

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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It was with surprise and joy that I answered the phone a few months ago and the voice on the other end told me that then-Mayor Elect of Rochester, Malik D. Evans, had requested that I offer an invocation at his inauguration ceremony. I am delighted to share with you here the words of blessing I spoke at that ceremony, in early January.



May Mayor Evans' term in office be a blessing to all of us and to the entire Greater Rochester Area community.
- Michael

Psalm 118 teaches us: This is the day that the LORD has made - let us celebrate and rejoice on it. - PSALM 118:24

Friends, I am so deeply honored to offer these words of blessing today, these words from Hebrew scripture which are a reminder to all of us that we need to live gratefully and to seek opportunities for joy and celebration and meaning, especially since we gather - virtually - at a time when pandemic has taken ahold of our world.

In truth, COVID-19 is not the only illness that continues to spread throughout our nation; the other one is the plague of division, disconnection, extremism and hate:

It affects the ears: we lose the ability to listen to each other;

It affects the lips: our ability to speak with love and kindness to others – and especially to those who are different to us – is at peril;

Tragically, it affects our senses of sight and vision: we become unable to see one another's pain *and* to imagine an America in which we bear responsibility for each other, in which we seek to strengthen a single, democratic nation, made up of our rich and

wonderful diversity, which is greater than any single one of us.

And this plague affects the heart and soul: our capacity to express our humanity slips away from us.

But on this day, we rise with hope for what we and Malik Evans are yet to accomplish.

We embrace the opportunity to build a city where everyone can be safe;

Where all of us can look forward to our children living a better life;

Where we all can expect to be treated with dignity: at once recognizing and honoring both the humanity and the divinity that is inside every single Rochestarian.

If we have the right to expect that the loving, protecting arms of the Blessed Holy One should be wrapped around every citizen of our city – and I believe we do – then how much more should we expect the arms of every citizen to reach out to their neighbor, whether they live one door away, one block away, or even on the complete opposite side of Rochester.

There is great need that is felt in our city, in every moment of every day. But as Rabbi Tarfon is quoted as teaching back in the 2nd Century:

“The day is short, and the work is plentiful... and while it is not your duty to finish the work, neither are you at liberty to neglect it;” (PIRKEI AVOT 2:15-16)

And so, on this day we take our next step forward in our work as a community by lifting up this son of Rochester, Malik Evans, and elevating him to the highest office in our city.

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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.

We pray that our new Mayor should always feel that God is with him. That on long days in office, he should know what it is to be sheltered under the wings of God's ever-loving presence, and that he should always be energized to serve us with integrity, confidence and humility.

Holy One, protect Mayor Evans. Help him and all the people of our city to be all that we can be, so that together we can build a city which will grow into a beacon of human dignity, which is morally awake, a place where everyone living under this corner of Your sky, will thrive and flourish.

And Shabbat Shalom – may the peace of the Sabbath, a moment in which we pause from the rigors of daily life in order to reflect and to express our eternal gratitude to You – may this peace be felt everywhere and bring blessing to all.

Mazal Tov, Mayor Evans!

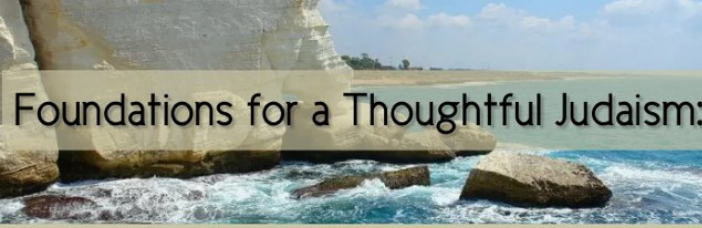
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Arthur Bernberg	February 27



Happy 98th Birthday Paul

Paul Eissenstat has been a member of Temple Beth David since 1968. Here is a photo of Paul and Judy with their son Howard, from Temple Beth David's Silver Anniversary Album 1978-79. Paul was 98 years young on Saturday, January 8.



Member Directory 2022

The time has come to reissue the temple directory with new members, updated contact information, and more photos.

If you'd like to make changes to the current publication or would simply like to include more photos of you and your family, please contact the temple office.

The deadline for submissions is February 28 and copies of the directory will be distributed to all current members upon completion.



Temple Beth David will be holding Shabbat service on the first floor at Temple B'rith Kodesh, at 10:00 AM on

Saturday, February 12 and Saturday, February 26

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

The next **Temple Beth David Board of Trustee Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. All temple members are welcome to attend or you may address any questions or concerns to a board member for consideration prior to the meeting. For information on how to attend the meeting or how to contact a board member, please consult your temple directory or contact the temple office.



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February 6

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Shirley Shapiro

February 10

Norman Klein

Harry Roxin

February 14

Bluma Schonbrun

February 15

Faye Goldin

February 18

Max Palagyi

February 19

Gertrude Brotsky

Jacob Haymoff

Samuel Markus

February 20

Annette Harris

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Anna Weinstein

February 24

Louis Klein

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February 27

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February 28

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