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October President's Message

Friends,

By the time this issue of the Bulletin comes out, our High Holy Days for 5773 will have concluded. We thank Dr. George Kornfeld for once again leading services. I hope this period of reflection has been meaningful for you, and that the new year will be a time of happiness and fulfillment for us all. I would like to thank the many members who worked behind the scenes sprucing up our building and grounds in time for the holidays. These include, Paula Bobb, Ira Cohen, Emily Fishman, Helen Gulack, Harris Honickman, Nina Klionsky, Leon Metlay, Chris Paprocki, Stan Schaffer, Esther Vogelstein, and thanks to Judith Mercer for preparing the apples and honey.

But the holidays continue! Sukkot services this year will be held jointly with our friends from Temple Beth Am, as well as new participation this year from Ohel Avraham. We finish up with Shemini Atzeret including the Yizkor service, then wind up with a bang with Simchat Torah. Please see the schedule on page 2 of this bulletin for details regarding times and locations.

Don't forget that Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot, Friday and Saturday October 5-6, is both our open house weekend for prospective new members, as well as a special Shabbaton featuring Rabbi Simeon Kolko. Rabbi Kolko will be addressing the congregation on "Shaping Our Future: Jews and the 2012 Election." So, if you know anyone shopping for a synagogue, please encourage them to check BHBI out. Dinner is at 6 pm Friday evening, so please get your reservation in as soon as possible (the reservation form is on page 5 of this bulletin). Prospective new members are invited to attend the dinner free of charge as our guests, but a reservation is required.

I hope you have had to chance to check out our beautiful new first floor restroom, which has now been completely renovated and is handicapped accessible. We thank the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation for a grant that provided the major part of the funding for this project. I also wish to thank Stan Schaffer who started the ball rolling on this effort, and Emily Fishman who helped choose the décor.

See you in shul,

Steve Teitel

Shaping Our Future: Jews and the 2012 Election

A Shabbaton with Rabbi Simeon Kolko

Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th

Join us for a Sukkot dinner on Friday evening, October 5th to coincide with the beginning of the Shabbaton.

Prospective new members are invited to attend the dinner free of charge. See page 5 for more details and the reservation form.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2012

Monday	Oct 1	9:00 AM	Joint Sukkot First Day service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Light candles after 7:32 PM
		5:30 PM	Sukkot Harvest in the Hut Dinner at Temple Beth Am
		7:30 PM	Erev Sukkot Second Day service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at Beth Am
Tuesday	Oct 2	9:30 AM	Sukkot Second Day service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at Beth Am
Friday	Oct 5	6:00 PM	Sukkot Dinner at BHBI (Free for potential new members!!)
		8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service and Shabbaton Discussion Led by Rabbi Simeon Kolko Light candles at 6:25 PM
Saturday	Oct 6	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service for Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot
		1:00 PM	Shabbaton Discussion Led by Rabbi Simeon Kolko
Sunday	Oct 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
		7:00 PM	Joint Erev Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor at Temple Beth Am
Monday	Oct 8	9:00 AM	Joint Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at BHBI
		7:15 PM	Joint Erev Simchat Torah Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at BHBI
Tuesday	Oct 9	9:00 AM	Joint Simchat Torah Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at Nazareth College Medaille Hall Community Room
Wednesday	Oct 10	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Oct 12	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 6:13 PM
Saturday	Oct 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Bereisheet
Sunday	Oct 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Oct 15	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Friday	Oct 19	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 6:01PM
Saturday	Oct 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Noah
Sunday	Oct 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Oct 26	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 5:51 PM
Saturday	Oct 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Lech Lecha
Sunday	Oct 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

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Donations for the BHBI High Holy Day Appeal will appear in the November Bulletin

**THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

September 1	The Congregation
September 8	The Congregation
September 15	The Congregation
September 22	The Congregation
September 26	Yom Kippur Break Fast sponsored by Harris & Aline Honickman in memory of Milton Honickman

BHBI WEBSITE

Have you checked out the BHBI web site lately? If you haven't there is a lot that you're missing. The web site at www.BHBIRochester.org provides information about many aspects of our congregation, lists the BHBI calendar, has electronic versions of this and previous bulletins going back several years, has an extensive history of our congregation along with historic photos, includes photos from several BHBI dinners, picnics and other special events, and has the unique Adon Olam Songbook with information on over 100 melodies for Adon Olam.

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SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

The next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m. Come join in the lively discussion along with congregants from BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David.

**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNAFFILIATED AND INTERESTED
IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?**

Let them know about BHBI's special free 3 month trial membership (available to prospective first-time new members only). Have them contact BHBI at 244-2060 or BHBI@frontiernet.net and we will be happy to give them information about BHBI and this great offer!!

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.

October 5-6	Tishrei	October 12-13	Tishrei - Cheshvan	October 19-20	Cheshvan	October 26-27	Cheshvan
Leon Titof	20	Sam Gold	29	Sarah Rickler*	4	Dianne Hooker*	11
Stanley Toker*	20	Bernard Israel	30	Blanche Florescue Ross*	4	Lottie Astrachan*	12
Daniel Horowitz	23	Celia Israel	30	Charles Schnidman*	4	Lewis Glaser	12
Beverly Clark*	24	Bessie Miller*	1	Harry Silverman*	4	Alfred E. Hart*	12
David Israel	24	Ida Phillips	1	Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4	Sol Weinstein*	12
Morris Album*	25			Ida Menter*	7	Israel Astrachan*	13
Betty Katzen	25			Clara Spencer	7	Marion	
				Marion Lazar*	8	Grossman*	13
				Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15
				Ida Buckbinder*	9	Lena Cohen*	16
				Irene Bernstein Mikolasek*	9	Sofya Kaminnik*	17
				Bernard Lipschutz	10	Ray Toker	17
				Ingeborg Vogelstein	10		

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 by purchasing a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Stan Schaffer at 473-8072 or stanschaffer@frontiernet.net

FAMILY FUN FEST

The JCC will be hosting a family fun fest with lots of event, games and activities for families with children on Sunday, October 14th from 1 to 4 pm. The event will be open to the public.

GOODSEARCH.COM

Goodsearch.com is an on-line internet search program that pays non-profit organizations like BHBI a fee every time someone uses their search service. Go to www.goodsearch.com, enter the search term that you want and put in BHBI on the line where it says Who Do You Goodsearch For? BHBI will benefit from each search you make!

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EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

THE 20TH LANE DWORKIN JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OCTOBER EVENTS:

Pre-Festival Fall Cooking – Celebrate the Harvest with Sukkot Samplings – Thursday, October 4th at 7 pm at the JCC. Two Jewish chefs will show us how to prepare Sukkot delicacies.

Ticket to the Limit – Sunday, October 28th at 7:30 pm at the JCC. Randy Cohen discusses his book *Ticket to the Limit* that illustrates the secret to being a successful entrepreneur.

Children’s Program with P.J. Library – Sunday, October 28th at 2 pm at the JCC. Stories, crafts and games for kids up to age 9.

Men’s Comedy Night - Monday, October 29th at 7 pm at the Genesee Valley Club, 421 East Avenue. Bruce Ferber discusses his novel *Elevating Overman* and David Javerbaum will talk about his humorous book *The Last Testament: A Memoir by God*. Business attire and advanced tickets are required.

Women’s Fashion Show - Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm at the Village Gate. Wine & Tapas at 6:30, presentation by Karen Bergreen about her novel *Perfect is Overrated* at 7:15, and fashion show at 8:00. Bring donations for women’s clothing drive.

For more information, contact the JCC or go to www.rjbf.org

THE ROCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

Brothers – At the JCC Hart Theatre on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 pm. In this movie, 2 Argentine brothers with opposing religious philosophies come to a head when Aaron, a distinguished NYC attorney and a Torah scholar, has been asked to defend the right of Orthodox yeshiva students to be exempt from military service. Their story mirrors the intense struggle between Israel’s religious and political principles, and touches on what it means to be Jewish. The post film discussion will be moderated by Professor Michael Dobkowski.



JOIN BHBI FOR A SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT DINNER ON FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5TH AS WE INITIATE A WEEKEND SHABBATON WITH RABBI SIMEON KOLKO

Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services and a discussion led by Rabbi Kolko titled “Shaping Our Future: Jews and the 2012 Election”

Dinner Cost: Adults \$12, Children Ages 12 Years and Under \$8, Family Maximum \$36
Free for prospective new members!

RESERVATION FORM

Names: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Number of Children Ages 12 and Under Attending: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send this completed reservation form along with your check to:
BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610

OFFICE: The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. The synagogue phone is 244-2060. For urgent issues, call Steve Teitel at 473-5741 or Stan Schaffer at 473-8072. You can also e-mail us at BHBI@frontiernet.net

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 Operating, Kiddush, Library, Torah, Rabbi Aaron Solomon Scholarship, Our Youth, Special Events 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 Stan Schaffer know. We always appreciate feedback.

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