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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **August President's Message**

Friends,

I have sometimes been accused of being a pessimist. Other people think that I'm an optimist. Sometimes I've been called both simultaneously. This past month would push me more towards being an optimist. We've had a number of events that came off very well.

First there was our Jewish-Muslim interfaith event, in which we observed the Fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz simultaneously with one of the days of Ramadan. The 2 AM breakfast at Temple Beth Am was very well attended, mostly by Muslims but with a respectable Jewish attendance too. We had a delicious meal with a very informal discussion. All of the attendees were pleased. Special thanks go to Steve Teitel who did most of the cooking.

Steve also set up and cooked the kosher dinner items for the evening program, which was held at the Turkish Cultural Center. There was a good attendance by both Muslims and Jews in the evening. The Jewish perspective on fasting was presented by Rabbi Stein from Temple B'rith Kodesh. His talk was very informative. The Muslim viewpoint was presented by Ahmed Celenli, the Muslim chaplain at the U of R. There was a lively discussion afterwards. After the discussion we broke our fasts together.

Three weeks after the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz comes the solemn day of Tisha B'Av. This year our observance was held at BHBI with participation by Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David. There was active participation from all three shuls, with special thanks to Aaron Marsh from Beth Am and Rabbi Smookler from Beth David. Aaron led the Shabbat mincha service and did most of the Torah reading, the Rabbi led the evening service and provided an introduction to each chapter of Lamentations. In between the two services, I led a discussion of laws of mourning and how they interact with Shabbat. I hope everyone got as much out of the program as I did.

The other "event" that pleasantly surprised me, is the adoption of a new Mahzor for the High Holy Days. The Conservative movement has published Mahzor Lev Shalem. It has a more modern translation than we are used to, along with commentaries. Our Board has considered this book for several months and decided to adopt it. Several generous donors made this possible. I want to thank them for their generosity. We have enough books ordered so that we will be able to use the books this year. I want to reassure anyone who doesn't want to give up the Silverman Mahzor that there will be copies available as well.

During the month of August, we should be examining ourselves and preparing spiritually for the High Holy Days. In our congregational life, the main event will be the annual picnic, scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> at BHBI. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Leon Metlay*

**Come Join the Fun!**

**Join us for the joint BHBI-Beth Am Picnic at BHBI on Sunday, August 23rd**

**There will be fun, games and lots of food.**

**See page 5 for more information and the RSVP form**

**Don't miss it!**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2015

Saturday	Aug 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Va'etchanan
Sunday	Aug 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Aug 7	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:06 PM
Saturday	Aug 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Eikev
Sunday	Aug 9	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Aug 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Aug 14	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Light candles at 7:56 PM
Saturday	Aug 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Re'eh
Sunday	Aug 16	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Aug 19	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Aug 21	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:45 PM
Saturday	Aug 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Shoftim
Sunday	Aug 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		2:00 PM	Joint BHBI-Beth Am Picnic at BHBI
Friday	Aug 28	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:34 PM
Saturday	Aug 29	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Torah: Ki Teitzei
Sunday	Aug 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

### SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

This month's Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

### GOODSEARCH.COM

Goodsearch.com is an on-line internet search program that pays non-profit organizations like BHBI a fee every time someone uses their search service. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), enter the search term that you want and put in BHBI on the line where it says Who Do You Goodsearch For? BHBI will benefit from each search you make!

### 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.

# DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## GENERAL FUND

In memory of Tanya Yudelson  
*Joseph Yudelson*

In memory of Doriene Baker  
*Sue Ann Baker*

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS WHO UNDERWROTE THE PURCHASE OF NEW MACHZORS FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS!

*Sue Ann Baker*  
*Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky*  
*Herb Spencer*

*Ira Cohen*  
*Dave Rogachefsky*  
*Tamara Strubel*  
*Esther Vogelstein*

*Phil and Annette Garver*  
*Stan and Elaine Schaffer*  
*Steve and Ruth Teitel*

## THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ARE COMING SOON!

If you know someone who is considering or wants to join a synagogue, let them know about our free 3 month trial membership with complimentary High Holy Day tickets for first-time new members and invite them to join us one Shabbat for services. We also sell reasonably priced High Holy Day tickets for those who are not interested in becoming a member right away and just want tickets.

## HIGH HOLY DAY GREETINGS

Once again this year, we will have a section in our September bulletin listing the names of BHBI members who would like to send greetings to the congregation for the New Year. If you would like to have your name listed with the High Holy Day greeting, send a check for \$5 to BHBI by August 20<sup>th</sup> and mark 'High Holy Day Greeting' on the memo line.

## SELICHOT

Selichot will be Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:40 PM at Temple Beth Am. The movie will be "The Power of Forgiveness".

## 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.

July 31 - August 1	Av	August 7-8	Av	August 14-15	Av-Elul	August 21-22	Elul
Abraham Heyman*	17	Bessie Gastel*	25	Harry Eber*	30	Celia Goodman*	7
Phillip Boyarsky*	18	Samuel Immanuel		Bernard W. Engel*	30	Jennie Levinson	7
Charles Levinson	18	Wechsler*	25	Rose Gordon	30	Irving Mack*	8
Jennie Braime*	20	Abraham Alkus*	26	Eva Lederman*	2	Fran Dubin Gulack	10
Abraham Spector*	20	Rose T. Cohen	26	Albert Joffe*	4	David Nidetz	12
Maurice Ohl*	21	Jacob Osband*	26	Harold Krinsky*	4	Anna Zakofsky*	12
Sarah Applebaum Gastel*		Joseph Teitel	26	Ethel Strom*	4	Morris Mittelman*	13
Israel Osband*	22	Reuben Klein*	27	Gladys Glazer	5		
	22	Esther Marker*	27	Judith Rodney	5	August 28-29	Elul
		Sarah Weisenberg*	28	Tanya Yudelson	5	Sylvia Album*	14
						Isidor Hess*	14
						Frumeh Hinensky*	14
						A. Ben Glaser*	16
						Celia Wolk*	17
						Leonard Carl Grossman*	18
						Winston Block	20

\*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.

## 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](mailto:stanschaffer@frontiernet.net)

<i>Rochester's Jewish Funeral Home</i>		<i>Establishing a New Tradition</i>
<b>BRIGHTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, INC.</b>		
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Jarrold M. Krieger <i>owner &amp; 4th generation Rochesterian</i> <a href="http://www.BrightonMemorialChapel.com">www.BrightonMemorialChapel.com</a>	<b>427-8520</b>	3325 Winton Road South S/W corner of Jefferson & Winton Rds

So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at [stanschaffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:stanschaffer@frontiernet.net)

## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

### A Short History of Israeli Disengagement from Gaza

On August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, Joy Getnick will give a presentation at the JCC on how and why Israel decided to disengage from Gaza 10 years ago. The presentation will be followed by a discussion. E-mail [jgetnick@jccrochester.org](mailto:jgetnick@jccrochester.org) or call 461-2000 x239 for more information.

### A Bottle in the Gaza Sea

The French film 'A Bottle in the Gaza Sea' which is a beautiful coming of age story about an Israeli teen who struggles to understand the conflict in Gaza, and the young Palestinian who tries to explain will be screened at the JCC on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The screening is free and open to the public.

### JCC Annual Senior Picnic

The JCC will be having its annual senior picnic on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30 pm. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and more. The cost is \$6 for JCC members, \$9 for non-members. For more information, contact Carrie Dengler at 461-2000 x214.

## MISHEBERACH LIST

We will be cleaning up our misheberach list this September. If you would like to list or retain the name of someone who is acutely ill on the misheberach list, please contact Nina Klionsky at [metlionsky@frontiernet.net](mailto:metlionsky@frontiernet.net)

## AD SPONSORS

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## MAKE YOUR PURCHASES AT AMAZON.COM AND SUPPORT BHBI AT THE SAME TIME!

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**THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS  
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

July 4           The Congregation  
July 11         Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of their daughter, Nelli Ahuva Metlay  
July 18         Cathy Block in honor of the ordination of Elana Spezio  
July 25         The Congregation

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**BHBI/BETH AM PICNIC**

**You're Invited!**

**Have fun and enjoy great food at the joint BHBI-Beth Am Picnic**

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-6 p.m. at BHBI**

**The fun and games begin at 2 p.m.**

**Food will be served beginning at 4 p.m.**

**All you can eat.**

**Just \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 12 and under**

**Please RSVP by Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Adults Attending @ \$10 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Children Ages 12 and Under Attending @ \$6 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your reservation form and a check to BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610.**



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](mailto: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.

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*Temple Beth Am*

**Joint Yizkor Book 2015**

The format of the Yizkor Book is as follows:

**Remembered by**

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Please print your name or names as you wish it/them to appear in this book

**In Loving Memory of**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print each name you want listed on a separate line. Example: Abraham and Sarah Person should be written on 2 lines, as they represent 2 names and 2 listings in our book. DO NOT use Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr.; just first and last names. Titles will not appear in the Yizkor Book. Remember to print the names clearly since they will appear in the Yizkor Book exactly as you print them. Add additional pages if needed.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO BRUCE NELSON BY September 1, 2015**  
**Checks payable to BETH HAMEDRESH-BETH ISRAEL. Checks must be received before names are published.**

Rates: \$18 for one, two or three names. Each additional listing beyond three is \$5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form along with payment to : **Yizkor Book  
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Rochester, NY 14623**

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Names entered in Book

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Temple Beth Am*

## Joint Yizkor Book 2015

Dear Temple Friends and Family,

Temple Beth Am and Congregation Beth Hamedresh–Beth Israel will again jointly publish an annual Yizkor Memorial Book in time for Yom Kippur. We use this book in place of the prayer book for each of the Yizkor services throughout the year. Our book will contain the Yizkor service, special readings, prayers, Kaddish, and a memorial list of our dearly departed. Having your loved ones included in the Yizkor Book is a dignified way of remembering and paying tribute to those who have been called to their eternal rest.

Both congregations will share the production costs and will share the proceeds in proportion to the participation from each congregation. **Please make your checks payable to Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel, and mark them Yizkor Book in the memo.**

To have your relatives and friends listed in the Memoriam, please complete the form on the back of this letter and return it by September 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Yizkor Book  
c/o Bruce Nelson  
120 Cobblestone Dr  
Rochester, NY 14623

Do not send it to the temple office. **All listings must be prepaid.** Listings not prepaid by presstime will not be published.

One, two or three names will be priced at \$18.00 (the number corresponding to Chai, the Hebrew word for life). Additional names, beyond the first three, are \$5.00 each name. Please print the names clearly since they will appear in the Yizkor Book exactly as you submit them.

Shalom,

The Yizkor Memorial Book Committee

**Hurry! Deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>**