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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **December's President's Message**

Friends,

With December, winter has officially arrived, and with it the cold weather (*grrrr. . .*). But with winter also comes Chanukah! This year our annual BHBI Chanukah party will take place on Sunday, December 29, 5pm at BHBI. This year also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding in 1874 of Congregation Beth Israel, one of the precursors of today's BHBI. BHBI is thus descended from the second oldest synagogue in town (the oldest being TBK). Therefore, we have a double reason to celebrate! This will also be our last party in our current building, so I do hope to see you all there! See page 3 of this bulletin for further information, in particular for the registration deadline for the party.

We all know the story of Chanukah, how the Maccabees led a rebellion against the evil King Antiochus, who had banned various core Jewish practices. Less well appreciated is how the Maccabean revolt was just as much a civil war against the Hellenizing Jews of Judea, who sought greater assimilation into the Greek cultural milieu. The Maccabees were jealous to reassert the authority of traditional Jewish practice and obedience to G-d's laws. The willingness of the Maccabees to die for their religious beliefs later went on to inspire the Zealots (*kana'im*) of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, who incited the rebellion against Roman rule. As we know, that did not work out quite as well. Zealotry, it seems, must always be tempered by a large measure of realism and caution.

The sale of our building is proceeding apace. The City has now approved the rezoning of our building from a single family residence to a multiple family residence, a necessary step in our buyer's plan to convert the building to apartments. Further approvals by the City Historic Preservation Board will be needed, but hopefully these will be obtained. Many of our older siddurim, chumashim, and machzorim were buried at the Community geniza held at Temple B'rith Kodesh at the end of last October, and other books and unneeded ritual objects will be buried at Britton Road Cemetery when we finally leave the building. Some of our larger objects of furniture, such as two wooden desks and our piano, have gone on to new loving homes. But there are many other items, large and small, that remain available, so if anything catches your fancy, please let me know. It is difficult to predict the exact date when we will cease to hold services in our building, as much depends on our buyer and the exercise of his contingencies in the sale agreement, but my best prediction at present is February. Negotiations are ongoing for our move to a new location. I will update you as the situation clarifies.

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 in the section 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 El website: <https://www.tberochester.org/pray/virtual-services/>

**BHBI Website: [www.BHBIRochester.org](http://www.BHBIRochester.org)**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – DECEMBER 2024

Friday	Dec 6	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 4:17 PM)
Saturday	Dec 7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeitzei
Sunday	Dec 8	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Dec 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Dec 13	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 4:18 PM)
Saturday	Dec 14	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayishlach Kiddish luncheon follows service
Sunday	Dec 15	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Dec 20	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 4:20 PM)
Saturday	Dec 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeishev
Sunday	Dec 22	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Wednesday	Dec 24	---	First night of Chanukah
Friday	Dec 27	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 4:24 PM)
Saturday	Dec 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Mikeitz
Sunday	Dec 29	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link Chanukah party and dinner at BHBI

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Ellen Franke in honor of Ira Cohen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

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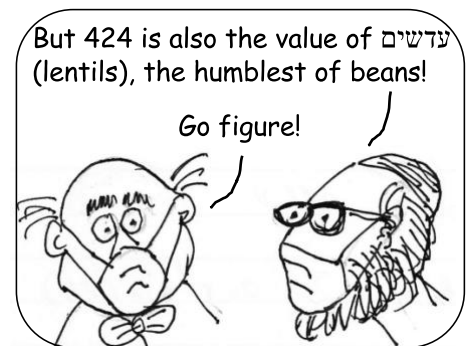
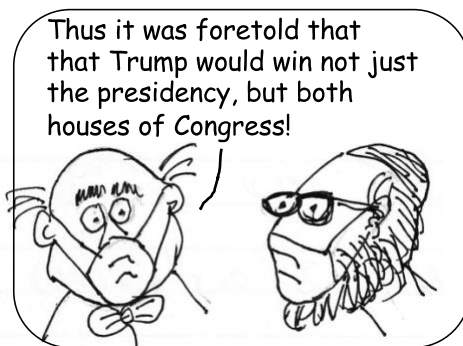
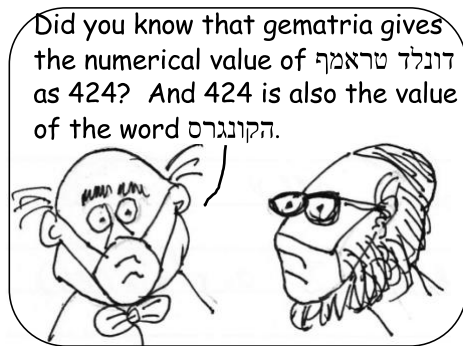
### HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Renee Bertman-Hilton

Dave Rogachefsky

Tamara Strubel

### 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.

Dec 6-7	Kislev	Dec 13-14	Kislev	Dec 20-21	Kislev	Dec 27-28	Kislev/Tevet
Rachel Olkes*	6	Jack Soble*	14	Hyman Ring*	20	Michael Miller*	27
Meyer Kovel'ski*	7	Bernard Rodney	17	Joseph Goldberg*	21	Emma Aranow*	28
Fanny Titof	8	Edward M. Hart	19	Ida Bobb	24	Karen Cohen	28
Nathan Bernstein*	9			Emanuel Kovel'ski*	24	Morris Kanthor*	3
Beatryce Cohen*	9			Sarah Hoffman*	25		
Joseph Louis Shapiro*	9	*Denotes name		Hyman Snider*	25		
Rose Alderman*	10	memorialized on					
Feist Hess*	10	BHBI Memorial					
Eleanor Teitel	10	Plaque					
Dr. Mark Blue	11						
Wolf Schild*	12						

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](mailto: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](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com).

## AD SPONSORS

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## CHANUKAH PARTY!!!

**BHBI's** annual Chanukah Party will take place **Sunday, December 29, starting at 5pm**. Bring your menorah and candles and we will light them together, followed by singing all our traditional Chanukah songs. Dinner, with latkes and lentil soup, starts at 6pm. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child 12 or under, and may be paid at the door. **Reservations required** by Monday, December 23, at 5pm, emailed to: [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com)



*We wish you all a happy and joyous Chanukah!!!*



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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 Harris Honickman at 271-5145. You can also e-mail us at [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto: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 – *kiddushim, which were suspended due to COVID, are now being resumed on a once a month basis on the 2nd Shabbat of each month.*

**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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