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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 3rd. 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 3RD 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 st Day Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 followed by a study session
Wednesday	June 4	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot 1 st Day Service together with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
		7:00 PM	Erev Shavuot 2 nd Day Service with Yizkor together with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103
Thursday	June 5	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot 2 nd 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 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 Light candles at 8:32 PM
Saturday	June 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI 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 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 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 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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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 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 18th 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 17th 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 13th 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

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							

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