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## **June President's Message**

Friends,

It was good to see so many of you at the Annual Congregational Meeting in May. I look forward to seeing more of you during the coming year as I continue in my role as President.

The month of June will be starting with the festival of Shavuot beginning on Tuesday evening June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be having all of the services jointly with Temple Beth Am. Beth Am is selling their building and moving into rented space at Temple B'rith Kodesh, Room 103. It is accessible through the school wing door (on the left side of the building as you face it from Elmwood Ave). Their first service in the new space will be on the eve of Shavuot. There will be a dairy dinner at 6:30 PM. The dinner is free of charge and there is no need to make reservations, just come. The service will be at 7:30 and will be followed by a study session. The service on the second evening of Shavuot will also be at Beth Am, at 7 PM. Morning services for both days will be at our shul, starting at 9 AM.

I get very excited about Jewish education, learning more about our culture and our laws. Since I started to only work part-time, I have increased the amount of time I spend learning. When I invite people to participate, the reaction I usually get is something like "Aw shucks. I know so little I'll just look stupid." That reaction is at least better than the other one I occasionally get which boils down to "What do I care about what a bunch of old men thought 2000 years ago?"

The first reaction is easier to answer: everyone starts somewhere. You can start at your current level of knowledge and build upon it. I personally didn't learn to read Hebrew until I was almost 25. If I'd been afraid to look stupid in front of my girlfriend I never would have learned. Instead I learned from my girlfriend, and married her. I would be overjoyed to tutor someone in reading haftorah or in studying pretty much any Jewish topic. Please call me, email me, or talk to me after services and we'll see what we can put together. Our shul library has many great books and the world is full of other resources.

To the "what do I care?" reaction, all I can say is that this is where we come from. What we do now is based on what a bunch of old men thought 2000 years ago, and how, over the centuries, Jews have agreed and disagreed with those thoughts. Judaism is a dynamic force in our lives and in our world. It needs to continue as a dynamic force into the coming centuries and it can only do so if we have a dialogue with the voices that echo through Jewish history. We learn about the past so we can look to the future. I would love for you to come learn with me.

Have a great summer. I'll look forward to seeing you a shul.

*Leon Metlay*

**COME TO THE JOINT SHAVUOT DAIRY DINNER HOSTED BY  
TEMPLE BETH AM IN THEIR NEW SETTING  
(ROOM 103 OF THE TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH EDUCATIONAL WING)  
ON TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.  
THE DINNER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE  
AND STUDY SESSION. NO RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY.**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2014

|           |         |         |  |
|-----------|---------|---------|--|
| Sunday    | June 1  | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion  |
| Tuesday   | June 3  | 6:30 PM | Shavuot Dairy Dinner with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103   |
|           |         | 7:30 PM | Erev Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 followed by a study session |
| Wednesday | June 4  | 9:00 AM | Joint Shavuot 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Service together with Temple Beth Am at BHBI                           |
|           |         | 7:00 PM | Erev Shavuot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Service with Yizkor together with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103        |
| Thursday  | June 5  | 9:00 AM | Joint Shavuot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Service with Yizkor together with Temple Beth Am at BHBI               |
| Friday    | June 6  | 7:00 PM | Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford<br>Light candles at 8:28 PM                      |
| Saturday  | June 7  | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Behaalotchah   |
| Sunday    | June 8  | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion  |
| Monday    | June 9  | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting   |
| Friday    | June 13 | 7:00 PM | Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103<br>Light candles at 8:32 PM            |
| Saturday  | June 14 | 9:30 AM | Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI<br>Torah: Shelach                              |
| Sunday    | June 15 | 9:00 AM | Service and Discussion   |
| Wednesday | June 18 | 7:30 PM | Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI  |
| Friday    | June 20 | 7:00 PM | Shabbat Evening Service<br>Light candles at 8:34 PM  |
| Saturday  | June 21 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Korach   |
| Sunday    | June 22 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion  |
| Friday    | June 27 | 7:00 PM | Shabbat Evening Service<br>Light candles at 8:35PM   |
| Saturday  | June 28 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Chukat   |
| Sunday    | June 29 | 9:00 AM | Service and Discussion   |

### 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](http://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.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| May 3  | Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Harris' mother, Beverly Honickman                                   |
| May 10 | Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katharine Carney's graduation from SUNY Fredonia with high honors |
| May 17 | Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her grandfather, Samuel Gastel  |
| May 24 | The grandchildren of Rebezzin Esther Solomon in her memory  |

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

Let your friends 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 [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com) and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!!

## **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.

## **SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY**

Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah study session will take place at BHBI on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## **CONGRATLATIONS**

To Sue Ann Baker on the birth of her grandson, Isaac

To Rachael Bobb who was awarded a Master's Degree in Special Education with honors from Simmons College

To Aviva Schaffer who graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Rochester with a major in International Relations and a second individual major in Arabic and the Arab World

To Katharine Carney who graduated Magna Cum Laude from SUNY Fredonia with a major in Creative Writing

To Robynne Carney who was awarded a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Chicago



## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

**Come to the Jewish Federation's annual meeting** on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Temple Sinai. The event will honor outstanding volunteers and community programming. The special guest speaker will be Izzy Ezagui, a young American oleh to Israel who lost his left arm in combat in Gaza and within weeks convinced his superiors to allow him to return to active duty. In 2011 he was awarded the Israeli army's highest non-combat award.

### 2014 JCC Ames Amzalak Jewish Film Festival

This year's JCC Ames Amzalak Jewish Film Festival will start on July 13<sup>th</sup> and includes an eclectic variety of feature films (see below). To purchase tickets, go by the JCC or buy them on-line at [www.rjff.org](http://www.rjff.org)

#### Featured Films

|                      |          |                   |  |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Sunday, July 13th    | 1:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | The Zigzag Kid   |
|                      | 3:30 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Run Boy Run  |
|                      | 7:30 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Bethlehem  |
| Monday, July 14th    | 11:00 AM | JCC Hart Theatre  | Sharon: An Inner Journey From War to Peace               |
|                      | 1:30 PM  | JCC Hart Theatre  | Under the Same Sun                                       |
|                      | 6:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Double Feature: The Lady in Number 6 & 50 Children       |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | The Jewish Cardinal                                      |
| Tuesday, July 15th   | 11:00 AM | JCC Hart Theatre  | The Surgeon Queens                                       |
|                      | 6:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | The Prime Ministers                                      |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | For a Woman  |
| Wednesday, July 16th | 11:00 AM | JCC Hart Theatre  | American Jerusalem: Jews and the Making of San Francisco |
|                      | 1:30 PM  | JCC Hart Theatre  | My German Friend   |
|                      | 6:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | Special Interview  |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | Out in the Dark  |
| Thursday, July 17th  | 11:00 AM | JCC Hart Theatre  | Quality Balls: The David Steinberg Story                 |
|                      | 1:30 PM  | JCC Hart Theatre  | Operation Sunflower                                      |
|                      | 6:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | All In   |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Little Theatre #1 | In the Shadow  |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Little Theatre #5 | Cupcakes   |
| Saturday, July 19th  | 6:30 PM  | Little Theatre    | It Happened in St. Tropez                                |
|                      | 9:00 PM  | Little Theatre    | Ida  |
| Sunday, July 20th    | 1:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Aftermath  |
|                      | 6:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Magic Men  |
|                      | 8:30 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | The Attack   |
|                      | 7:00 PM  | Dryden Theatre    | Hunting Elephants  |

# 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.

| June 6-7   | Sivan | June 13-14            | Sivan | June 20-21       | Sivan | June 27-28      | Sivan-Tammuz |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| May Cohen*   | 9     | Maxine Gold           | 17    | Fannie Warnick*  | 23    | Gerald Braz     | 30           |
| Robert Baker*                                      | 10    | Evelyn Goldman        |       | Louis Sanow*     | 24    | Hyb Jossem*     | 30           |
| Sarah Osband*                                      | 10    | Kauffman*             | 17    | Ada Gordon*      | 26    | Samuel Hoffman* | 2            |
| Jessie Stolnitz*                                   | 10    | Louis Maltinsky*      | 17    | Stela Getz*      | 27    | Sara Sarachan*  | 2            |
| Harry Strauss*                                     | 11    | Sadie Stolnitz*       | 17    | Mary Goldman*    | 27    | Rose Joffe*     | 3            |
| Minnie Strom*                                      | 11    | Katherine Weinrib*    | 17    | Betty Newell*    | 27    | Jennie Epstein* | 4            |
| Rose Sallerson*                                    | 13    | Zus Jossem*           | 18    | Eva Wasserman*   | 27    | David Glasser*  | 4            |
| Janet Riwkin Glaser*                               | 14    | Zus Kaminnik          | 19    | Elsie Cohen      | 28    | Alan Fishman    | 5            |
|  |       | Chayah Simah Malina*  | 19    | Isadore Goldman* | 29    |                 |              |
|  |       | Esther Senzel*        | 20    |                  |       |                 |              |
|  |       | Sarah Rebecca Gerber* | 21    |                  |       |                 |              |
|  |       | Minnie Marcus*        | 21    |                  |       |                 |              |
|  |       | Nathan Yablin*        | 21    |                  |       |                 |              |
| *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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