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April President's Message

Friends,

A lot went on during March. We had the Shabbat Across America dinner along with Temple Beth Am at the beginning of the month. A week later we had our first ever “Just for the heck of it” movie night. We saw “The Frisco Kid”, a movie starring Gene Wilder and a very young Harrison Ford. It was a lot of fun. There was, of course, popcorn. We had another movie event at the end of the month, as part of our Jewish-Muslim dialogue series. We viewed “Children of Heaven”, a movie made in Iran in the 1990s, about a poor family that helps others while they barely have the resources to help themselves. It was moving, sometimes funny, sometimes sad. Thank you to the Turkish Cultural Center for suggesting that movie, and for hosting us. There was, of course, popcorn.

Also at the end of the month was Purim. We had Mishloach Manot bags again this year, along with Temple Beth Am. Thank you to Andrea Paprocki who organized the kitchen crew and prepared the hamentashen dough. Thank you to our intrepid bakers: Laurel and Martin Schneiderman, Sylvia Rose, Chris Paprocki and Paula Bobb. Bag packers also included Bruce Nelson, Aaron Marsh, Lou Babin, and Ira Cohen. I'm sure I've forgotten someone; I apologize for that. I want to also especially thank the people who delivered bags this year. The Purim evening celebration, in conjunction with Temples Beth Am and Beth David, was a lot of fun. There were wonderful costumes and much noise. I especially want to thank Gary Cohen from Beth David and Aaron Marsh from Beth Am for making the arrangements for the room and helping to organize the readings. Megillah readers included (in order of appearance): Cindy Halpern, Aaron Marsh, me, Bill Gertzog, Rabbi Smookler, Rabbi Kolko, and Ira Cohen. Special kudos to Bill for his dramatic reading in multiple voices with multiple hats. If you weren't there, you should come next year, in hopes we can talk him into doing it again.

April will start with the Scholar–in–Residence program, sponsored by the synagogue council. Norma Libman will be giving four talks on Crypto Jews, Conversos, and hidden Jewish Communities. We are taking the radical step of not holding services at BHBI on April 2nd so that our regulars can attend services and the program at Beth Sholom. If you have not signed up in advance, there will be some tickets available at the door for each of the four talks.

The following week will have our second “Just for the heck of it” movie program. We will be showing the Barbara Streisand movie “Yentl” on Sunday, April 10th at 7 PM. There will, of course, be popcorn. If you would like to suggest a movie for us to show at a future movie night, just speak to me or to Steve Teitel. It doesn't have to be a specifically Jewish movie. It does have to be something the whole family can attend.

Passover arrives in the last week of the month. We will be sharing services with both Beth Am and Beth David this year. Check the schedule of services. Most of the services will be on weekends this year. Also, don't forget to sell your Chametz. Rabbi Simeon Kolko will be taking care of that again this year. The sale form is on page 5.

I hope you have a wonderful April and I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Leon Metlay

**Do you want to sell your chametz before Passover?
BHBI makes it easy for you to do so. Just fill out the Sale of Chametz
Form on page 5 and send in your form with a donation to BHBI to be
received by Tuesday, April 19th**

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2016

Friday	Apr 1	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:19 PM
Saturday	Apr 2	1:00 PM 2:00 PM	No Service at BHBI (due to Scholar-in-Residence at Beth Shalom) Scholar-in-Residence Lunch at Congregation Beth Shalom Scholar-in-Residence Program at Congregation Beth Shalom
Sunday	Apr 3	11:00 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Scholar-in-Residence Morning Program and Brunch at TBK Scholar-in-Residence Afternoon Program at TBK Scholar-in-Residence Evening Program and Reception at Temple Sinai
Friday	Apr 8	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103) Light candles at 7:27 PM
Saturday	Apr 9	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Tazria
Sunday	Apr 10	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion BHBI Movie Night – Screening of <i>Yentl</i>
Monday	Apr 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Apr 15	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:35 PM
Saturday	Apr 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Metzora
Sunday	Apr 17	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Apr 20	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Apr 22		Erev Passover 1st Day – No Service – Enjoy Your Seder! Burn chametz until 11:49 a.m. Light candles at 7:43 PM
Saturday	Apr 23	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 1st Day & Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am Hosted by Beth David in the TBK Chapel (use rear entrance to TBK) Light candles after 8:48 PM
Sunday	Apr 24	9:30 AM	Joint Passover 2nd Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Thursday	Apr 28	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles at 7:50 PM
Friday	Apr 29	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Passover 7th Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at BHBI Shabbat and Erev Passover 8th Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) Light candles at 7:51 PM
Saturday	Apr 30	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 8th Day & Shabbat Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Passover ends at 8:57 PM

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| March 5 | Tamara Strubel in memory of her mother, Lea Kron
Katharine Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg |
| March 12 | The Congregation |
| March 19 | The Congregation |
| March 26 | Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Andrea Paprocki coordinating the hamentashen baking |

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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, April 20th 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.

MOVIE NIGHT

We are continuing our 'movie night' series at BHBI on Sunday evening, April 10th. The film that we will be watching is *Yentl* starring the Barbra Streisand. The film will be screened at 7:00 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!

AMES AMZALEK ROCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The JCC has begun selling all-festival passes for this summer's Ames Amzalak Rochester International Jewish Film Festival which will run from July 10-18. To purchase all-festival passes, stop by the JCC, call 461-0200 or go to www.jccrochester.org

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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.

Scholar-in-Residence Events with Norma Libman

Saturday, April 2nd at Congregation Beth Shalom

1:00 PM: Lunch (Dietary Laws Strictly Observed)

2:00 PM: *Lives of Jews in Spain and Portugal During the Inquisition*

Sunday, April 3rd at Temple B'rith Kodesh

11:00 AM: *Where the Jews Went When They Left Spain and How They Lived*

12:30 PM: Brunch (Dietary Laws Strictly Observed)

1:30 PM: *Stories From the Lives of Conversos and Crypto-Jews Living in the United States Today*

Sunday, April 3rd at Temple Sinai

7:00 PM: *Hidden Jewish Communities Around the World* with Dessert Reception (Dietary Laws Strictly Observed)

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.

April 1-2	Adar II	March 11-12	Nissan	March 18-19	Nissan	March 25-26	Nissan
Mollie Wolk*	28	Esther Bertman*	8	Leo Buchbinder*	15	Yetta Levine*	22
Sam Wolk*	29	Max Block	8	Michael Kron	15	Evelyn Maimon	23
April 8-9	Nissan	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Sol Levin*	15	Simon Finkelman	24
Lena Levi*	1	Charles Levy	11	Rose Jossem*	16	Blanche Levitz	25
Lester Miller*	1	Morris Lipman*	11	Judith Potter*	16	Louis Priceman*	25
Gertrude Swartz	1	Helen Neiman		Louis Cohen*	18	Dorothy Riwkin*	25
Benjamin Braz*	2	Goldman*	14	Harry H. Levinson	18	Samuel Spiller*	25
Dr. Charles Cohen*	2	Sylvia Kowal	14	David Morris*	20	Arthur Weinberger	26
Morris Sherman*	3	Harry Toker	14	Jacob Weinrib*	20	Alexander Greenbaum*	27
Eli Gerber*	4	*Denotes name		Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Esther Gurian*	27
Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	memorialized on		Benjamin Ritter	21	Ethel L. Goldstein*	28
Rachael Weinstein*	5	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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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Skalny Lecture: The Europeanization of Holocaust Memory in Eastern Europe

Featuring Dr. Marek Kucia.

Tuesday, April 5th from 7:30 to 9 pm in Sloan Auditorium, located in Goergen Hall on the University of Rochester River Campus

Dr. Kucia is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Sociology and lecturer at the Centre for European Studies at Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland, and is Skalny Visiting Professor at the University of Rochester. The objective of this talk is to assess to what extent, how and why the cosmopolitan and (Western) European memory of the Holocaust has contributed to the development of Holocaust memory in Eastern Europe since 1989.

The event is free and open to the public.

Hochstein Piano Faculty Concert

Featuring Paula Bobb and Other Hochstein Piano Faculty

Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm at the Hochstein Performance Hall

The concert Finale will be "Entry of the Gladiators: Thunder and Blazes" for 8 pianists, arranged by current Hochstein student Tom Acquaviva!

Everyone is welcome to attend this lively concert which will be followed by a reception.

Tickets: \$5 at the door (\$10 family maximum).

Pre-Passover Musical Program for Young Families Featuring Kiddie Rocker, Shira Kline For Families with Children Up to Age 10

Sunday, April 17th at 2:30 pm at the Temple Sinai

The musical program will be followed by Passover arts and crafts activities. The event is free and open to the public.



CONTRACT FOR SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

Know ye that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Simeon Kolko to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. chametz, possible chametz, and all kinds of chametz mixtures). Also chametz that tends to harden and to adhere to inside surfaces of pans, pots or cooking and usable utensils. And to lease all places wherein the chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at:

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Signature _____ Name _____

Address _____

Please fill out and mail this form to Congregation BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610 so it is received no later than Tuesday, April 19th. By tradition, one generally sends a contribution along with the contract for the sale of chametz.

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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