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March's Vice President's Message

Friends,

“Now is the Winter of our discontent made glorious Summer...” (Shakespeare, Richard III). I’ve always wanted to use that quote. It has been almost a whole year of discontent for us. The last event we had unfettered by worry about COVID-19 was our Purim celebration. This year’s celebration, as so many others, was limited to Zoom. It was a fun time, but it would have been more fun in person.

Our Winter of discontent is coming to an end. We have recommenced our regular Shabbat morning services and I would like to encourage you to attend. I realize that some of you are apprehensive about returning to in-person services and I would like to reassure you that we are doing everything possible to keep you safe. Of course this starts with continuing mask-wearing, hand sanitizer, and staying 6 feet apart. As you can see from the picture, we have set up chairs in clusters of two or three, so that couples can sit together. This is similar to the arrangement we made last summer for our outdoor services. Books are left at the chairs from week to week. Also, as we did in our outdoor services, we will only ever have one or two people on the bimah at a time.



As announced last January, thanks to the generosity of the Farash Foundation, we have purchased and set up six Winix HEPA air purifiers. In the photo these small black machines with the glowing blue lights are seen distributed throughout the room. There has been one recent scientific article in the journal “Aerosol Science and Technology” that found that putting machines similar to ours in a classroom caused a 90% decrease in aerosols. If you want to read the article yourself it can be found online here: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02786826.2021.1877257>

Finally, we are shortening the service. Our later start time of 10 AM reflects a reduction of the introductory service time from 45 to 15 minutes. The Torah service time has not changed. So, please come to our services, but do not come 30 minutes later than you used to! I’m looking forward to seeing you in shul.

Stay healthy,
Leon Metlay

Services

BHBI is pleased to announce that we have resumed in-person Shabbat Morning Services, each Saturday at 10 AM. We have six HEPA air filtering units in the sanctuary, KN95 masks available, and socially distanced seating. If you feel comfortable to attend, we would love to welcome you back to services!

Temple Beth Am has Shabbat Evening Services every Friday, and one Shabbat Morning Service on the second Saturday of the month, on Zoom. See the calendar on page 2 for the dates. If you wish to join, please connect to the service before the start of Shabbat and set your computer not to go into sleep mode. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851> This will also be the link for Passover services.

BHBI Sunday morning services continue on Zoom at 9:00 AM, see the shul website for the Zoom link.

PESACH starts Saturday evening, March 27. For dates and times of our Zoom Pesach services, see the calendar. To sell your chametz, use the attached form and be sure to mail or send it early!

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2021

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|---------------------|--|
| Friday | Mar 5 | 6:30 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:47 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 6 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Tisa |
| Sunday | Mar 7 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Monday | Mar 8 | 7:30 PM | BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom |
| Friday | Mar 12 | 6:30 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:55 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 13 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayak'hel/Pekudei |
| Sunday | Mar 14 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Wednesday | Mar 17 | 7:30 PM | Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI |
| Friday | Mar 19 | 6:30 PM | Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:04 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 20 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayikra |
| Sunday | Mar 21 | 9:00 AM | Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link |
| Friday | Mar 26 | 12:13 PM 6:30 PM | Sell and Burn Chametz before 12:13 PM Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:12 PM) |
| Saturday | Mar 27 | 10:00 AM | Shabbat Hagadol Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tzav Erev Passover 1st Day – No Service – Enjoy Your Seder! (light candles from pre-existing flame after 8:14 PM) |
| Sunday | Mar 28 | 9:30 AM | Passover 1st Day Morning Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information |
| Monday | Mar 29 | 9:30 AM | Passover 2nd Day Morning Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information |

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in March will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. New participants are welcome at any time! No prior experience required! Visit our website www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link.

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In appreciation of Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay
Dave Rogachefsky

In memory of Leon's father Max Metlay
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In honor of grandson James Metlay's birthday
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In memory of Paul Israel
Rose Israel and Marjorie Beldue

In memory of Aline's father Joseph Yudelsohn
Aline and Harris Honickman

In memory of Jacob Swartz
Sue Baker

In memory of Lottie Fink
Jack Fink

In memory of Phil Garver
Michael Garver

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

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.

| Mar 5-6 | Adar | Mar 12-13 | Adar/Nissan | Mar 19-20 | Nissan | Mar 26-27 | Nissan |
|-----------------------|------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Percy Cohen* | 22 | Karoline Hess* | 29 | Esther Bertman* | 8 | Helen Neiman Goldman* | 14 |
| Julie Feuerberg | 24 | Sadie Rose | 29 | Max Block | 8 | Sylvia Kowal | 14 |
| Ida Sallerson Levine* | 25 | Sam Wolk* | 29 | Seymour Ouzer* | 10 | Harry Toker | 14 |
| Barnet Stern* | 26 | Lena Levi* | 1 | Charles Levy | 11 | Leo Buchbinder* | 15 |
| Lea Kron | 27 | Lester Miller* | 1 | Morris Lipman* | 11 | Michael Kron | 15 |
| Harris Priceman* | 27 | Gertrude Swartz | 1 | | | Sol Levin* | 15 |
| Rebecca Cohen* | 28 | Benjamin Braz* | 2 | | | Rose Jossem* | 16 |
| Eva Friedman* | 28 | Dr. Charles Cohen* | 2 | *Denotes name | | Judith Potter* | 16 |
| Sarah Shulsky* | 28 | Morris Sherman* | 3 | memorialized on | | Louis Cohen* | 18 |
| Mollie Wolk* | 28 | Eli Gerber* | 4 | BHBI Memorial | | David Morris* | 20 |
| | | Jack Rodney | 4 | Plaque | | Jacob Weinrib* | 20 |
| | | Gertrude Kleinstein* | 5 | | | | |
| | | Rachael Weinstein* | 5 | | | | |

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.

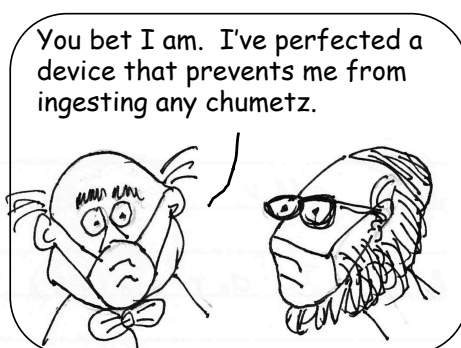
MEMORIAL PLAQUES

You can memorialize a friend or loved one on a BHBI memorial plaque. Our memorial plaques are very reasonably priced. For more information, contact Leon Metlay at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

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.

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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.

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR BULLETIN? Don't worry. BHBI Bulletins going back several years can now be found on our web page: www.BHBIRochester.org

WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS? Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Steve Teitel at: BHBIRochester@gmail.com

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Sale of Hametz

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 either **mail to Temple Beth Am, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Room 103, Rochester, NY 14618, or email to office@bethamrochester.org**, so as to be received in the Temple Beth Am office **no later than 5 pm Monday, March 22, 2021**. If you email, you **must** hand sign the form and send a scanned copy or readable photo. All forms will be then scanned and emailed by Temple Beth Am to Rabbi Marsh on Tuesday.*

Note: Rabbi Marsh will execute the sale on Friday March 26, but the sale doesn't go into effect until late Shabbat morning, so people can keep a little chametz for Shabbat if they want, but it has to be completely eaten, disposed of, or put in with the other chametz sold by that time on Shabbat.

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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'arovet hametz*—*hametz* mixtures); also, *hametz* that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pots, 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 March in the year 2021.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____

Note: If you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to Oceanside Jewish Center and memo Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. We will forward the checks.