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<p><b><i>February's President's Message</i></b></p> <p>Friends,</p> <p>I'm writing this during the last week of January. Next month will mark a whole year in our new space at Temple Beth El. With this cold weather, I've realized there are two more things I don't miss about our building on East Avenue: shoveling snow off the steps, and worrying about pipes freezing. If you miss the old building, apartments there are supposed to be available by April 1<sup>st</sup>, \$3300 per month for 2 bedrooms. (Thank you Esther Vogelstein for the information.) Meanwhile, we have renewed our lease for the coming year with Temple Beth El.</p> <p>This past year has been one of adapting to new situations and I would like to thank all of you who have helped make this a good year. We have arranged our new rooms, so that they feel homey. People have been coming to services more than they used to, so that we have had minyans a majority of Shabbats, only rarely needing to recruit visitors from upstairs. I look forward to seeing all of you during the coming year.</p> <p>We have a "new year" coming up February 1-2, Tu Bishvat, the new year of trees. In the land of Israel, all the agricultural produce needed to be tithed, and Tu Bishvat was established as the cut-off date for deciding which season produce belonged to. We should try to eat some of the "seven species", fruits specifically mentioned as coming from the land of Israel: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. Some people treat Tu Bishvat as a day to think about repairing the environment.</p> <p>Thinking farther ahead, Purim is coming the first week of March. We will have our own services again this year. There are several chapters available if you want to sign up to read a chapter. If you don't want to chant it, you don't have to. If you do want to chant it but don't know the music, I'd be happy to help you. I hope you are staying warm. Have a good month, and I'll see you in shul.</p> <p><i>Leon</i></p>		

## 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.

## 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: <https://www.tberochester.org/pray/virtual-services/>

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## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Feb 1	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Feb 2	---	Tu Bishvat – be nice to your trees!
Friday	Feb 6	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:12 PM)
Saturday	Feb 7	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Yitro <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	Feb 8	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Feb 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Feb 13	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:21PM)
Saturday	Feb 14	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Mishpatim
Sunday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 20	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:30 PM)
Saturday	Feb 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Terumah <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	Feb 22	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Feb 27	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:39 PM)
Saturday	Feb 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tetzaveh
Sunday	Mar 1	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link

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## YAHREZEITS

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 6-7	Shvat	Feb 12-14	Shvat/Adar	Feb 20-21	Adar	Feb 27-28	Adar
Besse Gold	20	Marion Bernstein*	27	Betty Glaser	4	Jennie Goldstein Robinson*	11
Benjamin Lapidés*	20	Ada Goldstein*	27	Anna Ruderman*	4	Irving Gold	12
Simon Pogal*	21	Samuel Keyfetz*	27	Hyman Sablowsky*	4	Eva Jenny Cenzer*	13
Jacob Rubenstein*	21	Lottie Fink*	29	Emma Sarachan*	4	Charles Saul Gordon*	13
E. Sarah Maltinsky*	23	Rose Ring*	29	Celia Lapidés*	5	Rose Riwkin*	13
Bert Falk*	25	Boris Schwarts	30	Dora Newell*	6	Marion Carton Gulack	14
Philip Garver	26	Sam Finkelstein*	1	William Schwartz*	6	Charles Ambush*	15
		Mary Weinreb*	1	Sherman Kleinstein*	9	Gussie Gillenson Bernstein*	15
		Werner Schaffer	2	Anna Schiff*	9	Irvin Boyar*	15
		Philip Schiff*	3	Edith Berkowitz*	10	Stanley Muszynski*	15
				Samuel Goldstein*	10	Abraham Alderman*	16
				Fanny Tecler Levinson*	10	Celia Engel*	17
				Max Metlay	10	Muriel Hobel*	17
						Max Levy	17

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).

## Life in Our Times



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