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# BULLETIN

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## **March's President's Message**

Friends,

Purim is occurring at the very beginning of this month. I hope to see you at our Purim celebration on Monday night, March 2. Purim is one of those joyous holidays that can be summarized as: "They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat."

The laws of Purim are summarized in the Talmud tractate entitled "Megillah." That tractate also covers topics related to Torah reading. The entire Babylonian Talmud is composed of 37 tractates and a total of 2711 pages. If you read a page a day ("Daf Yomi"), it would take you 7 years and 5 months to read the whole thing. Right now thousands of Jews all over the world (including me) are doing just that. The practice of reading a Daf Yomi originated in 1923. The most recent cycle was completed in 2020. Think of the Talmud as class notes taken by someone who is a bit compulsive, but also has Attention Deficit Disorder, and the class was going on for 300 years. The Rabbis might be discussing minutiae of laws in one paragraph and then telling a story in the next. It's very much free association and I find the thought processes very interesting. You can pretty much start anywhere. At this time, the daily Daf is in tractate Menachot, which is supposed to be about grain offerings in the Temple, but has talked about how scrolls are written and daily blessings to be said, and stories about Moses. I recommend it. If you want to try it, go to [sefaria.org](http://sefaria.org) (a website of Jewish texts). On the right side of their home page will be a link to the daily Daf, with English translation and commentary. Sefaria also has a phone app. If you try it, let me know how you like it.

The next kiddush luncheon is scheduled for March 21st. We need a volunteer or volunteers to prepare it. If you're willing to help out, please contact Steve Teitel through the shul email, [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com). Steve will be happy to show you where things are. I'm available to help you with shopping. Please, we need your help!

I hope to see you in shul.

*Leon*

## **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.

## **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/>

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

## BHBI CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2026

Sunday	Mar 1	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Mar 2	7:00 PM	Erev Purim Service at BHBI
Tuesday	Mar 3	7:15 AM	Purim Moring Service at Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel
Friday	Mar 6	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 5:48 PM)
Saturday	Mar 7	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Ki Tisa <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	Mar 8	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	Mar 9	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	Mar 13	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 6:56 PM)
Saturday	Mar 14	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayak’hel-Pekudei
Sunday	Mar 15	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Mar 20	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:05 PM)
Saturday	Mar 21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Vayikra <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI’s kiddish room</i>
Sunday	Mar 22	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	Mar 27	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 7:13 PM)
Saturday	Mar 28	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Tzav
Sunday	Mar 29	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link

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Leon Metlay and Nina Klionsky in memory of Leon’s father Max Metlay

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Ira Cohen and Ellen Franke*

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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.

Mar 6-7	Adar	Mar 12-14	Adar/Nissan	Mar 20-21	Nissan	Mar 27-28	Nissan
Edna Astrachan*	19	Ida Sallerson Levine*	25	Morris Sherman*	3	Seymour Ouzer*	10
Sam Malina*	19	Barnet Stern*	26	Eli Gerber*	4	Charles Levy	11
Anna Steinmetz*	19	Lea Kron	27	Jack Rodney	4	Morris Lipman*	11
Louis Rickler*	20	Harris Priceman*	27	Gertrude Kleinstein*	5	Helen Neiman Goldman*	14
Harry Aranow*	21	Rebecca Cohen*	28	Rachael Weinstein*	5	Sylvia Kowal	14
Carl Astrachan*	21	Eva Friedman*	28	Esther Bertman*	8	Harry Toker	14
Leila Markus*	21	Sarah Shulsky*	28	Max Block	8	Leo Buchbinder*	15
Herman Sarachan*	21	Mollie Wolk*	28			Michael Kron	15
Percy Cohen*	22	Karoline Hess*	29			Sol Levin*	15
Sherris Kleinstein	24	Sadie Rose	29			Rose Jossem*	16
Julie Feuerberg	24	Sam Wolk*	29			Judith Potter*	16
		Lena Levi*	1	*Denotes name			
		Lester Miller*	1	memorialized on			
		Gertrude Swartz	1	BHBI Memorial			
		Benjamin Braz*	2	Plaque			
		Dr. Charles Cohen*	2				

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).

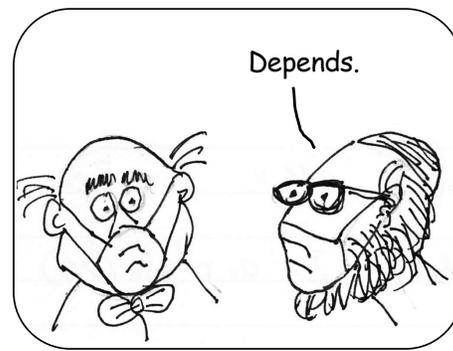
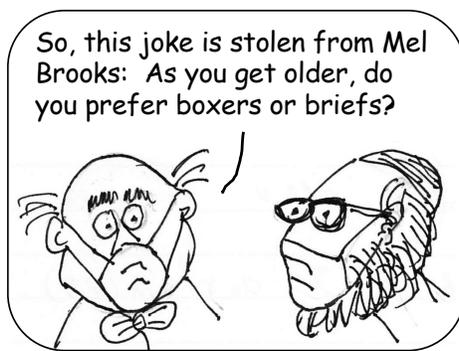
### THE ROCHESTER AUTHORS + INNOVATORS FESTIVAL

The JCC Lane Dworkin Authors + Innovators Festival begins its Spring Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 PM, featuring Bonny Reichert, author of the memoir *How to Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love, and Plenty*. It tells the deeply touching story of the relationship between food and family—sustenance and survival—from a chef, award-winning journalist, and daughter of a Holocaust survivor. Go to [rjbf.org](http://rjbf.org) for tickets.

### IT'S PURIM!!

Join us for BHBI's Erev Purim Megillah reading on Monday, March 2, at 7:00 PM. Put on your costume, we'll provide the groggers, and come tell Haman what you think! Purim morning's Megillah reading will be with Temple Beth El, in the TBE chapel, Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 7:15 AM.

### Life in Our Times



**OFFICE:** The synagogue office is checked regularly for mail and messages. Snail mail must be sent to P.O. Box 20891, Rochester, NY 14602. 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)

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