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March's President's Message

Friends,

It's official. Amnesty International (AI) has issued its comprehensive report called Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel System of Domination and Crime against Humanity.

On their website AI states: *Amnesty International is calling on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to consider the crime of apartheid in its current investigation in the OPT and calls on all states to exercise universal jurisdiction to bring perpetrators of apartheid crimes to justice.*

Compare how this AI indictment parallels that which Haman presented to the Persian king about the Jews as recorded in the Book of Esther.

"There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed. And I will weigh out ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the business."

There are very many who regard Amnesty International as a bonafide authority on assessing human rights violations and endorse AI recommendations without or with little question. How can those people be expected to act, except to actively endorse prosecuting Israelis and to enact punitive measures on Israel? AI may not call for killing Israelis as Haman did the Persian Jews, but their next step would be to treat Israel like South Africa and call to Boycott, Divest and Sanction Israel.

As this is written there are reports in the press that drafts of the revised Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JOPC) on the Iran nuclear program, will allow Iran to keep fissile material it has so far produced. That plan would presumably bring the enrichment down from the current 20 -60% which would have allowed a breakout capability to make a nuclear bomb in about 2 months; after some uncertain time under the new plan – as with the original JOPC, there will be no limit at all to what Iran can produce.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week, 2/9/2022, that U.S. officials had concluded that under a restored deal, the amount of time Iran would need to amass enough nuclear fuel for a bomb would be significantly less than the one-year goal of 2015 deal. In that same article, Sen. Robert Menendez, (D., N.J.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "At this point, we seriously have to ask, what exactly are we trying to salvage?"

Iran claims that its nuclear program has peaceful intentions even though bomb grade material has no peaceful purpose. Nevertheless, the U.S. publicly maintains its position that Iran will not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon. One has to wonder and question how the U.S. will do that.

The signup sheet to indicate which Shabbat services people will attend is up and running. Please look at it to see what a difference your attendance could make in reaching a minyan. The link was sent to all members. Another signup sheet has been set up to take a Purim Megillah reading this month on March 16. That link will also be sent to all members.

Happy Purim,
See you at shul,

Harris Honickman

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2022

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|-----------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday | Mar 4 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 5:45 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 5 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Pekudei |
| Sunday | Mar 6 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Mar 11 | 5:45 PM 6:45 PM | Kiddush in observation of <i>Shabbat Across America</i> on Zoom Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am on Zoom only – see below for further information (light candles 5:54 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 12 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayikra |
| Sunday | Mar 13 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | Mar 14 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom |
| Wednesday | Mar 16 | 7:45 PM | Erev Purim Service, joint with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at BHBI |
| Friday | Mar 18 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom– see below for further information (light candles 7:02 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 19 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tzav |
| Sunday | Mar 20 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Mar 25 | 6:00 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 7:10 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 26 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shemini |
| Sunday | Mar 27 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |

SHABBAT SERVICES

BHBI has in-person **Shabbat Morning Services**, each Saturday at 10 AM. We meet indoors in our sanctuary, where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. All attendees must be vaccinated and wearing a surgical, KN95 or N95 face mask at all times. KN95 masks are available in the sanctuary for those who need. Seating is socially distanced. Sunday morning services continue on Zoom at 9:00 AM, see the shul website for the Zoom link.

Temple Beth Am has **Shabbat Evening Services** most Fridays at 6 PM live-streamed on Zoom and/or in-person (see calendar above). For in-person attendance, reservations are required at least two days before the service, by emailing Ronna Marsh at ronnamarsh@yahoo.com. Masks and proof of covid vaccination (a valid vaccination card or NYS Excelsior pass) are required. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

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In memory of Lea Kron
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In memory of Werner Schaffer
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In memory of Harry Aronow
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In honor of the birthday of James Metlay who is now old enough to get vaccinated
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

TOPS CARDS

Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Ira Cohen at 943-1040 or by e-mail at gouldron@aol.com

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.

| Mar 4-5 | Adar II | Mar 11-12 | Adar II | Mar 18-19 | Adar II | Mar 25-26 | Adar II |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Werner Schaffer | 2 | Sherman Kleinstein* | 9 | Abraham Alderman* | 16 | Julie Feuerberg | 24 |
| Philip Schiff* | 3 | Anna Schiff* | 9 | Celia Engel* | 17 | Barnet Stern* | 26 |
| Betty Glaser | 4 | Edith Berkowitz* | 10 | Max Levy | 17 | Lea Kron | 27 |
| Anna Ruderman* | 4 | Fanny Tecler Levinson* | 10 | Sam Malina* | 19 | Harris Priceman* | 27 |
| Hyman Sablowsky* | 4 | Jennie Goldstein Robinson* | 11 | Anna Steinmetz* | 19 | Rebecca Cohen* | 28 |
| Emma Sarachan* | 4 | Irving Gold | 12 | Louis Rickler* | 20 | Sarah Shulsky* | 28 |
| Celia Lapides* | 5 | Eva Jenny Cezer* | 13 | Harry Aranow* | 21 | Mollie Wolk* | 28 |
| Dora Newell* | 6 | Charles Saul Gordon* | 13 | Leila Markus* | 21 | Karoline Hess* | 29 |
| William Schwartz* | 6 | Rose Riwkin* | 13 | Percy Cohen* | 22 | Sadie Rose | 29 |
| | | Marion Carton Gulack | 14 | | | Sam Wolk* | 29 |
| *Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque | | Charles Ambush* | 15 | | | | |
| | | Gussie Gillenson Bernstein* | 15 | | | | |
| | | Irvin Boyar* | 15 | | | | |
| | | Stanley Muszynski* | 15 | | | | |

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 memorialize a friend or loved one on a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Leon Metlay at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

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 at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

BARUCH DAYAN HA'EMET

We note with sadness the passing of long time member Sherris Kleinstein. The funeral will take place Tuesday, March 1, at 2 pm in Stone Road Cemetery.

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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 Ira Cohen at 943-1040 or by e-mail at gouldron@aol.com

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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 – *kiddushim are temporarily suspended due to COVID*.

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 Steve Teitel know. We always appreciate feedback.

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WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Steve Teitel at: BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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