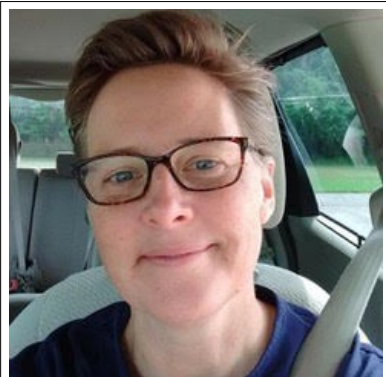


From the President sue Eckhaus

president@tbdrochester.org



Hello Fellow Congregants and Friends of TBD!

Here we are at the beginning of 5782 and also looking at the end of 2021. Beginnings and endings all at the same time.

Enough to make your

head spin! We at Beth David really have so much to do. We, also, have so much that we get to do!

I am looking forward to closing the loop on many things and continuing to get our house in order. I am also looking forward to launching into 2022 with a new group at the helm since we have some VPs and board members finishing their terms. I am feeling new and renewed energy and excitement from all. It really just takes a little bit here and there to get some momentum. I am looking to lead and cheerlead and participate and I would love for you to do the same!

We have been working on some important challenges and the decisions about them really belong to you, our congregation. For this reason, we are announcing three Sunday Congregational Meetings to take place at 10:00 am in person in our sanctuary as well as via Zoom on

October 17
November 14
and December 12

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

At the first two meetings we will present information and at the third meeting we will ask for your input.

Topics include: leadership planning and slate of officers, financial planning and dues structure, work with USCJ and consultants, rental and lease, personnel, and proposed budget.

On that note, here are some important messages that I shared on Rosh Hashanah. The first message is simple. Temple Beth David is yours. Each of you. Each congregant. This shul - this congregation - this community - this group of people. It is yours. It is up to each and every one of us as congregants to think about what we need and want and then work to make it happen. If there is something that we need or want, we need to speak up, talk about it, ask questions and then work to make it happen.

Here are some things that people may typically want or need from their affiliation with a synagogue. Think if these are things that you want or need...and if your needs and wants are being met. And if not, have you raised your hand? Have you tried to engage with others to make change? Shabbat services every week; cultural events; kiddush; visits with others; adult education; weekly kaddish; havdalah; Friday night services. So...that is my first message - Temple Beth David is yours.

The second message is this... we have challenges ahead and we want you to know what is going on and we need to share all of the information we have. The challenges continue to include Covid and the question of who will fill our future leadership positions and the fact that our current location is not accessible. Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is finding ways to encourage more participation in order to ensure the continuation of the events and services which we all value so much.

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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 take pride in being a friendly, participatory, egalitarian community, welcoming all to be a part of our synagogue family.

One important request is this...ask questions if you are uncertain about something. I am available for conversations and will find answers if I do not have them. Contact me at president@tbdrochester.org or leave your name and phone number with Rebecca in the main office and I will call you. If you would like to speak with someone else on the board simply leave a message with Rebecca.

Please remember that the two COVID guidelines that we are choosing to follow when indoors are that we must all be fully vaccinated and we must all wear masks at all times. We will continue to work diligently to provide the best of what is possible given the current situation.

On a more personal note, I missed seeing many of you at High Holy Day services this year. Certainly some of you chose to stay safely at home and for that I completely understand. It pleases me to know that some of you chose to view the live stream. As always I imagine some had, in fact, traveled to be with family. I do look forward to connecting with you in the months ahead. We will continue to have both in person and online options as often as is possible for upcoming services and events.

I want to be sure to make a special note of appreciation to both Rabbi Michael Silbert and cantorial soloist Ellen Brandwein for leading us in prayer and song and a big blast of thanks to Elie Silbert for all of the wonderful shofar notes.

Next I offer much appreciation to Rebecca Weber in our temple office and to all of the congregants who helped with the many, many tasks that are necessary before, during and after the High Holy Days. We had more than fifteen people help with all of the tasks related to schlepping and greeting and ushering and flowers and apples and set up and honors and ritual and so much more. I am grateful for each of you and the efforts you provided.

A final note of thanks to Temple Sinai for making it possible for us to be in their beautiful sanctuary, to Hamilton AV and their staff for live stream service, to Bob Puff at New Life Electronics for live stream service and to my friend, Hannah, for her warmth and caring with our young congregants.

L'Shalom,



2021 Congregational Meetings

10:00 am Sunday in Temple Beth David's sanctuary and via Zoom by invitation only. All members are invited to attend.

*** October 17 ***

*** November 14 ***

*** December 12 ***

All current members are encouraged to attend the first two informational meetings and to participate in the third meeting. Topics to be discussed include: leadership planning and slate of officers, financial planning and dues structure, work with USCJ and consultants, rental and lease, personnel, and proposed budget.

Please email Sue Eckhaus at president@tbdrochester.org with questions or concerns or call the temple office.



Cindy Halpern, 46er

I started climbing high peaks in the Adirondack Mountains with Cascade Mountain in 1994. The 46ers is a non-profit organization started in the 1920's. There is an official list of the 46 peaks in the High Peaks region of the Adirondack Mountains over 4,000 feet. Modern science might have changed which peaks are over 4,000 but completing the original list gets you permission to join. Many of the mountains require climbing over mountains that are in between that don't make the list because they are too close to a larger mountain or not enough elevation change between the next one. There were many years that no mountains were climbed. At some point though, I felt deprived if there was a year when I didn't climb a mountain.

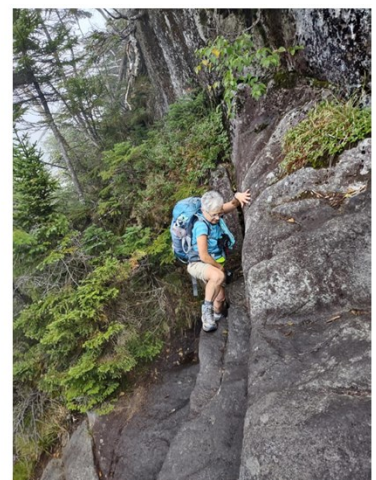
I finished my quest this Sunday, August 29 at 9:35 am on top of Basin Mountain. I then went down Basin and up a mountain I had hiked previously, Saddleback, the hard way, up the famous (or infamous) Saddleback Cliffs.



The Rock Scramble on Shorey's Shortcut which goes up a shoulder of Haystack Mountain.



Yes, I went up that thing. Shorey's Short cut, I believe.



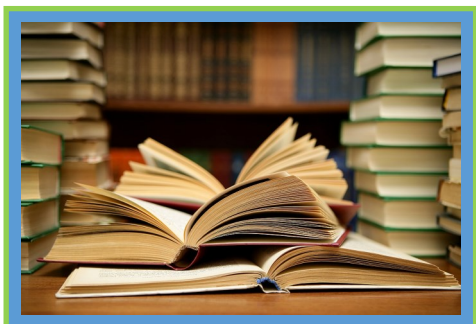
One of the many rock scrambles.



View from top of Basin of Cloud Inversion (above cloud, looking down)



Climbing the Saddleback Cliffs AFTER finishing my 46th High Peak on Basin.



Jewish Short Stories Discussion Group

Please join our October discussion via Zoom

Monday October 25 7:00 - 8:30 pm

call the temple office for more details

This month we will discuss *Summer is for People* by Miriam Karmel and *Vanished Jews of Hetta* by Jason K. Friedman.

We invite you to join with other readers in a lively discussion at the next session of our Temple Beth David Jewish Short Stories Discussion Group.

In October we will be featuring stories by two winners of the Moment Magazine-Karma Foundation Short Fiction Contest. When you read the selected winning stories, you will be introduced to promising young writers who use themes of Judaism, Jewish culture, or history in their work. Previous winners of the award have included prestigious writers such as Joyce Carol Oates, Robert Pinsky, Walter Mosley, Nicole Krauss, Erica Jong, Jonathan Safran Foer, Geraldine Brooks, André Aciman, and Dara Horn.



Please note that Temple Beth David will be holding Shabbat services in the Temple B'rith Kodesh Chapel, located on the first floor, on these dates at 10:00 am.

Saturday, October 16

Saturday, November 20

For more details, visit our website or call the temple office.

Gates of Everyday Holiness: An Introductory Course on Mussar with Howard Brill and Liz Ornstein

Sundays: 11:00 am -12:30 pm
October 10, 24, November 7, 21,
December 5, 19, 26, January 9, 23,
February 6



Mussar is an ancient Jewish tradition of spiritual practice. It is not philosophical or mystical but emphasizes the practical aspects of being a better person, a mensch. We study character traits (middot) such as humility, patience, order, truth, and trust. Participants will discuss and keep journals of their experience with each mid-dah (character trait). All are welcome, whether you've just heard of Mussar or you've been practicing for some time. The group will meet every other week, and members will meet in pairs (chevruta partners) on the alternating weeks.

Jewish Environmentalism with Bonnie Abrams

Tuesdays: 1:00 - 2:30 pm
December 7, 14, 21, 28

Fee: \$40

What is Jewish environmentalism? Judaism intersects with environmentalism on many levels. The natural world plays a central role in Jewish law, literature and liturgical practices. Is it any wonder that we have a notable history of environmental thought and activism? This course will introduce participants to the history of Jewish environmentalism and to its practical implications today.

For more information or to register for a class, please visit tbk.org/learning.

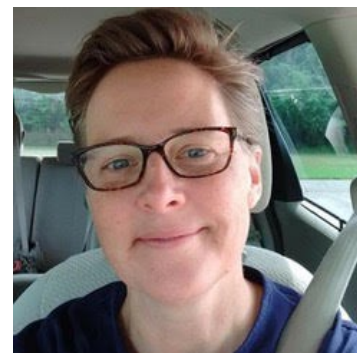
Speak with Sue

6:00 - 6:45 pm Monday, October 4 via Zoom

and

3:00 - 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 5

in the Temple Beth David Sanctuary



I want to continue to make myself available to answer your questions, listen to your ideas and introduce myself to those of you I haven't met yet. I have set up "office hours" to meet with congregants one-on-one. It's easy. Just call Rebecca in the temple office to set up a meeting time or to arrange for technical assistance.



Thank you for your generosity

Special thanks to those members whose generous donations provided the beautiful floral arrangements for the High Holy Day services:

Kevin and Judy Fleissig, Marc Lande and Linda Servetnick, Phil and Sue Lederer, Dan and Alice Nussbaum, Linda Phillips, Karen Schaffer, and Martin and Lauren Yesowitch.

Yahrzeits

Date Observed

October 1

Scott Grube
Esther Mann
Tillie (Toby) Rosen

October 10

Fannie Caplin
Rae Fleisher
Esther A. Schwartz

October 21

Marge Gould Panitch

October 28

Virginia Erlichman

October 2

John Schnidman
Ruth Somers

October 11

Sonia Lutzky
Sylvia Stiller

October 22

Philip Weinstein

October 29

Esther Conwell
Rothberg
Ruth Shechet

October 6

Stephen E. Jaffey

October 12

Ethel Stamler

October 23

Estelle Kaufman
Henry Toole

October 30

James Alva
David S. Eckhaus

October 7

Paul Lederer
Meyer Lubitow

October 13

Florence Kasanov

October 24

Mildred Gilman
Irving Roth
Frances Stark

September 8

Nathan Sanow

October 17

Louis Gertzog
Irving Lubitow

October 25

William Isaacson

October 9

Mickey Schrier
Evalyn Stoler

October 20

Marvin Davis
Irwin Halpern
Louis Leitman
Jacob Rubin

October 26

Harold Neurock

October 27

Larry Brandwein

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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