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March President's Message

Friends,

“When Adar comes, joy increases.” Because this year is a leap year, we will have two of them! By the time you are reading this, the first month of Adar will be half gone. I hope your joy is increasing, as mine has. If you've been wondering why we have leap years, you just have to look at the Muslim calendar, where each month comes 11 days earlier than it did the previous year. That is because the lunar year (12 months of 29.5 days each) has only 354 days, 11 days shorter than the solar year of 365 days. The Torah says that Passover must come in the Spring, so we periodically have an extra month of Adar to keep Passover from being too early. There, don't you feel better now?

While we're enjoying Adar, we have a number of events to look forward to:

Early this month, on March 4th, we will be participating in a Shabbat Across America dinner, hosted again this year by Temple Beth Am. I hope you got your reservation in; it should be a fun evening. Food preparation will be on Thursday evening March 3rd. If you would like to help with that you can contact me or Aaron Marsh.

On Sunday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m., BHBI will be hosting a movie night! The film to be screened is *The Frisco Kid* starring Gene Wilder. The event is free and open to the public, so bring along your friends!

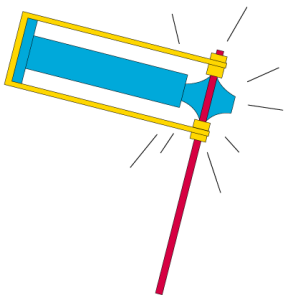
We will be celebrating Purim this year jointly with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David. I am looking forward to a joyful evening. We will be meeting either in Temple Beth Am's space in the B'rith Kodesh building, or in a larger space within the same building. I don't know yet which it will be, but if you go to Beth Am's room, there will be directions. This year we are again having shalach manot, jointly prepared by our members and Beth Am's, chaired by our own Andrea Paprocki. If you would like to help out, contact Andrea.

If Purim comes, that means that Pesach is only a month away. Time to start cleaning your house and getting ready. Rabbi Kolko will be selling our chametz again this year. The form for selling chametz will be in the April bulletin.

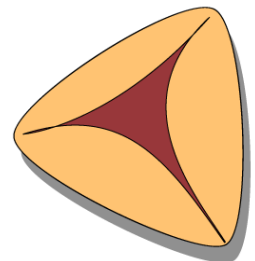
Have a great month. Spring will be here soon!

Try to stay warm and dry and have a good 2016.

Leon Metlay



Purim's Here! Come Join the Fun!
Have a Rousing Good Time at the
Joint BHBI-Beth Am-Beth David
Megillah Reading & Purim
Celebration at TBK on March 23rd at
7:30 p.m.



Don't Forget to Order Purim Mishloach Manot for Your Friends – See Page 5

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2016

Friday	Mar 4	6:15 PM	Joint Shabbat Across America Dinner with Temple Beth Am at TBK
		7:30 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103) Light candles at 5:45 PM
Saturday	Mar 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayakhel
Sunday	Mar 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		7:30 PM	BHBI Movie Night Featuring <i>The Frisco Kid</i>
Friday	Mar 11	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103) Light candles at 5:54 PM
Saturday	Mar 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 14	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Mar 16	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Mar 18	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:02 PM
Saturday	Mar 19	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikra
Sunday	Mar 20	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Mar 23	7:30 PM	Joint Purim Celebration with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at TBK
Friday	Mar 25	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:10 PM
Saturday	Mar 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Mar 27	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		2:00 PM	Special United By Faith Interfaith Event: Viewing of the Movie <i>Children of Heaven</i> at the Turkish Cultural Center, 2692 Dewey Avenue

**Join Us for a Special ‘United by Faith’ Interfaith Event
in Conjunction with Our Friends from Temples Beth Am and Beth David,
the Turkish Cultural Center and the Peace Islands Institute**

A Viewing of the Acclaimed Movie ‘Children of Heaven’

Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 pm at the Turkish Cultural Center, 2692 Dewey Ave.

Free and Open to the Public

Bring your friends!!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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In memory of Laura Levinson
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In memory of Bessie Gold
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In memory of Werner Schaffer
Stan and Elaine Schaffer

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 6	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katharine Metlay's 96 th Birthday
February 13	Katharine Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay
February 20	The Congregation
February 27	The Congregation

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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, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome! If you haven't attended before, give it a try – you will definitely enjoy the lively discussion.

AD SPONSORS

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SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND APRIL 2 & 3

Hidden Jews: Conversos & Crypto-Jews of the Inquisition and other Hidden Jewish Communities Around the World - The Rochester Synagogue Council is pleased to present its first collaborative event. This scholar-in-residence weekend featuring Norma Libman, a journalist and lecturer whose areas of specialization include the Inquisition, Crypto-Jews and Conversos, as well as many little-known communities of "Hidden Jews" scattered around the world will provide a look into the fascinating world of Americans of Spanish heritage, who have lived for centuries as Catholics, and who have learned that some 500 years ago their families were Jewish and were forcibly converted to Catholicism during the Inquisition! We will also have the opportunity to learn about other communities of "hidden" Jews around the world. Join us for this landmark event! [Information & Registration](#): For more detailed information about the weekend and to register please go to www.rsc-scholarweekend.eventbrite.com.

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.

March 4-5	Adar I – Adar II	March 11-12	Adar II	March 18-19	Adar II	March 25-26	Adar II
Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Emma Sarachan*	4	Anna Schiff*	9	Celia Engel*	17
Barnet Stern*	26			Irving Gold	12	Max Levy	17
Harris Priceman*	27			Charles Saul Gordon*	13		
Rebecca Cohen*	28			Charles Ambush*	15		
Eva Friedman*	28						
Sarah Shulsky*	28	*Denotes name					
Karoline Hess*	29	memorialized on					
Sadie Rose	29	BHBI Memorial					
Mary Weinrib*	1	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

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CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britten Road and Mt. Hope Cemeteries and that we sell cemetery plots? If you would like more information, contact Steve Teitel.

MOVIE NIGHT

We are starting a new 'movie night' series at BHBI on Sunday evening, March 6th. Our first movie in the series will be *The Frisco Kid* starring the legendary Gene Wilder. The film will be screened at 7:30 pm and popcorn and other refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public, so bring your friends. Everyone is welcome! We hope to continue our 'movie night' series every month or two in the future. Come join in!

Mishloach Manot Order Form

TEMPLE BETH AM	
If you would like to only send to specific members of Temple Beth Am instead of all Temple Beth Am members, please write in the names below. Sending to Temple Beth Am members is only \$1 for each household.	
If you are not sure about someone's name, please do the best that you can, and if there is any confusion, we will call you for clarification.	
_____	_____ Entire Temple Beth Am list only - \$30

CONGREGATION BETH HAMEDRESH-BETH ISRAEL	
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This year the Shalot Manot will be a joint event by Temple Beth Am and Cong. Beth Hamedresh Beth Israel. Each Congregation's membership has a separate listing. If you want to send to your entire congregation the cost is \$30. If you want to send Purim wishes to both congregations the cost is \$50. If you only want to pick a few names, the cost is \$1 per name for members.

Instructions:

1. Check off on the list above, those people on whose packages you want your name to appear.
2. We need help baking at the Hamantaschen Bake-In on Sunday, March 6th or 13th (to be announced) at 10 am at BHBI. Please call Andrea Paprocki, 334-9254 if you can help.
3. We need help to deliver the packages on March 20th. call Aaron Marsh, 334-7224 if you can help
4. Please return this completed form to and a check to:

Temple Beth Am
2131 Elmwood Ave, Room 103
Rochester, NY 14618

Return this Form with a check no later than March 15th

___ Entire BA/BHBI List - \$50

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ names checked or written above	OR
\$30.00 for (check one)	
_____ Temple Beth Am's entire list or	
_____ BHBI's entire list	OR
_____ the Special Deal of \$50.00 for both lists	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
	Circle one:
Beth Am	BHBI
We will be out of town for Purim (March 23-24) don't make a box for us, but please mail a postcard with the Mishloach Manot names on it.	



EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Ron Lieber: The Opposite of Spoiled

JCC Lane Dworkin Jewish Book Festival

Sunday, March 6th at 7:00 pm at the JCC Hart Theatre

New York Times personal finance columnist and best-selling author, Ron Lieber, will speak about his book "The Opposite of Spoiled" which explores ways of raising kids who are well grounded, generous and smart about money. Tickets: \$11 (\$8 for JCC members). Contact the JCC at 461-2000 or jccrochester.org for tickets or more information.

Norman Ornstein: New Challenges to America's Support for Israel

Israel 2016: The Series

Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 pm at the Temple Beth El

Political analyst and bestselling author, Norman Ornstein, will speak at Temple Beth El as part of 'Israel 2016, the Series' which is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester. The event is free and open to the public.

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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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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