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March's President's Message

Friends,

March is upon us, and spring will soon be here. Spring is a time for new beginnings, and at BHBI we have two new developments. Firstly, we have now employed a security guard to be present in the building for the duration of our Shabbat morning services. We are all aware of the troubling increase in antisemitic activity that has occurred throughout the country, and while we are not aware of any particular threats towards our shul, or the Rochester area more generally, the Board felt it prudent to act with an abundance of caution, and to employ a guard. Please say hello to Mike, our security guard, when he greets you at the door on Shabbat.

We have also made some modifications to the precautions that were instituted with the onset of the Covid pandemic. While Covid remains a threat, the CDC rating for hospital admissions in our area is currently Low, and so the Board has decided to make the following two changes. Beginning in March, we will resume our normal (pre-Covid) start time of 9:30 AM for Shabbat morning services, restoring the sections of pesukei dezmirot and shachrit that were abridged during Covid. The Torah service will continue to begin at approximately 10:30 AM. We have also decided that those who wish to unmask may now do so provided (1) they have had the current year's Covid and flu vaccinations, (2) they are seated at the luncheon tables on the west side of the sanctuary. To find the current Covid risk level, visit the [CDC website](#), scroll down to Covid-19 County Check, and enter "NY" and "Monroe." The risk is updated every Thursday at 8pm.

Our Erev Purim Service will take place at 7:45 PM on Saturday, March 23, at BHBI. Please come to hear the whole megillah! There will be no service on Purim day, the following Sunday.

See you at shul,
Steve Teitel

We wish you a very Happy Purim!

SHABBAT SERVICES

BHBI has in-person **Shabbat Morning Services**, each Saturday at 9:30 AM. We meet indoors in our sanctuary, where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. All attendees must be vaccinated against Covid and wear a face mask, except when sitting at the kiddish tables on the west side of the sanctuary. 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** on Fridays at 6 PM. Services are in-person at Temple Beth El, usually in the TBE Chapel, and live-streamed on Zoom. For the Zoom link and other details, visit the Beth Am website: <https://bethamrochester.org/>

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2024

Friday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:42 PM)
Saturday	Mar 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Tisa
Sunday	Mar 3	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:51 PM)
Saturday	Mar 9	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayak'hel Kiddish luncheon follows service
Sunday	Mar 10	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Mar 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Mar 15	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 6:59 PM)
Saturday	Mar 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 17	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Mar 22	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:08 PM)
Saturday	Mar 23	9:30 AM 7:45 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayikra Erev Purim Service at BHBI
Sunday	Mar 24	----	No service this morning. Happy Purim!
Friday	Mar 29	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am at Temple Beth El (TBE chapel) and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:16 PM)
Saturday	Mar 30	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Mar 31	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Leon's father Max Metlay

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In memory of Vincent Polanowski
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Life in Our Times



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 1-2	Adar I	Mar 8-9	Adar II	Mar 15-16	Adar II	Mar 22-23	Adar II
Sherris Kleinstein*	24	Sam Finkelstein*	1	Dora Newell*	6	Eva Jenny Cenzer*	13
Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Mary Weinreb*	1	William Schwartz*	6	Charles Saul Gordon*	13
Eva Friedman*	28	Werner Schaffer	2	Sherman Kleinstein*	9	Rose Riwkin*	13
		Philip Schiff*	3	Anna Schiff*	9	Marion Carton Gulack	14
Mar 29-30	Adar II	Betty Glaser	4	Edith Berkowitz*	10	Charles Ambush*	15
Louis Rickler*	20	Anna Ruderman*	4	Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10	Gussie Gillenson Bernstein*	15
Harry Aranow*	21	Hyman Sablowsky*	4	Jennie Goldstein Robinson*	11	Irvin Boyar*	15
Leila Markus*	21	Emma Sarachan*	4	Irving Gold	12	Stanley Muszynski*	15
Percy Cohen*	22	Celia Lapidés*	5			Abraham Alderman*	16
Julie Feuerberg	24			*Denotes name		Celia Engel*	17
Barnet Stern*	26			memorialized on BHBI		Max Levy	17
				Memorial Plaque		Sam Malina*	19
						Anna Steinmetz*	19

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 Ira Cohen at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

CEMETERY PLOTS

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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, which were suspended due to COVID, are now being resumed on a once a month basis on the 2nd Shabbat of each month.*

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