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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **January's President's Message**

Friends,

Our Chanukah party was a big success with over 30 people present to scarf down latkes and other tasty food. My thanks to Emily Fishman and Judith Mercer for helping with the food preparation; to Ami Schmerl, Esther Vogelstein, Leon Metlay, and Nina Klionsky for helping to set up; and to Ami, Leon, Nina, Tammy Strubel, and Harris Honickman for helping to clean up. My apologies to anyone I forgot to mention. It was nice to see old time former members Jill Clark-Foulkes and Renee Bertman-Hilton, who came to visit with assorted cousins.

The sale of our building is proceeding on course. We have contracted to excavate and remove the fuel oil tank that is buried in our front lawn (who knew we had that?), and the buyer's petition before the City Preservation Board will be heard this month. It is most likely that this will be the last month in which we will hold services in our current building, before moving to our new location. I will update you when the date for the move is fixed. My thanks to Leon Metlay, Harris Honickman, Ira Cohen, and our caretaker Lual and his friend Thomas, who have been helping to slowly empty out the building. We will be doing one more burial of sacred texts and objects in one of our plots in Britton Road Cemetery, probably in February. If you have any such texts or objects at home that you wish to dispose of, please contact the shul to arrange to bring them over, and we can add them to our collection for proper burial.

As I write this note, we are on the verge of welcoming in the new year 2025. The past year 2024 was a year of such great trauma and anguish, I am not sad to see it go. However, there is much to worry about in the upcoming 2025. I am reminded of a saying I often heard in Israel, when I lived there almost 40 years ago: "This has been a typical year. It has been worse than last year, but it is better than next year." Let us hope that 2025 does not follow that pattern.

On a happier note, please join us for Shabbat morning services on January 4, when we will celebrate the baby naming for the new son of Katharine and Chris Cvitkovich. Congratulations to Katharine and Chris, and to great aunt and uncle Nina and Leon!

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/>

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## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JANUARY 2025

Friday	Jan 3	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 4:30 PM)
Saturday	Jan 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayigash Baby naming for the new son of Katharine and Chris Cvitkovich
Sunday	Jan 5	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Jan 10	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 4:37 PM)
Saturday	Jan 11	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayechi Kiddish luncheon follows service
Sunday	Jan 12	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Jan 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Jan 17	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 4:46 PM)
Saturday	Jan 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shemot
Sunday	Jan 19	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Jan 24	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 4:55 PM)
Saturday	Jan 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Va'eira
Sunday	Jan 26	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Jan 31	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 5:04 PM)
Saturday	Feb 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Bo

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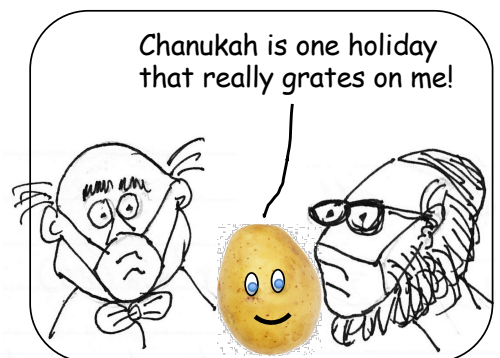
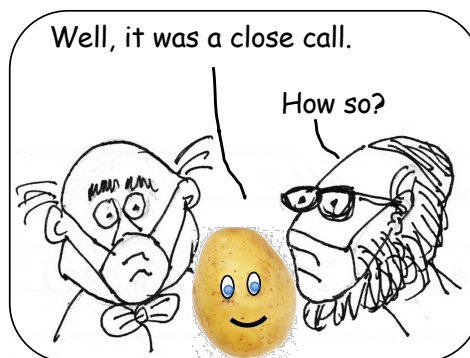
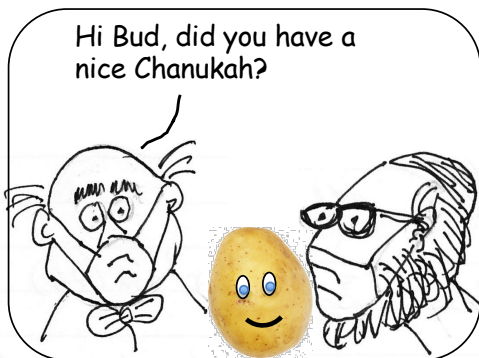
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### Life in Our Times



## 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.

Jan 3-4	Tevet	Jan 10-11	Tevet	Jan 17-18	Tevet	Jan 24-35	Tevet/Shvat
Morton Fink*	4	Maurice Bloom*	11	Louis Bernstein*	18	Samuel Meilstein*	26
Abraham Weinstein*	4	Sadye Abelman*	12	Carl Kleinstein*	18	Ida Boyarsky*	27
Abraham Stolnitz*	5	Sol Lazarus*	12	Rose Needler*	18	Jack Glazer	28
Barbara Bertman*	6	Fannie Osband*	13	Estelle Hirsch*	19	Joe Lazarus*	28
Sigmund Traub*	6	Joseph Morris*	14	Shie Schnidman*	19	Jean Spencer	1
Meriam Jossem*	7	Celia Suskind*	14	Anna Buff*	21	Morris Weinstein*	2
Mary Franke	8	Dora Rogovin*	15	Benjamin Dvorkin*	21	Jan 31 – Feb 1      Shvat	
David Goodman*	8	Nathan Goldberg	16	Goldie Simon*	23	Etta Levinson*	4
Selma Kauffman Lansky*	9	Fannie Sablowsky*	17	Leah Keyfetz*	24	Ida Silver*	4
Rebecca H. Nussbaum*	10	Philip Sanzel*	17	Esther Sanzel*	24	Sidney Applebaum*	6
William Silverstein*	10	Joseph Schiff*	17			Jacob Komenski*	6
		Hannah Senzel*	17			Gidda Strauss*	6
				*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Morris Suskind*	7
						Hyman Aaron Nusbaum*	8
						Herman Strauss*	8
						Dvora Brodie*	9
						Samuel Goldman*	9

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).

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