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August's President's Message

Friends,

I've always been a procrastinator. It's not the feature I'm proudest of. I find comfort in knowing that others are procrastinators too. Most of you are aware that anything bearing G-d's name must be buried to be properly disposed of. It was about a year ago that we buried many of the books and other items from our old shul. I've been thinking about that. I realized that the Jews of Egypt are probably the champion procrastinators of all time. Over 1000 years ago, the Ben Ezra Synagogue was built in Old Cairo. It had an attic room built for temporary storage of holy documents that would need to be buried. The congregants started putting any document written in Hebrew into that room, and they just kept doing it. They didn't get around to actually taking anything out of that room for almost 1000 years. That room is the famous Cairo Geniza.

Many of you have heard of Rabbi Solomon Schechter. He is one of the founders of Conservative Judaism. Before he did that though, he was a scholar at Cambridge University in England. In 1896 a couple of friends of his, Mrs. Agnes Lewis and Mrs. Margaret Gibson, self-taught scholars, brought him some fragments of manuscript they acquired in Egypt, which turned out to be a partial Hebrew version of Ben Sirach, an apocryphal book that was only known in Greek but had been thought to have been originally in Hebrew. The synagogue was being renovated and the geniza was finally being emptied. Schechter went to Egypt and acquired many documents for Cambridge. There are over 300,000 documents scattered all over the world, which are gradually being digitized and studied. The neatest thing, to me, is that we now know what Maimonides' signature looks like. Our long-suffering Bulletin editor can take comfort that I'm not the worst procrastinator (this message is only a little late).

The High Holy Days are coming soon. Please fill out the form for the Yizkor book which is included as an insert to this Bulletin. Like last year, we will be sharing the Yizkor book with Beth El, Beth David, and Beth Am. The deadline is 5pm Thursday, August 6, so please send in the form soon. There will be more information forthcoming about High Holy Day services with Beth David as the month progresses.

I hope you can join us for miniature golf on the 16th. Last year it was a blast.

Have a good month. See you in shul.

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.

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.tberoc.org/pray/virtual-services/>

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2026

Saturday	Aug 1	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Eikev
Sunday	Aug 2	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 7	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:06 PM)
Saturday	Aug 8	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Re'eh <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	Aug 9	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Aug 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Aug 14	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:56 PM)
Saturday	Aug 15	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shoftim
Sunday	Aug 16	9:00 AM 2:00 PM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link BHBI Golf Outing at Whispering Pines Miniature Golf
Friday	Aug 21	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:46 PM)
Saturday	Aug 22	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Teitzei <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	Aug 23	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 28	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:34 PM)
Saturday	Aug 29	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Tavo
Sunday	Aug 30	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Nelli Ahuva Metlay and Esther Walder Klionsky

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Jill Clark-Foulkes

In memory of David Gordon
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BHBI MINI-GOLF OUTING!!

Join us on Sunday, August 16, 2 pm for the second annual BHBI mini golf tournament at Whispering Pines Miniature Golf, 4353 Culver Road, SeaBreeze, NY. Whispering Pines, renovated in 2012, is next door to the original Parkside's Whispering Pines Miniature Golf, which opened in 1930 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest miniature golf course in the United States. The cost is \$11 per person (\$10 per person for a group of 10 or more), paid at the door. Email the shul at BHBIRochester@gmail.com if you plan to come and if you wish to carpool.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Temple Beth David invites BHBI members to join them for the TBD annual picnic at the Hazelwood Grove Lodge at Ellison Park on **Sunday, August 9th, starting at 12:30 pm.** The cost is \$10 per person and you can pay at the event. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers, as well as snacks, salads, and desserts. The picnic will take place rain or shine! **To attend, you must RSVP to TBDActivityCommittee@gmail.com no later than noon this Friday, July 31st!** Sorry for the very short deadline, but TBE needs to place their food order by that time.

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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.

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN? Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several years can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Steve Teitel at: BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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Re: 2026 Yizkor Book

Friends,

To have the names of your departed loved ones listed in the BHBI section of the joint 2026 Temple Beth El-Temple Beth Am-Temple Beth David-BHBI Yizkor Memorial Book, please send an email to us giving the following information:

Remembered by:

[names of those placing the listing]

In Loving Memory of:

[list of names to be remembered]

Give each name to be remembered on a separate line. For example, Abraham and Sarah Person should be written as two separate lines, as they represent two names and two listings in our book. DO NOT use Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr, etc.; just give the first and last names. Please be sure to write each name exactly as you wish it to appear in the Yizkor Book.

Your listing **must** be **emailed** to BHBIRochester@gmail.com by **5pm Thursday, August 6, 2026**. We must keep this deadline firm.

If you wish to use the same listing as you had last year, just write “same as last year.” You may view your listing from last year by looking in the 2025 Yizkor Book, available here:

<https://www.tberoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2025-TBE-Remembrance-Book-Correct-Copy-Ready-to-Print.pdf>

The cost for a listing is \$18 for one, two, or three names. Each additional listing beyond three is \$5. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel, and mailed to us at:

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Checks should be mailed so as to arrive at the shul P.O box no later than Thursday, August 20.