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April President's Message

Friends:

The month of Adar is supposed to be a month of joy in the Jewish calendar. It is the month of Purim, celebrating our escape from a genocidal monster thousands of years before the coining of the word “genocide”. This year the month was darkened by the waves of bomb threats against JCCs and other Jewish institutions, throughout the US and Canada. There was also the massive desecration of Jewish graves in St. Louis. (Parenthetically, the Christian St. Louis was King Louis IX of France, a saintly man. One of his major acts was to build a beautiful church in Paris, which still stands, Saint Chappelle. Another of his acts was to burn whatever copies of the Talmud he could find. But, I digress). The wave of incidents hit home when our own JCC in Rochester was threatened, and when gravestones were toppled in the Stone Road Cemetery. Stone Road is one of three cemeteries in which our congregation owns land, the other two, Britton Road and Mt. Hope, were untouched. My own daughter is buried in Stone Road, and I had a feeling of great anxiety as I waited to hear whether her grave was affected (it wasn't).

People throughout the country raised a cry against anti-Semitism, both within and outside the Jewish Community. Funds were raised for repairing cemeteries. Many pointed their fingers at President Trump, blaming his alt-right supporters. The President accused his opponents of doing the damage, in order to discredit him. Some voices called for caution, saying that we should not rush to judgement about who might have committed these acts. Of course, the louder voices were the ones that were listened to.

Now we have had the arrest of the man accused of committing the majority of the bomb threats, and he is an Israeli-American. He's been disrupting people's lives with anonymous threats for two years. His family is claiming that his medical condition, a brain tumor, has influenced this behavior.

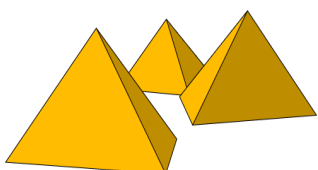
Note, he's been doing this for years. He would make a threat and then watch to see if there was a public reaction. It appears that in the fraught atmosphere after the election, he saw enough reaction to stimulate him to make more threats. Some of the threats were made by a copycat who was trying to get an ex-girlfriend in trouble.

Until the perpetrators of the cemetery vandalism have been caught, we should not rush to judgement about them either. In the story about the Tower of Babel, it says that G-d went down to see the tower and the city. Rashi says that we should not interpret this literally, but rather that “This was not necessary except to teach judges not to convict someone until they see clearly and understand.” If G-d does not rush to judgement, neither should we.

This coming month we will be celebrating Passover. Aaron Marsh, the rabbinical intern at Temple Beth Am will be selling hametz for BHBI members. Please get your Sale of Hametz form (see page 4) in to the Temple Beth Am office by Wednesday April 5th, and since that's very soon, send it in ASAP! We will be sharing services with Temple Beth Am and with Temple Beth David. Please consult the schedule for locations and times.

I wish you all a happy and kosher Passover.

Leon Metlay



Have a Happy Passover!



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2016

Saturday	Apr 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Vayikra
Sunday	Apr 2	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Apr 3	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting – NOTE DATE OF MEETING
Saturday	Apr 8	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Apr 9	9:00 AM	Service and Discussion
Tuesday	Apr 11	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 1 st Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth David (TBK Room 200)
Wednesday	Apr 12	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 2 nd Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Friday	Apr 14	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Apr 15	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Passover
Sunday	Apr 16	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion Joint Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth David (TBK Room 200)
Monday	Apr 17	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) Joint Erev Passover 8 th Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Tuesday	Apr 18	9:00 AM	Joint Passover 8 th Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Wednesday	Apr 19	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Apr 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Shemini Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Apr 23	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Saturday	Apr 29	10:00 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) Torah: Tazria-Metzora
Sunday	Apr 30	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Apr. 7 – 7:25 PM
Friday, Apr. 14 – 7:33 PM
Friday, Apr. 21 – 7:42 PM
Friday, Apr. 28 – 7:50 PM

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In memory of Harry Aranow
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In honor of the birth of James Allen Metlay-Schotts
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Ira Cohen

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hannah Metlay and Thomas Schotts on the birth of their son, James Allen Metlay-Schotts, and Mazel Tov also to grandparents Leon Metlay and Nina Kliensky and to great-grandparents Katharine Metlay and Dr. Bernard Kliensky.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 4	Katharine Metlay in memory of her husband, Max Metlay
March 11	Leon Metlay and Nina Kliensky in honor of the birth of their grandson, James
March 18	The Congregation
March 25	Tamara Strubel in memory of her mother, Lea Kron

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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 12th 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.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

PIANO RECITAL - The Hochstein School of Music presents "Spotlight on Faculty - An Evening with the Boys" on Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm. Hochstein faculty member, BHBI member and pianist Paula Bobb performs "An Ode to Grief, Beauty and Love" featuring beautiful, playful and powerful music of several classical composers.

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HA-SHOAH (HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY) COMMEMORATION – The event will be held at the JCC on Sunday, April 23rd at 4 pm.

LEON KATZEN MEMORIAL LECTURE – Featuring Daniel Pipes. The event will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 pm. It is free and there will be a reception following the lecture.

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HA-ZICHARON (MEMORIAL DAY FOR ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS) COMMEMORATION – The event will be held at Temple Sinai on Sunday, April 30th at 5 pm.

SALE OF HAMETZ FORM

שטר הרשאה - 'N

Note: If possible, all hametz – food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618 to be in the office no later than Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned do here by make and appoint Aaron Marsh, Rabbinical Intern, my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf, to sell all *hametz* owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., *hametz*; *hashash hametz* – suspect *hametz*; and all kinds of *ta'arovet hametz* – *hametz* mixtures); also, *hametz* that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pots, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned *hametz* owned or possessed by me may be found, especially in the premises located at (your address)

_____.

Aaron Marsh has the full authority and power to sell said *hametz* and to lease said place or places where in said *hametz* may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Aaron Marsh has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in Aaron Marsh, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Aaron Marsh or a rabbinic substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents.

And to this I affix my signature on this, the _____ day of March/April (circle month) in the year 2017.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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 31-April 1	Nisan	April 7-8	Nisan	April 14-15	Nisan	April 21-22	Nisan -Iyar
Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Helen Neiman Goldman*	14	David Morris*	20	Arthur Weinberger*	26
Rachael Weinstein*	5	Sylvia Kowal	14	Jacob Weinrib*	20	Alexander Greenbaum*	27
Esther Bertman *	8	Harry Toker	14	Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Esther Gurian*	27
Max Block	8	Leo Buchbinder*	15	Benjamin Ritter	21	Ethel L. Goldstein*	28
Seymour Ouzer*	10	Michael Kron	15	Yetta Levine*	22	Hyman Rothschild*	29
Morris Lipman*	11	Sol Levin*	15	Evelyn Maimon	23	Karen Schulman	30
		Rose Jossem*	16	Simon Finkelman	24	Louis Goldberg*	1
		Judith Potter*	16	Blache Levitz	25		
		Louis Cohen*	18	Louis Priceman*	25	April 28-29	Iyar
				Dorothy Riwkin*	25	Louis Goldman*	3
				Samuel B. Spiller*	25	Beverly Honickman	4
						Hyman Goldberg*	6
						Morton Lewis	6
						Harry Gordon*	7
						Abraham Mosheh	
						Malina*	7
						Minnie Rothbard	9

*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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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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