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# BULLETIN

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## **March President's Message**

Friends:

Our congregation lost another old friend last month. Paul Israel passed away at the Canandaigua VA hospital. Paul was very proud of being a veteran. He was married to his wife Rose for over 74 years, which, according to my calculations means they were married in 1942 or 1943. He would have been 19 or 20 years old. Afterwards, Paul became an insurance salesman. He was, in some ways, a stereotypic insurance salesman: loud, pushy and opinionated. I'm sure he sold a lot of insurance. Paul and Rose belonged to the old Beth Hamedresh Hagodel before it merged with Beth Israel. Paul put his various skills to work for our congregation over many years. My first memories of him are from the picnic of 1983, where he was selling raffle tickets. I later learned that every year he would round up the prizes, using his extensive contacts to convince merchants to donate substantial amounts of merchandise to be given away. BHBI was a focus of Paul's life. As an example, he and his wife donated 8 Shabbat prayer books and at least 11 High Holiday prayer books over the years. (I say at least because I have been going slowly through the book plates for several years recording who gave what. At this point I've recorded all the Shabbat books but not all the mahzors. When I'm done I plan to put the information on the web page). Paul was a fun person to be around. He liked to make a splash and he wasn't above laughing at himself. Starting in the 1990s he shifted more of his volunteer work to the Jewish War Veterans and we stopped seeing him as often. It was our loss. I and many others will miss him.

Enough sad news, this is now the month of Adar, the happy month! Purim is almost upon us. This year we are celebrating with three other congregations: Beth Am, Beth David, and Temple Emanu-El. We are also going to return to the tradition of a play, a Purim Spiel, which will be performed with scenes between the chapters of the megillah reading. This, I'm told, will be an adult-oriented satiric play, not the usual cute Hebrew school kids in costumes. I hope we will have cute kids in costumes, also cute adults in costumes. Please wear one. Bring your friends. We will be at Beth David's space in Room 200 of the B'rith Kodesh building. Go to Door A and follow the signs. I look forward to seeing you there.

If Purim is here, then Passover cannot be far behind. Plans are underway for Passover services. There will be a sale of Chametz form in next month's bulletin.

Have a great month.

Stay warm,

*Leon Metlay*



**Have a Happy Purim!**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2016

Saturday	Mar 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service    Torah: Terumah
Sunday	Mar 5	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 10	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Mar 11	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Tetzaveh
		6:45 PM	Joint Erev Purim Ma'ariv Service followed by Havdalah, Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel at Temple Beth David (at TBK Room 200)
Sunday	Mar 12	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Mar 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Mar 15	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Mar 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service    Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 19	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Saturday	Mar 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service    Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Mar 26	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Mar 31	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am (at BHBI)

### SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Mar. 3 – 5:44 PM  
 Friday, Mar. 10 – 5:52 PM  
 Friday, Mar. 17 – 7:01 PM  
 Friday, Mar. 24 – 7:09 PM  
 Friday, Mar. 31 – 7:17 PM

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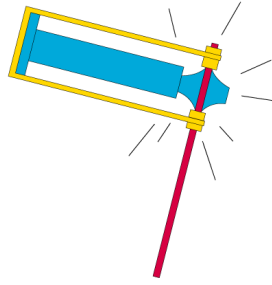
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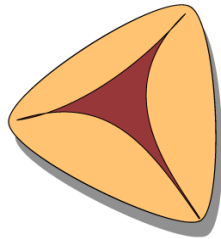
# PURIM IS HERE!



Celebrate Purim and Enjoy a Purim Spiel  
“**Make Shushan Great Again!**”

Together with Friends from Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth David  
and Temple Emanu-El

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Temple Beth David  
In the TBK Building, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 200 (Door A)  
6:45 p.m. – **Ma’ariv**  
7:00 p.m. – Havdalah, Megillah Reading and Spiel



## **Top Ten Reasons for Celebrating Purim by Kenneth Goldrich**

1. Making noise in shul is a MITZVAH!!
2. Levity is not reserved for the Levites
3. Nobody knows if you're having a bad hair day. You can tell them it's your costume.
4. Purim is easier to spell than Chanukah, I mean Hanukah, I mean, Hanukkah, I mean Chanuka, I mean the Festival of Lights.
5. You don't have to kasher your home and change all the pots and dishes.
6. You don't have to build a hut and live and eat outside (but you could volunteer to build a new Purim booth for next year's Carnival)
7. You get to drink wine and drink wine and drink wine and you don't even have to stand for Kiddush (I guess you can't!)
8. You won't get hit in the eye by a lulav
9. You can't eat hamantaschen on Yom Kippur
10. Mordecai - 1; Haman - 0!!!!

## THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 4	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Katie Metlay's 97 <sup>th</sup> birthday
February 11	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her father, Stanley Clark
February 18	The Congregation
February 25	Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer

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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 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.

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### EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

#### JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL EVENT

Judy Batalion, the author of *White Walls: A Memoir About Motherhood, Daughterhood and the Mess In Between* will speak at St. John's Brickstone, 1325 Elmwood Avenue, on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Cost: \$10, \$8 for JCC members. Contact the JCC for more information.

#### A PANEL OF WOMEN LEADERS IN THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITHS

The Temple B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood invites women in the Jewish community to attend an informal discussion around the luncheon table on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your own non-meat lunch and a non-perishable item for the food pantry. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Reservations are helpful but not required. Contact 244-7060 x233 or [wrij@tbk.org](mailto:wrij@tbk.org) if possible.

#### ISRAEL 2017 – THE SERIES

The Jewish Federation presents Jonathan Tobin and J.J. Goldberg – A Conversation on Israel: Two Points of View, A Shared Dialogue. Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Is a two-state solution achievable? What kind of Middle East policy can we expect from the new administration? What role, if any, should world opinion play in Israel's decision-making? Jonathan S. Tobin, Senior Online Editor and Chief Political Blogger of *Commentary Magazine* and J.J. Goldberg, Editor-at-Large of *The Forward* newspaper and former U.S. Bureau Chief of the Israeli news magazine, *Jerusalem Report*, will debate critical issues concerning the State of Israel.

#### PIANO RECITAL

Paula Bobb cordially invites you to attend her upcoming solo piano recital, "An Ode to Grief, Beauty and Love." Hochstein Performance Hall, Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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# 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 3-4	Adar	March 10-11	Adar	March 17-18	Adar	March 24-25	Adar-Nisan
Dora Newell*	6	Eva Jenny Cenzer*	13	Louis Rickler*	20	Lea Kron	27
William Schwartz*	6	Charles Saul Gordon*	13	Harry Aranow*	21	Harris Priceman*	27
Anna Schiff*	9	Rose Riwkin*	13	Carl Astrachan*	21	Rebecca Cohen*	28
Edith Berkowitz*	10	Aaron Baker	14	Leila Markus*	21	Eva Friedman*	28
Samuel Goldstein*	10	Marion Carton Gulack	14	Herman Sarachan*	21	Sarah Shulsky*	28
Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10	Charles Ambush*	15	Percy Cohen*	22	Mollie Wolk*	28
Max Metlay	10	Gussie Gillenson		Julie Feuerberg	24	Karoline Hess*	29
Jennie Goldstein Robinson*	11	Bernstein*	15	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Sadie Rose	29
Irving Gold	12	Irvin Boyar*	15	Barnet Stern*	26	Sam Wolk*	29
		Stanley Muszynski*	15			Lena Levi	1
		Abraham Alderman*	16	March 31-April 1	Nisan	Lester Miller*	1
		Celia Engel*	17	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Gertrude Swartz	1
		Muriel Hobel*	17	Rachael Weinstein*	5	Benjamin Braz*	2
		Edna Astrachan*	19	Esther Bertman *	8	Dr. Charles Cohen*	2
		Sam Malina*	19	Max Block	8	Morris Sherman*	3
		Anna Steinmetz*	19	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Eli Gerber*	4
				Morris Lipman*	11	Jack Rodney	4

\*Denotes name memorialized on 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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