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# B U L L E T I N

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## **February President's Message**

Friends,

It has been a cold and snowy January. The big snowstorm of a week or so back caused the postponement of our Tu b'Shevat seder by a day, and hampered attendance. Nevertheless, for those who came, it was an enjoyable and fruity occasion! Thanks to Leon Metlay and Aaron Marsh of Beth Am for organizing the seder.

As for me, I was happily away visiting family in sunny Santa Cruz, California, strolling by the ocean and eating tacos. But on my return trip back to Rochester, I got to experience first-hand one of the deep teachings of Judaism – if you don't get what you want, then maybe it is because it would not really have been good for you, and G-d has some other plan in mind. My wife and I flew out to Santa Cruz on the Thursday before the big snowstorm, parking our car in the outdoor long-term parking lot at the Rochester airport. I was to return by myself (my wife returning later) the following Tuesday. Seeing pictures online of how Rochester looked after the big snowfall, I was apprehensive how I was ever going to dig my car out of the snow banks and drive home after the long and exhausting flight. My flight back from Santa Cruz stopped at O'Hare Airport, where I had to change planes to continue on to Rochester. Upon arriving at O'Hare, I learned that an ice storm in Chicago had caused the cancellation of my Rochester connection, as well as of all other flights to Rochester that day. I would have to wait until the next day to continue home. I was not happy. I had already woken up at 4:00 am in the morning to make the trip from Santa Cruz to the San Jose Airport for my early morning flight, and now I would have to wait another whole day before being able to crawl into my own bed in Rochester. Why was fate so mean to me? With nothing else to do I booked a room at the pleasant Candlewood Suites hotel near O'Hare (they are not paying me much to put in this plug), spent the night, and after another two hour departure delay, continued on to Rochester, arriving early evening on Wednesday. But the dark cloud has a silver lining. During the day on Wednesday the temperature in Rochester got above freezing, all the snow on my car had melted away, and with only some minor, but much appreciated, shoveling help from the airport shuttle driver, my car was freed and there were no problems driving home.

This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar. We have a second month of Adar, and so Purim is coming "late" this year, in March. As such, there is not much special happening in February. But of course Shabbat is always special! So on a cold snowy or icy Saturday, what could be better than to enjoy the warmth (physical and spiritual!) of a BHBI Shabbat morning service, with the camaraderie and good food of our kiddush luncheon. I hope to see you there!

See you in shul,

*Steve Teitel*

## **Adar I, Adar II. What Does an Extra Adar Mean for You?**

**This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, meaning that we add on an extra month of Adar (which we call Adar I). As a result, Purim and Passover are pushed back a month (Purim will be in late March and Passover in late April this year). The added leap month ensures that the Jewish holidays remain in their correct seasons.**

## **BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2019**

|           |        |         |   |   |
|-----------|--------|---------|---|---|
| Saturday  | Feb 2  | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service   | Torah: Mishpatim Blessing of the new month. |
| Sunday    | Feb 3  | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion   |   |
| Friday    | Feb 8  | 7:00 PM | Joint Shabbat Evening Service with Temple Beth Am at Beth Am (TBK Room 103) |   |
| Saturday  | Feb 9  | 9:30 AM | Joint Shabbat Morning Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI                   | Torah: Terumah                              |
| Sunday    | Feb 10 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion   |   |
| Monday    | Feb 11 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting  |   |
| Saturday  | Feb 16 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service   | Torah: Tetzaveh                             |
| Sunday    | Feb 17 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion   |   |
| Wednesday | Feb 20 | 7:30 PM | Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI                   |   |
| Saturday  | Feb 23 | 9:30 AM | Shabbat Morning Service   | Torah: Ki Tisa                              |
| Sunday    | Feb 24 | 9:00 AM | Service, Breakfast and Discussion   |   |

### **SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES**

Friday, February 1 – 5:04 PM

Friday, February 8 – 5:13 PM

Friday, February 15 – 5:22 PM

Friday, February 22 – 5:32 PM

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### **SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY**

Our next Small Conservative Shul Collaborative Torah Study session will be held at BHBI on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

## **DONATIONS**

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Lottie Fink  
*Jack Fink*

In memory of Paul Israel  
*Rose Israel*

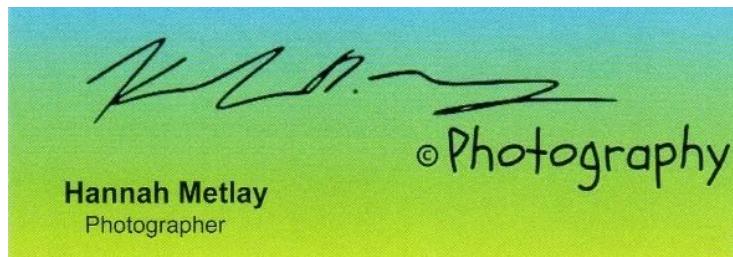
#### **HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL**

*Tammy Strubel*

### **THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

- January 5                   The Congregation  
January 12               Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky  
January 19               Jill Clark-Foulkes in memory of her father, Stanley Clark  
January 26               Stan and Elaine Schaffer in memory of Stan's father, Werner Schaffer, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth

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### **SUPER SUNDAY**

The Jewish Federation's Super Sunday is coming up on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous with your pledge when you are contacted on Super Sunday.



## 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.

| February 1-2                                       | Shevat - Adar I | February 8-9           | Adar I | February 15-16       | Adar I | February 22-23   | Adar I |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Mariom Bernstein*                                  | 27              | Betty Glaser           | 4      | Jennie Goldstein     |        | Edna Astrachan*  | 19     |
| Ada Goldstein*                                     | 27              | Anna Ruderman*         | 4      | Robinson*            | 11     | Sam Malina*      | 19     |
| Samuel Keyfetz*                                    | 27              | Hyman Sablowsky*       | 4      | Eva Jenny Cenzer*    | 13     | Anna Steinmetz*  | 19     |
| Lottie Fink*                                       | 29              | Celia Lapides*         | 5      | Rose Riwin*          | 13     | Louis Rickler*   | 20     |
| Rose Ring*   | 29              | Dora Newell*           | 6      | Marion Carton Gulack | 14     | Harry Aranow*    | 21     |
| Boris Schvarts                                     | 30              | William Schwartz*      | 6      | Gussie Gillenson     |        | Carl Astrachan*  | 21     |
| Sam Finkelstein*                                   | 1               | Edith Berkowitz*       | 10     | Bernstein*           | 15     | Leila Markus*    | 21     |
| Werner Schaffer                                    | 2               | Samuel Goldstein*      | 10     | Irvin Boyar*         | 15     | Herman Sarachan* | 21     |
| Philip Schiff*                                     | 3               | Fanny Tecler Levinson* | 10     | Stanley Muszynski*   | 15     | Percy Cohen*     | 22     |
|  |                 | Max Metlay             | 10     | Abraham Alderman*    | 16     | Julie Feuerberg  | 24     |
| *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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## CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britten Road and Mt. Hope Cemeteries and that we sell cemetery plots? If you would like more information, contact Steve Teitel.

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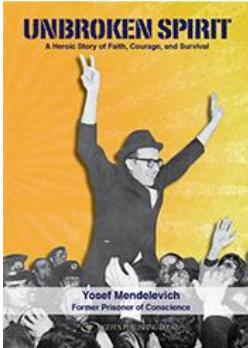
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## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

L'Chaim Film Series at the Dryden Theatre at the George Eastman Museum on Sundays. Admission is free.

- **Avalon** - Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm; A Jewish immigrant family settles in the Avalon neighborhood of Baltimore. By the 1940s and 1950s, the tight-knit family is slowly unraveling, as each new generation embraces an American way of life, including moving to the suburbs instead of remaining with the extended family.
- **Broadway Danny Rose** – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm; In a film that exults in the tradition of Jewish storytelling, Woody Allen added an extra air of authenticity by casting several revered comics, his own manager, and the owner of the Carnegie Deli as themselves. Allen, Mia Farrow, and Nick Apollo Forte star in this black-and-white comedy about a love triangle and a jilted gangster.
- **Mamele** – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm; Molly Picon, the “Queen of the Yiddish Musical,” shines as Mamele (the little mother), the dutiful daughter keeping her family intact after the death of their mother. She’s so busy cooking, cleaning, and matchmaking for her brothers and sisters that she has little time for herself—until she discovers the violinist across the courtyard. Film restoration and English subtitles by the National Center for Jewish Film.

## UPCOMING JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL EVENTS



### UNBROKEN SPIRIT

The Jewish Book Festival Event with Former Refusenik, **Yosef Mendelevich**, who will discuss the book *Unbroken Spirit: A Heroic Story of Faith, Courage and Survival* has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the JCC. The event is free but reservations are required and space is limited. To make your reservation, go to <http://www.rjbf.org/events/124-yosef-mendelevich>



### JEFFREY YOSKOWITZ AND LIZ ALPERN *THE GEFILTE MANIFESTO:* *NEW RECIPES FOR OLD WORLD JEWISH FOODS*

Combining the inventive spirit of a new generation and respect for Ashkenazi culinary tradition, Jeffrey and Liz present more than a hundred recipes pulled deep from the kitchens of Eastern Europe and the diaspora community of North America. Their recipes highlight the best of Ashkenazi home and storefront cuisine, tapping into the enduring Jewish values of resourcefulness and seasonality.

**Author Presentation: On the Front Lines of the Jewish Food Renaissance. Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the JCC Hart Theatre.**

The Gefilte Manifesto is more than a cookbook. It's a call to action, a reclamation of time-honored techniques and ingredients. Learn about the Gefilteria team and their experiences cooking and collaborating with other chefs as part of the burgeoning global Jewish food scene. Make a stand. Cook the Manifesto. The results are radically delicious. Book signing and nosh to follow presentation.

Entrance fee: \$15, \$12 for JCC members, \$10 for students

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