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April President's Message

Friends,

We approach the joyous Festival of Freedom which is Pesach (Passover) marking the triumph of our liberation from centuries of slavery. That emancipation was granted by the Divine Spirit who responded to the yearning for freedom that all humanity shares. We will reenact that liberation at the Seder when we recall the bitter oppression that ended when G-d fulfilled his promise to lead us to a Promised Land and to teach us how to live a good and just life.

We are now confronted by another age old tyranny which recurs unpredictably. Disease. The coronavirus is very contagious and is more dangerous to older people - especially those with underlying medical conditions. The mortality rate for this disease is unacceptable. As with most infectious diseases, it is likely that treatments and a vaccine will eventually be found. The question is: how long will it take and how many of our fellow men and women will be lost?

We can show the same faith that our forefathers did during their times of travail. The One who made us all will inspire the ingenuity to create treatments and a cure for this disease.

Last month, we celebrated a joyous Purim with our sister congregations, Beth Am and Beth David. We extend our thanks to all those who prepared and chanted the Megilla. And special thanks to those from the three congregations who prepared and baked the delicious hamantashen. I believe they were the best we've had in years.

At this writing it is unlikely that we will have Pesach services at our shuls this year because of the social distancing that we are all practicing. Shabbat services are also suspended until further notice. We can still daven in private and also on weekdays with social media applications such as Zoom. We had one such service on Sunday March 22. We will notify the Congregation of others.

Happy Pesach,
Harris Honickman

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Jewish Family Services has created a helpline service that will provide members of the Jewish Community of Greater Rochester information on available resources, including online counseling, food and medicine supply, volunteer opportunities, and religious-based supports. Call 585-461-0114 or email helpline@jfsrochester.org. JFS is also offering a free "seder in a box" to anyone who is unable to shop for themselves and is without access to Passover food. This is a complete dinner, including a seder plate and all needed seder items. This is *only* for those that are in need and unable to access food without assistance. Call or email by Friday, March 27 at 4pm, if you, or someone you know, will need such support.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester has launched the Community Relief and Recovery Fund to help our institutions manage through the COVID-19 crisis, address social service needs, and provide emergency assistance to community members in need. Please consider making a donation:
<https://jewishfederationofgreaterroche.givingfuel.com/community-relief-and-recovery-fund>

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2020

Friday	Apr 3		Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:22 PM)
Saturday	Apr 4		Shabbat Morning, Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Apr 5	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, email the shul for the Zoom link
Wednesday	Apr 8		Erev Passover, 1 st Seder (light candles 7:28 PM)
Thursday	Apr 9		Passover Morning 1 st Day Erev Passover, 2 nd Seder (light candles after 8:31 PM)
Friday	Apr 10		Passover Morning 2 nd Day Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:30 PM)
Saturday	Apr 11		Shabbat Morning, Torah: Chol Hamoed Pesach
Sunday	Apr 12	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, email the shul for the Zoom link
Monday	Apr 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	Apr 14		Erev Passover 7 th Day (light candles 7:35 PM)
Wednesday	Apr 15		Passover Morning 7 th Day Erev Passover 8 th Day (light candles after 8:38 PM)
Thursday	Apr 16		Passover Morning 8 th Day
Friday	Apr 17		Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:38 PM)
Saturday	Apr 18		Shabbat Morning and Blessing for the New Month, Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Apr 19	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, email the shul for the Zoom link
Friday	Apr 24		Erev Shabbat (light candles 7:46 PM)
Saturday	Apr 25		Shabbat Morning and Rosh Chodesh Iyar, Torah: Tazria/Metzora
Sunday	Apr 26	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, email the shul for the Zoom link

CONRONAVIRUS COVID-19 ALERT

Due to the ongoing coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency, all services and activities at BHBI, and all joint Friday Services at Temple Beth Am, are suspended until further notice. Sunday morning services will be live streamed via Zoom. Email the shul at BHBIRochester@gmail.com for the link.

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in April is canceled due to the Passover Holiday. Look for Torah study via Zoom in upcoming months.

TOPS CARDS

So far our *TOPS* Gift Card fundraiser has been quite successful. Remember, *TOPS* Gift Cards are now available through BHBI in \$50 denominations. To purchase *TOPS* Gift Cards, contact Ira Cohen at 943-1040 or by e-mail at gouldron@aol.com

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- Mar 7 Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Leon's father Dr. Max Metlay and Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke in honor of Cathy Block's visit to Rochester
- Mar 14 No service due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Mar 21 No service due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Mar 28 No service due to the coronavirus pandemic

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Philip Garver

Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke

Aline and Harris Honickman

Ruth and Steve Teitel

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GOODSEARCH.ORG

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AD SPONSORS

We are always looking for additional businesses that are interested in placing an ad in the BHBI Bulletin. If you know of someone whose business or company may be interested, please have them contact the congregation at BHBIRochester@gmail.com

HAPPY PESACH!

We wish you and all of your family and friends a happy and joyful Passover!

To sell your Chametz for the Holiday, use the form on page 4. It is due at Temple Beth Am *no later than* April 1.

SOME THINGS TO DO WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

While staying inside at home to keep safe, you might enjoy binge watching some of these popular Israeli TV shows, available on streaming services! On Netflix: Fauda, When Heroes Fly, Spy, Hostages, Shtisel. On Hulu: Prisoners of War (which served as the basis for Homeland), False Flag. On Amazon Prime: The Baker and the Beauty, Srugim. Numerous Israeli and Jewish themed movies are available as well. For more general fare, the streaming site BroadwayHD offers a free seven-day trial on which you can watch many of your musical and theatrical favorites. The NY Metropolitan Opera is offering a free daily opera on their Met Opera on Demand site. Take an online visit to the Guggenheim Museum in NY, the British Museum in London, or the Acropolis Museum in Athens. Or visit the San Diego Zoo for live camera feeds of you favorite animal friends! Links and further info are available at: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/free-events-places-home-quarantine-coronavirus_1_5e738dbdc5b6eab77943a598

Please use the form below to sell you chametz before Passover. If you wish to make a donation to help provide Passover supplies to those in need, or to help fight hunger more generally, please consider a direct donation to one of the following causes:

Passover Packages for Jewish Service Members:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/passover-packages-for-jewish-service-members>

Mazon – A Jewish Response to Hunger: <https://give.mazon.org/give/276704/>

Federation, Jewish Family Services, and Brighton Food Cupboard's Passover Food Basket:

<https://jewishfederationofgreaterroche.givingfuel.com/passover-basket-project>

SALE OF CHAMETZ

Note: If possible, all hametz - food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618 to be in the office no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2020

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned do here by make and appoint Rabbi Aaron Marsh my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf, to sell all *hametz* owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., *hametz*; *hashash hametz* - suspect *hametz*; and all kinds of *ta'arovel hametz* - *hametz* mixtures); also, *hametz* that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pot, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned *hametz* owned or possessed by me may be found, especially in the premises located at

Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full authority and power to sell said *hametz* and to lease said place or places where in said *hametz* may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Rabbi Aaron Marsh has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in Rabbi Aaron Marsh, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Rabbi Aaron Marsh or a rabbinic substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents. And to this I hereby affix my signature on this ___ day of _____ in the year 2020.

Name _____

Address _____

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.

March 27-28	Nissan	April 3-4	Nissan	April 10-11	Nissan	April 17-18	Nissan
Morris Sherman*	3	Seymour Ouzer*	10	Louis Cohen*	18	Simon Finkelman	24
Eli Gerber*	4	Charles Levy	11	David Morris*	20	Louis Priceman*	25
Jack Rodney	4	Morris Lipman*	11	Jacob Weinrib*	20	Dorothy Riwkin*	25
Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Helen Neiman Goldman*	14	Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Samuel B. Spiller*	25
Rachael Weinstein*	5	Sylvia Kowal	14	Benjamin Ritter	21	Arthur Weinberger	26
Esther Bertman*	8	Harry Toker	14	Yetta Levine*	22	Alexander Greenbaum*	27
Max Block	8	Leo Buchbinder*	15	Evelyn Maimon	23	Esther Gurian*	27
		Michael Kron	15			Ethel L. Goldstein*	28
Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Sol Levin	15	April 24-25	Iyar	Rose Dworkis Lewis*	28
		Rose Jossem*	16	Louis Goldberg*	1	Hyman Rothschild*	29
		Judith Potter*	16	Louis Goldman*	3	Karen Schulman	30
				Beverly Honickman	4		
				Hyman Goldberg*	6		
				Morton Lewis	6		
				Harry Gordon*	7		
				Abraham Mosheh Malina*	7		

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

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 at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

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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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 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.

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