

## From the Rabbi's Desk

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At the Shabbat dedication...  
"Tzimtzum and Leftovers"

As a second year rabbinic student at the seminary in New York City, I experienced a particularly unforgettable moment. I remember it for many reasons, but most notably for when, in front of my entire class, including my Ph.D Rabbi Professor, I

got the answer to a question right. It wasn't the first time, or the last time, thank G-D, that I would be able to answer a talmudic, mishnaic, biblical or Hebrew question correctly, but, there it is. At the time, the question and the answer really moved me, and continue to move me.

We were studying the ritual halacha, of death and dying, and Dr. Martin Cohen, (who would become one of my favorite professors) asked the class, "Why is it that a *shomer*, one who sits with the deceased body, should not recite the Shema?"

The class was silent. Some students bravely raised their hands and offered possible answers. And then an idea came to me like a flash of light, I raised my hand and said "Because *they* can't".

Dr. Cohen clapped his hands together once. "That's right!" He said. He explained that it would be insensitive to recite the Shema, a positive obligation for a living Jew, in front of one who no longer *can* recite the Shema, one who *no longer* has that obligation.

We all sat with that great wisdom that our sages, and now, Dr. Martin Cohen, was imparting to us.

That one seemingly insignificant teaching has stuck with me after all these years. And so it has come to me, once again, as

we prepare for our Chanukat HaBayit, the dedication of our new sanctuary, the answer that I gave to Dr. Martin Cohen twenty-three years ago, "because they can't".

I'd like to tell you about one of our congregants, Doug Sternberg, and how his story has brought that teaching back to life for me.

Eighteen months ago, a few days before Rosh Hashanah, Doug Sternberg, came down with flu-like symptoms. A few days before Yom Kippur, Doug fell to the floor and after two and half hours of trying to use every ounce of strength in his near life-less body, finally made it to his phone. Within hours he was in a coma with a ventilator keeping him alive. At the time, Doug was just fifty-seven years old and doctors were scrambling to figure out what had caused this sudden illness.

I stopped at the Hospital the shabbes after Yontif and was there to see him come out of his coma. Doug has regained consciousness but he has remained a quadriplegic on life support since that day eighteen months ago. His family moved him back to Long Island where they could care for him, and I have visited him and his family twice since that time.

Since my visits with him on Long Island, I have wanted to tell you about Doug and what has happened to him, how he lives from day to day, but it would have been too difficult for me to talk about a perfectly healthy fifty-seven year old, a son, brother, husband and father of three, who was bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile virus and subsequently developed encephalitis, rendering him virtually paralyzed.

Doug has been in nursing homes and is now at home, cared for by his wife Michelle, who has turned her entire life over to his care, which I personally witnessed, during both visits.

Michelle knows how to do everything the nurses had done for

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**The mission of Temple Beth David** is to provide an environment where the concepts of community prayer, education, and service to the greater Jewish community are provided within the context of Conservative Judaism. We pride ourselves on being a friendly, participatory, egalitarian community, welcoming all to be a part of our synagogue family.

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Doug while he was in a full care facility.

Doug and Michelle have spent their life savings on his continued care. When he lived in Brockport, Doug would come to services whenever he was in town and he came to know a great many congregants here who were warm and welcoming. It is overwhelmingly and excruciatingly painful to see Doug now, looking not so much like the Doug I met at Temple Beth David on St. Paul Boulevard. The last time I was with him, Michelle was able to remove his trach for a few minutes so that we could "talk", but that was really hard for him.

So, during these past months as we readied ourselves to pray and celebrate in our new sanctuary, my professor's question came back to me.

Each time I would check in on the construction progress, I would think, look at what we have accomplished! Look at what we *are* accomplishing. I knew that it wasn't our old building with its high ceilings and vast spaces and that it could never be our building, but as the image of Doug Sternberg and all of the challenges he and his family face flashed across my mind, I realized that Doug would have chosen to daven with us, with our community, no matter what building we were in. Just as the rabbis taught us over a few thousand years ago, praying in a community is something that we may not take for granted because some people do not have that luxury.

I am thinking now, not about those who have gone from this world, but those living, who, with every fiber of their being, would give anything – everything - to be able to recite the Shema with a warm and loving community in a beautiful and simple space.

Which brings me to Tzimtzum and Leftovers:

This week's Torah portion, Parshat Vayikra, begins a new book of the Torah, Leviticus. As with most books of the Torah, the names are chosen because of the first definitive word of the Parsha. Vayikra, meaning 'and He called', is the very first word of the Parsha and it is overflowing with interpretations.

Because, you see, Vayikra is not written in the way you might expect. The very last letter, the aleph, is written very small, much smaller than the other letters, forcing the rabbis from ancient times until today, to glean its mystery. This small aleph is compared by Jewish mystics to the Divine act of

*Tzimtzum: Where--Prior to Creation, there was only God's infinite presence filling all existence.*

*When it arose in G-d's will to create worlds, He contracted (in Hebrew "tzimtzum") Himself. After this tzimtzum, in the space of that void, He created, formed and made all the worlds. (Etz Chaim, Arizal, Heichal A"K, anaf 2)*

When we contract ourselves, we make more room for the creative process. The small aleph beckons us to look closer and to recognize its place in the world.

The act of Tzimtzum teaches that by making our footprint smaller, we have an incredible opportunity to create more, to feel more, to experience more, to connect with the outside world *more*.

A midrash teaches that when Moses finished inscribing the Torah and a little ink left over from the diminished aleph remained in the quill, he passed it over his head and rays of glory radiated from that bit of ink. The source of his brilliant appearance was the splendor of humility that shone on Moses' face.

Some may be thinking, what became of all of our space? Our beautiful, beloved and handcrafted space, built with the blood, sweat and tears of our congregants. Many who have passed away this past year, the aleph of Vayikra, remind me that through the creation of our new space, our new mishkan, our new, sanctuary, our new home, we have participated in the act of tzimtzum and so, we have leftover ink. What will we do with that bit of left over ink?

This past week I spoke to Doug's wife, Michelle. She told me that Doug was in the hospital being treated for pneumonia, but doing well, and that their daughter Miriam had just become engaged! Doug felt honored that I was going to dedicate my dvar torah to him, on this very special Shabbat, and they wished us all a zissen pesach.

Our congregation is blessed! Blessed to be able to transform, to transition and to keep moving forward. With that small bit of ink left over from our move, from the small aleph, we have found our mission. The dedicated spirit of our congregants who built our sanctuaries in the past still rests on the heads of those who joined together to create our own beautiful, new space. And with that left over ink, we draw a path that moves us forward, to a home that we cannot take for granted.

# From the President's Desk

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Thirteen is a celebratory number in Judaism, right? Well, exactly thirteen months after Temple Beth David moved all of its belongings to 2131 Elmwood Avenue, we dedicated our new sanctuary on April 2, 2017. Beth David congregants were joined in the celebration by many visitors and invited guests. To everyone's delight, founding member Florence Phillips not only attended but gave a speech full of history and perspective. The guest list included many members of the Temple B'rith Kodesh community, including Rabbi Stein, who delivered a short speech and presented TBD with a pair of historic candlesticks that trace their roots back to Europe. Rabbi Smookler says she has a sneaking suspicion that somehow, just somehow, these candlesticks might once have belonged to (you guessed it) the Kotzker Rebbe. I wouldn't put anything past him; would you?

There are many people who deserve thanks for their leading roles in the renovation of our new sanctuary. I need to list three of them here. Helen Kashtan was our president when the decision was made to put the St. Paul property on the market, and also when the connection was established with TBK for us to take up residence there. From those early beginnings, through the architectural design process, to the final stages of the renovation, Helen never wavered in her commitment to making the sanctuary a beautiful and welcoming space. Her passion for the project was amazing. Rebecca Weber, our office manager, came onto the scene a few months after we landed in Brighton and immediately showed a strong interest in getting our renovation project done as well as possible. She got involved in everything, and I mean *\*everything\**, that needed doing. No temple president should use the term "miracle-worker" lightly, but I'm hurting for any other word to describe Rebecca's abilities as a problem-solver. Neal Eckhaus has worked with me as a co-president on every aspect of the move from Irondequoit and the renovation in Brighton. Throughout the whole process, Neal consistently perceived how to move forward in times of uncertainty and was always willing to show up at odd hours to get jobs done. Helen, Rebecca, and Neal, on behalf of the TBD community, thank you. Special thanks also go out to Ed Drexler, Stan Gross, the small army of cabinet-assemblers, and the kitchen volunteers who have made so many Kiddush and special-event receptions come off without a hitch through all of these changes.

As always, life moves on. We have some festive events to look forward to: our Golf fundraising event on August 7 at a great new location (see elsewhere in the bulletin), a klezmer concert with world-famous musicians that we'll be co-sponsoring for the Rochester Jewish community in June (details coming soon), and our next Friday Night Fresh community dinner on May 19 (save the date!). In addition, I am announcing here that we will hold a **spring Congregational Meeting on Monday night, May 8, at 6:30**, in our sanctuary. As of this writing, the agenda for the meeting has not been finalized, but there is a chance that we will need to vote on one or more motions associated with our rabbi position. As you know, Rabbi Smookler is expected to step away in July, and as you also know, we have recently held two events to evaluate a possible new person for the post. A second mailed announcement of the Congregational Meeting will be sent as well, as required by our bylaws, and will contain more updated information about the agenda.

I write these words as Passover has just ended. I hope you all had an easy fast week, with interesting alternatives to the food we eat the other 51 weeks of the year. As it is with a finished Passover, so is it with our completed sanctuary renovations: may we return to a more ordinary state of affairs, yet with renewed energy for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Best,

Andrew

# All in the Family

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## May Birthdays

Alice Nussbaum	May 2
Kevin Fleissig	May 4
Sue Lederer	May 20
Evan Kashtan	May 21
Judy Wolbert	May 21
Elena Davis	May 24
Robert Hersch	May 24
Maxine Newman	May 24
Ron Kraus	May 25
Sandra Cohen	May 28
Ron Bolton	May 29

Happy belated birthday to Harriet Driss April 8

## Anniversaries

Tom & Judy Wolbert	May 24
Ron & Nancy Kraus	May 31
David & Sue Langmann	June 5
Myron & Rheva Kleinberg	June 7
Mike & Toby Berke	June 13
Jim & Sharon Parkman	June 14
Barbara Weber & Steven Meyers	June 14
Jonathan & Bonnie Abrams-Rich	June 16
Ron & Jean Brandwein	June 18
Ed & Sue Drexler	June 18
Dan & Alice Nussbaum	June 20
Paul & Judy Eissenstat	June 25

## June Birthdays

Howard Brill	June 1
Barbara Grosh	June 1
Jonathan Rich	June 1
Risa Saltzman	June 1
Rheva Kleinberg	June 2
Paula Ouzer	June 5
Sue Eckhaus	June 6
Nancy Kraus	June 10
Mayim Smookler	June 10
Steven Wolbert	June 11
Judy Fleissig	June 16
Juliet Lande	June 16
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Samuel Kashtan	June 27
Mira Phillips	June 30

### Todah Rabah

Thank you to **Kevin McTighe** for sponsoring a kiddush in thanks to **Harriet Driss'** many loving and caring friends.

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## Vivian Joy Rothberg

Vivian Joy Rothberg will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on her birthday, May 13th. She is the daughter of Lewis Rothberg and Shelby Nelson, and the younger sister of Charles. Expecting to exceed the capacity of our beautiful new space, we will celebrate in the large B'rith Kodesh sanctuary. Vivian is a 7th grader at the Barker Road Middle School, and has a passion for theater, singing, dancing, math and writing. She has enjoyed studying with Morah Alice and the Rabbi for the past two years.

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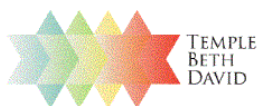
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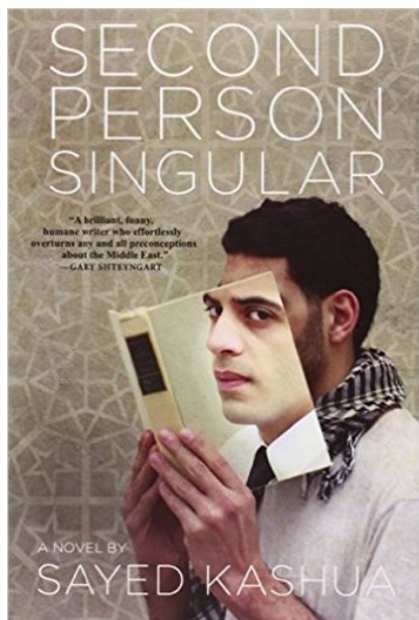
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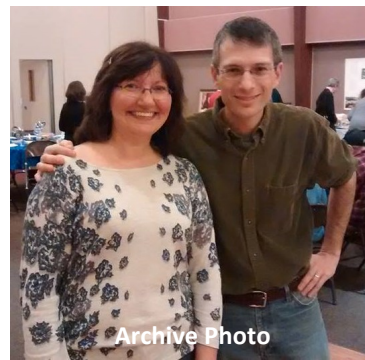
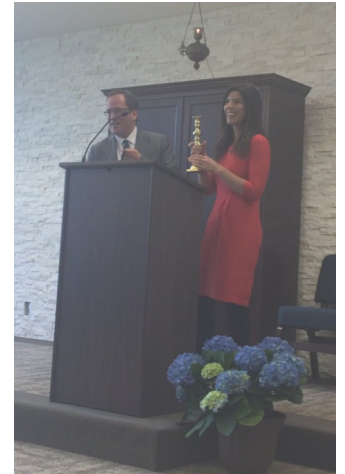




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**5/25/2017**

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Martin Tillim

**6/1/2017**

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Doris Cherkasky  
Leo Langmann  
Dorothy Shindel  
Solomon Willner

**6/2/2017**

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Sylvia Roth

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Ben Smith

**6/5/2017**

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**6/12/2017**

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