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November's President's Message

Friends,

First off, I think we all join with Jews all over the world in being thankful for the cease-fire in Gaza and the return of the living hostages. We pray that this will continue and lead to a lasting peace.

With the end of Sukkot, another year's holidays are behind us. Besides attending Sukkot services with Temple Beth El, we did have our own Sukkah again this year. Many thanks to Harris Honickman and Steve Teitel (and myself) who put it up. For a change it was broiling hot sun instead the usual cold rain. Thanks to Hermann and Esther Vogelstein for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah (prepared by Esther). Steve and I got the Sukkah disassembled before the rains came.

It is now the month of Marcheshvan. A popular story of the name origin is that it means "Bitter Cheshvan". Mar means bitter in Hebrew. Cheshvan is supposed to be bitter because there are no holidays in it. The actual etymology is more prosaic. Marcheshvan is a corrupted form of "waraḥsamnu" which means "eighth month" in Akkadian, an ancient Semitic language.

There also is a holiday occurring during this month. The holiday of Sigd is the 29th of Marcheshvan, 50 days after Yom Kippur. This year it falls on November 20th. Sigd originated in the Ethiopian Jewish community, and is now a national holiday in Israel. According to tradition, Sigd symbolizes the acceptance of the Torah, or possibly the continued reliance on the Torah in the face of persecution. It is a day of fasting and contemplation, followed by revelry. The 50 day period after Yom Kippur seems to parallel the 50 days of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot. One of the midrashes says that Simchat Torah should be 50 days after Yom Kippur, but occurs earlier because it's hard to travel. You can think of Sigd as Simchat Torah katan, if you will. So this year, a week before Thanksgiving, take a day to study the Torah, and celebrate it.

Happy Sigd!

Leon

TORAH READERS WANTED!

Would you like to learn how to chant the Torah at services? We have several members who would be happy to tutor you! Why not give it a try? You'd be helping out the Congregation and doing a mitzvah at the same time! Contact the shul at BHBIRochester@gmail.com if you are interested.

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BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday	Nov 1	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Lech Lecha <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	Nov 2	2:00 AM 9:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends – set clocks back 1 hour Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Nov 7	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 4:36 PM)
Saturday	Nov 8	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeira
Sunday	Nov 9	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Nov 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Nov 14	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 4:29 PM)
Saturday	Nov 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chayei Sarah
Sunday	Nov 16	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Nov 21	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 4:23 PM)
Saturday	Nov 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Toldot <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	Nov 23	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Nov 28	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 4:19 PM)
Saturday	Nov 29	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayeitzei
Sunday	Nov 30	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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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.

Oct 31-Nov 1	Cheshvan	Nov 7-8	Cheshvan	Nov 21-22	Kislev	Nov 28-29	Kislev
Bernard Lipschutz	10	Sofya Kaminnik*	17	Charles Franke	2	Nathan Bernstein*	9
Ingeborg Vogelstein	10	Rae Toker	17	Sam Morris*	4	Beatryce Cohen*	9
Dianne Hooker*	11	Mosheh Lazar*	18	Israel Schriba*	4	Joseph Louis Shapiro*	9
Lottie Astrachan*	12	Julia Goldman*	19	Jacob Smilack*	4	Rose Alderman*	10
Alfred E. Hart*	12	Bessie Schnidman*	21	Dorothy Lewis Cohen*	5	Feist Hess*	10
Sol Weinstein*	12	Louis Gastel*	23	Mark H. Keyfetz*	5	Eleanor Teitel	10
Israel Astrachan*	13			Rachel Olkes*	6	Dr. Mark Blue	11
Marion Grossman*	13	Nov 14-15	Cheshvan	Meyer Kovelski*	7	Wolf Schild*	12
Jacob Markin*	13	Dr. Bernard Kliensky	24	Fanny Titof	8	Jack Soble*	14
Nellie Beckler*	15	Nathan Strom*	24				
Lena Cohen*	16	Mary Jaffe*	28				
		Harvey Sanow*	28				
		Fannie Stern*	28				
		Abraham Friedman*	29				
		Rose Nidetz	30				

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.

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.

Temple Beth El has **Shabbat Evening Services** on Fridays at 6 PM. Services are in-person at Temple Beth El, in the TBE Chapel, and live-streamed on Zoom. For the Zoom link and other details, visit the Beth El website: <http://www.tberochester.org/pray/virtual-services/>

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