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June President's Message

Friends,

Another year has passed, we've had our annual congregational meeting, and you've re-elected me President of BHBI. This has a feel of "same old, same old". Our shul is pretty stable both financially and physically and it's easy to get into the habit of thinking that we can just keep drifting along.

Our landscape has changed. Two years ago, we were the only small Conservative shul in our area. Temple Beth El is nearby, but clearly distinct from us in size and atmosphere. A year ago Temple Beth Am left Henrietta, and recently Temple Beth David left Irondequoit. Now, all of the Conservative synagogues in Rochester are within walking distance of each other. We are no longer so distinct.

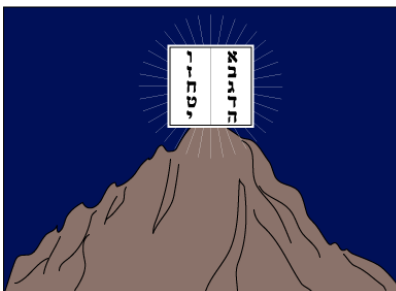
For the past couple of years, the buzz-word among the congregations has been "collaboration". We've been doing it for years, but the big shuls are just hearing about it. As part of this new community-wide drive toward collaboration, we've been active in the Rochester Synagogue Council since its inception. As the RSC plans various programs, it gives us an opportunity to participate actively in events in ways we couldn't otherwise do other than to go as guests. It gives us increased visibility in the community. What can we do with this potential increased visibility?

One thing we need to try to do is to attract new members. If we don't we will wither away. I'm sure all of us have asked our friends about joining. All of my Jewish friends are either involved with other congregations or are uninterested in Jewish life. I'm sure it's the same for most of you. Our congregation has to reach out into the greater community. The collaborative events we participate in will help get our name out, but we need to get people into our building.

We have to think of things we can do that others aren't doing. We had our Yulzari-Lev concerts for a while, until Remy Yulzari went back to France. Are there other cultural events we could host? Are there other events we could sponsor?

We are the closest synagogue to the Park Avenue neighborhood, which has a large number of young people, including many Jews who are mostly not affiliated with congregations. Are there activities we can sponsor that will get them in here? Please give this some thought. Those of you who have 20-something and 30-something children (and other relatives) please talk to them. Ask them "if you lived on Park Avenue today, what would we have to do to get you through our doors?" I am open to ideas (at least to ideas that don't require me to do the work by myself). Please share them with me. I'm hoping for a productive and successful year.

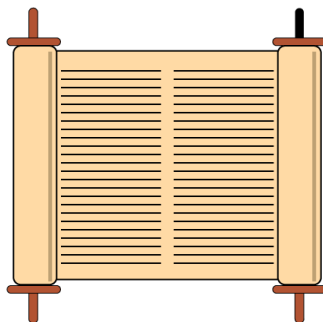
Leon Metlay



Have a Happy Shavuot!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2016

Friday	June 3	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:26 PM
Saturday	June 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Bechukotai Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	June 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	June 10	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103) Light candles at 8:31 PM
Saturday	June 11	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Bamidbar
		8:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Mincha Service Followed by Dessert and Study at BHBI
		9:40 PM	Erev Shavuot First Day Ma'ariv Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI Followed by More Study
Sunday	June 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shavuot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (at TBK Room 103)
		6:00 PM	Possible Shavuot Dinner at Temple Beth Am (details to be announced)
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Shavuot Second Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (at TBK Room 103)
Monday	June 13	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot Second Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David (at TBK Chapel)
Wednesday	June 15	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	June 17	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:34 PM
Saturday	June 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Naso
Sunday	June 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	June 20	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	June 24	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:35 PM
Saturday	June 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behaalotecha
Sunday	June 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion



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In memory of Reuben Cohen
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May 7	Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Harris' mother, Beverly Honickman
May 14	Phil and Annette Garver in memory of Sylvia Kowal
May 21	The Congregation
May 28	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her grandfather, Samuel Gastel

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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, June 15th 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.

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.

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The Fine Leadership Fund was established at The Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester to support leadership development opportunities for volunteers and professionals in the Rochester Jewish community. To make a donation to the fund in Larry Fine's honor, go to www.JewishRochester.org/FineFund or mail a check to the Jewish Federation (note: Fine Fund), 441 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14607. For further information, call the Federation, 461-0490.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Noah Honickman who will be graduating from Brighton High School in June. He will be attending the University of Rochester in the fall.

Congratulations to Aaron Schaffer who graduated from the University of Rochester with a major in International Relations and minors in Anthropology and Sustainability.

Congratulations to Aaron Schaffer who is a recipient of a State Department Critical Language Scholarship for the second straight year. He will be studying Turkish in Baku, Azerbaijan this summer.

Congratulations to Aviva Schaffer who is doing a summer internship with the U.S. Immigration Court that has jurisdiction for the District of Columbia and Virginia. She is a student at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Congratulations to Jacob Schaffer who will be attending Washington University in St. Louis this fall after taking a gap year between high school and college.

Congratulations to Jack Teitel who graduated from the University of Rochester with majors in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics and a minor in Physics. He will be returning to the University of Rochester in the fall to work on a master's degree in Data Science.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Jewish Federation Annual Meeting – Jazzed About Larry

Join the Federation for jazz and celebration as the community salutes Larry Fine upon his retirement after 30 years as Executive Director of the Federation on Monday, June 27th at 7:30 pm at Temple Beth El. The event is free and will include a performance by saxophonist Doug Stone and his quartet to start the evening, followed by warm and witty tributes to Larry, a very brief business meeting and a rousing performance by the outstanding New York Klezmer Orchestra. There will be a dessert reception following the program.

Ames Amzalek Rochester Jewish Film Festival

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

Films at the festival include:

Sun. 7/10	12:30 pm: To Life @ Dryden	3:30 pm: Baba Joon @ Dryden	7:30 pm: Rock in the Red Zone @ Dryden followed by opening night party	
Mon. 7/11	11 am: Encirclements @ JCC		6 pm: Hill Start @ Little	8:30 pm: Once in a Lifetime @ Little
Tue. 7/12	11 am: Tuviansky @ JCC	1:30 pm: Laugh Lines @ JCC	6 pm: How to Win Enemies @ Little	8:30 pm: Wounded Land @ Little
Wed. 7/13	11 am: Wedding Doll @ JCC	1:30 pm: Morgenthau @ JCC	6 pm: Norman Lear – Just Another Version of You @ Little	8:30 pm: The Kind Words @ Little
Thu. 7/14	11 am: Peter the Third @ JCC	1:30 pm: Fauda episodes 1-3 @ JCC	6 pm: On the Map @ Little	8:30 pm: Fever at Dawn @ Little
Sat. 7/16			6 pm: Time to Say Goodbye @ Dryden	8:15 pm: A Grain of Truth @ Dryden
Sun. 7/17	11:30 am: Peggy Guggenheim – Art Addict @ Dryden	2 pm: Sabena Hijacking – My Version @ Dryden	5 pm: Compared to What – The Improbable Journey of Barney Frank @ Dryden	8 pm: Remember @ Dryden
Mon. 7/18			5 pm: A Tale of Love and Darkness @ Dryden	7:30 pm: In Search of Israeli Cuisine @ Dryden followed by closing night party

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.

June 3-4	Iyar – Sivan	June 10-11	Sivan	June 17-18	Sivan	June 24-25	Sivan
Leopold Buchbinder*	27	Morris Levine*	5	Theresa Mayer Block	12	Zus Kaminnik	19
Charles Bertman*	27	Ida Sherman*	5	Minnie Strom*	12	Chayah Simah Malina*	19
Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Ann Alderman*	6	Rose Sallerson*	13	Esther Senzel*	20
Harry T. Levinson*	27	Max Atkin*	8	Janet Riwkin Glaser*	14	Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21
Abraham Goldman*	28	Albert Bernstein*	8	Maxine Gold	17	Minnie Marcus*	21
Arnold Kauffman*	28	Bessie Eber*	8	Evelyn Goldman		Nathan Yablin*	21
Shirley B. Dworkin*	29	Max Vogelstein	8	Kauffman*	17	Fannie Warnick*	23
Samuel Schwartz*	1	Benjamin Weinrib*	8	Louis Maltinsky*	17	Louis Sanow*	24
Sam Dubin	2	May Cohen*	9	Sadie Stolnitz*	17	Ada Gordon*	25
Nathan Epstein*	2	Robert Baker*	10	Katherine Weinrib*	17		
Bessie Klein*	2	Sarah Osband*	10	Lyons I. Jossem*	18		
Rose Levin*	4	Jesse Stolnitz*	10				
Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4	Harry Strauss*	11				

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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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SHAVUOT?

Shavuot, the two-day festival commemorating the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, is one of the 3 major festivals that we celebrate each year (the others are Passover and Sukkot). Indeed, much of our current system of civil and criminal laws derives directly from the legal concepts outlined in the Torah. Traditionally, we decorate our homes and synagogues with flowers, fruits and greens and spend much of the first evening of Shavuot studying. On the morning of Shavuot we hear the 10 Commandments being read from the Torah. Many people eat dairy for the main meal on Shavuot.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Jeff Nidetz, Leslie Toker and Mark Toker on the recent loss of Jeff's father, Sheldon Nidetz.

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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