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May President's Message

Friends,

Our Jewish-Muslim interfaith event last month was a nice success. About 40 people came out to listen to our speakers: Dr. Ahmet Celenli described some of the positive history and more recent less-happy developments in Turkey concerning the interaction of the government with ethnic/religious minorities; Sam Asher gave an animated portrait of his family's history and experiences in the Egypt of the early to middle 20th century; Dr. Bilal Ahmed discussed his family background in Pakistan and his recent discovery of genetically close relatives among Polish Jewry. We then enjoyed discussion and snacks in celebration of the end-of-Passover Mimouna holiday. Our sincere appreciation goes to the three speakers, as well as to our snack preparers: Paula Bobb, Judith Mercer, Sylvia Rose and Tammy Strubel.

As you may know, Rochester is fortunate to be hosting acclaimed Israeli author Amos Oz, who is here as the first Farash Foundation Fellow for the Advancement of Jewish Humanities and Culture. I attended his first talk, which was on April 24. It was truly wonderful. The talk centered on Oz's book from 2002, "A Tale of Love and Darkness," which was based upon his youth and family story in pre-independence Palestine (even if you have seen the movie, go read the book!). His talk painted a vivid portrait of what it was for his parents and family members, European intellectuals, to move to Palestine at that time; a social world that was lost and anxieties and hopes that were gained in the move. I noticed the talk being videotaped. If it becomes available online I urge you to watch and listen. This message gets to you too late for me to urge you to go hear Oz's second talk, which will be Monday April 30 at the University of Rochester; but I can still urge you attend the talk of his wife, Nily Oz, who will speak on "My Life on a Kibbutz" on Wednesday, May 9, at noon in Auditorium C of the JCC.

Please save the date, Wednesday, June 6, 7:00pm for a performance of The Hoffman-Lemish Quartet in Concert at the JCC Hart Theater. Coming from Toronto, the Quartet consists of keyboard, oud, double bass and percussion, and plays an engaging blend of jazz with Jewish folk melodies. Tickets are only \$15 and may be purchased in advance by calling the JCC Main Desk at 461-2000. Tickets are also available at the door. The concert is being sponsored as a collaboration of several area synagogues, specifically BHBI, Temples Beth Am, Beth David, Beth El, Emanu-El and B'rith Kodesh, in partnership with the Louis S. Wolk JCC. Please come, bring your friends, and help spread the word. It is sure to be an evening to remember. Visit BHBIRochester.org/concert.html for further information.

It seems that I was not quite correct when I predicted in my April President's message that the snow would be gone and the warm weather back. For such a transgression you have the opportunity to vote me out of office at the BHBI Annual Membership meeting on Monday, May 14, at 7:30pm. Please come to vote for our new Board and Officers; we do need a quorum to conduct business. If you cannot come, please consider sending your proxy for someone to vote on your behalf.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

Join us for a combined Shavuot 1st evening service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David including a light dairy dinner at Beth David on Saturday evening, May 19th following Mincha at 7 pm. The dinner is free of charge. To RSVP for the dinner contact the Temple Beth David office at office@tbdrochester.org or by calling 266-3223.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2018

Saturday	May 5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Emor
Sunday	May 6	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	May 11	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	May 12	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Blessing of the New Month Torah: Behar-Behukotai
Sunday	May 13	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	May 14	7:30 PM	BHBI Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday	May 16	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	May 19	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Bamidbar Joint Mincha Service followed by a light dairy dinner and Shavuot Torah study with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David (TBK Room 200) – RSVPs to Temple Beth David are necessary for the dinner
Sunday	May 20	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Shavuot First Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth David (TBK Room 200) Joint Erev Shavuot Second Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Monday	May 21	9:00 AM	Joint Shavuot Second Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Saturday	May 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Nasso
Sunday	May 27	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SHABBAT AND SHAVUOT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, May 4 – 7:57 PM
 Friday, May 11 – 8:05 PM
 Friday, May 18 – 8:12 PM
 Saturday, May 19 – After 9:22 PM
 Sunday, May 20 – After 9:23 PM
 Friday, May 25 – 8:19 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be scheduled on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI.

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- April 14 Harris and Aline Honickman in memory of Harris' mother, Beverly Honickman
April 21 Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her grandfather, Sam Gastel
April 28 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Zionism and Pluralism in the 21st Century: The Relationship Between Israel and the Jewish People
Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at the JCC's Auditorium B.

Dr. Einat Wilf, member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013 and past Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, describes an Israel that is "diverse, fascinating, colorful, and messy." She will discuss the pluralistic nature of the Zionist Doctrine and the need to celebrate the many views and perspectives of those who call Israel home. *Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester as part of the Israel @ 70 Series, in partnership with the JCC.*

The Seasons of Jewish Life: Jewish Federation Women's Main Event Featuring Abigail Pobrebin, Author of My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew

Monday, May 7 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Temple Beth El.

The buffet and cocktails will begin at 5:30 pm with the program starting at 6:30 pm, to be followed by dessert and a book signing. Reservations are required by May 3rd. Cost - \$75. To make a reservation or for more information go to jccrochester.org/mainevent or call the Federation at 461-0490.

Nily Oz: My Life on a Kibbutz

Wednesday, May 9 at 12:00 noon at the JCC's Auditorium C.

Join Nily Oz, Amos Oz's wife, for a look at her life on a kibbutz.

Thank you to the Farash Foundation for bringing Amos and Nily Oz to Rochester, and for making this program possible.

Fort Ontario

Thursday, May 17 from 1:30 – 3:30 at Temple Beth El

Guest Speakers: Gloria Fredkove and Jack Bass / Moderated by Linda Shapiro Weinstein

From 1944 to 1946, 1000 Jewish refugees were housed in an old army base in Oswego, NY named Fort Ontario. Today it is a museum known as Safe Haven Museum and Education Center. Hear from two former inhabitants of Fort Ontario, Gloria Fredkove and Jack Bass, who were only children when they arrived in America as refugees and the perspectives of Oswego residents to Fort Ontario from Linda Shapiro Weinstein, who grew up in Oswego while her father served as Mayor. Free and open to the public.

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THE HOFFMAN-LEMISH QUARTET IN CONCERT

Wednesday, June 6, 7pm
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To order call the JCC at (585) 461-2000 or go online at jccrochester.org

For more information, contact Joy Getnick at jgetnick@jccrochester.org, (585) 461-2000 ext. 239

Tickets also available at the door.

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Hamedresh - Beth Israel, Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth David, Temple Beth El, Temple Emanu-El, Temple B'rith Kodesh, and the Louis S. Wolk Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester



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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.

May 4-5	Iyar	May 11-12	Iyar - Sivan	May 18-19	Sivan	May 25-26	Sivan
Samuel Gastel*	21	Leopold Buchbinder*	27	Morris Levine*	5	Theresa Mayer Block	12
Samuel Sanow*	21	Charles Bertman*	27	Ida Sherman*	5	Minnie Strom*	12
Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Ann Alderman*	6	Rose Sallerson*	13
Reuben Cohen	26	Harry T. Levinson*	27	Max Atkin*	8	Janet Riwkin Glaser*	14
Annette Garver	26	Abraham Goldman*	28	Albert Bernstein*	8	Maxine Gold	17
		Arnold Kauffman*	28	Bessie Eber*	8	Evelyn Goldman	
		Shirley B. Dworkin*	29	Max Vogelstein	8	Kauffman*	17
		Samuel Schwartz*	1	Benjamin Weinrib*	8	Louis Maltinsky*	17
		Sam Dubin	2	May Cohen*	9	Sadie Stolnitz*	17
		Nathan Epstein*	2	Robert Baker*	10	Katherine Weinrib*	17
Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		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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OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Steve Teitel at 473-5741 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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