Check off on the list above, those peo	ple on whose packages you want your name	Name			
to appear.	,	Address			
2. We need help baking at the Hamenta	schen Bake-In on Sunday, March 9 at 10 am				
at Temple Beth Am. Please call Laur	rel Schneiderman, 334-7774 if you can help.	Phone			
3. We need help to deliver the packages	on March 15th, call Aaron Marsh, 334-7224				
if you can help		Circle one:			
4. Please return this completed form to	and a check to:	Beth Am BHBI			
Temple Beth Am		_			
P.O. Box 177	Return this Form with a check	We will be out of town for Purim, don't make a box for us, but please mail a			
Henrietta, NY 14467	ne later than Mar. 6th	postcard with the Mishloach Manot names on it.			

Purim Trivia

- 1. What was Queen Esther's Hebrew name?
 - a. Shulamit
 - b. Hadassah
 - c. Ruth
 - d. Deborah
- 2. Shushan is mentioned in 2 other books of the Tanach. What are they?
 - a. The Book of Daniel
 - b. The Book of Nehemiah
 - c. The Book of Job
 - d. The Book of Ruth
 - 3. How many times are we supposed to read the Megillah on Purim?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3

See page 6 for answers to the Purim trivia questions.

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

To thank everyone in the congregation for their support during his recovery *Ira Cohen*

In memory of Harry Aranow Eileen and Dennis Kovel

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

February 1	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer
February 8	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katharine Metlay's 94th birthday
	Katharine Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay
February 15	Dave Rogachefsky in memory of his mother, Tamar Rogachefsky, and his sister, Dvora Brodie
February 22	Katharine Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg

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BRIGHTON FOOD CUPBOARD

The Brighton Food Cupboard is very low on breakfast cereal, pasta and tuna. Please consider donating to them. There is a box in the BHBI lobby where you can drop off your donation or you can drop food items off at either the Brighton Board on Education Building or at the former Brookside School in Brighton.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Commission on Jewish Muslim Relations presents the second event in its series on Fundamentals of Judaism and Islam with a focus on 'An Introduction to Sacred Texts: Torah and Quran' on Sunday, March 9th at 4 p.m. at the Islamic Center on Westfall Road. Rabbi Alan Katz and Dr. Irshad Altheimer will give the presentations. The event is free and is open to the public.

Chabad presents 'Purim in the Stadium' - a Purim celebration for families on Sunday, March 16th at the Hillel School Gym, 191 Fairfield Dr. There will be a Megillah reading along with a Megillah 'comic book' slideshow at 4 pm, followed by a stadium style buffet dinner catered by Dougies BBQ or Teaneck at 4:45. There will be sports competitions and the Redwings and Amerks mascots will be present. Attendees are urged to wear their favorite team jersey or another costume. Advance ticket price: Adults \$18, Children \$123. After March 7, the price will be \$22 for adults, \$15 for children. You can RSVP online at www.chabadrochester.com/signup or by calling 271-0330.

The JCC will be hosting a number of interesting events in March:

'The Power of One' – Linda Hooper, the former principal of Whitwell Elementary School in Whitwell, TN, will discuss what inspired students at her school to collect 6 million paper clips as a way to understand the enormity of the Holocaust and teach the community about the lives and experiences of others. Sunday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

'Paper Clips' Film Screening – Tuesday, March 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- 'A Place at the Table' Film Screening Sunday, March 9th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- **'Obama Environmental Policy: Past, Present and Future'** Lawrence Rothenberg, UR Professor of Political Science will speak about recent national environmental policy. Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.
- 'The Gatekeepers' Film Screening Sun., March 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by a discussion led by Larry Fine. All of these events are free and open to the public. Go to www.jccrochester.org to register.

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.

Feb 28 – Mar 1	Adar I- Adar II	March 14-15	Adar II	March 21-22	Adar II	March 28-29	Adar II- Nissan
Karoline Hess* Sadie Rose Mary Weinrib* Emma Sarachan*	29 29 1 4	Charles Saul Gordon* Charles Ambush* Celia Engel* Max Levy	13 15 17 17	No Yahrzeits		Mollie Wolk* Sam Wolk* Lena Levi* Lester Miller*	28 29 1
March 7-8 Anna Schiff*	Adar II	*Denotes name				Gertrude Swartz Benjamin Braz* Dr. Charles Cohen* Morris Sherman*	1 2 2 3
Irving Gold	12	memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque				Eli Gerber*	4

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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Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah study session will take place at BHBI on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

<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

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Purim Trivia Answers: 1. B; 2. A & B; 3. B

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