

From the Rabbi Michael Silbert

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The more I think about it, the more I find a connection between Pesach and Rosh HaShanah.

Technically speaking, *both* of these festivals are associated with Jewish New Year. Concerning Pesach, God tells Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:2, *"This month (in which the Israelites will be freed from Egypt) shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you"*; and with regard to what we now know as Rosh HaShanah, God instructs Moses in Leviticus 23:24, *"In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts."* It is only by about 200 CE that our sages in the Mishnah begin to call this day *Rosh HaShanah*, describing it as the day on which the world was created, thereby making it the new year for the counting of years. It is also presented as a day of judgment.

The same verse in the Mishnah explains that Pesach – which comes in the spring – is the new year for crops and agriculture.

One of the hallmarks of Rosh HaShanah is that it is an opportunity for Jews to engage in meaningful contemplation and self-reflection. We examine how we've lived our lives in the past year and evaluate what is worth keeping and what we'd really be better off without; those aspects of ourselves and our behavior that don't serve us well and that get in the way not only of our own happiness, but that also taint others' experience of us and limit the good we do in the world.

Well, Pesach really isn't all that different. Rabbi Kerry Olitzky writes that *"the desire to get rid of chametz (leaven) develops its own momentum during the weeks and days just prior to Passover."* He explains that *"chametz of the soul"* is the *"baggage we carry from broken promises, failed relationships that weigh heavily on us. It is the refuse of daily living, the residual stuff that emerges*

from poor decisions, mistakes in judgment and moral failure."

In order to rid ourselves of it, we have to look for the crumbs – *"the remnants of past deeds"* – and then we have to root them out. We have to search deep inside ourselves and determine which aspects of who we are we're willing to try live without for (at least) the week of Pesach, in order to grow. Not all that different to Rosh HaShanah at all, if you think about it.

This is how we as Jews experience personal liberation and emancipation at Pesach, even today. Our sages taught that the run-up to, as well as Pesach itself, is a period when God shows particular lovingkindness to all of Israel, setting our souls free from our impurity, represented by *chametz*, if only we are willing to do our part and accept the invitation to work as God's partners.

May this Pesach season be a time of joyous and meaningful liberation for you and all your loved ones.

Rabbi Michael Silbert



News from the President

Andrew Berger

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In our Irondequoit temple building, we had a beautiful Small Sanctuary in which to hang our many memorial (yahrzeit) plaques. Ever since our move to Elmwood Avenue, people have been asking where the plaques are going to go. I know it's an issue that means a great deal to people, and I appreciate people's patience with the slow progress thus far.

I'm now asking for everybody's help with a major step:

identifying which plaques have personal significance to

you. In this Bulletin, you will find an alphabetized list of names. (Thank you, Rebecca Weber, for bringing the plaques up to the office and generating the list!) I ask you to take a moment to look through the list, circle the names of all loved ones (family and friends alike), and communicate that information to us (585-266-3223, office@tbdrochester.org, or 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 204 Rochester NY 14618). By counting the names that come in, we will build an estimate of how much wall space we will need—not only enough to display all of those names, but additional space for later requests, plus of course space for new names. Naturally we will keep all other plaques available in storage, so any one can be retrieved for immediate viewing and eventual mounting.

Fear not; this Bulletin isn't your only chance to weigh in. We will send an email with the list of names attached, then a separate paper mailing to members who have not yet responded, and finish with phone calls as needed.

We also encourage anyone to come into the office to look through the plaques in person. If you are interested in taking home the plaque of a relative rather than having it at Temple Beth David, you can let Rebecca know.

Yahrzeit plaques keep our loved ones' memories alive. Installing plaques in our new space will be a wonderful project, as was the recent reframing and installation of the Chagall Needlepoints in our social hall. Thank you again to Helen Kashtan for spearheading that project and to Rabbi Silbert for inviting an art expert to speak about Chagall during the installation ceremony at our last Friday Night Fresh.

Stay warm!

Best regards,

Andrew

All in the Family

March Birthdays

Linda Phillips	March 4
Joyce Towber	March 11
Eliana Lande	March 18
Seth Katzman	March 20
Nicole Meynadasy	March 21
Harry Franklin	March 23
Anne Goldin	March 24
Harrison Smookler	March 25
Mobeen Shirazi	March 26
Kellie Hyman	March 28
Roberta Kinel	March 29
Jacob Eckhaus	March 30

April Birthdays

Benjamin Saltzman	April 1
Rebecca Satlzman	April 1
Harold Fishman	April 3
Harriet Driss	April 8
Hank Markowitz	April 10
Joshua Freedman	April 11
Rhea Feinberg	April 12
Lisa Klein	April 14
Talia Smookler	April 15
Zach Smookler	April 15
Marsha Greenberg	April 16
Ellen Gertzog	April 17
Phil Lederer	April 19
Sylvia Stiller	April 24
Susan Wood	April 25
Sam Langmann	April 26
Richard Towber	April 26
Hanna Kielar	April 27
Alayna Hersch	April 28

March and April Anniversaries

Phil & Sue Lederer	March 4
Neal & Sue Eckhaus	April 6
Robert & Tammy Hersch	April 20
Marc Lande & Linda Servetnick	April 30

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Rachel Smookler

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Save the Date for Purim

The Small Shul Collaborative (including Temple Beth David) will celebrate Purim at
Congregation Beth Hamedresh
Wednesday, February 28

6:30 p.m.

This will be an event for the entire family with entertainment, refreshments and Megillah reading...come in costume!

Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAY NIGHT FRESH

Join us for a shared Shabbat dinner.

Friday, March 16 6:15 p.m.

\$12 per person

RVSP to the Temple Office by March 7 and it's only \$9 per person.

Please let us know what parve or dairy appetizer, entrée or side dish you will be bringing!

Watch our weekly news for more details.

Open to the community



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Mar. 4: My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me
by Jennifer Teege

May 6: Guide for the Perplexed
by Dara Horn

RSVP by the Wednesday before to Ellen Gertzog 461-4336/egertzog@gmail.com

Yahrzeits

Date Observed

March 1

Faye Goldin

March 2

Helmut Markus

March 4

Florence Etingoff

March 5

Gertrude Brotsky
Pearl Feldman
Jacob Haymoff
Morris Herman
Bessie Leah Kriss
Lieto Marzouk
Mary Rothstein Mervis

March 6

Julius Berger
Dorothy Bernberg
Annette Harris
Isadore Robert Hoffman
Jacob Schwartz

March 7

Saralie Foote
Alexander Kopen

March 8

Leila Markus
Martin Miller

March 9

William David
Helen Langmann
Abraham Rothberg
Anna Weinstein

March 10

Louis Klein

March 11

Mildred Deutsch
Jacob Goldman
Lily Grossman
Marcia Rothstein

March 12

Calvin Salzberg

March 13

Ida Blass
Marguarette DeHaas
George Ritz
Mollie Roth

March 14

Harry Cohen
Molly Cohen
Raymond Gerber
Sophie Isaacson
Jewell Rothstein

March 15

Harry Herman
Stephen Sigelow

March 16

Florence Chalt
Bessie Klein
David Phillips
Oscar Rabin
Betty Segelin
Sharon Tyler

March 17

Samuel Katzman

March 18

Esther Stein

March 19

Herman H. Levine
Florence Sanow Rappaport

March 21

Emily Leah Renzel

March 24

Minetta Klein

March 25

Maurice Phillips

March 27

Richard Braiman
Marion Cohen
Sadie Leitman

March 28

Betty Drogen
Katherine Gan
Samuel Garey
Ruth Haymoff Comisar
Dora Lustik
Lester Rappaport

March 29

Jackie Corbett

March 30

Morris Fleisher
Sylvia Kowal

March 31

Jonas Berkov
Rita Schnidman



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longer permitted to contact the temple office to notify us of admitted congregants.

Please contact the office with family news.

The yahrzeit date that appears above is the date of observance using the secular calendar. These dates match those of the Hebrew calendar for the actual date of death.

April 2

Max Feldman
Blanche Gordon

April 4

Allen Greenberg
Harvey Louis Priceman
Harold Rosenbaum

April 6

Samuel Applebaum

April 7

Selma Bachman
Ruth Drexler

April 8

Eli Caplin
Sylvia Gertzog
Harold Phillips

April 9

Maurice Herzog
Milton Kerker
Leonard Lutzky
Jannette Shindel

April 10

Seymour Weingarten

April 12

Harry Abelson
Marvin Foigelman
Sarah Stiller

April 13

Obbe Abelson
Bessie Goldberg
Ira Goldstein
Louis Kopen
Sally Zeif

April 14

Rebecca Goldsmith
Esther Herzog
Belle Schwartz

April 15

Sidney Gallant
Ruben Wolinsky

April 16

Molly Baker

April 18

Hyman Moldawsky Marlowe

April 19

Blanche Diamond
Fannie Hurwitz
Ida Ritz

April 20

Gerald Norry

April 21

Gladys Garey

April 22

Harry Gordon
Samuel Newman
Solomon Sherman

April 23

Rose Feinberg

April 24

Louis Goldberg
Raymond Kinel
Rabbi Samuel Porrath
Baruch Stiller

April 25

Samuel Greenberg
Bernard Servetnick

April 26

Michael Rosen
Belle Sherman
Jack Stephen Spitulnik
Meyer Weinstein

April 27

Max DeHaas
Etta Fleisher
William Friedman
Rywka Kinel

April 28

Ephraim Strassman



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