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November President's Message

Friends,

October was a busy month with all Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. November has no special Jewish observances. I think that we can all use a break before the next Jewish holiday, Chanukah, in late December.

The Jewish month that is beginning 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 shmonah, 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.

Last year, at a 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 one submission:

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

Have a Happy



Thanksgiving

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2016

Saturday	Nov 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Noach
Sunday	Nov 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Nov 11	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Nov 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Lech Lecha
Sunday	Nov 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Nov 14	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Nov 16	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Nov 19	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayera
Sunday	Nov 20	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Saturday	Nov 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Chayei Sara
Sunday	Nov 27	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Nov. 4 – 5:39 PM
 Friday, Nov. 11 – 4:31 PM
 Friday, Nov. 18 – 4:25 PM
 Friday, Nov. 25 – 4:20 PM

Upcoming Events at the JCC



Jewish Book Festival: OPENING NIGHT with Ambassador Dennis Ross

Sunday, November 6, 7pm; Hart Theater

Doomed to Succeed: The U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama

Dessert reception to follow.

Underwritten by Lane Dworkin Family, Deborah Goldman, Rick and Sherry Goldstein and the Kovalsky Families

\$12 Member: \$10

COMMUNITY READ & LUNCH with Jessica Fechter

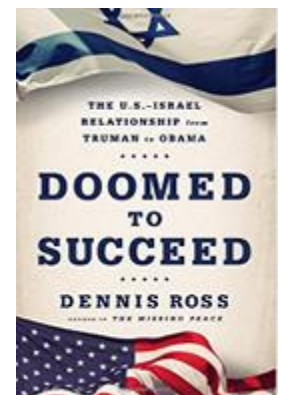
Monday, November 7, 12pm; Auditorium B

Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals that Brought Me Home

Underwritten by Jewish Senior Life

\$25 Member: \$20

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HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

In light of the late High Holy Days this year, donations to this year's High Holy Day Appeal will be listed in the December bulletin rather than the November bulletin.

If you haven't had a chance to send in your donation yet, you can still do so!

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 8	The Congregation
October 12	Yom Kippur Break Fast by Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Milton Honickman
October 15	Hermann Vogelstein in honor of his sister, Esther's birthday
October 22	Katharine Metlay in memory of her brother, Leon Titof Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her mother, Beverly Clark

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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 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.

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**Saturday, November 12
7:30pm; JCC Hart Theater**

A motzei Shabbat concert featuring classic favorites and new original music by Rabbi Avi Kilimnick. Join us as we celebrate Rabbi Kilimnick's new CD, "Hadran," and conclude Shabbat together as a community. Great for kids families, and adults!

For tickets, call 461-2000 or visit the JCC Main Desk. For more information, contact Joy Getnick at 461-2000, ext. 239 or jgetnick@jccrochester.org.

\$5 per ticket before Nov 8

\$8 per ticket at the door

Children 5 and under are free!

Purchase the CD for \$15 at the JCC Main Desk, or download via iTunes.

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KRISTALLNACHT REFLECTIONS

Perilous Journeys After Kristallnacht

Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm at the JCC

This year's commemoration of the Kristallnacht pogrom features reflections and discussion on why survivors' experiences still matter by a panel of current and former *Democrat and Chronicle* journalists who contributed to the anthology *Perilous Journeys: Personal Stories of German and Austrian Jews Who Escaped the Nazis*.

Most of these survivors are gone but their voices are heard in the *Perilous Journeys* web book. After the Yom Hashoah observance next spring, all local survivor testimonies will be made available on the internet.

Panelists: Doug Mandelaro, Mark Hare, Patti Singer, Michael Wentzel. Moderated by Ronny Frishman.
Reception to follow.

Sponsored by the *Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information (CHAI)* and the JCC's *Holocaust Survivors Committee*.

YAHARZEIT'S

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 4-5	Tishrei-Cheshvan	November 11-12	Cheshvan	November 18-19	Cheshvan	November 25-26	Cheshvan - Kislev
Sarah Rickler*	4	Dianne Hooker*	11	Mosheh Lazar*	18	Mary Jaffey*	28
Blanche Florescue		Lottie Astrachan*	12	Julia Goldman*	19	Harvey Sanow*	28
Ross*	4	Alfred E. Hart*	12	Bessie		Fannie Stern*	28
Charles Schnidman*	4	Sol Weinstein*	12	Schnidman*	21	Abraham	
Harry Silverman*	5	Israel Astrachan*	12	Louis Gastel*	23	Friedman*	29
Ida Menter*	7	Marion Grossman*	13	Nathan Strom*	24	Rose Nidetz	30
Clara Spencer	7	Jacob Markin*	13			Charles Franke	2
Marion Lazar*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15				
Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	Lena Cohen*	16				
Ida Buckbinder*	9	Sofya Kaminnik*	17				
Irene Bernstein		Rae Toker	17				
Mikolasek*	9					*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque	
Flora Priceman*	9						
Bernard Lipschutz	10						
Ingeborg Vogelstein	10						

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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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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