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October President's Message

Friends,

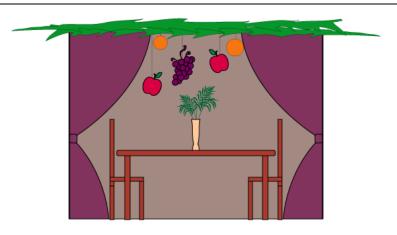
As I write this message, we have just completed our Rosh Hashanah Holy Day services, and Yom Kippur is fast approaching. We had a nice size crowd throughout services, including a minyan-plus early enough to start shacharit services on time. I want to thank everyone who turned out, and who made a particular effort to come a bit earlier this year. I would like to thank Dr. Kornfeld for leading the services, our ritual committee, Leon Metlay, Ira Cohen and Harris Honickman, for their work organizing the services, and our page announcers Stan Schaffer and Harris Honickman for keeping everything moving along on schedule. Many thanks to Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky for the beautiful flowers that graced the bimah. And thanks to Judith Mercer for the apples and honey that awaited as we exited after services. Holidays are not just a time for prayer and meditation, but are also a time for food and socializing. So I also wish to thank Andrea and Chris Paprocki who graciously opened their house to the Congregation and provided a wonderful luncheon on Rosh Hashanah second day.

While you were at shul during the Holy Days, I hope you noticed some of the nice improvements to the building. Our building committee chair, Harris Honickman arranged to have our carpets cleaned with nice results – the large coffee stain on the lobby carpet did not get written into the Book of Life this year! And Harris also repaired and painted the alcove by the main entrance that had suffered some water damage during a previous winter's ice damming. Thank you Harris! Hopefully our roof repairs will be finished before the next ice dam strikes. Our bushes and hedges were nicely trimmed by Ira Cohen. I hope I have not forgotten anyone in my thank-you list. If I have, then I hope you will forgive me.

Our holidays continue with Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah, which will be held jointly with Temples Beth Am and Beth David. Please check the calendar later in this Bulletin for times and locations. Tradition teaches that on Rosh Hashanah we are judged, and on Yom Kippur that judgment is sealed, but that we have until the end of Sukkot before all Devine decrees for our fate are finalized. So why take a chance? I hope to see you at our Sukkot services and let us dance together on Simchat Torah.

Wishing you a gmar hatimah tovah,

Steve Teitel



Please join us in the BHBI sukkah at our Sukkot dinner on October 8th! See page 3 for details.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Oct 1	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion Set up BHBI Sukkah				
Wednesday	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Sukkot 1 st Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI				
Thursday	Oct 5	9:30 AM	Joint Sukkot 1 st Day Service with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David				
			at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) or at BHBI*				
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Sukkot 2 nd Day Service with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David at Beth Am				
Friday	Oct 6	9:00 AM	Joint Sukkot 2 nd Day Service with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David at BHBI or at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)*				
Saturday	Oct 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot Service				
Sunday	Oct 8	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
2		6:00 PM	BHBI Sukkot Dinner				
Monday	Oct 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting				
Wednesday	Oct 11	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)				
Thursday	Oct 12	9:00 AM	Joint Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am &				
			Temple Beth David at Beth David (TBK Room 200)				
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Simchat Torah Service with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David at Beth David				
Friday	Oct 13	9:00 AM	Joint Simchat Torah Morning Service with Temple Beth Am & Temple Beth David at BHBI				
		7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am				
Saturday	Oct 14	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI				
			Torah: Bereisheit				
Sunday	Oct 15	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
Wednesday	Oct 18	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI				
Saturday	Oct 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Noach				
Sunday	Oct 22	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				
Saturday	Oct 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Lech Lecha				
Sunday	Oct 29	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion				

*The final location of this service is yet to be determined. You will receive an email with final location information.

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Wednesday, Oct. 4 – 6:27 PM Thursday, Oct. 5 – After 7:25 PM Friday, Oct. 6 – 6:23 PM Wednesday, Oct. 11 – 6:15 PM Thursday, Oct. 12 – After 7:13 PM Friday, Oct. 13 – 6:12 PM Friday, Oct. 20 – 6:00 PM Friday, Oct. 27 – 5:50 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Following the High Holy Days, we are resuming our Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study sessions. The next one will be scheduled on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI.

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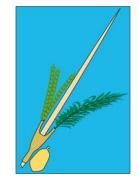
Have you checked out the BHBI web site lately? If you haven't there is a lot that you're missing. The web site at www.BHBIRochester.org provides information about many aspects of our congregation, lists the BHBI calendar, has electronic versions of this and previous bulletins going back several years, 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.

SUKKOT DINNER

You are invited to join your BHBI friends as well as friends and acquaintances from Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at the BHBI Sukkot dinner in the BHBI sukkah (weather permitting) on Sunday evening, October 8th at 6 p.m. Bring other friends along too. Since Steve Teitel will be in charge of preparing the food, you know it will be really good!

The tentative menu includes lentil soup, green salad, stuffed cabbage and kasha pilaf. Cost: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 12 and younger.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, send an email confirming your attendance to BHBIRochester@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. You may pay at the event.



SHAKING THE LULAV AND ETROG

Every day of Sukkot (except Shabbat) we take the *arba minim*, a.k.a. "Four Species." What are the four species? A palm branch *(lulav)*, two willows *(aravot)*, a minimum of three myrtles *(hadassim)* and one citron *(etrog)*. The first three species are neatly bundled together. Hold the *lulav* in your right hand with its spine facing you while the Etrog is in your left hand with its stem (green tip) up and the pitam (brown tip) down. Face east and say the blessing: Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu al netilat lulav. *Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us regarding taking the lulav*.

On the first day of Sukkot (or the first time on Sukkot you get to do this), at this point say the Shechianu prayer: Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.

After you recite the blessing(s), turn the etrog so the stem is down and the pitam is up. With the lulav and etrog together, gently shake forward (East) three times, then pull the lulav and etrog back in front of your chest. Repeat this to the right (South), then over your right shoulder (West), then to the left (North), then up, then down.

Mazel tov, you've done it!

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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Donations made for our High Holy Day appeal will be acknowledged in the November bulletin.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 2 The Congregation

- September 9 Tamara Strubel in honor of the bar mitzvah of her great nephew, Ariel Strubel Iram
- September 16 Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Aline's mother, Tanya Yudelson
- Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Harris Honickman and Ira Cohen for all of their work September 23 in organizing High Holy Day services this year
- Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Harris' father, Milton Honickman for the Yom Kippur September 30 break-fast

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Israel Sukkah Shuk

Stop by the JCC's Israel-inspired shuk (marketplace) on Sunday, October 1st from 10 am to 3 pm and revel in the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of the Sukkot holiday. Purchase a lulay and etrog, fall harvest favorites, assorted foods and sweets, Judaica and more. Pick up information about Sukkot and get tips on how to bring the joy of Sukkot into your home.

Israel at 70: An Evening with Neil Lazarus

Join the Jewish Federation for the kick off of its "Israel @ 70" series with Neil Lazarus, internationally acclaimed expert on the Middle East, Israeli politics, and public diplomacy at the JCC on Monday, October 30th at 7 pm. Author of the book The New Five Rules of Effective Israel Advocacy, Mr. Lazarus delivers a dynamic multi-media presentation that informs and challenges a wide range of audiences with an interesting, witty style.

Kristallnacht Program with Dr. Deborah Lipstadt

Renowned Holocaust historian, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, will speak at the MCC Center for Holocaust Studies' Kristallnacht program on Wednesday evening, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Warshof Conference Center in MCC Building 3. The author of several books on the Holocaust, she was also the subject of a libel suit by British Holocaust denier David Irving. She fought the suit in a British court, where there is a presumption of guilt and a person being sued for libel has to prove that they did not libel the accuser, and won, as was illustrated in the recent feature film 'Denial'. The event is free but tickets are required and can be obtained by calling 292-2534 or by going to

http://monroecctickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event.asp?id=311&cid=27

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.

October 6-7	Tishrei	October 13-14	Tishrei	October 20-21	Cheshvan	October 27-28	Cheshvan
Harris I. Cenzer*	18	Beverly Clark*	24	Herbert Hirsch*	1	Marion Lazar*	8
Ben Hobel*	18	David Israel	24	Bessie Miller*	1	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8
Jean Traub*	18	Robert Steinmetz*	24	Sarah Rickler*	4	Ida Buckbinder*	9
Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Morris Album*	25	Blanche Florescue		Irene Bernstein	
Leon Titof	20	Litman Cohen*	26	Ross*	4	Mikolasek*	9
Stanley Toker	20	Gershon Hinensky*	28	Charles Schnidman*	4	Flora Priceman*	9
Tamar		Sam Gold	29	Harry Silverman*	5	Bernard Lipschutz	10
Rogachefsky*	22	Bernard Israel	30	Ida Menter*	7	Ingeborg Vogelstein	10
Daniel Horowitz	23	Celia Israel	30	Clara Spencer	7	Dianne Hooker*	11
				1		Lottie Astrachan*	12
						Alfred E. Hart*	12
		Denotes name				Sol Weinstein	12
		memorialized on				Israel Astrachan*	13
		BHBI Memorial				Marion Grossman*	13
		Plaque				Jacob Markin*	13

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.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

You can also memorialize a friend or loved one on a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net



So far our **TOPS** Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, **TOPS** Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase **TOPS** Gift Cards, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

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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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