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**Congregation Beth Hamedresh – Beth Israel**

# BULLETIN

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## **June's President's Message**

Friends,

We have just had another annual meeting, wrapping up the year's business and preparing for the coming year. For those of you who didn't attend, there were some items you should be aware of. Firstly, we are proceeding to plan joint High Holy Day Services with Temple Beth David for the coming year. For other festivals the general plan is unchanged: festival services on Shabbat will be in our sanctuary, weekday services will be with Temple Beth El. Next, we are in negotiation to transfer our cemetery properties to Temple Beth El, so as to provide for their continued care in the long run. If you would like to buy a plot at BHBI prices, act soon!

At the meeting, it was proposed to experiment with different prayer books. The Silverman Siddur we use has been in use since the 1940s. At its inception it was characterized by the Rabbinical Assembly as having "continuity with tradition; relevance to the needs and ideas of its generation; and intellectual integrity." It is the siddur many of us know like the back of our hands and are comfortable with. It can be argued that Silverman no longer is relevant to the needs and ideas of its generation. Since its time, Israel was founded and women's participation has greatly expanded, to name just two issues that are addressed by later generations of Conservative Siddurim. The Siddur that Beth El has been using is "Sim Shalom". The Siddur that Beth David is using is the more recent "Lev Shalem". (We switched to the Lev Shalem Mahzor for High Holy Days a few years ago.) We are now arranging to borrow some copies of the Shabbat Lev Shalem to try them out. There have been some criticisms of Lev Shalem. It would be good to have as many of you as possible look them over, so that we can make an informed decision whether or not to switch. We'll let you know when we have them in hand.

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 – JUNE 2026

Friday	June 5	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:29 PM)
Saturday	June 6	9:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Behaalotecha <i>Kiddish with Temple Beth El following service</i>
Sunday	June 7	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Monday	June 8	7:30 PM	BHBI Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom
Friday	June 12	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:33 PM)
Saturday	June 13	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Shlach
Sunday	June 14	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	June 19	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:35 PM)
Saturday	June 20	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Korach <i>Kiddish luncheon following service in BHBI's kiddish room</i>
Sunday	June 21	9:00 AM	Service live streamed, visit <a href="http://www.BHBIRochester.org">www.BHBIRochester.org</a> for the Zoom link
Friday	June 26	6:00 PM	Erev Shabbat with Temple Beth El in the TBE chapel and on Zoom – see page 1 for further information (light candles 8:36 PM)
Saturday	June 27	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service at BHBI Torah: Chukat-Balak
Sunday	June 28	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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*In memory of Minette Taylor*  
Lyn and Norm Adams

*In memory of Mary Baker, Bessie Baker, and Robert Baker*  
Sue Baker

### Congratulations to our newly re-elected Officers and Trustees!

**President:** Leon Metlay

**Treasurer:** Ira Cohen

**First Vice President:** Steve Teitel

**Recording Secretary:** Nina Klionsky

**Second Vice President:** Harris Honickman

**Trustees:** Paula Bobb, Emily Fishman, Aline Honickman, Judith Mercer, Tammy Stubel

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of our Officers or Trustees.

## 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.

June 5-6	Sivan	June 12-13	Sivan/Tamuz	June 19-20	Tamuz	June 26-27	Tamuz
Sarah Rebecca Gerber*	21	Isadore Goldman*	29	Alan Fishman	5	Gad Strubel*	13
Minnie Marcus*	21	Hyb Jossem*	30	Morris Krinsky*	7	Rachel Strauss*	14
Nathan Yablin*	21	Samuel Hoffman*	2	Sarah Schnidman*	9	Rachel Morris*	14
Fannie Warnick*	23	Sarah Sarachan*	2	Rabbi Aaron Solomon*	9	Sarah Singer*	15
Louis Sanow*	24	Eva Goodman*	3	Eva Krinsky*	10	Yetta Goldman*	16
Ada Gordon*	25	Rose Joffe*	3	Esther Walder Klionsky	11	Sheila Kleinstein*	16
Stella Getz*	27	Jennie Epstein*	4	Phillip Morrow*	11	Sarah Markin*	16
Mary Goldman*	27	David Glasser*	4	Rochli Rothschild*	11		
Betty Newell*	27						
Eva Wasserman*	27						
						*Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque	

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).

## AD SPONSORS

We are always looking for additional businesses that are interested in placing an ad in the BHBI Bulletin. If you know of someone whose business or company may be interested, contact Ira Cohen at 943-1040 or by e-mail at [gouldron@aol.com](mailto:gouldron@aol.com)

## JFEST 2026 – SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 12 – 4 pm, at the JCC

Hosted by the JCC, this vibrant festival brings families, friends, communities, and neighbors together for an afternoon filled with music, fun, and food. Enjoy delicious kosher eats, hands-on activities for all ages, cultural traditions, plus lively entertainment, games, crafts, and more. There's something for everyone at JFest.

**All are welcome at this free event in The Backyard. [Registration is required.](#)**

*Brighton Food Cupboard will be collecting non-perishable food items at this event. Please consider donating.*

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**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)

**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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**WANT TO GET YOUR BULLETIN HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS?** Consider having us e-mail it to you! Contact Steve Teitel at: [BHBIRochester@gmail.com](mailto:BHBIRochester@gmail.com)

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