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October President's Message

Friends,

I wish you all a good and sweet new year. I want to say that up front because it's something we all will need. On the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah we observed the Selichot service, at which we began the process of reviewing our behavior of the past year and thinking about how to improve ourselves. As part of the Selichot program, shared with our friends from Temple Beth Am, we watched a movie and discussed it. We've done this for several years and the movies we have chosen have usually had a fairly blatant theme of forgiveness in them. For example, we discussed "Groundhog Day" a few years ago. The movie we watched last Saturday night was an award winning Israeli movie called "Time of Favor" which was suggested to us by Rabbi Kanter. That movie was not explicitly about forgiveness, it was much more about misunderstanding. There are personal relationships and societal relationships that revolve around differing interpretations about what is going on. One of the lead characters, a man named Pinchas, supposedly a brilliant Torah scholar, attempts a terrorist act based on his Rabbi's words, words the Rabbi claims were only symbolic. Is Pinchas not such a great scholar or is the Rabbi lying? Pinchas is a zealot, named after the Priest Pinchas who is praised for zealotry in the Torah. But, is Pinchas really so zealous, or is he just upset that the Rabbi's daughter doesn't want to marry him?

The movie presents a world of zealots and "normal" people (the word "normal" gets used a lot), a world where stated motivations may not be real, a world in which people intentionally and unintentionally hurt each other. In other words, the world we live in. In the midst of this, the hero Menachem (whose name means "comfort") is just trying do the right thing and to get to Jerusalem without getting blown up. Our own world is torn apart by disease and violence, though we in the US are relatively untouched. What we hope to do is get through the year, to figuratively get to Jerusalem. "Next year in Jerusalem".

We can't do anything about anyone else's zealotry or motivation. We have to do our best to interpret what's going on around us. The one thing we can control is our own motivation. Let us go into the year resolved to do the right thing. I wish you all a good and sweet new year.

Leon Metlay



May you be inscribed for a good year!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2014

Friday	Oct 3	6:15 PM	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service Light candles at 6:29 PM
Saturday	Oct 4	9:00 AM 4:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:35 PM	Yom Kippur: Morning Service Mincha Service Ne'ilah Service Final Shofar Blast
Sunday	Oct 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Oct 8	6:15 PM 7:30 PM	Sukkot Dinner at Temple Beth Am (@TBK) Erev Sukkot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103
Thursday	Oct 9	9:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:30 PM	Sukkot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Sukkot Dinner at BHBI Erev Sukkot Second Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Friday	Oct 10	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Sukkot Second Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Light candles at 6:17 PM
Saturday	Oct 11	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Sunday	Oct 12	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Monday	Oct 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Oct 15	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103
Thursday	Oct 16	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Shemini Atzeret Morning Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Erev Simchat Torah Service at BHBI
Friday	Oct 17	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Simchat Torah Morning Service with TBA and Ohel Avraham at Ohel Avraham (on the Nazareth College campus – room to be announced) Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:05 PM
Saturday	Oct 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Bereisheet
Sunday	Oct 19	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion Board Training with Rabbi Lou Feldstein – Location to be announced
Friday	Oct 24	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:55PM
Saturday	Oct 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Noah Shabbat Shuva
Sunday	Oct 26	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion Interfaith Event on the Role of Women in Judaism and Islam at BHBI (Time to be announced)
Friday	Oct 31	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 6:54 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Because the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month (October 15th) falls on Erev Shemini Atzeret, there will not be any Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session in October. The series will resume on November 19th.

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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 6	The Congregation
September 13	The Congregation
September 20	Nina Kliensky and Leon Metlay in honor of the birthday of Nina's mother, Esther Kliensky
September 27	Sylvia Rose and Paul Rosenfeld in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Annie Rosenfeld Reinert "Annie Rose"

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SILENT NO MORE – A RALLY FOR ISRAEL AND FREEDOM

There will be a rally from 3 – 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 28th at 12 Corners in Brighton sponsored by the Rochesterians for Israel (Roc4Israel) organization. The rally will support Israel and those seeking personal and religious freedom throughout the Middle East. The public is invited to attend.

**THE FOLLOWING BHBI MEMBERS SEND GREETINGS FOR THE
NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION**

Sue Baker

Paula, Rachael and Sarah Bobb

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Phil and Annette Garver

Steve and Helen Gulack

Harris, Aline, Matthew and Noah Honickman

Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay and Hannah

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Chris, Andrea and Jordon Paprocki

Dave Rogachefsky

Sylvia Rose and Paul Rosenfeld

Stan, Elaine, Aviva, Aaron and Jake Schaffer

Herb Spencer

Steve, Ruth and Jack Teitel

Esther Vogelstein

SUKKOT DINNERS

This year, there will be not one, but 2 Sukkot dinners:

Wednesday, October 8th at 6:15 PM in Temple Beth Am's Sukkah at TBK

Cost \$5 for everyone

and

Thursday, October 9th at 6:15 PM in BHBI's Sukkah

Cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 12 and younger

RSVPs and checks for both dinners must be received by October 3rd

Send your RSVP, info on the number of people attending and your check for the October 8th dinner to
Temple Beth Am, P.O. Box 177, Henrietta, NY 14467

Send your RSVP, info on the number of people attending and your check for the October 9th dinner to
BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610.

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.

October 3-4	Tishrei	October 17-18	Tishrei	October 24-25	Tishrei	Oct. 31- Nov. 7	Cheshvan
Fanny Kovel'ski*	10	Beverly Clark*	24	Herbert Hirsch*	1	Marion Lazar*	8
David Schaffer	10	David Israel	24	Bessie Miller*	1	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8
Milton Honickman	11	Robert Steinmetz*	24	Sarah Rickler*	4	Ida Buckbinder*	9
Annie Kovel*	14	Morris Album*	25	Blanche Florescue	4	Irene Bernstein	
		Litman Cohen*	26	Ross*	4	Mikolasek*	9
October 10-11	Tishrei	Gershon Hinensky*	28	Charles Schnidman*	4	Flora Priceman*	9
Harris I. Cezer*	18	Sam Gold	29	Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4	Bernard Lipschutz	10
Ben Hobel*	18	Rona Luxemburg	29	Harry Silverman*	5	Ingeborg Vogelstein	10
Jean Traub*	18	Bernard Israel	30	Ida Menter*	7	Dianne Hooker*	11
Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Celia Israel	30	Clara Spencer	7	Lottie Astrachan*	12
Leon Titof	20					Alfred E. Hart*	12
Stanley Toker*	20	*Denotes name				Sol Weinstein*	12
Tamar Rogachefsky*	22	memorialized on				Israel Astrachan*	13
Daniel Horowitz	23	BHBI Memorial				Marion Grossman*	13
		Plaque				Jacob Markin*	13

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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OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Leon Metlay at 271-2945 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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