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March's President's Message

Friends,

Last month, after over a year of planning for the Congregation's future, and six months under contract with a buyer, we finally closed on the sale of our East Avenue building, the historic Hatch House. The building, after 60 years as a synagogue and home to our Congregation, will now be converted into rental apartments. It has been a long haul, and the last stretch of emptying out the building before turning it over to the buyer was especially exhausting, as we sorted through 60 years of accumulated belongings and 150 years of accumulated documents (Beth Israel was founded in 1874). In our explorations of the building's contents we found almost 60 years of synagogue bulletins and board meeting minutes, older board meeting minutes from Beth Hamedresh Hagodel written in a flourished Yiddish script, complete blue prints for a synagogue in Elmira; for a mikvah downtown; and for a new Beth Hamedresh Hagodel synagogue that was never built; old Yiddish 78 rmp records, old 45 rmp Roy Rogers records, antique office equipment (think mimeography machine, manual adding machines, a Pitney Bowes mailing address stamper, and an old portable electric typewriter!), old handwritten certificates of incorporation for our predecessor congregations, old deeds to cemetery and other properties (did you know that BHBI used to own a house on Park Avenue for use by our Rabbi?), back issues of Commentary from the 1970s, hundreds of plates and B.H.H. embossed silverware, and so much more. It was often a trying job to decide which items to retain, and which to dispose of. Hopefully we have retained the essential items that document our long and proud history.

I wish to thank all those who helped in this clearing out project, particularly Ira Cohen – who organized the disposition of our library holdings; Harris Honickman – who can now drive to the Monroe County EcoPark blindfolded; Leon Metlay – who helped shlep numerous old texts and ritual items to Britton Road for eventual burial; Emily Fishman – who helped clean out our kitchen and other spaces; our former building caretaker Lual and his friend Thomas – who helped us move some larger items of furniture; Rochester Community Bikes and Temple Sinai – who came to take (and put to new good use) many of our tables and chairs; and especially the volunteer organization Rochester Greenovations – who came to our building *four* times to take away numerous items large and small for resale in their building at 22 Flint St (if you've never been there, it is quite a place to see!); and all others who helped at one time or another.

Since February 1, we have been in our new quarters in the Temple Beth El building. We thank Temple Beth El for all their help and cooperation in this move and in making us feel welcome, and we thank Temple Beth Am for loaning us their arc to use in our new sanctuary. We are finally unpacked in our new office/kiddish space, and fully ready for business. I hope to see you in our new location for Shabbat services and kiddushim! Don't forget to join us for Erev Purim services at 8pm on Thursday, March 13.

Note: Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 9. Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour!

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, unless sitting in the "unmasking" section 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 and **Temple Beth El** have **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

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2025

Saturday	March 1	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI in TBE Torah: Terumah Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service
Sunday	March 2	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	March 7	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:49 PM)
Saturday	March 8	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI in TBE Torah: Tetzaveh
Sunday	March 9	2:00 AM 9:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time begins! Set clocks forward one hour. Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	March 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Thursday	March 13	8:00 PM	Erev Purim service at BHBI in TBE
Friday	March 14	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 6:58 PM)
Saturday	March 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI in TBE Torah: Ki Tisa Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room
Sunday	March 16	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	March 21	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:06 PM)
Saturday	March 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI in TBE Torah: Vayak'hel
Sunday	March 23	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	March 28	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:14 PM)
Saturday	March 29	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI in TBE Torah: Pekudei
Sunday	March 30	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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David Rogachefsky in honor of the last service in our East Ave building

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with cleaning out the East Avenue building*
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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.

Feb 28 – Mar 1	Adar	Mar 7-8	Adar	Mar 14-15	Adar	Mar 21-22	Adar
Sam Finkelstein*	1	Sherman Kleinstein*	9	Charles Ambush*	15	Percy Cohen*	22
Mary Weinreb*	1	Anna Schiff*	9	Gussie Gillenson Bernstein*	15	Sherris Kleinstein	24
Werner Schaffer	2	Edith Berkowitz*	10	Irvin Boyar*	15	Julie Feuerberg	24
Philip Schiff*	3	Samuel Goldstein*	10	Stanley Muszynski*	15	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25
Betty Glaser	4	Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10	Abraham Alderman*	16	Barnet Stern*	26
Anna Ruderman*	4	Max Metlay	10	Celia Engel*	17	Lea Kron	27
Hyman Sablowsky*	4	Jennie Goldstein	11	Muriel Hobel*	17	Harris Priceman*	27
Emma Sarachan*	4	Robinson*	12	Max Levy	17	Rebecca Cohen*	28
Celia Lapidés*	5	Irving Gold	13	Edna Astrachan*	19	Eva Friedman*	28
Dora Newell*	6	Eva Jenny Cenzer*	13	Sam Malina*	19	Sarah Shulsky*	28
William Schwartz*	6	Charles Saul Gordon*	13	Anna Steinmetz*	19	Mollie Wolk*	28
Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Rose Riwkin	14	Louis Rickler*	20	Mar 28 – Mar 29	Adar/ Nissan
		Marion Carton Gulack		Harry Aranow*	21		
				Carl Astrachan*	21	Karoline Hess*	29
				Leila Markus*	21	Sadie Rose	29
				Herman Sarachan*	21	Sam Wolk*	29
						Lena Levi*	1
						Lester Miller*	1
						Gertrude Swartz	1
						Benjamin Braz*	2
						Dr. Charles Cohen*	2
						Morris Sherman*	3
						Eli Gerber*	4
						Jack Rodney	4
					Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	
					Rachael Weinstein*	5	

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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ROCHESTER JEWISH HISTORY NOW ONLINE!

As you may know, BHBI is descended from the second oldest synagogue in Rochester, Beth Israel. So our history in Rochester goes back almost to the beginning of Jewish presence in town. There is now a new resource available for you to explore some of that long Rochester Jewish history. With the organizational help of Joy Getnick, director of the University of Rochester Hillel, and the support of the Rochester Area Community Foundation, all known issues of *Jewish Tidings*, the Jewish Rochester English language newspaper from 1887-1894, and all issues of the *Jewish Ledger* from 1924-1994, are now available online in a searchable format! To access these issues, go [here](#). Ironically, the most recent issues of the *Ledger* are not available, because after 1993 they ceased to put the *Ledger* on microfilm.

OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. Snail mail must be sent to P.O. Box 20891, Rochester, NY 14602. 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

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.

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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