



The Bulletin

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From the Rabbi Michael Silbert

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When our community gathered almost a year ago on Yom Kippur, I mentioned that my experience of having been Temple Beth David's rabbi for just a few months at that point, reminded me of the television sitcom, "*Cheers*". You know, the one with the theme-song that went:

Sometimes you want to go

Where everybody knows your name,

And they're always glad you came.

You wanna be where everybody knows your name.

Well, my friends, it's almost a year later and those feelings of mine which I expressed to you, have been reinforced over and over. After a whole year as the rabbi of Temple Beth David, I am struck more than ever by what a warm and welcoming community this is. When we pause on a Shabbat morning to greet and meet everyone in the room, most people already know each other, yet there's a fairly raucous excitement when people get to say Hi and reconnect after however long it's been. It's nice. It's *heimish* – it feels like home pretty

quickly. Even for newcomers, it's an easy place to feel comfortable; so much so that over the past year, a few newcomers have actually turned into new members!

Yet we'd be kidding ourselves if we believed that a temple / synagogue / shul – call it what you like – is a comfortable place for everyone. Even a place like Beth David. There are plenty of people – arguably the majority of American Jews – for whom a synagogue is a foreign and alien environment which they do not experience as particularly inviting or engaging. It's just not their "thing", and that's fair enough; Judaism and Jewish congregations are not one-size-fits-all outfits. None of us can force someone else to enjoy or appreciate the things that are meaningful to us. And yet, when we do cross paths and find them in our midst, it's our job to welcome the stranger and to make them feel wanted, that we're happy to see them, that there's no judgment about how long it's been since we last saw them, and that they're always welcome. We'll always be here for them, we're happy to see them now and we look forward to the next time, whenever that may be.

This is a job for each of us in a community, no matter how long we've been a member or what office we've held on the board, if any. – *וְהַיְתִיב אֶת הַיְחָדוּת* welcoming our guests – is a foundational Jewish

value. Our sages also teach us about the importance of demonstrating a pleasant disposition when greeting others.

When asked in a major 2013 survey what it means to be Jewish, just 28% of those Jews surveyed answered: "Being part of a Jewish community." The Jewish world, as this figure suggests, is changing and many of our old assumptions just don't work anymore and as a community we need to focus together on how to overcome certain hurdles and obstacles, not necessarily of our own making.

While we do not have the power to single-handedly change a complex national trend, I also do not believe that we should sit back and do nothing. Instead, I offer you an invitation: if you are one of the 28% of American Jews who believes it is important to be part of a Jewish community, then come spend some time with us. Temple Beth David not only looks forward but is **excited** to welcome you, to learn with you, to make community together, to be Jewish together.

We want to be your place where everybody knows your name.

Bivrachah / *בברכה* with blessings,
Rabbi Michael Silbert

P.S. And bring a friend!

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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News from the President

As the High Holidays arrive, our tradition challenges us to undertake a substantial reflection process. We scrutinize what has happened in our life for the past year, and we speculate about how we might achieve the right balance in our actions in the year to come.

During the High Holidays services, even though there are a lot of other people around us, the reflection process is a conversation each person must conduct largely on their own. During these High Holidays, though, I'm going to try to connect with fellow congregants a little more during breaks in my journey.

When I'm on a long distance run or a mountain hike, I like to encounter other people from time to time. It can make a big difference to pull alongside others, compare notes on how things are going, and reinforce each others' sense of purpose. I find myself thinking, why shouldn't the journey of the High Holidays contain some of that as well? But how do we enable more of our congregation to feel comfortable "pulling up alongside" other daveners during breaks in the services?

If these thoughts resonate with you, there's a special book group meeting at the end of August that might be of interest. On Sunday, August 26, 10 AM, in the social hall, Temple Beth David is holding a group discussion of the book "Relational Judaism" by Ron Wolfson. We will use the book as a prompt to discuss the role of relationships with Judaism, and we will develop lists of ways that TBD might incorporate the book's major insights. RSVP to Rebecca Weber in the TBD office, at office@tbdrochester.org or 266-3223 so we can plan for group size.

Best wishes for a meaningful High Holidays. I look forward to seeing you there—and maybe at the book group slightly earlier!

Shana tova,

Andrew



Ellen Brandwein, HH Cantor

Temple Beth David welcomes Ellen Brandwein as the High Holiday Cantor this fall. Ellen is the daughter of congregants Jean and Ron Brandwein. She attended Hebrew School at our Temple Beth David building in West Irondequoit and was Bat Mitzvahed in 1989 by Rabbi Skopitz, z"l, after studying with Cantor Judy Weinstein White and Bernie Roth. Since then, Ellen has studied at Indiana University and The Jewish Theological Seminary, but is most proud of how she is raising her three children, Shoshana (12), Jonathan (9), and Eliana (5), to be brave and kind.

Ellen plays clarinet, competes in sprint triathlons, and is an advocate for children and animals. Ellen has worked as a rabbi, teacher, and leader in Jewish and musical organizations wherever she's lived. Currently residing in Charleston, SC, Ellen is thrilled to come home to Rochester to serve as the High Holiday Cantor this fall.

All in the Family

September Birthdays

Noah Meyers	September 1
Judy Eissenstat	September 2
Rachel Weinstein	September 4
Henry Berger	September 5
Marilyn Segelin	September 5
Daniel Goldman	September 8
Sue Lederer	September 8
James Parkman	September 9
Toby Berke	September 12
Jean Brandwein	September 12
Leo Katzman	September 17
Lewis Rothberg	September 22
Myron Kleinberg	September 24
Eric Foote	September 25
Karen Berger	September 27
Laurie Peres	September 29

September Anniversaries

Jonathan Feldman and Alison Helms	September 2
Kevin and Judy Fleissig	September 5
Kevin McTighe and Harriet Driss	September 17
Tabbi Aviva Berg and Arthur Bernberg	September 20

October Birthdays

Dan Saltzman	October 3
Howard Brill	October 7
Marvin Davis	October 10
Stanley Gross	October 11
Max Franklin	October 16
Eva Abrams	October 30
Florence Phillips	October 31

October Anniversaries

Scott & Lori Davis	October 16
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Thank you to
Ron and Jean Brandwein,
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the Shabbat Surprise.



Our Irondequoit Ark as an Inspiration

Jan Rubenstein, Rabbi Smookler's mother, is a talented artist who created a beautiful piece of art. It was to honor Helen Kashtan, as she entered her term as synagogue president. The piece represents our Irondequoit ark doors, which continues to inspire Jan.

Jan states, "I often sat during services at my daughter's synagogue, Temple Beth David in Irondequoit, NY, admiring the doors to the ark. When asked to do a rendition of them as a gift from her congregation to the outgoing president, I readily accepted.



Regarding her gift, Helen states, 'In this case, the ark represents Sinai, the observance of Shabbat marking the day G-d rested from the creation, and symbolizes the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

The doors to this ark are a depiction of those at the previous location of Temple Beth David. The images within move from showing a woman in a rabbinic position, Rabbi Rachel Smookler, removing the Torah from this very ark. [She is a] full participant in imparting Judaism to the future to an image of women in a segregated setting lighting the menorah at the Kotel. And all of this is embraced by the Sabbath Queen and the Torah scrolls/Shabbat candles."

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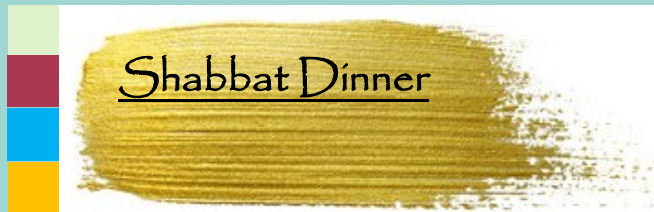


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Upcoming@Shul

We hope you join us for upcoming Shabbat dinners and Kabbalat Shabbat Services.

Mark your calendars!



Join us for a community Shabbat dinner and discussion.

RSVPs are required and dinners sell out quickly...watch for details!

- November 16



Celebrate the end of a busy week with a relaxing, soulful service to welcome Shabbat. Singing and happiness guaranteed!

- September 28
- October 26
- November 30
- December 14



Yahrzeits

Date Observed

September 1

Lottie Colucci
Jack Kessler
Charles Skopitz
Seymour Stiller

September 2

Harry Rockowitz
Israel Samuels
Arthur Towber

September 4

Samuel Bauman
Samuel Goldin
Helen Halpern
Sylvia Stamler

September 5

Raymond Gerber
Leona Rosenthal
Harry Shilman
Gittle Skopitz

September 6

Rhea Markus
Anna Schrier
David Solomon

September 7

Pauline Levy
Ida Phillips
Fanny Siegel

September 8

Isadore Gan
Arthur Goldman

September 9

Abraham Goldberg
Sidney Leitman
Joseph Pickus

September 10

Rachel Miller

September 11

Saul Klein
Marlyn Plaut
Saar Porrath
Hermine Cohen

September 12

Rose Rothschild

September 14

Rachel Gertzog
Blanche Saltzman

September 15

Manuel Apple
Ira Cohen

September 16

Bernice Black
Celia Greenberg
Joseph Klein

September 17

Ruth Brandwein
Anna Fishman
Eleanor Miller
Chana Neuberg
Meyer Neuberg

September 19

Paul Halpern
Mark H. Rothstein
Harry Zoghlin

September 20

Mildred Feinberg

September 21

David Blumkin
Lillian Candles
Jonathan Gertzog

September 22

Max Forchheimer
William Siegel

September 23

Shirley A. Frank
Oscar Skopitz

September 24

Selma Eckhaus
Lillian Grashow
Beryl Lipschitz

September 25

Nettie Rabinowitz

September 26

Marsha Fishman
Arnold Fleisher
Sydney Frank
Rachel Ojalvo

September 27

Walter Kielar

September 28

Morton Meyers

September 29

Pearl Gallant
Yetta Moidel
Israel Schrier
Ida Tillim
Thelma Weinstein

October 3

Minnie Caplan
Bernice Raphael

October 4

Scott Grube
Esther Mann
Tillie (Toby) Rosen

October 5

John Schnidman
Ruth Somers

October 7

Sarah Strassman

October 8

Beckie Berkov
Anna Schwartz

October 9

Ceil Harris

October 10

Herbert Hirsch
Paul Lederer
Meyer Lubitow

October 11

Harry Blass
Nathan Sanow

October 12

Lesser Raphael
Mickey Schrier
Evalyn Stoler

October 13

Fannie Caplin
Golde Millstone Hersch
Esther Schwartz

October 14

Sonia Lutsky
Hyman Rothschild

October 15

Ethel Stamler

October 16

Florence Kasanov

October 19

Ruth Becker
Essie Schwartz

October 20

Louis Gertzog

Yahrzeits

Date Observed

October 22
Joseph W. Phillips

October 23
Irwin Halpern
Louis Leitman
Jacob Rubin

October 24
Marge Gould Panitch

October 25
Philip Weinstein

October 26
Estelle Kaufman
Henry Toole

October 27
Mildred Gilman
Irving Roth
Frances Stark

October 28
Jesse Berkov
Harold Gertzog
William Isaacson

October 31
Virginia Erlichman

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.

New Perspectives on Selichot

Sunday, September 2

Temple Beth Am

8:00 am Rabbi Aaron Marsh will lead Selichot Service.
Recitation of *piyutim* will be interspersed with
commentaries/explanations/discussion.

9:00 am/9:30 am Shacharit

Breakfast

RSVP by Tuesday August 28 to the Temple Beth David office
at 585-266-3223 or office@tdrochester.org

**High Holiday tickets will be mailed by September 1 to members in good standing.
To purchase additional tickets or to arrange for transportation,
please contact the temple office.**



5779 High Holy Day Services

Selichot

Sunday, September 2nd

At Temple Beth Am

8:00 am Selichot Service

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Sunday, September 9th

At Temple Beth David Sanctuary

5:30 pm Mincha

7:12 pm Candle Lighting¹

Rosh HaShanah, First Day

Monday, September 10th

At Temple Sinai

8:30 am Pesukei d'Zimra – Shacharit

10:30 am Youth Services

5:00 pm Tashlich at Canal across from JCC – meet in parking lot of Canal or contact TBD Office for ride

After 8:18 pm Candle Lighting

Rosh HaShanah, Second Day

Tuesday, September 11th

At Temple Beth David Sanctuary

8:30 am Pesukei d'Zimra – Shacharit

No Family Service or Tashlich

8:16 pm Holiday Ends

Fast of Gedaliah

Wednesday, September 12th

Fast from Dawn (5:34 am) to Sunset (8:09 pm) [individually observed]

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 18th

At Temple Sinai

6:30 pm Kol Nidre and Ma'ariv (Building open at 6:00 pm)

6:55 pm Candle Lighting

Services will be followed by an optional Yom Kippur Text Study with Rabbi Silbert – All are welcome to attend.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 19th

At Temple Sinai

8:30 am Pesukei d'Zimra – Shacharit

11:00 am Youth Services

Approx. 11:15 am Yizkor

4:45 pm Mincha and Neilah

8:02 pm Holiday Ends - light break-the-fast refreshments follow

¹ All times from www.hebcal.com for zip code 14618; Havdalah calculated for 50 minutes after sunset

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Books & Brunch

Join us for a discussion of Jewish-themed books over brunch.

Hosted by: Ellen Gertzog
69 Westland Avenue, Brighton

Sundays @ 10 a.m. – noon

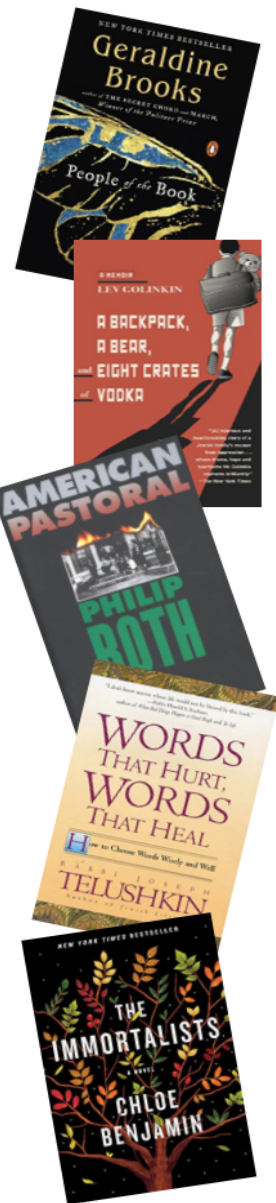
- October 7: ***People of the Book***
by Geraldine Brooks
Historical fiction
- December 2: ***A Backpack, a Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka***
by Lev Golinkin
Memoir
- January 20: ***American Pastoral***
by Philip Roth
Classic Jewish fiction
- March 24: ***Words That Hurt, Words That Heal***
by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Jewish ethics
- May 5: ***The Immortalists***
by Chloe Benjamin
Contemporary Jewish fiction

Open to the community!

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egertzog@gmail.com

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