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April's President's Message

Friends,

It's been a two month hiatus for me in writing to the Congregation. Thanks to Aline and Leon Metlay for pitching in during my writer's block.

If the weather forecast for the end of March is to be believed, then Leon's quote last month from Richard III about our discontented winter turning to glorious summer may be apropos. Of course the turn in the weather wasn't Leon's main point but we're still glad for it.

Even before summer comes spring – which for us is also the beginning of one of our New Years – marking our liberation, the start of our calendar and the beginning of our nationhood. Pesach (Passover) and Rosh Hashanah are by far the most significant of the 4 New Years that we celebrate. We are told in Exodus about Pesach at the beginning of spring, that “This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year unto you.” Why the apparent redundancy of “the beginning of months” and “the first month of the year unto you” we will have to leave for a future discussion. The rituals of the first Pesach are then described in meticulous detail - and only then is the last terrible plague against the Egyptians revealed and performed.

The Exodus for too many people in the modern era has turned into a visual cliché partly due to a Hollywood production in the 1950s. Even the name of the movie is a misstatement of the traditional Jewish description: “Ten Words.” Calling them Ten Commandments is an inadequate, somewhat negative, even misleading translation of the Hebrew. The contents of the “Ten Words” or “Ten Statements” are mitzvot. Mitzvot are divine commands or injunctions, but simply saying Ten Commandments, lacks the sense of goodness and positive action that imbues the Hebrew expression.

Our own liberation from the current pandemic appears to be at hand. Many in our Congregation will have had their first and second shots within a few weeks and by June the overwhelming majority of Americans should be protected – unless they are willfully rejecting vaccination due to some irrational fear based on misinformation.

See the schedule on page 2 of this Bulletin for the times for Zoom Pesach services. We will have an in-person Shabbat Pesach morning service at BHBI on April 3 at 10:00 AM.

Chag Pesach kasher vesame'ach (Happy and kosher pesach),
Harris Honickman

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 on Zoom. 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 Zoom Passover services.

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

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2021

Friday	Apr 2	6:30 PM	Erev Passover 7th Day Service at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:20 PM)
Saturday	Apr 3	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Passover 7th Day Morning Service at BHBI Erev Passover 8th Day Service at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles after 8:23 PM from pre-existing flame)
Sunday	Apr 4	9:30 AM	Passover 8th Day Morning Service with Yizkor at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information
Friday	Apr 9	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:29 PM)
Saturday	Apr 10	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shemini
Sunday	Apr 11	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Apr 12	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	Apr 16	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:37 PM)
Saturday	Apr 17	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tazria-Metzora
Sunday	Apr 18	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Wednesday	Apr 21	7:30 PM	Small Shul Collaborative Torah Study at BHBI
Friday	Apr 23	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:45 PM)
Saturday	Apr 24	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Acharei-Kedoshim
Sunday	Apr 25	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Apr 30	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:53 PM)
Saturday	May 1	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Emor

SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study session in April will be held on Wednesday, April 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 memory of father Werner Schaffer
Stan Schaffer

In memory of Harry Aronow
Eileen Kovel

In memory of grandfather Samuel Gastel
Jill Clark-Foulkes

In memory of mother Lea Kron and father Michael Kron
Tamara Strubel

Happy Passover to the Congregation and wishing Esther Vogelstein a speedy recovery
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

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.

April 2-3	Nissan	April 9-10	Nissan/ Iyar	April 16-17	Iyar	April 23-24	Iyar
Beatrice Goldstein*	21	Ethel L. Goldstein*	28	Hyman Goldberg*	6	Dr. Murray Cowen*	12
Benjamin Ritter	21	Rose Dworkis Lewis*	28	Morton Lewis	6	David Gross*	13
Yetta Levine*	22	Hyman Rothschild*	29	Harry Gordon*	7	Johanna Schild*	13
Evelyn Maimon	23	Karen Schulman	30	Abraham Mosheh Malina*	7	Haskell Isaac Smith*	15
Simon Finkelman	24	Louis Goldberg*	1	Harry Cominsky*	11	Samuel Lederman*	16
Louis Priceman*	25	Louis Goldman*	3	Tessie Yablin*	11	Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16
Dorothy Riwkin*	25	Beverly Honickman	4			Libby Goldberg*	18
Samuel B. Spiller*	25						
Arthur Weinberger	26					April 30 – May 1	Iyar
Alexander Greenbaum*	27			*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Samuel Gastel*	21
Esther Gurian*	27					Samuel Sanow*	22
						Esther Leah Silverman*	24

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.

Yom HaShoah Community Events:

April 7 at 7:00pm, Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony with keynote speaker Rachael Cerrotti. Broadcast live on: <https://www.jewishrochester.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/JewishRochester>

April 8 at 7:00pm, We Share the Same Sky: A Yom HaShoah Keynote presentation with award-winning photographer, writer, educator and producer Rachael Cerrotti. Free and open to the public. Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eO8oCBoPSK6YP-5VfVpxew?fbclid=IwAR0Vflb5966GnAU_nyxLOcINQID1yJwOzc3trqSg40W0_s8jeYc_SppYbcM

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day): Information for community celebration events, April 11-19, available at: <https://www.jewishrochester.org/israel-at-73>

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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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