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April President's Message

Friends,

We had a very nice Purim Service last month, with lots of cheer and noise, and a good turn out from all the participating congregations. My thanks to the many people from BHBI, Beth Am and Beth David for their hard work in baking the delicious hamantaschen, delivering the mishloach manot bags, and to those who read from the megillah. Perhaps a little late, but here are some interesting Purim factoids: The first reference to the holiday of Purim, referred to as “Mordecai’s Day,” is in the book of Maccabees II, written in Alexandria around 124 BCE as part of the Septuagint (an early rabbinic translation of the Bible into Greek). Purim is also mentioned by the first century CE Jewish historian Josephus, who notes that it was widely celebrated. The Book of Esther is the only megillah not found among the Dead Sea scrolls, suggesting the holiday may not have been universally accepted. But the Mishnah states that from the time of the Bar Kochba revolt (~130 CE), it was considered a mitzvah to read the Book of Esther on Purim. In the 5th century CE it became popular to burn Haman in effigy, a practice that died out due to the misconceptions of Christian neighbors that the effigy might be of someone else. The custom of making noise to drown out the name of Haman when reading the megillah began with the German and French rabbis of the 13th century. The tradition of dressing up in costumes seems to originate from 13th century Renaissance Italy, possibly in response to the costumes associated with Carnival, which, occurring just before Lent, was often close in time to Purim.

In my column last month I surveyed for you the current spectrum of parties competing in the upcoming Israeli national elections on April 9. For those who remain interested, here is a sampling of some of the political campaign ads that have been appearing for some of these parties:

<https://israelpolicyforum.org/2019/03/13/israeli-campaign-ads-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/>

And here is another ad that appeared for the “New Right” party: <https://www.msn.com/en-au/video/lifestyle/watch-israeli-justice-minister-stars-in-sultry-spoof-ad-for-fascism-perfume/vp-BBUXCgq>

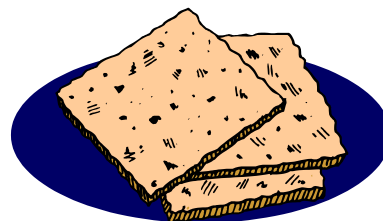
Although your first impression may be otherwise, I am assured that this is indeed a serious ad and not a SNL spoof. Unlike in the US, where presidential campaigns seem to last 2 years, in Israel campaigns fortunately extend for only less than two months.

This month we will be celebrating the Passover holiday. Check the calendar on page 2 for the times and locations of services. Use the form found on page 5 of this bulletin to sell your hametz. I wish you all an enjoyable seder and a happy holiday!

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY PASSOVER!



BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2019

Saturday	Apr 6	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service – Rosh Chodesh Nisan Torah: Tazria
Sunday	Apr 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Apr 8	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	Apr 12	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Apr 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Metzora – Shabbat HaGadol
Sunday	Apr 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	Apr 17	7:00 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Saturday	Apr 20	9:00 AM	Joint 1 st Day Passover and Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at Beth David (TBK Room 200)
Sunday	Apr 21	9:00 AM	Joint 2 nd Day Passover Service with Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Thursday	Apr 25	7:00 PM	Joint Erev Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Friday	Apr 26	9:30 AM	Joint Passover 7 th Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
		7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat & Erev Passover 8 th Day Service (including Yizkor) with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am (TBK Room 103)
Saturday	Apr 27	9:00 AM	Joint Shabbat & Passover 8 th Day Service (including Yizkor) with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at BHBI
Sunday	Apr 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion Passover Ends at 8:52 PM

SHABBAT AND PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, April 5 – 7:22 PM
 Friday, April 12 – 7:31 PM
 Friday, April 19 – 7:39 PM
 Saturday, April 20 – After 8:43 PM
 Thursday, April 25 – 7:46 PM
 Friday, April 26 – 7:47 PM

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in April will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at BHBI. See you there!

MAKE YOUR PURCHASES AT AMAZON and GOODSHOP AND SUPPORT BHBI AT THE SAME TIME!

Why not contribute to BHBI while making on-line purchases? It's easy to make purchases on-line at Amazon and Goodshop and support BHBI financially at the same time. Just go to the BHBI web page at www.BHBIRochester.org, go to the Donate page and click on the Amazon or Goodshop link. Each time you make a purchase after linking to Amazon or Goodshop from our web page, BHBI gets a percentage of the purchase price. The more you buy in this way, the more BHBI makes!

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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.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 2	Tamara Strubel in memory of her mother, Lea Kron
March 9	The Congregation
March 16	The Congregation
March 23	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of those who helped with Purim

CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britten Road and Mt. Hope Cemeteries and that we sell cemetery plots? If you would like more information, contact Steve Teitel.

AD SPONSORS

We are always looking for additional businesses that are interested in placing an ad in the BHBI Bulletin. If you know of someone whose business or company may be interested, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or by e-mail at stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

TOPS CARDS

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

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Composer in Residence Lori Laitman will talk on Holocaust themed compositions on Tuesday, April 2nd 4-5 pm at the Linehan Chapel at Nazareth College.

The event is free and open to the public.

Growing Up Jewishly in Small Town America on Tuesday, April 2nd 7-9 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh

Join in an interactive presentation on living a Jewish life in small towns across America. Cost \$5 at the door.

How Can Men Who Believe in Gender Equity Support Women: A Men's Panel Discussion Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women on Thursday, April 11th 7-9 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh

Cost: \$5

Sharing Shabbat on Friday, April 12th

The Federation's Women's Philanthropy is partnering with Hillel at the U of R and RIT to engage students in celebrating Shabbat with families in the community. Each participating family will host 2-4 students. If you are interested, contact Amy Stein at astein@jewishrochester.org

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sherman Kleinstein
Barbara and Bob Kay

In memory of Max Levy
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In memory of Meshulam Langerman
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In memory of Michael Kron
Tamara Strubel

In honor of the marriage of Emily Fishman's granddaughter, Rivka Fishman, to Nadav Levine
Nina Chazanoff

In memory of Sherman Kleinstein
Angelina Musso

In memory of Lillian Levy
Rose Israel

In memory of Max Block
Cathy Block

Sue Ann Baker

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.

April 5-6	Nisan	April 12-13	Nisan	April 19-20	Nisan	April 26-27	Nisan
Lena Levi*	1	Esther Bertman*	8	Leo Buchbinder*	15	Yetta Levine*	22
Lester Miller*	1	Max Block	8	Michael Kron	15	Evelyn Maimon	23
Gertrude Swartz	1	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Sol Levin*	15	Simon Finkelman	24
Benjamin Braz*	2	Charles Levy	11	Rose Jossem*	16	Louis Priceman*	25
Dr. Charles Cohen*	2	Morris Lipman*	11	Judith Potter*	16	Dorothy Riwkin*	25
Morris Sherman*	3	Helen Neiman		Louis Cohen*	18	Samuel B. Spiller*	25
Eli Gerber*	4	Goldman*	14	David Morris*	20	Arthur Weinberger	26
Jack Rodney	4	Sylvia Kowal	14	Jacob Weinrib*	20	Alexander Greenbaum*	27
Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Harry Toker	14	Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Esther Gurian*	27
Rachael Weinstein*	5			Benjamin Ritter	21	Ethel L. Goldstein*	28
		Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque				Rose Dworkis Lewis	28

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

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SALE OF HAMETZ FORM

Note: If possible, all hametz, food not acceptable during Pesach (Passover), or materials containing such food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz should be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return it to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618 to be received in the office no later than Wednesday, April 17th.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned do hereby make and appoint Rabbi Aaron Marsh 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*; *hashbash 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) _____.

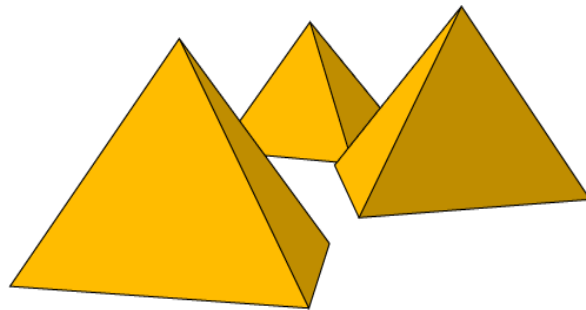
Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full authority and power to sell said *hametz* and to lease said place or places wherein said *hametz* may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in Rabbi Aaron Marsh, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Rabbi 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 April in the year 2019.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____



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

WANT TO REMEMBER OR HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION? *Consider sponsoring a kiddush or making a donation to any one of our funds* (General Fund, Kiddush Fund, Harry Rogachefsky BHBI Building Fund, Torah Fund, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship Fund, Special Events Fund or the Sam Malina Memorial Fund). Please indicate which fund you would like your donation to go to and we will send out an acknowledgement card as you indicate and print an announcement in this bulletin. A standard sponsored kiddush at BHBI costs just \$40 while a larger enhanced kiddush is just \$50.

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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