



The Bulletin

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From the Rabbi Michael Silbert

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I look forward to the opportunity every two months to share uplifting thoughts and themes from the Jewish world with you, in this space. The joyful and redeeming aspects of Jewish life are what motivate and propel me to find meaning in it. As the rabbi of this community, I truly believe that this is a guiding charge for me. It defines and shapes the work I do with all of you, not only when we meet each other at religious services, but in our daily interactions as well – whether we bump into each other in the supermarket aisles or on the pages of this bulletin.

On this occasion, I find that I need to acknowledge that the past Jewish year which is now coming to a close, has been a particularly difficult one for Jews throughout the world, and especially in this country. We have seen the frequency of antisemitic events rise to unusual heights. There have been increased expressions of hatred, political movements focused on exclusion and denigration, and acts of violence and intimidation almost everywhere that Jews live. The inevitable outcome of these trends is death, and tragically this too has occurred. We remember the attack and ensuing slaughter at Congregation Tree of Life in Pittsburgh as a historic turning point for Jewish life in the United States

and try to wrap our heads around the fact that not even one year has passed since that fateful morning. In fact, barely half a year had passed before an attempt at a redux, at Chabad of Poway.

Jews, like any other people, have a right to gather and to worship in peace. We have always known our congregations to collectively have an open-door policy, allowing any Jew, and any visitor for that matter, regardless of their religion, to come in and join us. This openness has characterized who we are; think of the *chuppah*, the Jewish marriage canopy - symbolically open on all sides as a representation of the Jewish home which should be welcoming of all guests irrespective of their origin - just as we are taught by the example set by our ancestors Abraham and Sarah.

That is why the current climate truly challenges our very identity: not only has it challenged the physical safety of some and the comfort level of many, but this recent scourge is an affront to how our entire community chooses to operate in the 21st Century. All of a sudden, doors which had always stood wide open, are now locked, and often attended by an armed guard. There are many strong feelings out there about what the right thing is to do at this time: some say that we need to heed these “wake up” calls and take the necessary steps to protect ourselves, while others question – with equal passion – at what cost to our community’s character? And furthermore, they insist, can anything really be done to stop an individual who is bent on destruction and has enough armaments on them to make a militia

jealous? The reality is that we’re caught in the middle, as both of these perspectives represent our core values: community and survival.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester has taken the lead by being in close consultation with local police chiefs, the FBI and even the anti-terrorism unit of the Governor’s office. Together with national Jewish Community security advisors, they have trained the professional and volunteer leaders of Rochester’s Jewish agencies, synagogues and schools about taking steps to protect their constituents who use their facilities, and even how to respond in the event of an emergency.

As a result of the advice we have been given by those who make our safety their number one goal, you might notice some technical changes as you arrive at our High Holiday services. Our President, Maxine Manjos, has outlined some of these steps in her column in this bulletin. Please read her comments carefully so that you will know what to expect. We ask you to excuse any inconvenience and hope you will understand that these efforts, which come about as a result of many hours of careful deliberation, are designed to keep you comfortable and safe in the knowledge that your High Holy Day experience is of the utmost importance to us at Temple Beth David.

With blessings for a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year,

Michael

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.



We will soon be participating together in Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, the highlight of our Jewish year. We can count on our rabbi to bring us inspirational messages and on our cantor, Ellen Brandwein, to lead us in singing the songs we wait to hear every holiday season. Once again Henry Berger will trumpet the sounds of the shofar. The window wall in Temple Sinai affords a view of the natural setting and gives the feeling of being together under the intimacy of a tent. The holiday encourages our individual introspection, but also affords us the opportunity to consider our lives and relationships while surrounded by our fellow congregants, who may appreciate our own personal struggles as they face their own. We will share an experience that encourages us to search for and to find meaning.

This year, those preparing for the holiday are making sure that our services are as fulfilling as ever while paying special attention to the security issues that concern us all. When you come to services, you can help us by bringing both your

- * High Holiday ticket and
- * Photo ID

to present at the temple entrance. A Greeter from the Board of Trustees will welcome you and check these items to ensure a smooth flow of people into the sanctuary. Anyone who arrives without a Temple Beth David ticket will be respectfully screened with a wand by the security staff. Greeters have attended a training session provided by the Jewish Federation of Rochester to prepare them for the special needs of the holiday. Both your temple holiday experience and your safety have been our greatest concern.

Wishing a happy and healthy new year to my temple family,

Maxine

Note: In the August 15 issue of the Jewish Ledger, Temple Beth David is one of the featured synagogues in the “Our Synagogues” section. Co-president, Barbara Grosh, has captured the essence of our temple in an article that highlights both our communal spiritual experience and the activities that we so enjoy together.

It was felt by many board members that although it can be expensive to participate in this kind of advertising, it is essential for our temple to be represented alongside other Rochester temples in the newspaper that serves our community. A board member has graciously offered to underwrite the cost of the ad.

**High Holiday tickets will be mailed by September 10 to members in good standing.
To purchase additional tickets or to arrange for transportation,
please contact the temple office.**

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
Toby Berke	September 12
Jean Brandwein	September 12
Leo Katzman	September 17
Lewis Rothberg	September 22
Myron Kleinberg	September 24
Karen Berger	September 27
Laurie Peres	September 29

September Anniversaries

Jonathan Feldman & Alison Helms	Sept 2
Kevin & Judy Fleissig	Sept 5
Kevin McTighe & Harriet Driss	Sept 17
Rabbi Aviva Berg & Arthur Bernberg	Sept 20
Rabbi Michael Silbert & Rachel Kest	Sept 24


October Birthdays

Mike Berke	October 3
Howard Kashtan	October 7
Marcia Davis	October 7
Andrew Berger	October 10
Scott Bauman	October 10
Kevin McTighe	October 11
Ron Brandwein	October 16
Leon Zoghlin	October 30
Linda Phillips	October 31

October Anniversaries

Scott & Lori Davis	October 16
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Mazel tov to Hyla Skopitz and John Studer

on the naming ceremony for their darling daughter, Lula Ruth. Hyla is the daughter of Linda Roth and Rabbi Laurence Skopitz (לה"ר) 



Thank you to Ron and Jean Brandwein, Paul and Judy Eissenstat, Sidney Markus, Lilly Sherman, and Hyla Skopitz and John Studer for sponsoring Kiddush.

Upcoming@Shul

Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

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

September 26

October 25



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Lilly Sherman's Great Granddaughter

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Hosted by: Ellen Gertzog
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Sundays @ 10 a.m. – noon

September 22: *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure

November 17: *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World*, by Lucette Lagnado

Open to the community! RSVP by the preceding Wednesday.
Ellen Gertzog 585.461.4336 egertzog@gmail.com



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Contact the temple office by September 15



This is the perfect time, when our entire city is in bloom, to think about adorning our High Holiday bimah with beautiful flowers. If you would like to contribute toward our flowers this year, please call or email the office with your pledge. You are welcome to make your gift in memory and or in honor of loved ones.

All gifts will be acknowledged in the Temple Bulletin that *follows* the holidays.

THE ROCHESTER KOLLEL - FALL/WINTER

Mussar: Becoming More Menschlike, One Step at a Time Howard Brill and Barbara Grosh

Mussar is an ancient Jewish tradition of spiritual growth. Mussar is focused on spiritual growth in the midst of our busy involved lives, embedded amongst our families, co-workers and neighbors. The purpose of studying Mussar is to become a better person, more of a mensch. All are welcome, whether you've just heard of Mussar or you've been practicing for some time. Seven Sundays mornings 11:00-12:30 beginning October 27.

Learning Jewish History through Song

Bonnie Abrams

Folk songs tend to reflect the culture and history of their country of origin. But Jewish folk songs reflect hundreds of years of life in diverse geographical locations. Students will learn songs of both Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditions and will understand the historical and cultural events that inspired the music. Choose the Monday 2:00-3:30 pm or Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm class, beginning mid-November.

For more information or to register visit tbk.org/learning.

Yahrzeits

	Date Observed		
September 1 Mildred Ganon	September 20 Milton Drexler	October 2 Hermine Cohen	October 16 Marsha Fishman Rachel Ojalvo
September 2 Beatrice Goldman	September 21 Lottie Colucci Jack Kessler Seymour Stiller	October 4 Rachel Gertzog Blanche Saltzman	October 17 Walter Kielar
September 4 Benjamin Spitulnik	September 22 Rheva Kerker Arthur Towber	October 6 Joseph Klein	October 18 Morton Meyers
September 6 Rose Applebaum Diane Mindlin Gertrude Toole	September 24 Samuel Bauman Samuel Goldin Helen Halpern	October 7 Ruth Brandwein Anna Fishman Eleanor Miller Chana Neuberg Meyer Neuberg	October 19 Pearl Gallant Yetta Moidel
September 8 Amalie Kraus	September 26 Rhea Markus	October 9 Paul Halpern Harry Zoghlin	October 23 Minnie Caplan
September 11 Linda-Sue Edwards Sumner Shechet	September 27 Pauline Levy Ida Phillips	October 10 Mildred Feinberg	October 24 Scott Grube Esther Mann Tille (Toby) Rosen
September 13 Bernard Etingoff	September 28 Isadore Gan Arthur Goldman	October 11 Jonathan Gertzog	October 25 John Schnidman Ruth Somers
September 14 Burton Wandner	September 29 Sidney Leitman	October 12 Max Forchheimer	October 29 Ceil Harris
September 17 Harry Levy Eli Schwartz	September 30 Rachel Miller	October 13 Oscar Skopitz	October 30 Paul Lederer Meyer Lubitow
September 18 Rachel Freedman	October 1 Saul Klein Marlyn Plaut	October 14 Selma Eckhaus Beryl Lipschitz	October 31 Nathan Sanow
September 19 Isadore Gertzog Beverly Sigelow			

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.



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HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) is United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information. Hospitals are no longer permitted to contact the temple office to notify us of admitted congregants.

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