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February President's Message

Friends,

Last month, I was so involved with the story of Asenath Barzani that I forgot a very important item. We owe a big “thank you” to the Farash Foundation. At the end of 2014 they gave us a very generous donation. Most of the money has been put aside for the building fund. One suggestion that the Board is considering for use of part of the money is updating the prayer books that we use. We could get some copies of the “Etz Chaim” bible, which has a more up to date translation and commentary than the Hertz bibles we currently use. Another possibility is the new Conservative Mahzor Lev Shalem for the High Holy Days. It has a commentary along with the text. There is a copy at the shul if you'd like to take a look at it. A Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat is going to be coming out this year as well. I'm aware that many of you are deeply devoted to the Silverman Siddur and Mahzor that we have used for so many years. I love them too. But many people find the old fashioned language off-putting. I'm sure that if we acquire new books, we will find a way for anyone who prefers to use the old books to continue to do so.

We had a very informative discussion at the Turkish Cultural Center this month. The format was different than we have used in the past. Instead of a panel of “experts” who make presentations with limited time for people to ask questions, all of the participants were divided into groups sitting around tables. These groups discussed a series of questions and then reported back to the others. There were lively discussions and everyone had a chance to be heard. I think we'll be using this format again in the future.

Purim is coming during the first week of March. We'll be celebrating jointly with Temple Beth Am. In this bulletin you'll find a form to send Shalach Manot to your friends. This is a fun fundraiser. This year, Andrea Paprocki is taking over as the chief hamentashen baker. If you'd like to help out with the project, contact Andrea.

Temple Beth Am has also invited us to the Shabbat Across America dinner which will be on March 13th. There is a registration form for that in the bulletin too.

After Purim, it's a month until Passover. Time to start planning your house cleaning.

As you try to stay warm this winter, remember that our services are a warm place to be on Shabbat mornings. I'm looking forward to seeing you in shul.

Leon Metlay

Save the Dates!

Purim is coming! Purim starts on Wednesday evening, March 4th. We will be having a joint service with Temple Beth Am that evening at 7 p.m. at BHBI. Put it on your calendar!

Remy and Nadav, the wonderful French-Israeli musical duo who have entertained us twice before are coming back to Rochester again for a concert, sponsored by BHBI, at the JCC on Sunday, March 15th at 3 p.m. Make sure that you don't miss it!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Feb 1	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Feb 6	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 5:10 PM
Saturday	Feb 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Yitro
Sunday	Feb 8	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Feb 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Feb 13	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Light candles at 5:20 PM
Saturday	Feb 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Mishpatim
Sunday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Feb 18	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Feb 20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:29PM
Saturday	Feb 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Terumah
Sunday	Feb 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Feb 27	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:38PM
Saturday	Feb 28	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tetzaveh

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

This month's Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

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.

TU B'SHEVAT

This year, Tu b'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, falls on Wednesday, February 4th. It marks the time when the earliest blossoming trees begin to bud in Israel. Traditionally, we partake of fruits, particularly those species of fruits that are praised in the Torah to celebrate Tu b'Shevat. These include figs, pomegranates, dates and carobs.

THE ROLE OF SACRED MUSIC IN HEALING & HARMONY

The Nazareth College Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies celebrates UN World Interfaith Harmony Week with a performance-based interfaith music event on Wed., Feb. 4th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth College Shults Center. The event will highlight Sikh, Hindu, Jewish, Christian and Muslim music and is free and open to the public

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

January 3	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in honor of their son, Aaron's safe return from Turkey
January 10	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Nathan Goldberg
January 17	Steve and Ruth Teitel in memory of Ruth's father, Jack Glazer
January 24	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her father, Stanley Clark

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

Lee Kauffman

In memory of Dvora Brodie
Dave Rogachefsky

In memory of Emma Aranow
Eileen Kovel

In memory of Nathan Goldberg
Phil and Annette Garver



Mishloach Manot Order Form

Once again this year, BHBI and Temple Beth Am will jointly be offering mishloach manot (holiday snacks) to be delivered to members of both congregations on Purim. You may add your name as a sponsor of the mishloach manot packages to be delivered to all BHBI members for \$30 or to all BHBI and all TBA members for \$50. Alternatively, you can just add your name to the mishloach manot package for a single person or family for just \$1.

____ I would like to add my name to all of the mishloach manot packages for BHBI members - \$30
 ____ I would like to add my name to all of the mishloach manot packages for BHBI and TBA members - \$50
 ____ I would just like to add my name to the mishloach manot packages to be given to specific BHBI or TBA members - \$1 each. If you choose this option, specify the names of people whose packages you want to sponsor:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please return this completed order form and a check by **Feb. 15th** to: Temple Beth Am
 2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 103
 Rochester, NY 14618

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Circle One:
 BHBI Member TBA Member

We need help baking the hamentaschen on Sunday, March 1st at 10 a.m. at BHBI. Please call Andrea Paprocki at 334-9254 if you would like to help.

We need your help to deliver the mishloach manot packages on March 4th and 5th. If you can help, contact Aaron Marsh at 334-7224.

____ I/We will be out of town on Purim, so don't send me/us a mishloach manot package but instead mail us a postcard with the names of those sponsoring mishloach manot.

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.

February 6-7	Shevat	February 13-14	Shevat - Adar	February 20-21	Adar	February 27-28	Adar
Gitla Perkal*	18	Bert Falk*	25	Werner Schaffer	2	Anna Schiff*	9
Samuel Spencer	18	Marion Bernstein*	27	Bruce Lipsky	3	Edith Berkowitz*	10
Besse Gold	20	Ada Goldstein*	27	Philip Schiff*	3	Samuel Goldstein*	10
Benjamin Lapidés*	20	Samuel Kayfetz*	27	Betty Glaser	4	Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10
Simon Pogal*	21	Lottie Fink*	29	Anna Ruderman*	4	Max Metlay	10
Jacob Rubenstein*	21	Rose Ring*	29	Hyman Sablowsky*	4	Jennie Goldstein Robinson*	11
E. Sarah Maltinsky*	23	Henrietta Schaffer	30	Emma Sarachan*	4	Irving Gold	12
		Boris Schwarts	30	Celia Lapidés*	5	Eva Jenny Cezer*	13
		Sam Finkelstein*	1	Dora Newell*	6	Charles Saul Gordon*	13
		Mary Weinrib*	1	William Schwartz*	6	Rose Riwkin*	13
						Aaron Baker	14
						Marion Carton Gulack	14
						Charles Ambush*	15
						Gussie Gillenson Bernstein*	15
						Irvin Boyar*	15
						Stanley Muszynski*	15

*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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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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AD SPONSORS

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Once again this year, BHBI is joining Temple Beth Am for TBA's Shabbat Across America Dinner at Temple B'rith Kodesh

On March 13th, tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 19th Annual ...

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA/CANADA



On Friday night, March 13th, 2015 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews -- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families -- all ages.

Invite your friends—all are welcome!

Shabbat Across America Dinner

March 13, 2015 • Dinner: 6:15 pm • Services : 7:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$5• Children (under Bar/Bat Mitzvah) Free•

Send RSVP, with number of adults and children, and Payment in advance to:

Temple Beth Am

2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 103

Rochester, NY 14618

Must be in Temple Beth Am Office by March 5th



Please detach and mail in with check to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618 to reach office by March 5th

Name(s): _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City, St., Zip _____ Phone: _____

No. of Adults @ \$5 ____ No. of Children @ free ____ Total Amount for Dinner \$ ____

Dietary restrictions: _____ (a committee member will contact you to discuss)

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

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 Fund, Kiddush Fund, Harry Rogachefsky BHBI Building Fund, Torah Fund, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship Fund, Special Events Fund 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.

BULLETIN CONTENT 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.

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN? Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several years can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

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

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