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The Bulletin

Rabbi Rachel Smookler
Helen Kashtan, President

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From the Desk of the Rabbi

Rabbi Rachel Smookler

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It was so wonderful to see you on the High Holydays! It is an awesome feeling to stand together as one community to pray together, to sing together and to reflect together. These past High Holy Days, I mentioned that this year at Temple Beth David we have a lot of amazing opportunities in which to get involved. From Shabbat yoga, to our Get Into Volunteering (GIV) program, from Torah study with Howard Brill to branching out into the community to support the Center For Youth's Strings for Success program. I am particularly excited about the support we will be giving to the Strings for Success program which seeks to:

- Give students the opportunity to create beauty through music
- Promote social change through the vehicle of music
- Support academic competencies and skill development
- Provide community building and team work
- Create opportunities and remove barriers that prevent children from participating in the arts
- Foster a love of learning
- Help keep kids engaged in school
- Impact family involvement and pride.

On the second day of Rosh Hashana, I

spoke about this amazing local program that with students in School 19, and the amazing woman who had the idea and the perseverance to make this program work and succeed! Her name is Patty Yarmel. Patty Yarmel, a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology and an accomplished violinist saw a world in which her kids, and other children with means had the opportunity to receive music lessons, sports lessons, dance and everything else under the sun. But Patty thought that there must be a way to bring a strings program to the inner city. At first she thought that it was going to be difficult to secure enough violins for the students who would participate. But what she found was incredible. The very first time she put out a call for used violins people were willing to give her for her strings program, her car was literally filled, overflowing with violins. Now all she had to do was find violin teachers and create a program within school 19. She would not be deterred. When I sat down this summer and really got to meet Patty and some of the participants in the program, I once again was reminded of our mission as Jews - to release others from oppression, to help those in our community who are in need. Every word that flew from their mouths was a prayer lifting off the pages in our siddur, in our machzor.. So, how are we, as a Temple Beth David Community going to impact the

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Nov.-Dec. Schedule

Shabbat Morning:

Torah Study: 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services: 10 a.m.

*Find Temple Events
on our online calendar at
www.tbdrochester.org
and our Facebook page*

November-December Office Hours

**Monday-Friday
10:00am-2:00pm**

**Chanukah
December 6th - 14th**



*As always, you may also
reach us by calling the office
at 585-266-3223 or email at
office@tbdrochester.org*

*We are handicapped
accessible and equipped
with a hearing loop.*



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.

Strings for Success Program in an ongoing and meaningful way? We will have the opportunity to attend their concerts and show our support and enthusiasm for the strides they are making. We will help raise funds for them to go to NYC.

Anyone who has donated to my discretionary fund has been a part of a \$3,000 donation that has already gone toward running the program. Right now, we are looking into ways to figure out transportation for the Strings for Success kids to get to private lessons at Kanack School of Music. It is my sincere hope that this coming year, we will be able to give children a chance who might not otherwise be able

to have that chance. Let us reach out into the community and to heed the call of Judaism.

One woman, Patty Yarmel, started this program with nothing but an idea. We can surely support her and the rest of the Strings for Success staff to ensure that our local kids continue to be able to gain enrichment from this program.

Hebrew School Update from Alice Nussbaum!



Hebrew school began again last Tuesday afternoon. Our topic was Rosh Hodesh since it WAS, in fact Rosh Hodesh Heshvan!

From studying the Jewish calendar in depth to discussing the phases of the moon, we were involved with the when and why of the holidays.

Working on an original Hebrew crossword puzzle, decorating Phases-of-the-Moon cookies, and hearing a moon-related Chelm story culminated the lesson.

It is such an honor to teach this exceptional group of young women.

May we all go from strength to strength.

Love

"Morah" Alice

Upcoming Events and Services
at Temple Beth David

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Nov. 1 Corning Museum of Glass Trip</p> <p>Nov. 4 Keeping it Current with Rabbi Smookler 11:30 for lunch RSVP</p> <p>Nov. 5 Keeping it Current with Rabbi Smookler 11:00 a.m. with nosh at St. John's Meadows Private Dining Room</p> <p>Nov. 7 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Banim on the Bimah Tali Phillips Bat Mitzvah</p> <p>Nov. 8 Temple Beth David Congregational Meeting 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Nov. 8 Join Rabbi Smookler at her home for a /giv/ meeting at 12:30 p.m. to pack 100 lunch bags for the YWCA.</p> <p>Nov. 14 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Yoga</p> <p>Nov. 21 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Family Torah Study with Howard Brill. RSVP to hrbrill@gmail.com</p> <p>Nov. 28 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Dec. 1 Keeping it Current with Rabbi Smookler 11:30 for lunch RSVP</p> <p>Dec. 2 Keeping it Current with Rabbi Smookler 11:00 a.m. with nosh at St. John's Meadows Private Dining Room</p> <p>Dec. 5 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Adam Wasserman Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>Dec. 12 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Banim on the Bimah Shabbat Yoga</p> <p>Dec. 18 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m. Family Torah Study with Howard Brill RSVP to hrbrill@gmail.com</p> <p>Dec. 20 Books & Brunch with Ellen Gertzog</p> <p>Dec. 26 Torah Study, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m.</p>

Help Still Needed in Temple Kitchen!

Help is still needed in the kitchen for both standard Shabbat kiddishes AND extended kiddishes. Please note that we are unable to schedule any extended kiddishes at the present time. We will keep you posted. Please contact Karen Berger or the Temple office with any questions.



REVISED



AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015—10:00 AM—11:30 AM

AGENDA:
President’s Welcome
Budget Presentation & Vote
Nominating Committee Presentation & Vote
Open Forum

EXECUTIVE BOARD:
President: Andrew Berger*
VP, Admin: Linda Phillips*
VP, Finance: Scott Franklin*
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VP, Building: Ed Drexler*
VP, Ritual: Gary Cohen*
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TERM ENDING 12/31/2016	TERM ENDING 12/31/2017	TERM ENDING 12/31/2018
Phil Katzman	Lewis Rothberg	*Michael Berke
Susan Lederer	Scott Bauman	*Joan Papkin
Maxine Manjos	Scott Davis	*Alice Nussbaum
*Dan Saltzman	Ellen Gertzog	* Neal Eckhaus

* Denotes nominated to the Board, requiring election by the congregation.

Todah Rabah

Michelle Gross, Judy Levy and Helen Kashtan
for service to the Board of Trustees and our congregation.
While their terms have ended, we are grateful for their continuing
commitment to Temple Beth David.

News from the President

Helen Kashtan hkashtan@frontiernet.net

Here we are. November 2015. I am nearing the end of my two terms as president. On [November 8](#), at our Congregation’s Annual Meeting, we will elect a new president and some new members to the Board of Trustees, who will begin their roles on [January 1](#).

Thank you, members and friends of the congregation, for your trust and confidence in me and in the Board.

Thank you to all of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees members, past and present.

Thank you to Rabbi Smookler. Your support, ideas, and – most importantly – your friendship is a priceless treasure.

We’ve gone through a great deal together during these four years. Some great, some not so great. Some easy, some not so easy. No matter, we did it together because of our care and passion for Temple Beth David.

Nationally, Jewish communities as large as those in Boston suburbs and those that are smaller than Rochester have shuls that are merging or shuttering their doors. In my first address to the congregation at an annual meeting four years ago, I stated “we will honor and respect the history of our congregation, always, but we will not be handcuffed by history.” I see a vibrant, strong future for our congregation, though it won’t look like it did 50, 10 or five years ago, or even as we look today.

Why?
From our founding nearly 70 years ago, right through to-day, we are a congregation comprised of people who dare to make change, to do something new, who deeply care about the future of Temple Beth David. We’ve tried new things together these last four years. Took some risks together. Looked forward together.

Several years ago, a then-president of another synagogue said to me, “I want us to be like you.” When I first heard that, I thought, how cool. Today, I realize that no one else can be us...because we are comprised of all of YOU. YOU make us who we are. Our relationships with one another make us who we are. And, with our relationships, or *because* of our relationships, we are unique...no one else can be “us”. Right?

I have one simple request. Enhance your connection to Temple Beth David. Join with us, create with us, celebrate with us. Be engaged, be involved. Be a part of what makes us, us.

B’shalom, Helen

Helen

Sponsored Kiddishes (September-October)

- ♦ October 10: Bar Mitzvah Kiddish sponsored by Andrew & Karen Berger in honor of Henry’s Bar Mitzvah
- ♦ October 17: Extended Kiddish sponsored by Marcia & Marvin Davis in honor of the baby naming of their great-granddaughter, Charlotte.
Cholent sponsored by Maxine Manjos in honor of Scott Davis
- ♦ October 24: Bat Mitzvah Kiddish sponsored by Jonathan Feldman & Alison Helms in honor of Abby’s Bat Mitzvah
- ♦ All additional kiddishes sponsored by Temple

All in the Family

November Birthdays

Igor Spivak	November 15
David Phillips	November 18
Maureen Rosenbaum	November 21
Hanan Dery	November 22
Cynthia Halpern	November 22
Scott Franklin	November 26
Matthew Levy	November 27
Tali Phillips	November 27
Harry Gan	November 28
Matthew Molis	November 28
Linda Raphael	November 28
Edward Drexler	November 29
Ceidlen B. Beller	November 30

November Anniversaries

Daniel & Risa Saltzman	November 3
Ira & Sherry M. Goldman	November 4
Howard & Helen Kashtan	November 29

December Birthdays

Annette Strassman	December 1
Lori Davis	December 2
Adele Gan	December 4
Stephen Papkin	December 5
Gary Cohen	December 9
Liat Seagal-Dery	December 10
Philip Katzman	December 11
Sharon Alva	December 12
Shirley Grossman	December 22
Ellen Hersch Duchano	December 26
Susan Drexler	December 27
Neil Hyman	December 27
Alex Cohen	December 29
Jordan Cohen	December 29
Scott Davis	December 29
Maayan Dery	December 29
Rabbi Aviva Berg	December 30

Sincere Condolences from Temple to:

Linda Roth and Family on the recent passing of Linda’s mother, **Ruth Somers**



Send a Card to a Friend or Loved One!

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Date _____ Amount enclosed \$_____ (minimum donation \$7. or three for \$18.)

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☐ Mitzvah Kiddish Fund ☐ Gilbert Rosenbaum Fund ☐ Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
☐ Torah Repair Fund ☐ Shiva Chevra Fund ☐ Soldier’s Project Fund
☐ Herb Kraus Adult Education Fund

If no fund is specified, David Solomon Building Fund will be named.

Yahrzeits From December 1 to December 31

(Kislev 19 5776 to Tevet 19, 5776)

Name	Observed	Jewish	Name	Observed	Jewish
Marie Goldwasser	Dec. 1	Kislev 19	Fanny Rosen	Dec. 18	Tevet 6
Max Rosenthal	Dec. 1	Kislev 19	Michal (bat Moshe) Tal	Dec. 18	Tevet 6
Arnold Shapiro	Dec. 1	Kislev 19	Philip Fain	Dec. 19	Tevet 7
Michael Greenberg	Dec. 2	Kislev 20	Mac Gan	Dec. 19	Tevet 7
Abraham Berkowitz	Dec. 3	Kislev 21	Jack Hoffman	Dec. 19	Tevet 7
Sara Gorelick	Dec. 3	Kislev 21	Elsie Perlman	Dec. 19	Tevet 7
Elsie Grashow	Dec. 4	Kislev 22	Sarah (Smitty) Grossberg	Dec. 20	Tevet 8
Ira Kinel	Dec. 4	Kislev 22	Joseph Donsky	Dec. 21	Tevet 9
Leonard Gordon	Dec. 5	Kislev 23	Marvin Frank	Dec. 21	Tevet 9
Max Ambush	Dec. 6	Kislev 24	Annette Formicola	Dec. 22	Tevet 10
Sylvia Berger	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Herbert Rubin	Dec. 22	Tevet 10
Abraham Berkov	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Rabbi Abraham Rubin	Dec. 22	Tevet 10
Max Berson	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Serafine Rubin	Dec. 22	Tevet 10
Rosalie Bloom	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Lena Testa	Dec. 22	Tevet 10
Gay Hersch	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Eugene Rosenbaum	Dec. 23	Tevet 11
Laurence Skopitz	Dec. 7	Kislev 25	Sandra Garey Kaye	Dec. 24	Tevet 12
Nathan Goldwasser	Dec. 8	Kislev 26	Morris Schnidman	Dec. 25	Tevet 13
Donald Millstone	Dec. 8	Kislev 26	Edward Driss	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Tibey Porraht	Dec. 9	Kislev 27	Louis Hurwitz	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Abe Testa	Dec. 9	Kislev 27	Bella Nussbaum	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Anna Fain	Dec. 10	Kislev 28	Nissim Ojalvo	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Muriel Katz	Dec. 10	Kislev 28	Solomon Phillips	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Dora Lutzky	Dec. 10	Kislev 28	Sharon Garey Slavin	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Lillian Bridge	Dec. 11	Kislev 29	Rose Weinstein	Dec. 26	Tevet 14
Louis Levin	Dec. 11	Kislev 29	Bessie Braiman	Dec. 27	Tevet 15
Maurice Nobel	Dec. 11	Kislev 29	Morris Dunsker	Dec. 27	Tevet 15
Julia Stiller	Dec. 11	Kislev 29	Jean Levy Gan	Dec. 27	Tevet 15
Rebecca Germanow	Dec. 12	Kislev 30	Ben Passer	Dec. 27	Tevet 15
Sheldon Harris	Dec. 12	Kislev 30	Alice Shur	Dec. 27	Tevet 15
Samuel Herman	Dec. 13	Tevet 1	Sam Cohen	Dec. 28	Tevet 16
Edith Levy	Dec. 13	Tevet 1	Paul Newman	Dec. 28	Tevet 16
Paul Vanas	Dec. 13	Tevet 1	Anna Alva	Dec. 29	Tevet 17
Bernard Bernberg	Dec. 14	Tevet 2	Sylvia Meyers	Dec. 29	Tevet 17
Ben Drexler	Dec. 14	Tevet 2	Martin Roth	Dec. 30	Tevet 18
Beatrice Herzog	Dec. 14	Tevet 2	Max Gross	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Fajwel Kinel	Dec. 14	Tevet 2	Estelle Hirsch	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Phillip Zellen	Dec. 14	Tevet 2	Abraham Lutzky	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Maurice Garey	Dec. 15	Tevet 3	David Matis Przewuzman	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Irene Herman	Dec. 15	Tevet 3	Doris Pulvino	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Barnet Selby	Dec. 15	Tevet 3	Y'hoshua Schnidman	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Anna Robbins	Dec. 16	Tevet 4	Joseph Seigel	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Lillian Mountain	Dec. 17	Tevet 5	Sally Shilman	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Grace Gittel Springer	Dec. 17	Tevet 5	Nathan Zeif	Dec. 31	Tevet 19
Phillip Berger	Dec. 18	Tevet 6			

Yahrzeits From November 1 to November 30 (Heshvan 19, 5776 to Kislev 18, 5776)

Name	Observed	Jewish	Name	Observed	Jewish
Jesse Berkov	Nov. 1	Heshvan 19	Ray Schatz	Nov. 17	Kislev 5
Helen Fineberg	Nov. 1	Heshvan 19	Minnie Gan Kotzin	Nov. 18	Kislev 6
Harold Gertzog	Nov. 1	Heshvan 19	Benjamin Markowitz	Nov. 18	Kislev 6
William Isaacson	Nov. 1	Heshvan 19	Barnet Rothstein	Nov. 18	Kislev 6
Rachel Mentel	Nov. 2	Heshvan 20	Abe Fishman	Nov. 19	Kislev 7
Jeannette Sherman	Nov. 2	Heshvan 20	Phillip Melin	Nov. 19	Kislev 7
Jacob Hirsch Bergman	Nov. 3	Heshvan 21	Myron Grashow	Nov. 20	Kislev 8
Betty Spada	Nov. 3	Heshvan 21	Pauline Markowitz	Nov. 20	Kislev 8
Dory M. Driss	Nov. 4	Heshvan 22	Howard Goldenberg	Nov. 21	Kislev 9
Virginia Erlichman	Nov. 4	Heshvan 22	Ruth Goldstein	Nov. 21	Kislev 9
Sylvia Moss	Nov. 4	Heshvan 22	Ethel Tishkoff	Nov. 21	Kislev 9
Esther Conwell Rothberg	Nov. 5	Heshvan 23	Jessie Cohen	Nov. 22	Kislev 10
Anne Owerbach	Nov. 5	Heshvan 23	Belle Fogelman	Nov. 22	Kislev 10
Ruth Shechet	Nov. 5	Heshvan 23	Bany Cohen	Nov. 23	Kislev 11
James Alva	Nov. 6	Heshvan 24	Lois Schwartz	Nov. 23	Kislev 11
Claire Engel	Nov. 7	Heshvan 25	Abe Aroesty	Nov. 24	Kislev 12
Donald Gallant	Nov. 8	Heshvan 26	Mildred Levy	Nov. 24	Kislev 12
Joseph Klein	Nov. 8	Heshvan 26	Max Robbins	Nov. 25	Kislev 13
Belle Kleinberg	Nov. 8	Heshvan 26	Julius Rosen	Nov. 25	Kislev 13
Molly Cherry	Nov. 9	Heshvan 27	Eli Rothstein	Nov. 25	Kislev 13
Robert Newman	Nov. 9	Heshvan 27	Ida Goldstein	Nov. 26	Kislev 14
Hyman Harris	Nov. 10	Heshvan 28	Esther Lederman	Nov. 27	Kislev 15
Harold Levine	Nov. 11	Heshvan 29	Herbert Goldberg	Nov. 29	Kislev 17
Joseph Levy	Nov. 11	Heshvan 29	Leonard E. Kaufman	Nov. 29	Kislev 17
Leon Alent	Nov. 12	Heshvan 30	Jacob Kreag	Nov. 29	Kislev 17
Helen Forchheimer	Nov. 12	Heshvan 30	Max Roth	Nov. 30	Kislev 18
Michael Simon	Nov. 13	Kislev 1	Harry Stein	Nov. 30	Kislev 18
David Candles	Nov. 14	Kislev 2			
Evelyn Lovinger	Nov. 16	Kislev 4			

Minimum Donations

Standard Kiddish	\$72.	Greeting Card Mailed Out	\$7.
Extended Kiddish	\$200.	3 Memorial or Greeting Cards	\$18.
Cholent or Soup Sponsor	\$18.	Siddur Lev Shalem	\$36.
Wine Challah Sponsor	\$18.	Machzor Lev Shalem	\$54.
Tree of Life Leaf	\$36.	Etz Hayim	\$75.
Memorial Plaque:		Cemetery Plots in Riverside:	
Member	\$270.	Member	\$600.
Nonmember	\$414.	Nonmember	\$800.

B'nai Mitzvahs



Tali Phillips, daughter of Linda Phillips and Lee Sigelow will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on November 7, 2015. Tali is a 7th grader at Bay Trail Middle School in Penfield. In addition to preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, Tali plays soccer with her school and the Penfield Strikers. Tali also loves spending time with her friends and with her sister, Mira. Tali excels in math. She hopes to take a semester abroad to Europe and to study to be an anesthesiologist or an elementary school teacher. We wish Tali luck in fulfilling her dreams.

Adam Wasserman, son of Jay and Liz Wasserman will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 5, 2015

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