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May's President's Message

Friends,

This month will complete my third consecutive year as President of the Congregation. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity, and during that time to oversee the transition of the Congregation from our long time home on East Avenue to our new quarters in the Temple Beth El building. I wish to thank the many of you who worked to make it happen. It has been a time consuming, difficult, and often frustrating process. But in the end, I believe the Congregation is now in a better place. Our new space in TBE is working well. Temple Beth El has been welcoming and responsive to our needs, and with the occasional member of TBE volunteering to join us, we have managed to get a minyan for most of our services. Our sanctuary, while smaller, is sufficient for our size, and contains enough furnishings from East Ave to still feel like home. Our separate kiddish room allows us to gather for social interactions after services. Our financial situation is healthy and looks to be sustainable for the future. It is now up to all of you to participate and keep our Congregation alive for the future! If you have not yet been to one of our services since our move, why not come and give it a try?

And speaking of participation, on Sunday May 18, at 3:00 pm, we will have our annual BHBI Membership meeting. The meeting will be held in the TBE Youth Lounge, which is just down the hall from our sanctuary. Please join us to vote in our Officers and Trustees (including a new President!) for the coming year. We will review the state of the Congregation and the yearly budget, and listen to your feedback on directions for the future. Please make every effort to attend, since we need a quorum of at least 25% of the voting-eligible members to conduct business. If you unable to come, you may submit your proxy vote to be cast by another member who will attend the meeting. No member at the meeting may cast more than two proxy votes. I hope to see you at the meeting!

Looking a bit further down the road, Shavuot will begin on the evening of Sunday, June 1, with morning services on Monday and Tuesday, June 2 and 3. BHBI will not hold its own services for the Shavuot holiday, but will be joining with Temple Beth El in the main sanctuary upstairs. More information will follow, as the holiday approaches.

See you at shul,
Steve Teitel

SHABBAT SERVICES

BHBI has in-person **Shabbat Morning Services**, each Saturday at 9:30 AM. All attendees over 5 years of age must be vaccinated against Covid. All attendees over 3 years of age must wear a face mask, unless sitting in the “unmasking” section of the sanctuary. Masks are available in the sanctuary for those who need.

Temple Beth Am and **Temple Beth El** have **Shabbat Evening Services** on Fridays at 6 PM. Services are in-person at Temple Beth El, in the TBE Chapel, and live-streamed on Zoom. For the Zoom link and other details, visit the Beth El website: <https://www.tberochester.org/pray/virtual-services/>

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BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2025

Friday	May 2	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:55 PM)
Saturday	May 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI. Torah: Tazria/Metzora <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	May 4	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	May 9	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:03 PM)
Saturday	May 10	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Acharei Mot/Kedoshim
Sunday	May 11	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	May 12	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	May 16	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:11 PM)
Saturday	May 17	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Emor <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	May 18	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link <i>Annual BHBI Membership Meeting in the TBE Youth Lounge</i>
Friday	May 23	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:18 PM)
Saturday	May 24	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behar/Bechukotai
Sunday	May 25	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	May 30	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth El in TBE's chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:24 PM)
Saturday	May 31	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Bemidbar

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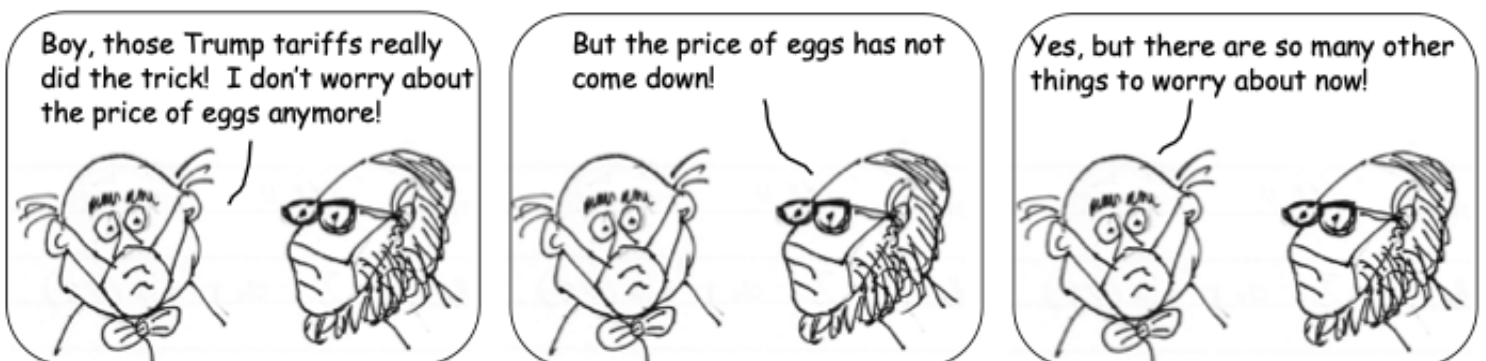
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In memory of Jacob Shiffman

Irv and Helene Phillips

Life in Our Times



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.

May 2-3	Iyar	May 9-10	Iyar	May 23-24	Iyar/Sivan	May 30-31	Sivan
Hyman Goldberg*	6	Dr. Murray Cowen*	12	Reuben Cohen	26	Rose Levin*	4
Morton Lewis	6	David Gross*	13	Annette Garver*	26	Esther Gertrude Schriba*	4
Lois Nidetz	6	Johanna Schild*	13	Leopold Buchbinder*	27	Morris Levine*	5
Harry Gordon*	7	Haskell Isaac Smith*	15	Charles Bertman*	27	Ida Sherman*	5
Abraham Mosheh Malina*	7	Samuel Lederman*	16	Isadore D. Goldberg*	27	Ann Alderman*	6
Harry Cominsky*	11	Samuel J. Weisenberg*	16	Harry T. Levinson*	27	Max Atkin*	8
Tessie Yablin*	11	Libby Goldberg*	18	Abraham Goldman*	28	Albert Bernstein*	8
				Arnold Kauffman*	28	Bessie Eber*	8
		May 16-17	Iyar	Shirley B. Dvorkin*	29	Max Vogelstein	8
		Samuel Gastel*	21	Samuel Schwartz*	1	Benjamin Weinrib*	8
		Samuel Sanow*	22	Sam Dubin	2	May Cohen*	9
		Esther Leah Silverman*	24	Nathan Epstein*	2	Robert Baker*	10
				Bessie Klein*	2	Sarah Osband*	10
						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 Ira Cohen at BHBIRochester@gmail.com.

CEMETERY PLOTS

Did you know that BHBI has designated sections at Stone Road, Britton 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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TORAH READERS WANTED!

Would you like to learn how to chant the Torah at services? We have several members who would be happy to tutor you! Why not give it a try? You'd be helping out the Congregation and doing a mitzvah at the same time! Contact the shul at BHBIRochester@gmail.com if you are interested.

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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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