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June President's Message

Friends,

Well, you've done it again. We had our Annual Congregational Meeting, attended by a quorum of our membership, and you elected the "usual suspects" to lead you again for the next year. The Board, officers, and I will endeavor to live up to your trust.

It was good seeing so many of you at our Shavuot programs, shared this year with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth David. There are some people who I didn't see at either the Annual Meeting or at Shavuot services. I haven't heard about anyone being ill, but if you know of anyone in the congregation who is ill please let the Synagogue office know about it, you can call the office and leave a message on the machine.

We are coming up to the last of our currently planned Jewish- Muslim Dialogue programs. It will be on Sunday, July 5th. I'm telling you about it now because there won't be much time for you to read about it in the July Bulletin, and I'd like you to have time to think about it.

The topic will be fasting. Every year Muslims observe a month of fasting, Ramadan. Each day they fast from dawn-to-dark, they can eat and drink at night but not during the day. Jews observe the strict 25 hour fasts of Tisha B'Av and Yom Kippur, but in addition we have a number of minor fast days that are only observed during the day. One of these days is the 17th of Tammuz. It occurs 3 weeks before Tisha B'Av and remembers events linked to the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians and of the Second Temple by the Romans. This year the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz is observed on July 5th. Ramadan is observed from June 18th to July 17th, so for that one day Jews and Muslims will be fasting together during daylight hours.

Plans are still evolving, so I can't give you full details. As they stand, there will be two programs. One will be a breakfast, held in the wee small hours of the morning, before dawn. The other will be a dinner held after dark. I don't know who the speakers will be or what other activities will happen, but I'm sure it will be fun and informative. The programs will be held at the Turkish Cultural Center (TCC) of Rochester on Dewey Avenue. The TCC will have food which is halal but not kosher. For any of us who want kosher food, kosher meals will be prepared in our synagogue kitchen and transported to the TCC. I think it will be a bit of an adventure and I'm looking forward to it. I hope to see you there.

In the mean time, enjoy the month of June.

Leon Metlay

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.

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE 2015

Friday	June 5	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service at Heather Heights in Pittsford Light candles at 8:27 PM
Saturday	June 6	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Behaalotecha
Sunday	June 7	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Monday	June 8	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday	June 12	7:00 PM	Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at TBK Room 103 Light candles at 8:31 PM
Saturday	June 13	9:30 AM	Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI Torah: Shelach
Sunday	June 14	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Wednesday	June 17	7:30 PM	Small Conservative Synagogue Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	June 19	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:34 PM
Saturday	June 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Korach
Sunday	June 21	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion
Friday	June 26	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service Light candles at 8:35 PM
Saturday	June 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Chukat
Sunday	June 28	9:00 AM	Service, Breakfast and Discussion

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

This month's Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m. at BHBI. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

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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.

June 5-6	Sivan	June 12-13	Sivan-Tammuz	June 19-20	Tammuz	June 26-27	Tammuz
Zus Kaminnik	19	Stella Getz*	27	Eva Goodman*	3	Eva Krinsky*	10
Chayah Simah Malina*	19	Mary Goldman*	27	Rose Joffe*	3	Phillip Morrow*	11
Esther Senzel*	20	Betty Newell*	27	Jennie Epstein*	4	Rochli Rothschild*	11
Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21	Eva Wasserman*	27	David Glasser*	4	Rachel Strauss*	14
Minnie Marcus*	21	Isadore Goldman*	29	Alan Fishman	5	Rachel Morris*	14
Nathan Yablin*	21	Hyb Jossem*	30	Morris Krinsky*	7	Sarah Singer*	15
Fannie Warnick*	23	Samuel Hoffman*	2	Sarah Schnidman*	9	Yetta Goldman*	16
Louis Sanow*	24	Sarah Sarachan*	2	Rabbi Aaron		Sheila Kleinstein	16
Ada Gordon*	25			Solomon*	9	Sarah Markin*	16
		*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI 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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THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 2	The Congregation
May 9	Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her grandfather, Samuel Gastel
May 16	Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in honor of the birthday of their niece, Maxine Carney
May 23	Hermann and Esther Vogelstein in memory of their father, Max Vogelstein

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Global Citizenship Immersion

This week-long immersion program is designed for students in grades 9 through 12. Youth from a variety of religions will engage in learning and interfaith dialogue as they go through the program together. Young people of any faith or no faith are welcome. The program will be held Monday-Friday afternoons, August 10-14. Sponsored by the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College. For questions, scholarship information, or to register, e-mail interfaith@naz.edu, call 389-2963, or go to www.naz.edu/interfaith-studies-and-dialogue.

Exodus/Deliverance & Redemption

This upcoming program of the Commission on Jewish Muslim Relations of the Jewish Federation and the Greater Rochester Council of Masajid will feature Rabbi Rachel Smookler and Dr. Muhammad Shafiq at the Islamic Center of Rochester, 727 Westfall Road, on Sunday, June 7th at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 461-0490.

Federation Annual Meeting

All are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:30 pm at Temple Beth El. The Federation is delighted to host guest speaker Ethan Felson, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), who will address, "Can You Hear Me? Cutting through the Noise in Conversations about Israelis and Palestinians."

Mazaltov!

Congratulations to:

- Aaron Schaffer, who was chosen to receive a highly competitive U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship to study the Turkish language in Ankara, Turkey this summer. He is a student at the University of Rochester.
- Aviva Schaffer, who will be beginning law school at the University of Virginia this fall
- Jake Schaffer, who is graduating from Brighton High School. He will be taking a gap year before starting college in 2016.
- Phil Garver on his 90th birthday
- Paula Bobb on a wonderful performance in a recent concert at Hochstein

Rochester Jewish Film Festival

The Rochester Jewish Film Festival will be held from July 12th – July 20th at a number of local venues. The list of films to be screened include the following:

Film	Date	Time	Place
Belle & Sebastian	Sunday, July 12	1 pm	Dryden Theatre
To Life	Sunday, July 12	4 pm	Dryden Theatre
Above and Beyond (with Opening Night Party!)	Sunday, July 12	7:30 pm	Dryden Theatre
Deli Man (& Deli Box Lunch)	Monday, July 13	11 am	JCC
God's Slave	Monday, July 13	1:30 pm	JCC
Mr. Kaplan	Monday, July 13	6 pm	Dryden Theatre
Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amselem	Monday, July 13	9 pm	Dryden Theatre
The Green Prince	Tuesday, July 14	11 am	JCC
Anywhere Else	Tuesday, July 14	1:30 pm	JCC
Little White Lie	Tuesday, July 14	6 pm	Little Theatre
A Borrowed Identity	Tuesday, July 14	9 pm	Little Theatre
The Return	Wednesday, July 15	11 am	JCC
Sacred Sperm	Wednesday, July 15	2 pm	JCC
Beneath the Helmet	Wednesday, July 15	6 pm	Little Theatre
24 Days	Wednesday, July 15	9 pm	Little Theatre
The Muses of Isaac Bachevis Singer	Thursday, July 16	11 am	JCC
Hanna's Journey	Thursday, July 16	1:30 pm	JCC
Zemene	Thursday, July 16	6 pm	Little Theatre
The Farewell Party	Thursday, July 16	9 pm	Little Theatre
Havana Curveball	Saturday, July 18	6 pm	Dryden Theatre
Zero Motivation & You Must Be Joking	Saturday, July 18	8 pm	Dryden Theatre
Macropolis	Sunday, July 19	10:30 am	JCC
The Dove Flyer	Sunday, July 19	2 pm	Dryden Theatre
Dough	Sunday, July 19	6 pm	Dryden Theatre
The Last Mentsch	Sunday, July 19	8:30 pm	Dryden Theatre
Serial (Bad) Weddings (with Closing Night party!)	Monday, July 20	7 pm	Dryden Theatre

For tickets or more information, go to rjff.org or call 461-2000.

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