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September's President's Message

Friends,

Last year at about this time, I wrote of my thoughts relating the uncovering an ancient brick path behind our synagogue building to our personal search for spiritual renewal during the High Holidays. This past year has challenged our congregation's commitment to attend services and maintain our rituals. We mostly met that challenge with very good participation and had minyans for a high percentage of our services.

We did this while following the recommendations of medical authorities. Sure, they were burdensome, inconvenient, and because all of the regular attendees were fully vaccinated, the restrictions may have seemed superfluous and unnecessary. However, the Delta variant and the threat of new variants demonstrated that we need to continue to adhere to these restrictions for everyone's sake.

The consequence of misdirected human activity was plainly evident through this year. In our local community, poverty, racial prejudice, insensitive police behavior and gun violence resulted in scores of deaths. On our state level, the higher priority was to the *appearance* of dealing with the COVID epidemic, which led to concealing the number of deaths in our nursing homes, rather than employing methods to actually reduce them. The governor's abusive behavior toward women continued for years under his subordinates' silence. Our nation's involvement in Afghanistan was well meant but the flaws in our policy, while due to overestimating the resolve of the Afghan government to fight corruption, was most of all due to our hubris.

How do we act in response when so much goes wrong?

The answer is to be honest, to assess, to analyze, to consult with allies and friends, to plan, to execute on the plans with a willingness to correct mistakes. Even before we do this as a nation, or community, we must first act on the personal level. Most of all, we must search our conscience and admit first to ourselves and then to G-d where we have personally erred. This line of thought is not a contrivance to connect current events to the High Holiday theme. It is the essence of our faith and is what the Torah instructs. Indeed, the more accurate meaning of Torah is not the "Law", but the "teaching" which has the force of law.

Recognizing our faults is the beginning repentance – teshuvah. The rituals, prayers, and righteous actions – tzedakah – are what lead to the ultimate reparation. The repair of our relationship with our families, friends, fellow citizens, civic institutions and government – and even our conscience – is the purpose of teshuvah.

Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of September 6 and continues until sundown September 8. Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre on the evening of September 15 and ends at sunset on September 16. See page 2 in this Bulletin for the dates and times of the services for the High Holidays, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

L'Shana Tova Tekatevu. May you be inscribed for a Good Year,
Harris Honickman

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2021

Friday	Sept 3	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 7:23 PM)
Saturday	Sept 4	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Nitzavim
Sunday	Sept 5	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Sept 6	7:15 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah 1st Day (light candles 7:18 PM)
Tuesday	Sept 7	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Service Tashlich with Temple Beth Am, meet outside door A of Temple B'rith Kodesh. Mincha with Temple Beth Am, outside door A of TBK, bring a lawn chair Erev Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day and Seder with Temple Beth Am on Zoom only – see below for Zoom link (light candles after 8:17 PM)
Wednesday	Sept 8	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service
Friday	Sept 10	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 7:11 PM)
Saturday	Sept 11	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayelech
Sunday	Sept 12	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Sept 13	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	Sept 15	6:45 PM	Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service (light candles 7:02)
Thursday	Sept 16	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service, Yizkor roughly at 11:00 AM Yom Kippur Mincha, Ne'ila, and Maariv Yom Kippur Ends
Friday	Sept 17	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 6:58 PM)
Saturday	Sept 18	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ha'azinu
Sunday	Sept 19	10:00 AM	Meet at BHBI to set up the sukkah – no service this morning
Monday	Sept 20	6:30 PM	Erev Sukkot 1st Day Service with Temple Beth Am at BHBI (light candles 6:53 PM)
Tuesday	Sept 21	9:30 AM ---	Sukkot 1st Day Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at BHBI Erev Sukkot 2nd Day no service (light candles after 7:51 PM)
Wednesday	Sept 22	9:30 AM	Sukkot 2nd Day Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David, at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information
Friday	Sept 24	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (light candles 6:45 PM)
Saturday	Sept 25	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Sukkot Chol Hamoed
Sunday	Sept 26	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Sept 27	6:30 PM	Erev Shmini Atzeret with Yizkor, with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (candle lighting 6:40 PM)
Tuesday	Sept 28	9:30 PM 7:30 PM	Shmini Atzeret Day Service with Yizkor, with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at BHBI Erev Simchat Torah Service with Temples Beth Am and Beth David at Temple Beth Am in-person and on Zoom – see below for further information (candle lighting after 7:38 PM)
Wednesday	Sept 29	9:30 AM	Simchat Torah Day Service, with Beth Am and Beth David, at BHBI

SERVICES for SHABBAT and the HOLIDAYS

BHBI has resumed in-person Shabbat Morning Services, each Saturday at 10 AM. For Shabbat and for the Holidays, we meet indoors in our sanctuary, where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. Masks are required, KN95 masks available, and seating is socially distanced. 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 at 6 PM, live in the TBA sanctuary and live-streamed on Zoom. For Shabbat and for the Holidays, if you wish to join in-person, reservations are required at least two days before the service. Make reservations by emailing Ronna Marsh at ronnamarsh@yahoo.com. For in-person services, masks are required and you must present proof of covid vaccination (a valid vaccination card) either at the service or in advance by emailing Ronna. If you wish to join the Zoom stream, please connect to the service before the start of Shabbat/Holiday and set your computer not to go into sleep mode. Please confirm service details by going to the Beth Am website, bethamrochester.org. The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Oscar Hart
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Wishing a full recovery to grandson Amory
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In memory of mother Katy Metlay
Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky

In memory of parents Clara and Samuel Spencer, and in memory of wife Jean Spencer
Herb Spencer

In memory of Alan Gold
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In memory of Rose T. Cohen
Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke

In memory of Jerry Swartz
Sue Baker

In memory of mother Beverly Clark
Jill Clark-Foulkes



**The National Council of Jewish Women
reminds you to register to vote!**

Below is a link to obtain an absentee ballot the November 2, 2021 elections. Whether you choose **Online Absentee Ballot Application or Printable Absentee Ballot Application**, check “Temporary illness or physical disability.” The NYS Legislature extended “no excuse absentee voting” until December 31, 2021.

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-absentee>

For further information go to <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Come join us to usher in the New Year!

BHBI's High Holy Day Services, led by Dr. George Kornfeld, will take place indoors in the BHBI sanctuary where we have six HEPA air filtering units running. Masks are required, KN95 masks available, and seating is socially distanced.

Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, September 6: Erev 1st Day at 7:15 PM (light candles at 7:18 PM)
Tuesday, September 7: Morning 1st Day Service at 9:00 AM
Tashlich at 5:00 PM, meet outside door A of Temple B'rith Kodesh
Mincha at 5:30 PM, with Beth Am outside door A of TBK, bring a lawn chair
Erev 2nd Day at 8:00 PM with Beth Am on Zoom (light candles after 8:17 PM)
The Beth Am Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6337493851>

Wednesday, September 8: Morning 2nd Day Service at 9:00 AM

Yom Kippur:

Wednesday, September 15: Kol Nidre at 6:45 PM (light candles at 7:02 PM)
Thursday, September 16: Morning Service with Yizkor at 9:00 AM
Mincha Service at 6:00 PM, followed by Neilah and Maariv
Yom Kippur ends 8:00 PM

New Year's Greeting

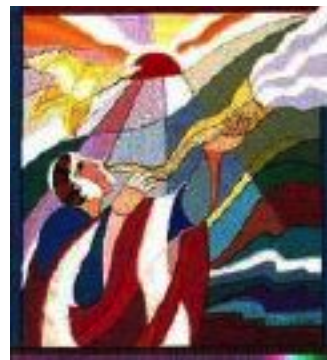
Would you like to have your name(s) listed along with New Year's greetings to the congregation in the October BHBI Bulletin? If so, complete and send in the form below by September 20nd.

Names to be listed with New Year's greetings in the October bulletin: _____

Send this form along with a check for \$5 made out to Congregation BHBI, 1369 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

The Congregation depends on its members and friends to support our ongoing services and activities throughout the year. Please be generous when you consider a donation to our High Holy Day Appeal.



*We Wish You and Yours a
Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year 5782!*

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.

Sept 3-4	Elul/Tishrei	Sept 10-11	Tishrei	Sept 17-18	Tishrei	Sept 24-25	Tishrei
Trudy Bender Baran	27	Hyman A. Davis*	5	Annie Kovel*	14	Marie L. Steinmetz*	19
I. Robert Lewis*	27	Rose Lewis*	6	Harris I. Cenzer*	18	Leon Titof	20
Phillip Rogachefsky*	27	Annie Schwartz*	6	Ben Hobel*	18	Stanley Toker*	20
Janet Kanthor*	28	Fannie R. Spector*	8	Jean Traub*	18	Tamar Rogachefsky*	22
Anna Levin*	28	Averil Toker	9			Daniel Horowitz	23
Gerald Glaser*	29	Fanny Kovelski*	10			Beverly Clark*	24
Mazel Tov Levy	29	Milton Honickman	11	*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		David Israel	24
Shirley Arlene Dvorkin	1					Robert Steinmetz*	24
Ronni Lynn Gordon*	1					Morris Album*	25
David Lester Kauffman*	1						
Katie Metlay	2						
Catherine Braz*	3						

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.

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

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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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