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August's President's Message

Friends,

This month we will commemorate the fast day of Tisha B'Av, with an evening service on Monday, August 12, 8:00pm at BHBI. Tisha B'Av is noted as the day on which numerous calamities befell the Jewish people. Among those calamities, one of the most notable was the destruction of the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE, an event that resulted in the end of Jewish sovereignty in the land, and the exile of many of the people to other parts of the Roman Empire. The Roman general leading the final siege of Jerusalem was Titus, son of the Emperor Vespasian. A little known fact is that Titus' counselor and chief-of-staff at this time was an Egyptian Jew, the Roman general [Tiberius Julius Alexander](#), who came from a wealthy Jewish family in Alexandria and was the nephew of the eminent Jewish philosopher [Philo](#). The [Roman-Jewish War](#) and the siege of Jerusalem was a time of great discord and internal conflict among the Jews of Judea. The [Zealots](#) were a political movement that incited the rebellion against Rome. The aligned [Sicarii](#) were assassins that attacked and killed Jews they regarded as apostates and Roman collaborators. During the siege, the Zealots destroyed the stores of food and supplies in Jerusalem, and forbade any of the Jews from leaving Jerusalem, in order to spur the Jews on to fight the Romans out of desperation. While Jerusalem fell to the Romans, Judaism was saved by the efforts of the Jewish Pharisaic sage [Yohanan ben Zakkai](#), who had opposed the war. Ben Zakkai had himself smuggled out of Jerusalem in a coffin, and made a deal with the Roman general Vespasian (not yet the Emperor) to let him set up a yeshiva in Yavneh. It was this yeshiva, which functioned as a re-establishment of the [Sanhedrin](#), that decreed that daily prayer would become the substitute for the animal sacrifices previously conducted in the Temple, and so became the origin of today's Rabbinic Judaism. Later in the Talmud ([Yoma 9b](#)), the Rabbis declared that the reason for the destruction of the 2nd Temple was *sinat chinum*, baseless hatred. "But why was the Second Temple destroyed, seeing that in its time they occupied themselves with Torah, mitzvot and acts of kindness? Because baseless hatred prevailed. This teaches you that baseless hatred is equal to the three sins of idolatry, illicit relations and murder."

We are coming into the last stretch of summer, which means that it is time for our annual BHBI picnic! The picnic will take place on Sunday, August 18. See page 2 for further information. I hope to see you there!

See you at shul,
Steve Teitel

SHABBAT SERVICES

BHBI has in-person **Shabbat Morning Services**, each Saturday at 9:30 AM. All attendees over 5 years of age must be vaccinated against Covid. All attendees over 3 years of age must 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. 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 – AUGUST 2024

Friday	Aug 2	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 8:12 PM)
Saturday	Aug 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Matot-Massei
Sunday	Aug 4	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 9	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 8:03 PM)
Saturday	Aug 10	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Devarim Kiddish luncheon follows service
Sunday	Aug 11	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Aug 12	8:00 PM	Erev Tisha B’Av service at BHBI
Thursday	Aug 15	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Aug 16	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 7:52 PM)
Saturday	Aug 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Va’etchanan
Sunday	Aug 18	9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link BHBI Annual Picnic at BHBI
Friday	Aug 23	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 7:41 PM)
Saturday	Aug 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Eikev
Sunday	Aug 25	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 30	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 7:30 PM)
Saturday	Aug 31	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Re’eh

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ANNUAL BHBI PICNIC!!!

Our annual picnic will take place on Sunday, August 18. Snacks, fun, and games start at 2pm, with more serious eating starting around 3pm. **Reservations for the picnic are required** and are due by **Monday, August 12, at 5pm**. Send your reservation to BHBIRochester@gmail.com, saying how many are coming, whether you have any special dietary requirements, and if you would like a veggie burger rather than beef. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 12 years old or under. You may pay at the door, or mail in your payment to Congregation BHBI, 1369 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14610.

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.

Aug 2-3	Tamuz/ Av	Aug 9-10	Av	Aug 16-17	Av	Aug 23-24	Av
Hyman Tanenbaum*	28	Julian Sugarman	7	Frank Carper*	13	Jennie Braime*	20
Celia Silverstein*	29	Anna Berman*	8	Sarah R. Spector*	13	Abraham I. Spector*	20
Sidney Gold	1	George Cohen*	8	Morris Shimberg*	15	Maurice Ohl*	21
Louis Schiff*	1	William Aaron Bernstein*	9	Arthur Kaplan	16	Sarah Applebaum Gastel*	22
Benjamin Bobb	2	David Titof	9	Abraham Heyman*	17	Kenneth Sheldon Kaplan	22
Joseph Greenbaum*	2	Janet Grable	11	Phillip Boyarsky*	18	Israel Osband*	22
Moses Berkowitz*	3	Haim Menachem Levy	12			Bessie Gastel*	25
Kathy Shur	5	Hyman Silverman*	12	Aug 30-31	Av/Elul	Samuel Immanuel Wechsler*	25
				Reuben Klein*	27	Abraham Alkus*	26
				Esther Marker*	27	Rose T. Cohen	26
				Sarah Weisenberg*	28	Jacob Osband*	26
				Harry Eber*	30	Joseph Teitel	26
				Bernard W. Engel*	30		
				Rose Gordon	30		
				Eva Lederman*	2		

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

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