



The Bulletin

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From the Rabbi Michael Silbert

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The Torah teaches us that when God gave the Law to the Jewish People at Mount Sinai, all of us were there to receive it (Deuteronomy 29:14). Not only the

Jews who were alive on that day, but the souls of every single Jew who would ever live – including those Jews not yet born as well as those who would someday make the choice to come to Judaism of their own free will – gathered at the foot of the mountain in that moment. And that includes you and me.

Can you imagine what it must have looked like? A moment that moved the soul, that touched the spirit of everyone present, with truly no-one left behind? Sometimes it occurs to me as I stand before you on the *bimah* on the High Holy Days, that I am being given the opportunity to have but a taste of Sinai. It is such a joy for me to look out at the rows of seats which are filled with Temple Beth David members, their children who might be home for these few days and guests who are seeking a spiritual home, or home away from home, on these holiest of days. This sight is one of the greatest privileges of being a rabbi.

I am reminded also of Ellen DeGeneres taking photos of the audience at the 2014 Academy Awards ceremony and beaming the images onto a massive screen behind her on the stage so that the crowd could see themselves from her perspective; the vision of all of you gathered to receive the Torah once again at Temple Beth David, coming together to make community with each other, is so magnificent that I wish I could project it in real time onto a screen behind myself, so that you could see what I see, so that you too could get a small taste of that spiritual image of every Jewish soul standing together at Mt. Sinai.

As we shuttled between two different venues, our services went off without a hitch, and there are so many people to thank for making this possible:

Thank you to Ellen Brandwein, who spent her second High Holy Days with us in the role

of *trachazan* (cantor). It is always a joy for us to welcome Ellen and her young entourage (Shoshana, Jonathan and Eliana) home to Rochester, whether as our *chazan* on the Holy Days or when they are just visiting Ron and Jean.

Our High Holy Day Planning Committee was led by Ellen Gertzog this year, who kept us all on task and made sure that our meetings (starting in early July!) remained focused and on track.

Maxine Manjos, one of our Presidential Triumvirate, experienced the initiation of a lifetime and more than rose to the occasion with her superb attention to detail.

Barbara Grosh provided additional presidential support (what's better than having a congregational president on a committee? Two presidents!).

Ed Drexler helped us navigate the emerging landscape of synagogue security. Under Ed's direction, the committee spent *many* hours deliberating how to keep everyone safe while still making our community feel welcome and comfortable.

Gary Cohen provided important ritual input and also coordinated the honors for the services.

Andrew Berger, Howard Brill, Scott Davis, Kevin and Judy Fleissig, Keith Freedman, Barbara Grosh, Phil Katzman, Lisa Klein and Lewis Rothberg helped by schlepping boxes of *machzorim* and other supplies from Temple Beth David to Temple Sinai and back again (what, you thought those books have legs and moved themselves?) .

Linda Servetnik made us look beautiful and festive with gorgeous flower arrangements (it's not too late to contribute to the fund...).

Bill Gertzog coordinated Torah and Haftarah readers, and so many of you stepped up to the plate.

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There is a very exciting weekend coming up. I want to make sure that you get it onto your calendar. November 15-17 offers opportunities for beautiful music, books and conversation, and our very important Temple Beth David Annual Meeting. Look elsewhere in this bulletin for details; I just want you to be aware of this weekend and to attend as many of the events as you can.

We start with a Community Wide Family Shabbat Dinner on Friday evening, November 15, at Twelve Corners Middle School. Temple Beth David, along with other Rochester Jewish organizations, is a co-sponsor of the event. The organizers are promising a Shabbat dinner filled with song as we join in singing traditional *zmirot*. Jewish melodies and a kosher dinner shared with our larger Rochester Jewish community—this will truly be a beautiful way to celebrate Shabbat.

The next morning at our 10AM services, following Torah study at 9AM, we have another opportunity to celebrate the joy of Shabbat with music. Chava Mirel will lead our service in song. This Seattle-based singer, guitarist, composer, prayer leader and recording artist will fill our sanctuary with beautiful melodies and make our Shabbat morning service a truly memorable one. You might even want to invite a friend to our service to hear her. Chava is in Rochester courtesy of the Miller family.

On Sunday morning at 10AM, Ellen Gertzog will host her final *Books and Brunch* before she and Bill leave Rochester to start their new life in Northampton, Massachusetts. If you have never been to one these events, you will want to read [The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit](#) and participate in the discussion. A delicious meal is always part of the get-together. If you have attended a *Books and Brunch* in the past, then come not only for the event, but also to help to make plans for the future of this group.

Then at 1PM, we will gather at temple for our Annual Meeting to elect new Board members and to discuss temple business. The meeting is an opportunity to ask questions, voice your opinion, and to understand better the running of Temple Beth David.

In December, we look forward to our temple Shabbat dinner and later in the month, our annual Chanukah party. Our temple and the Rochester Jewish community are helping you to stay warm and connected this fall and winter. Join us and be a part of joyful and important occasions.

Best wishes to my temple family,

Maxine

Alison Helms made sure there were snacks for the children and for those who needed a bit of a pick-me-up during the fast.

Juliet Lande, who volunteered her time, was the best childcare pinch-hitter we could have hoped for.

Bonnie Abrams transformed the עבודת *Avodah* (Temple Worship) service into something we could all make sense of.

Bernie Roth was the first to arrive every morning and gave the davening a jump-start with his unique פְּסוּקֵי *Pesukei D'Zimrah* (pre-morning service)

Helen Kashtan coordinated the *Yizkor* Book of Remembrance, and;

Bruce Kielar designed the fitting and poignant cover for the Book of Remembrance.

And as always, Rebecca Weber tied all of the above together, and then some! Thanks, as always, for making things magically “happen” and for remembering what the rest of us forget.

We are so excited to share the year ahead, 5780 / תשפ"ה with you at Temple Beth David.

May all of you know the blessings of peace, joy and good health in your lives.

Michael

All in the Family

November Birthdays

Nadav Silbert	November 11
Maureen Rosenbaum	November 21
Cindy Halpern	November 22
Scott Franklin	November 26
Tali Phillips	November 27
Harry Gan	November 28
Ed Drexler	November 29

November Anniversaries

Stanley & Michelle Gross	November 3
Dan & Risa Saltzman	November 3
Ira & Sherry Goldman	November 4
Ron & Carol Schott	November 6
Howard & Helen Kashtan	November 29

December Birthdays

Irving Mindlin	December 1
Lori Davis	December 2
Adele Gan	December 4
Stan Schaffer	December 4
Gary Cohen	December 9
Phil Katzman	December 11
Sharon Alva	December 12
Shirley Grossman	December 22
Sue Drexler	December 27
Neil Hyman	December 27
Alex Cohen	December 29
Scott Davis	December 29
Rabbi Aviva Berg	December 30
Merrie Franklin	December 31
Daniel Shapiro	December 31

Thank you to **Dan and Alice Nussbaum**
for sponsoring Kiddush and to
Ron and Carol Schott and
David and Susan Langmann
for sponsoring the cholent.

Please welcome our
new members
Stan and Elaine Schaffer

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 for 7:00 PM each Friday night!

Arrive at 6:00 PM (service at 7:00 PM) for a vegetarian Shabbat dinner, served in room 106 on:

October 25

November 22

RSVP is required for dinner, no later than the previous Wednesday. For more information or to make your reservation, contact Ronna Marsh at 585.473.4317 or ronnamarsch@yahoo.com.



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Dan Nussbaum

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Books & Brunch

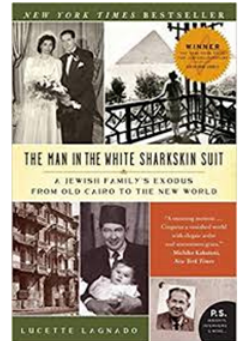
Join us for a discussion of Jewish-themed books over brunch.

Hosted by: Ellen Gertzog
69 Westland Avenue, Brighton

Sunday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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 Wednesday, November 13
Ellen Gertzog 585.461.4336 egertzog@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

November 17 1:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 28 6:00 PM



Come join us!

Wild Salmon Shabbat dinner

catered by Lipman's Kosher Market

December 6

6:30 PM

\$18 per person

RSVP by Friday, November 29 to the temple office at
585.266.3223 or office@tbdrochester.org.
Limited seating, RSVP early!

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

November 1
Mickey Schrier
Evalyn Stoler

November 2
Fannie Caplin
Rae Fleisher
Esther A. Schwartz

November 3
Sonia Lutzky

November 4
Dory M. Driss
Ethel Stamler

November 5
Florence Kasanov

November 8
Essie Schwartz

November 9
Louis Gertzog

November 11
Joseph W. Phillips

November 12
Irwin Halpern
Louis Leitmen
Jacob Rubin

November 13
Marge Gould Panitch

November 14
Philip Weinstein

November 15
Estelle Kaufman
Henry Toole

November 16
Mildred Gilman
Irving Roth
Frances Stark

November 17
Harold Gertzog
William Isaacson

November 18
Harold Neurock

November 19
Larry Brandwein

November 20
Virginia Erlichman

November 21
Esther Conwell Rothberg
Ruth Shechet

November 22
James Alva

November 24
Donald Gallant
Joseph Klein
Belle Kleinberg

November 25
Philip Stark

November 26
Peter Manjos

November 27
Joseph Levy

November 28
Helen Forchheimer

November 29
Michael Simon

December 1
Isadore Neurock

December 3
Millard Schaffer
Ray Schatz

December 4
Benjamin Markowitz

December 5
Abraham Fishman

December 6
Pauline Markowitz

December 8
Belle Fogelman

December 9
Bany Cohen

December 10
Abe Aroesty
Mildred Levy

December 11
Julius Rosen
Eli Rothstein
Shirley T. Schnidman

December 14
Louis H. Grossman
Ruth Lederer

December 15
Jacob Kreag

December 16
Max Rothj
Harry Stein

December 17
Marie Goldwasser
Max Rosenthal

December 19
Sara Gorelick

December 20
Ira Kinel

December 21
Leonard Gordon

December 23
Rosalie Bloom
Laurence Skopitz

December 24
Nathan Goldwasser

December 26
Edward Driss
Dora Lutzsky

December 27
Julia Stiller
Sylvia Towber

December 28
Sheldon Harris

December 29
Paul Vanas

December 30
Bernard Bernberg
Ben Drexler
Fajwel Kinel
Harry Vine

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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