

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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Most of us don't know what it's like to live with a disability. For many, the experience is so distant from our daily reality that chances are we don't even notice all the disabilities around us, or when we do, we tend to look the other way because it's just too difficult to contemplate.



The first time I ever stopped what I was doing in order to imagine what living with a disability must be like, was - ironically - when I was a new parent. I tried to enter a building that had two very heavy doors at either end of the vestibule at its front entrance. There was no electronic door control for the benefit of people with physical challenges and I was pushing my infant in a stroller. There I was, unable to coordinate pushing a stroller with opening a heavy door and realizing for the first time in my life that I was unable to manage the simple task of entering a building like most people do. Imagine that: an able-bodied adult who couldn't make their own way through the front door! Well, it suddenly occurred to me that if I was having difficulty, then how on earth is a person seated in a wheelchair supposed to pull that door open? Or are they just supposed to stay home? From that moment I also began noticing how many intersections still don't have ramps to make it easier to navigate raised curbs in wheelchairs (and our own Sue Lederer described to us in February 2021 during JDAIM - Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month - numerous other challenges for people with different abilities that can still be found at many traffic intersections).

One of my wife's favorite mantras about disabilities is: "We don't think about being disabled until we are, and most of us will get there some

day." May we all be blessed to live long and healthy lives, and when we *do* get old, may we be spared the indignity of the challenges faced by people in wheelchairs who simply wish to participate in regular everyday life, yet so often find themselves excluded.

Doors and ramps aside, I'm also thinking of multi-story buildings that don't have functioning passenger elevators. I am painfully familiar with just how many members of our community would *like* to join us on Shabbat and other occasions but cannot because the only way to access our second-floor sanctuary is via a staircase.

Temple Beth David now holds service in wheelchair-accessible locations between once or twice a month and we are working earnestly at a more viable permanent solution. This is not just because of our responsibility to honor the dignity of every person who wishes to be with us. Rather, thinking long term we realize it's also because we know that one day we will be in their shoes, standing behind their walkers or sitting in their wheelchairs. Compassion for those with differing abilities is essential and including them in communal life is of the utmost importance.

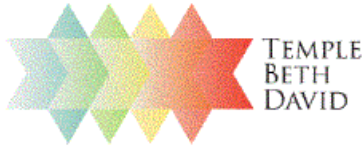
And speaking for many of us, we miss seeing the faces of those of you who find it tough to access our sanctuary! We want you to be able to be with us again!

My best wishes to you and your families: may you all be safe, healthy and joyful in the month of Purim which is heading our way!

Michael

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March Birthdays

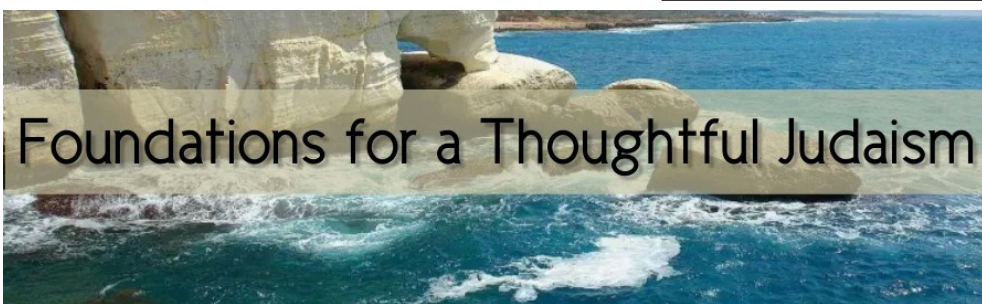
Michael Peres	March 7
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Seth Katzman	March 20
Michelle Gross	March 21
Harry Franklin	March 23
Anne Goldin	March 24
Mobeen Shirazi	March 26
Kelliie Hyman	March 28
Roberta Kinel	March 29

March Anniversaries

Phil & Sue Lederer	March 4
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The next Temple Beth David Board of Trustee Meeting

will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. All temple members are welcome to attend or you submit questions or concerns to a board member for consideration prior to the meeting. For information on how to attend the meeting, or please contact the temple office. Board members are listed on the last page of this bulletin.



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Member Directory

Contact the temple office to include your updated contact information in the 2022 temple directory.

Temple Beth David Book Discussion *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn

led by Linda Servetnick
Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am
In-person event at Linda's house

RSVP to Linda at 585.820.4615



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March Yahrzeits

Nissan Yahrzeits that you may have expected to observe in March will be observed in April due to the leap year in the 2022 Hebrew calendar.

March 1

Harry Herman
Stephen Sigelow

March 2

Bessie Klein

March 12

Lillian Abelson
Sara Brodsky

March 21

Morris Herman

March 25

Helen Langmann
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*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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