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August's President's Message

Friends,

This has been a year of many transitions for us. We have seen the decision to move out of our building, the sale of our building, the cleaning out of many years of accumulated treasures (and junk), the move to space in Temple Beth El, and the effort to make the space feel like home. None of this has been easy and many people contributed hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to these changes. Our new sanctuary is very homey, though small. If you haven't seen it, you should join us for Shabbat services.

Then, in the last week of July, we had an additional, sad, transition. Rose Israel passed away, at the age of 102. I believe that Rose was the oldest member of the Congregation and the last person to have been a member of Beth Hamedresh Hagodel or Beth Israel before they merged. If there is any other ex-member from that era surviving, I would love to hear about it.

Rose spent her last years in the Jewish Home, and many of you only knew her, if at all, as a name on the "Mi sheberach" list of people we pray to be healed. I, and many others, first made her acquaintance at the annual picnics. Rose was very involved in the picnics, along with her husband Paul. Paul was the more flamboyant of the pair. After 5 minutes with him, you were convinced he could sell refrigerators to Eskimos. Rose was not hidden in his shadow. She was actively involved in setting up and selling the food. She had a smile for everyone and a great and slightly subversive sense of humor. I remember on Yom Kippur she was one of the people who would stay in the shul building between the morning and afternoon services. She and her friend Muriel Hobel found it fun to sit on the chairs on the bimah, because in their younger days, a woman would not have been allowed on the bimah. When I first started being the gabbai, one of the rules I needed to remember was to pick a good English reading for Rose and another for Muriel.

Having said farewell to Rose Israel, we can proceed into our Congregation's future. One new development will be our first ever miniature golf event -- see page 2 of this Bulletin for further details. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, and at Shabbat and Tisha B'Av services.

See you at shul,
Leon Metlay

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.

TISHA B'AV

Join us in our sanctuary on Saturday, August 2, at 8:15 PM for BHBI's Tisha B'Av evening service.

BHBI Website: www.BHBIRochester.org

BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2025

Friday	Aug 1	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 8:14 PM)
Saturday	Aug 2	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Devarim <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
		8:15 PM	Tisha B'Av Evening Service with Eicha at BHBI
Sunday	Aug 3	8:30 AM	Tisha B'Av Morning Service at Temple Beth El
Friday	Aug 8	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 8:05 PM)
Saturday	Aug 9	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Va'etchanan
Sunday	Aug 10	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Monday	Aug 11	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Aug 15	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 7:55 PM)
Saturday	Aug 16	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Eikev <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	Aug 17	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
		3:00 PM	BHBI Golf Outing at Whispering Pines Miniature Golf
Friday	Aug 22	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 7:44 PM)
Saturday	Aug 23	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Re'eh
Sunday	Aug 24	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link
Friday	Aug 29	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 7:32 PM)
Saturday	Aug 30	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Teitzei
Sunday	Aug 31	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit www.BHBIRochester.org for the Zoom link

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Nina Klionsky and Leon Metlay in memory of Esther Walder Kionsky and Nelli Ahuva Metlay

Aline Honickman in honor of the 100th birthday of Joseph Yudelson, z"l,

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In memory of Michael Malka
Marco Malka y Negri

In memory of David Gordon
Michael Garver

BHBI GOLF OUTING!!

Join us on Sunday, August 17, 3pm for the first annual BHBI mini golf tournament at Whispering Pines Miniature Golf, 4353 Culver Road, SeaBreeze, NY. Whispering Pines, renovated in 2012, is next door to the original Parkside's Whispering Pines Miniature Golf, which opened in 1930 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest miniature golf course in the United States. The cost is \$10 per person, paid at the door. Email the shul at BHBIRochester@gmail.com if you plan to come and if you wish to carpool.



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.

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.

We note with sadness the passing of long time BHBI member Rose Israel.

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.

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.

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 El has **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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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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July 27, 2025

From: Leon Metlay, President
Re: BHBI High Holy Day Services and Yizkor Book

Friends,

It is now six months since we have moved out of our long time building on East Avenue, and into our new rented space in Temple Beth El. Things are going well as we adapt to our new situation, and our Shabbat minyan has been steady and strong. If you have not already done so, I hope you will have occasion to come visit with us for a Shabbat morning service!

I am writing you now to inform you of BHBI's plans for this fall's High Holy Day Services. As you know, for the last many years our High Holy Day Services have been ably led by Dr. George Kornfeld. This year Dr. Kornfeld has informed us that he will unfortunately be unable to lead our holiday services due to conflicting family obligations. We reached out to Rabbi Aaron Marsh, who many of you know from our past collaborations with Temple Beth Am, but Rabbi Marsh is also unavailable. Due to several factors, including the shortness of time before the holidays, the difficulty in finding someone affordable, the doubtful air conditioning, and the work it would take to put together the service with someone new, the Board decided that the best option this year would be for BHBI to join with Temple Beth El for their High Holy Day services. By our rental agreement with Beth El, we are welcome to do so at no additional cost to the congregation. For the sake of providing our members with other options, we did also contact Temple Beth David to see if they might allow our members to attend their HH services. However, since Beth David now holds their HH services in the TBE chapel, which has limited seating, we were told that they did not expect to have enough room to accommodate us. We therefore will be joining Beth El.

Since we will be sharing all our holiday services this year with Temple Beth El, the Board similarly decided that there was no point to BHBI producing our own Yizkor Memorial Book, as we have in recent years. Instead, the Board decided we should accept Temple Beth El's generous offer to be included, as a special BHBI section, in Beth El's Yizkor Book. Included with this letter you will therefore find information on how to have your relatives and friends listed in this memorial book. Please note that the deadline for submitting names is **Tuesday, August 12, 2025**. Because the Yizkor Book is going to be compiled and produced by Temple Beth El, we must strictly enforce this deadline.

Sincerely,



Leon Metlay,
President

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Re: 2025 Yizkor Book

Friends,

To have the names of your departed loved ones listed in the BHBI section of the joint 2025 Temple Beth El-Temple Beth Am-BHBI Yizkor Memorial Book, please send an email to us giving the following information:

Remembered by:

[names of those placing the listing]

In Loving Memory of:

[list of names to be remembered]

Give each name to be remembered on a separate line. For example, Abraham and Sarah Person should be written as two separate lines, as they represent two names and two listings in our book. DO NOT use Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr, etc.; just give the first and last names. Please be sure to write each name exactly as you wish it to appear in the Yizkor Book.

Your listing must be **emailed** to BHBIRochester@gmail.com by **5pm Tuesday, August 12, 2025**. We must keep this deadline firm.

The cost for a listing is \$18 for one, two, or three names. Each additional listing beyond three is \$5. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel, and mailed to us at:

Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel

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Checks should be mailed so as to arrive at the shul P.O box no later than Thursday, August 22.



**LET'S GO
TO THE BALL GAME!
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
BRING YOUR FAMILY!**

Sunday, August 24, 2025

**Full Kosher Picnic with
Hots/Hamburgers, Salads, Chips, Fresh Fruit,
Drinks, and All the Fixings**

**The picnic runs from 12:00 – 1:30PM, and the game
starts at 1:00PM. The picnic will be on the 3rd base side
near the S. Plymouth Entrance.**

**Cost: \$34 for adults, \$24 for children
*Includes Food and Ticket to the Game***

**The event is organized by
The Men's Club of Temple Beth El
in collaboration with the *20's-30's Group*
and *Temple Beth Sholom***

Register Here:



Registration deadline is Sunday, August 10