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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **April President's Message**

Friends,

As I write this, I am in the middle of preparations for Passover, which starts tomorrow night. But as you read this, you have probably already had your seders! I hope you have had a happy, healthy, and kosher holiday, shared with friends and family. See the calendar in this Bulletin for the schedule of holiday services.

Later this month, on Saturday, April 20, we will have the next in our Simon Finkelman Memorial Lectures series. This year we are very pleased to have visiting us Simon's own son, Prof. Paul Finkelman, the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School. Prof. Finkelman is a scholar of American legal history and constitutional law, who is an expert on topics related to freedom of religion, the law of slavery, civil liberties and the American Civil War, and legal issues surrounding baseball. His articles have appeared in scholarly journals as well as in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and on the *Huffington Post* web site. Prof. Finkelman's lecture is entitled, "Are the Ten Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law? Why Jews Should be Concerned About Public Displays of the Decalogue," and will take place at 1:30 pm, following kiddush after Shabbat morning services. A dessert reception will follow the lecture, which is open to the public. So be sure to come, and bring a friend!

On May 5th, the first Sunday in May, BHBI is pleased to be initiating a new Jewish-Muslim interfaith dialogue series. The series is co-sponsored by the Small Conservative Shul Collaborative (BHBI, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David) and the Turkish Cultural Center of Rochester (TCC). Each event in the series will focus around a particular topic of mutual interest to our two communities. A brief presentation on the topic will be made, and then the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel of representatives. Following the discussion, refreshments will be served and there will be opportunity to socialize and get to know each other. You may recall our previous encounters with the TCC, when we were invited to a Ramadan break-fast dinner last August, and when they joined us for our Sukkot dinner last October. All who participated felt a great sense of friendship and common bonds. We hope this series will enable these bonds to grow, while providing an opportunity for each community to learn more about the religious beliefs and cultural practices of the other. The first meeting will be at BHBI, tentatively at 10 am. Please check your May Bulletin for the topic of the discussion and to confirm the time. The dialogue series is open to the general public, and all are welcome!

See you in shul,

*Steve Teitel*

**The 2013 Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture at BHBI will be presented after services at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> by Professor Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law at Albany Law School whose presentation will be "Are the Ten Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law?" A dessert reception will follow the lecture. The public is invited to attend. Please tell your friends about this event and make sure to come.**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2013

Monday	Apr 1	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Joint Passover Seventh Day Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am  Joint Erev Passover Eighth Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David at Beth Am Light candles after 7:19 PM
Tuesday	Apr 2	9:00 AM	Joint Passover Eighth Day Service and Yizkor with Temple Beth Am at BHBI
Friday	Apr 5	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 7:23 PM
Saturday	Apr 6	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Shemini Blessing of the New Month
Sunday	Apr 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	Apr 8	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting of the BHBI Board of Trustees
Wednesday	Apr 10	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Apr 12	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am Light candles at 7:31PM
Saturday	Apr 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Tazriah-Metzorah
Sunday	Apr 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Apr 19	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:39 PM
Saturday	Apr 20	9:30 AM 1:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Acharei-Kedoshim  Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture Presented by Prof. Paul Finkelman of Albany Law School who will speak on “Are the 10 Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law?”
Sunday	Apr 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	Apr 26	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 7:47 PM
Saturday	Apr 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service      Torah: Emor
Sunday	Apr 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE FIRST EVENT IN OUR NEW JEWISH-MUSLIM DIALOGUE  
SERIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT BHBI ON SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**DONATIONS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Rona Luxemburg  
*Sue Baker*

In memory of Jacob and Gertrude Swartz  
*Sue Baker*

In memory of Sadie Rose  
*Peg Toker*

In memory of Harry Toker  
*Peg Toker*

*Ken and Mollie Traub*

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

March 2	Katharine Metlay in memory of her sister, Julie Feuerberg
March 9	Tamara Strubel in honor of her mother, Lea Kron Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of Giulia Paris
March 16	Cathy Block in memory of her father-in-law, Max Block
March 23	The Congregation

**SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY**

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

**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](http://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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IN JOINING A CONGREGATION?**

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## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

### COMMUNITY YOM HA'SHOAH (HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY) COMMEMORATION

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the JCC

At the program, distinguished keynote speaker Samuel D. Kassow will focus on "Uncovering Our History: 70 Years after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," Samuel Kassow is the author of *Who Will Write Our History? Emanuel Ringelblum, the Warsaw Ghetto and the Oyneg Shabes Archive* which documented the events of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

### THE JCC PRESENTS TWO '92Y LIVE' EVENTS IN APRIL:

#### *The Anti-Defamation League and Anti-Semitism Today – A Celebration of 100 Years of the ADL and a Discussion of Global Anti-Semitism Today*

Tuesday, April 9, 8:00-9:30pm,

Featuring Abraham Foxman, Richard Cohen, John Podhoretz and Judith Miller with moderator Thane Rosenbaum.  
JCC members: \$8, non-members: \$12

#### *Inside Israel's National Security*

Sunday, April 14, 7:30-9:00 pm

Featuring Chuck Freilich, former Israeli deputy national security advisor, Reuven Pednatzur, Ha'aretz correspondent, and Dan Raviv, national correspondent for CBS News.

This is a rebroadcast of a 2/24 event that was held at the same time as the Oscars.

JCC members: \$5, non-members: \$8

To register, call the JCC at 461-2000 or contact Joy Getnick at [jgetnick@jccrochester.org](mailto:jgetnick@jccrochester.org)

### CELEBRATE ISRAEL AT 65 WITH JEWISH BLUESMAN, SAUL KAYE

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh. Free and open to all. The program will begin with a brief commemoration of Yom Ha'Zikaron, Israel's Memorial Day.

### SKALNY LECTURE & ARTIST SERIES AND THE JCC AMES AMZALAK ROCHESTER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM

"Chronicle of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising According to Marek Edelman"

The Little Theatre, 240 East Avenue, \$8.00

In this film, Marek Edelman, a leading participant in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, gives a daily account of the events. Panel discussion to follow with: Skalny Center Director Randall Stone, Holocaust Survivor Henschel Szajnberg, CHAI Director Bonnie Abrams and Jan Lencznarowicz, Skalny visiting professor from Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Purchase tickets at the Little Theatre.

## HAPPY 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL!!





Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel  
*The East Avenue Synagogue*  
1369 East Avenue, Rochester, NY

*Invites the Public to*

*The Simon Finkelman Memorial Lecture*  
Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 1:30 pm

*featuring*

## **Prof. Paul Finkelman**

President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law  
Albany Law School



### **Are the Ten Commandments the Moral Foundation of American Law?**

*Why Jews Should be Concerned About  
Public Displays of the Decalogue*

Dessert Reception follows the lecture

A specialist in American legal history, constitutional law, and race and the law, Prof. Paul Finkelman is the author of more than 150 scholarly articles and 30 books. His op-eds and shorter pieces have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and on the *Huffington Post*. He is an expert in constitutional history and law, freedom of religion, the law of slavery, civil liberties and the American Civil War, and legal issues surrounding baseball. He has written extensively on Thomas Jefferson and on Abraham Lincoln. Professor Finkelman was the chief expert witness in the Alabama Ten Commandments monument case and his scholarship on religious monuments in public spaces was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Van Orden v. Perry* (2005).

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## **BELOW THE BELT ~ OUT IN THE OPEN**

**An educational and awareness program about gynecologic cancers**

Cervical - Ovarian - Uterine - Vaginal - Vulvar

**Sunday, April 21, 2013**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**JCC Hart Theater**

**FREE TO ALL**

**Rochester Premiere Screening of the Documentaries**

### **"N.E.D. – No Evidence of Disease"**

**A documentary about six gynecologic oncology surgeons from across the country and their unique rock band  
and**

### **"What Every Woman Should Know"**

**An educational film about gynecologic cancers and their symptoms**

#### **Introduction by Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth**

Assistant Professor, Gynecologic Oncology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NY  
Associate Director of Robotic Surgery, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, NJ  
N.E.D. Band Member

#### **Q & A with Gynecologic Oncologists**

Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth

Dr. Cynthia Angel, Gynecology Oncology Associates, University of Rochester Medical Center

#### **Reception to follow**

#### **Organized by a coalition of Rochester Jewish organizations:**

Sisterhoods of Congregation Beth Shalom - Temple Beth El - Temple B'rith Kodesh - Beth Hakneses Hachodosh  
Temple Sinai Women's Council - Congregation Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel  
National Council of Jewish Women -- Hadassah - ORT America - Hillel Community Day School - Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges  
Jewish Community Center - Jewish Family Service - Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

Questions? Contact Joy Getnick, JCC: 585.461.2000 x239

## 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.

April 5-6	Nissan – Iyar	April 12-13	Iyar	April 19-20	Iyar	April 26-27	Iyar
Arthur Weinberger	26	Louis Goldman*	3	Samuel Sanow*	10	Libbie Goldberg*	18
Alexander Greenbaum*	27	Beverly Honickman	4	Harry Cominsky*	11	Maurice Baker	21
Esther Gurian*	27	Hyman Goldberg*	6	Chasa Tillie Yablin*	11	Samuel Gastel*	21
Ethel L. Goldstein*	28	Morton Lewis	6	Dr. Murray Cowen	12		
Rose Lewis*	28	Albert Bernstein*	7	Johanna Schild*	13		
Hyman Rothschild*	29	Harry Gordon*	7	Haskell Isaac Smith*	15	*Denotes name	
Karen Schulman	30	Minnie Rothbard	9	Samuel Lederman*	16	memorialized on BHBI	
Louis Goldberg*	1			Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16	Memorial Plaque	

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.

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### DAVID BROZA IN CONCERT

Mesmerizing Israeli multi-platinum music superstar David Broza will be performing in Buffalo as part of that community's Israel Independence Day celebration. Broza is famous for his flamenco-tinged, folk-rock melodies and songs that combine English, Hebrew and Spanish. The performance will take place at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo on Sunday afternoon, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased on-line at <http://www.showclix.com/event/3742179>

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hannah Metlay on being accepted to RIT – National Technical Institute for the Deaf for the fall semester. We wish her great success at RIT and in all of her future endeavors.

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@gmail.com

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