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November President's Message

Friends,

October is going out in a gust of wind and rain. November is coming with no special Jewish observances until Chanukah comes in December. There will be Chanukah programs at Temple Beth Am on December 6th and at BHBI on December 13th. More information will be coming in the December bulletin.

The Jewish month we are in right now is Marcheshvan. The Hebrew name of the month, in the days before the Babylonian exile was Bul, and some commentators suggest that the flood of Noah “mabul” came during this month. After the Babylonian exile we continued to use the Babylonian names for months and most of the original Hebrew names were lost. Marcheshvan is derived from the Akkadian word warach-samnu which literally means “eighth month”. The word samnu is related to the Hebrew shmoneh, which means eight. At some point people started calling the month just Cheshvan. There are a number of stories to explain the longer name Marcheshvan. The most common one is that “mar” in Hebrew means “bitter”, and Marcheshvan is “bitter Cheshvan”. What’s bitter about it? Cheshvan has no holidays and it is a let-down after the month of Tishrei which is packed with holidays. There are other stories about why Cheshvan might be bitter. Your homework assignment is to find them. I’ll give you a hint: someone named Amraphel is involved.

At the October Board meeting I extended an invitation to the Board members to contribute their own writings for the monthly bulletin President’s message. I am doing the same to all of you. If you have some thoughts related to the season that you would like to share, pass them along to me and I will include them as space allows. The only condition I impose, besides having adequate space, is that I will not publish political polemics and I will be the judge of what is political.

Here is our first submission from a Board member:

It's November. My leaves are turning and falling.
When I think of November, it is family time.
A big turkey and lots of food; friends and family sitting round the table.
My grandchildren noisy and happy. I eagerly look forward to going to Buffalo.
My bags are packed and also a large bag of toys.
Thru the years friends and family have passed on and new babies born.
My children have married and more family!

Happy Thanksgiving!

- contributed by Sue A. Baker

Indeed, Happy Thanksgiving.

Leon Metlay



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2015

Friday	Nov 6	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:37 PM
Saturday	Nov 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Chayei Sarah
Sunday	Nov 8	9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion United by Faith Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue Session on ‘Notions of the Afterlife in Jewish and Muslim Thought’ at the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester, 2692 Dewey Avenue
Monday	Nov 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Nov 13	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103) Light candles at 4:30 PM
Saturday	Nov 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Toldot
Sunday	Nov 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Nov 18	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Nov 20	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:24 PM
Saturday	Nov 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayetztei
Sunday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Nov 27	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 4:19 PM
Saturday	Nov 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayishlach
Sunday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

Join us for the next event in our
Jewish-Muslim ‘United by Faith’ Interfaith Dialogue Series.
 Be part of an interesting discussion on
Notions of the Afterlife in Jewish and Muslim Thought
 Speakers will include Rabbi Drorah Setel from Temple Emanu-El and
 Dr. Ahmed Celenli, Muslim Chaplain at the University of Rochester
 Sunday, November 8th at 2 pm at the Turkish Cultural Center
 2692 Dewey Avenue
 The event is open to everyone, so bring your friends!

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In memory of Bernard and Celia Israel
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FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

October 3 Hermann Vogelstein in honor of his sister, Esther's birthday
 Katharine Metlay in memory of her brother, Leon Titof
October 10 Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her mother, Beverly Clark
October 17 Hermann and Esther Vogelstein in memory of their mother, Ingeborg Vogelstein
October 24 Ira Cohen in memory of Dianne Hooker

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SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

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

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.

November 6-7	Cheshvan-Kislev	November 13-14	Kislev	November 20-21	Kislev	November 27-28	Kislev
Mary Jaffey*	28	Sam Morris*	4	Nathan Bernstein*	9	Bernard Rodney	17
Harvey Sanow*	28	Israel Schriba*	4	Beatryce Cohen*	9	Edward M. Hart	19
Fannie Stern*	28	Jacob Smilack*	4	Joseph Louis		Hyman Ring*	20
Abraham Friedman*	29	Dorothy Lewis Cohen*	5	Shapiro*	9	Joseph Goldberg*	21
Rose Nidetz	30	Mark H. Keyfetz*	5	Rose Alderman*	10		
		Rachel Olkes*	6	Feist Hess*	10		
		Meyer Koveliski*	7	Eleanor Teitel	10	*Denotes name	
		Fanny Titof	8	Dr. Mark Blue	11	memorialized on	
				Wolf Schild*	12	BHBI Memorial	
				Jack Soble	14	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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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

A Community Call to Action – My House is a House for All People: Radical Inclusion for Everyone

Sunday, November 1st, 9 am – 1 pm; Temple Beth El

You are invited to join in this symposium on inclusion to feature sessions on parents and teachers of students with special needs, the LGBTQ community, the hearing impaired and how we can be welcoming in all of our daily lives. Scheduled events include:

- 9 am to 1 pm – Book and Resource Fair
- 9 – 9:30 am – Breakfast and Registration
- 9:30 – 10:30 am – Keynote Address with Rabbi Artson
- 10:30 am – 1 pm – Breakout Sessions

The event is free and open to the community. For information, go to therochester.org or call Jessie Atkin at 473-1770.

Lane Dworkin Rochester Jewish Book Festival

This year's Jewish Book Festival will be held from November 8 – 22. There will be a number of presentations by authors:

- Sunday, November 8th at 10 a.m. at the JCC, Jane Yolem will discuss *The Devil's Arithmetic*, her Holocaust themed book for young readers
- Sunday, November 8th at 7 p.m. at the JCC, will feature former Tel Aviv bureau chief for NBC News, Martin Fletcher, who will discuss his novel, *The War Reporter*. A dessert reception will follow.
- Tuesday, November 10th at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Allena Rieger will discuss her book *I Didn't Tell Them Anything* in which she describes uncovering the missing pieces in her parents' lives including their flight from Poland, forced labor in Siberia, refuge in Kazakhstan and long journey to America.
- Wednesday, November 11th at 7 p.m., Steve Katz will give his personal account of the rock 'n' roll world and his book *Blood, Sweat and My Rock 'n' Roll Years* along with a performance at the Irondequoit Country Club. An open bar will be available starting at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12th at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Nomi Eve will discuss her novel *Henna House* which interweaves the traditions of Yemenite Jewry with their flight to Israel.
- Sunday, November 15th at 10 a.m. at the JCC, Susan Dworski Nusbaum will present her book of poetry *What We Take With Us*.
- Sunday, November 15th at 11:15 a.m. at the JCC, Todd Moss discusses his novel *Minute Zero*, the latest book his Judd Ryker thriller series.
- Sunday, November 15th at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Rabbi Simon Jacobson discusses his book *Toward a Meaningful Life* which makes the teachings of Judaism timely and relevant.
- Monday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at the JCC, Dani Klein Modisett brings a humorous approach to marriage when discussing his book *Take My Spouse, Please: How to Keep Your Marriage Happy, Healthy, and Thriving by Following the Rules of Comedy*. A wine bar will be available before the presentation.
- Friday, November 20th at noon at the JCC, there will be a fiction panel luncheon with Jessamyn Hope, the author of *Safekeeping*, and Sigal Samuel, the author of *The Mystics of Mile End*. Ice cream will be provided.

Films and other cultural events are also be occurring at the JCC in November:

- Tuesday, November 3rd at 7 p.m. at the JCC, the film *My So-Called Enemy* will be screened following a short tribute to Yitzhak Rabin's legacy.
- Saturday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC, the film *The Outrageous Sophie Tucker* will be screened and followed by a discussion with biographers and screenwriter Susan and Lloyd Ecker.
- Sunday, November 22nd at 3 p.m. at the JCC there will be a concert and knish tasting. The event will feature Bonnie Abrams and Allen Hopkins

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.

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