

BHBIRochester.org  
Published Monthly  
Vol 55/No. 8  
Iyar - Sivan 5781  
May 2021

**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

**B U L L E T I N**

Editor: Steve Teitel

*President: Harris Honickman*  
*Treasurer: Ira Cohen*

*First Vice-President: Steve Teitel*  
*Recording Secretary: Nina Klionsky*

*Second Vice-President: Leon Metlay*

**May's President's Message**

Friends,

There have been at least 9 major revolutions in the last 250 years. Among them are the American War of Independence, the French Revolution, the Spanish American Wars of Independence, (early 1800s), the European Revolutions of 1848, the Russian Revolution of 1917, the Chinese Revolution of the 1940s, the Cuban Revolution of 1959, the Iranian Revolution of 1979 and the East European Revolutions of 1989 followed by the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The majority of these upheavals began as righteous struggles against tyranny – but later devolved for an extended period into vicious internecine rivalry. The Reign of Terror following the French Revolution and the rivalries between political factions during the Russian Revolution and subsequent civil war were perhaps the worst examples. Only the American Revolution and the East European Revolutions were spared. Although even the American experience eventually suffered through a civil war; and the Native Americans and enslaved Africans didn't fare well at all.

The events of the Exodus certainly can be described as a revolution – albeit with the Divine Intercessor playing the decisive role. The Israelites left Egypt and after 50 days, on Shavuot, received the Ten Words – often called Ten Commandments and the Torah – at Mt. Sinai. With Moses shepherding them through the wilderness, the Israelites were mostly insulated from surrounding peoples. Over 40 years, the people were taught the Torah and in a manner of speaking became distilled to be transformed, from an enslaved people pining for the “flesh pots in Egypt”, to an independent self-assured nation, capable of pursuing its destiny.

To be sure, there were incidents of backsliding as when many were drawn into the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Nor was that the only incidence in our long history. During the late 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple period, rivalries between priestly families, political factions, Sadducees, Pharisees, and Sicarri paralleled the factional strife during the French and Russian Revolutions. The result, the rabbis teach, was Sinat Chinum (Causeless Hatred) which led to the destruction of the Temple. We pay the price for that to this day when we recite on the three Festivals “On account of our sins we were exiled.”

This year Shavuot begins on the evening of Sunday May 16 and continues to sundown on May 18. We are planning joint services with Beth Am to be held at BHBI and also through Zoom. Yizkor services will be included. See the calendar in this Bulletin for the times and locations.

We will hold our Annual Meeting through Zoom on May 16 at 3:00 PM. It is very important that you ALL attend because we need a quorum to conduct business. The Board of Trustees has voted to recommend an amendment to our Constitution to reduce the required minimum number of Trustees to nine, including five officers. We will send all members a formal notification through email including the proposed amendment to our Constitution for the members to vote upon. Please look for the email and be sure to attend.

See you at shul,  
*Harris Honickman*

**BHBI Website: [www.BHBIRochester.org](http://www.BHBIRochester.org)**

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2021

Saturday	May 1	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Emor
Sunday	May 2	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	May 7	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 8:01 PM)
Saturday	May 8	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behar/Bechukotai
Sunday	May 9	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	May 10	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Friday	May 14	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 8:08 PM)
Saturday	May 15	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Bamidbar
Sunday	May 16	9:00 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link BHBI Annual Members Meeting via Zoom Erev Shavuot Study Session and Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom—see below for further information (light candles 8:10 PM)
Monday	May 17	9:30 AM 8:00 PM	Shavuot 1st Day Service with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham at BHBI Erev Shavuot 2nd Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles after 9:19 PM)
Tuesday	May 18	9:30 AM	Shavuot 2nd Day Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth Am and and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information
Friday	May 21	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 8:16 PM)
Saturday	May 22	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Naso
Sunday	May 23	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	May 28	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am with Ohel Avraham on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 8:22 PM)
Saturday	May 29	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behaalotcha
Sunday	May 30	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link

### SERVICES

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

**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 Shavuot services.

### SMALL CONSERVATIVE SHUL COLLABORATIVE TORAH STUDY

Our monthly Torah study session is temporarily suspended.

# DONATIONS

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Beverly Honickman  
*Harris and Aline Honickman*

In memory of Benjamin Ritter  
*Stan and Elaine Schaffer*

In memory of Morton Lewis and Rose Dworkin Lewis  
*Judith Mercer*

In memory of Maxine Gold  
*Lyn and Norm Adams*

In memory of Sadie Rose, Sheldon Nidetz, and Harry Toker  
*Jeff Nidetz and Leslie Toker*

## BHBI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 pm on Zoom

The annual BHBI Membership Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 16, at 3pm on Zoom. Please watch your email for a message with details about the meeting and the Zoom link. For those who do not receive email, you will receive a notice by regular mail. If you do not have access to Zoom, you may also dial in by phone for an audio connection. Please make every effort to attend because we need a quorum to conduct business. If you cannot attend, you may send a proxy for someone attending the meeting to vote on your behalf. Each attending member may cast up to two proxies. But proxies do not count towards the quorum.

In addition to reviewing the annual budget and electing Officers and Trustees for the new year, there will also be an amendment to our Constitution proposed, to lower the required number of non-officer Trustees from five to four. There will remain five Officers, in addition to these Trustees, on the Board. Please attend the meeting so that we can pass this amendment.

## HAPPY SHAVUOT!!

This month we will celebrate the Holiday of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah of Mount Sinai. We will have in-person services at BHBI, jointly with Temple Beth Am and Ohel Avraham, on the first morning of the holiday, Monday, May 17, at 9:30 am. Other services for the holiday, including a yizkor service on the evening of Monday, May 17, at 8:00 pm, and during the 2nd day service on Tuesday, May 18, starting at 9:30 am, will be conducted on Zoom. There will be a Torah study/discussion session on Zoom the first evening, Sunday, May 16, at 7:00 pm. Please see page 2 of this Bulletin for details and the Zoom link.

On Shavuot the custom is to eat dairy foods. If you are tired of the usual blintzes, why not try these cheese pancakes? (from <https://jamiiegeller.com/recipes/cheese-pancakes/>)

### INGREDIENTS

1 pound farmer cheese  
3 large eggs  
3 tablespoon sour cream  
2 teaspoon vanilla sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
3 tablespoon potato starch  
Oil or nonstick cooking spray, for frying

### PREPARATION

In a medium bowl, combine the farmer cheese, eggs, sour cream, sugars, and potato starch. Mix well. Heat oil or cooking spray in a skillet over medium heat. Scoop a ladle of the pancake mixture into the pan. Fry until golden, approximately 1-2 minutes per side.

The Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement is offering a 24 hour Tikkun Leil Shavuot available to all. See below for links to register, to attend the online event, and for further information.



The Rabbinical Assembly is excited to present the **Conservative/Masorti Tikkun Leil Shavuot** from **May 16th at 12:00 PM – May 17th at 12:00 PM EDT** in partnership with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), the Cantors Assembly (CA), the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano, and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Click [here](#) to view the full list of supporting organizations.

Access to the experience is FREE for all, regardless of synagogue affiliation or organizational participation. **We are excited to announce that we have just released our full schedule of the learning, available [here](#)!** The link to the live event is: <https://tinyurl.com/CMTikkun>.

We encourage you (if you haven't already) to [register here](#) for Tikkun Leil Shavuot scheduling updates, and to share this registration page with your communities.

Please reach out to [Ilana Garber](#) if you have any questions.

We're counting (up) the days until we gather as a community for 24 hours of Torah!

## 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 30-May 1	Iyar	May 7-8	Iyar/ Sivan	May 14-15	Sivan	May 21-22	Sivan
Samuel Gastel*	21	Reuben Cohen	26	Rose Levin*	4	Harry Strauss*	11
Samuel Sanow*	22	Annette Garver	26	Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4	Theresa Mayer Block	12
Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Leopold Buchbinder*	27	Morris Levine*	5	Minnie Strom*	12
		Charles Bertman*	27	Ida Sherman*	5	Rose Sallerson*	13
May 28-29	Sivan	Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Ann Alderman*	6	Janet Riwkin Glaser*	14
Lyons I. Jossem*	18	Harry T. Levinson*	27	Max Atkin*	8	Maxine Gold	17
Zus Kaminnik	19	Abraham Goldman*	28	Albert Bernstein*	8	Evelyn Goldman Kauffman*	17
Chayah Simah Malina*	19	Arnold Kauffman*	28	Bessie Eber*	8	Louis Maltinsky*	17
Esther Senzel*	20	Shirley B. Dvorkin*	29	Max Vogelstein	8	Sadie Stolnitz*	17
Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21	Samuel Schwartz*	1	Benjamin Weinrib*	8	Katherine Weinrib*	17
Minnie Marcus*	21	Sam Dubin	2	May Cohen*	9		
Nathan Yablin*	21	Nathan Epstein*	2	Robert Baker*	10	*Denotes name memorialized	
Fannie Warnick*	23	Bessie Klein*	2	Sarah Osband*	10	on BHBI Memorial Plaque	
Louis Sanow*	24			Jesse Stolnitz*	10		

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](mailto: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](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:gouldron@aol.com)

*Rochester's*  
**Jewish Funeral Home**



*Establishing*  
*a New Tradition*

BRIGHTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, INC.

*Graveside, Temple or Chapel Services.*  
*Now respectfully maintaining the PARSKY records.*

**427-8520**  
 Jarrod M. Krieger  
*owner & 4th generation Rochesterian*  
[www.BrightonMemorialChapel.com](http://www.BrightonMemorialChapel.com)

3325 Winton Road South  
 S/W corner of Jefferson & Winton Rds



©Photography

**Hannah Metlay**  
 Photographer

[hannahrenametlay@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrenametlay@gmail.com)      Call only: 585-286-2560  
 Text only: 585-405-3233  
[hannahrenametlay.wixsite.com/hrmphotography7](http://hannahrenametlay.wixsite.com/hrmphotography7)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com)

Congregation Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel  
1369 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14610