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***Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel***

# BULLETIN

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## ***October's President's Message***

Friends,

Shanah tovah! I hope the new year is treating you well. We have been attending High Holy Day services at Temple Beth El as an experiment/expedient in the uncertainties of our recent move. I personally found attending Rosh Hashanah services at Temple Beth El to be very different from my BHBI experience, though reminiscent of the services at the large Temple my family belonged to in Pittsburgh almost 60 years ago. There were some sing-along moments at the Beth El services, but much less participation than we have been used to. On the other hand, it was nice to see so many young people involved. What were your experiences? What did you like or dislike? If you didn't attend services at Beth El, where did you go? How was that? Please wait until after Yom Kippur, so you can report on your whole High Holy Day experience, and send a short email to [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com) with your comments. We will compile this information for use in future decision making.

We will also be attending Beth El for Sukkot weekday services, though we plan to put up our own Sukkah near our office/kiddush room, and to have our own Shabbat Sukkot service. If you would like to help put up the Sukkah, join us at 11 AM on October 5th. Come to the Beth El parking lot door, and we'll let you in.

An event awaited by many of you is the remounting of our Memorial Boards from the old building. The Beth Hamedresh Hagodel boards are in the corridor outside the Beth El chapel. The Beth Israel board is inside the chapel. A very generous donor, Mr. Michael Grossman of Temple Beth El, funded restoration work on the boards. Thank you Mr. Grossman! Some of our members, especially Harris Honickman and Steve Teitel, put the plaques back on the boards in their original order. The next time you're in the building, go around the corner and take a look.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our golf outing. Paula Bobb came up with the brilliant idea of an outing to Whispering Pines Miniature Golf, the oldest miniature golf course in the U.S. We had to reschedule twice but finally 10 of us spent a fun afternoon. The low scorers were Mollie Traub, Harris Honickman, and Ken Traub. This is something we should try to do again next year.

Yom Kippur lies just ahead. I hope to see a lot of you at Beth El. The prayer U'netanah Tokef says that "On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed." I wish you all a G'mar Chatimah Tovah (a good final sealing).

*Leon*

## **HIGH HOLY DAYS 5786**

This year BHBI will be joining Temple Beth El for High Holy Day Services in the Beth El Main Sanctuary.  
See page 4 of this Bulletin for the complete schedule.

***We wish you and your loved ones an Easy Fast, a Good Final Sealing in the Book of Life, and a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year!***

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## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday	Oct 1	6:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service with Temple Beth El (light candles 6:33 PM)
Thursday	Oct 2	9:00 AM 12:15 PM 4:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:32 PM	Yom Kippur Morning Service with Temple Beth El Yizkor with Temple Beth El Minchah with Temple Beth El Neilah with Temple Beth El Concluding Shofar Blast and Break Fast with Temple Beth El
Friday	Oct 3	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 6:30 PM)
Saturday	Oct 4	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ha'azinu <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	Oct 5	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIrochester.org">www.BHBIrochester.org</a> for the Zoom link Meet at Temple Beth El to erect the BHBI Sukkah
Monday	Oct 6	6:00 PM	Erev Sukkot with Temple Beth El (light candles 6:24 PM)
Tuesday	Oct 7	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Sukkot Day 1 Morning Service with Temple Beth El Erev Sukkot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day with Temple Beth El (light candles after 7:23 PM)
Wednesday	Oct 8	9:30 AM	Sukkot Day 2 Morning Service with Temple Beth El
Friday	Oct 10	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 6:17 PM)
Saturday	Oct 11	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chol Hamoed Sukkot <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's Sukkah</i>
Sunday	Oct 12	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIrochester.org">www.BHBIrochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Oct 13	7:00 AM 6:00 PM	Hoshanah Rabbah Morning Service with Temple Beth El Erev Shemini Atzeret Service with Beth El (light candles 6:12 PM)
Tuesday	Oct 14	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Shemini Atzeret Morning Service with Yizkor with Temple Beth El Erev Simchat Torah with Temple Beth El (light candles after 7:11 PM)
Wednesday	Oct 15	9:30 AM	Simchat Torah Morning Service with Temple Beth El
Friday	Oct 17	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 6:06 PM)
Saturday	Oct 18	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Bereishit
Sunday	Oct 19	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIrochester.org">www.BHBIrochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Oct 20	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Oct 24	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 5:55 PM)
Saturday	Oct 25	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Noach
Sunday	Oct 26	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIrochester.org">www.BHBIrochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Oct 31	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 3 for further information (light candles 5:45 PM)
Saturday	Nov 1	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Lech Lecha

**See page 4 for further details of Holiday Services.**

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*The following members and friends of BHBI send you their warmest greetings for the New Year:*

Steve and Ruth Teitel  
Tamara Strubel  
Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke

Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky  
Sarah and James Metlay  
Katharine Cvitkovich and Family

The Honickman Family  
Dave Rogachevsky  
Maxine St. Onge and Family

## THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER KIDDUSH SPONSOR

Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Katie Metlay

## 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.

Please send your donation to: Congregation BHBI, P.O. Box 20891, Rochester, NY 14602

Donations to the High Holy Day Appeal will be listed in the November Bulletin.

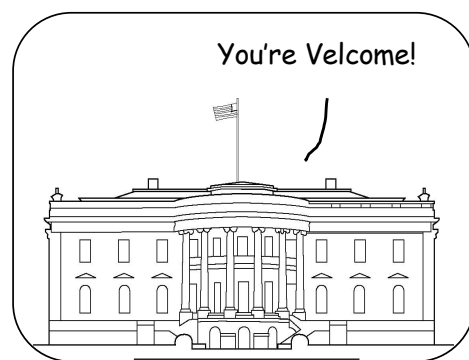
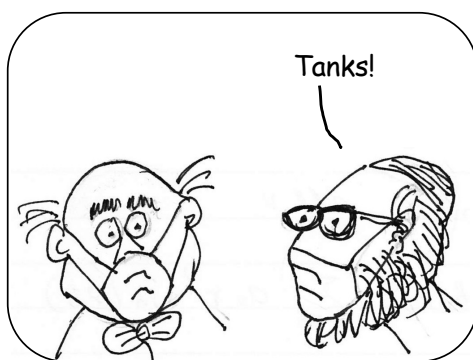
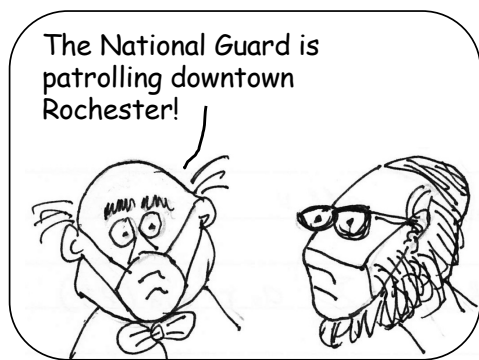
## TORAH READERS WANTED!

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](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Community Sukkot Dinner at the JCC - October 9, 2025

Thursday, October 9, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM, at the JCC of Greater Rochester, 1200 Edgewood Avenue. Share in the warmth of community, enjoy a delicious meal, and celebrate Sukkot at the JCC. It's a chance to connect with others, foster new friendships, and celebrate together. Cost: \$54/Family (2 adults plus children), \$36/Couple, \$18/Individual. Click [here](#) to register.

## Life in Our Times



## SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY SERVICES

Services (except for Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot) will be held together with Temple Beth El, in the Beth El sanctuary. Streaming is available at:

<https://www.tberochester.org/live-stream/>

<p><b>Yom Kippur</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 1</b>          6:15 PM Mincha          6:30 PM Kol Nidre          6:33 PM Candle Lighting, Sermon by Rabbi Goldstein</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 2</b>          9:00 AM Shacharit          10:20 AM Torah Service          11:45 AM Sermon by Rabbi Bitran          12:15 PM Yizkor          12:40 PM Hineni/Musaf          2:00 PM Study Session with Rabbi Bitran          3:00 PM Study Session with Rabbi Goldstein          4:45 PM Mincha          6:00 PM Neila          7:20 PM Concluding Shofar Blast and Break Fast</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 11</b>          9:30 AM Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot at BHBI          12:00 PM Kiddish Luncheon in the BHBI Sukkah</p>	<p><b>Sukkot / Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah</b></p> <p><b>Monday, October 6 – Erev Sukkot</b>          6:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv          6:24 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 7 – Sukkot Day 1</b>          9:30 AM Shacharit          12:00 PM Kiddish Lunch in the Sukkah          6:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv          7:22 PM Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 8 – Sukkot Day 2</b>          9:30 AM Shacharit          12:00 PM Kiddish Lunch in the Sukkah          6:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv          7:20 PM End of the Holiday</p> <p><b>Monday, October 13 – Hoshanah Rabbah</b>          7:00 AM Hoshanah Rabbah          6:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv          6:12 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 14 - Shemini Atzeret</b>          9:30 AM Shacharit          11:00 AM Yizkor          12:30 PM Kiddish Lunch in the Sukkah          6:00 PM Mincha          6:30 PM Family Simchat Torah Celebration and Ma'ariv          7:10 PM Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 15 – Simchat Torah</b>          9:30 AM Shacharit          9:45 AM Hakafoth (Torah Parade)          12:30 PM Kiddish Lunch          6:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv          7:09 PM End of the Holiday</p>
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## 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.

Oct 3-4	Tishrei	Oct 10-11	Tishrei	Oct 17-18	Tishrei/ Cheshvan	Oct 24-25	Cheshvan
Morris Mittelman*	14	Annie Kovel*	14	Litman Cohen*	26	Peg Toker	3
Annie Kovel*	18	Harris I. Cenzer*	18	Gershon Hinensky*	28	Sarah Rickler*	4
Harris I. Cenzer*	18	Ben Hobel*	18	Sam Gold	29	Blanche Florescue Ross*	4
Ben Hobel*	18	Jean Traub*	18	Bernard Israel	30	Charles Schnidman*	4
Jean Traub*		Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Celia Israel	30	Harry Silverman*	5
		Leon Titof	20	Herbert Hirsch*	1	Ida Menter*	7
Oct 31-Nov 1	Chesvan	Stanley Toker*	20	Bessie Miller*	1	Clara Spencer	7
Bernard Lipschutz	10	Tamar Rogachefsky*	22			Marion Lazar*	8
Ingeborg Vogelstein	10	Daniel Horowitz	23			Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8
Dianne Hooker*	11	Beverly Clark*	24			Ida Buckbinder*	9
Lottie Astrachan*	12	David Israel	24			Irene Bernstein Mikolasek*	9
Alfred E. Hart*	12	Robert Steinmetz*	24			Flora Priceman*	9
Sol Weinstein*	12	Morris Album*	25				
Israel Astrachan*	13						
Marion Grossman*	13						
Jacob Markin*	13						
Nellie Beckler*	15						
Lena Cohen*	16						

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

## 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 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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