

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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It's been interesting to see how the Coronavirus has played out in my family. Our gateway member was Nadav, our youngest; despite barely even presenting a runny nose, one morning his school called asking for permission to test him. We figured: "Hey – if *they* can get him to sit still while tickling the inner reaches of his nostrils, then more power to them!"

Fifteen minutes later the phone rang again: "Come and get him." He ate well that day, had a good sleep and the next morning when he woke up, his barely runny nose was even less runny, as if that were possible. That was the full extent of his symptoms. Totally undramatic and true to character for Nadav.

The next one to fall was our older son, Elie. He was feeling completely fine but my guess is that he figured a "positive" reading might buy him a few well-earned days off from school, so what was to be lost from testing (aside from the aforementioned nasal unpleasantness)? With even fewer symptoms, another among us had succumbed. And then there were two green bottles hanging on the wall.

It took the better part of a week for Rachel's immune system to decide it was feeling left out. When she tested positive, it was something akin to fireworks on the fourth of July, leaving no doubt whatsoever that Covid had come to town. She lost all energy for between *five to six weeks*, spending most of this time in bed, barely even watching Netflix! (In case you're wondering, my entire family was fully vaccinated, boosters and all; I hate to think how Rachel might have fared had she NOT been. We also were extremely grateful that it was omicron and not an earlier, more potent, variant which decided to pay us a visit.)



Which leaves me. Despite being in unavoidably close contact with my sons and sleeping every night next to my contaminating wife, my tests kept on coming back negative. It was down to the dogs and me vs. the rest.

During Rachel's extended ordeal, all areas of her life were affected, not to mention work. She had planned to chaperone local 8th graders to Israel and as the departure date approached, it was clear to all that she was in no condition to be available to a group of energetic teens at all hours of the day, for nine days straight. She approached other Jewish educators in the community to stand in for her and when none were available at such late notice, she looked closer to home. *Moi*.

Run out of the Jewish Federation of Chicago (known as the Jewish United Fund), *Israel/Now* is the latest iteration of a trip that seeks to give Jewish 8th graders a first "taste" of Israel (hence the trip's former name, "*Ta'am* (taste of) *Israel*"). More than just offering a dizzying on-the-bus-off-the-bus first exposure for most to Israel, the tour is a highly structured positive Jewish peer experience for the teens, the type which the data shows will turn out to be one of the most powerful, formative Jewish experiences of their lives, with potential long-range (God willing!) effects on their identities. 2022 was the first time the trip was offered to communities outside of Chicago, and I'm extremely proud of my wife for recruiting the same number of kids to participate from our (relatively) small Jewish community, as other places such as Cleveland and Miami!

I have had the exceedingly good fortune to visit Israel numerous times – somewhere around the *minyan*-mark. Having led a Birthright trip before,

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I find that my deep love for the country is only magnified when I get to experience it anew through other people's eyes for the first time all over again. My most recent visit was in 2015 and the physical changes since then are startling! The high-rise buildings, the bridges, new highways tunneling their way through the Jerusalem hills, and more; truly amazing. This is no place for those who prefer to be jaded.

Aside from the newer sites, of course Israel is laden with ancient attractions which have inspired Jews for many thousands of years. And if you're not into that kind of thing, then the food (oh, the food!) and just the general "buzz" in every corner and on every sidewalk, are sure to get ya.

To be entirely honest, it's hard to not want to keep count of the number of kids whose first words upon seeing their parents at the airport are: "I want to go back." Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and some of us take longer than others to process things. But oh my, there's something infectious about the place. In the best way possible.

Michael



MAY 2022
JEWISH MOVIE CLUB
LINE-UP

Definitely not kosher. WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
Dough
(Tubi, 1 hr 34 min)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022
For My Father
(Tubi, 1 hr 35 min)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022
DOUBLE FEATURE!
#1: **Nazi Art Thieves** (Tubi, 54 min)
#2: **Leaving the Fold** (Tubi, 52 min)

Watch the movie whenever it suits you and discuss it with the Jewish Movie Club at 8:00pm on Wednesday. Contact rabbi@TBDrochester.org for the Zoom Link.

The next **Temple Beth David Board of Trustee Meeting** will be

held Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All temple members are invited to attend or submit questions or concerns in advance of the meeting for consideration by the board of trustees. Board members are listed on the last page of this bulletin. For information on how to attend the meeting, please contact the temple office.



Covid-19 Safety Protocol
for inside Temple Beth David



Masks (surgical or N95 or KN95) must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times, even when speaking / singing / chanting into the microphone. No other masks are acceptable. Surgical and KN95 masks are provided by

Temple Beth David for those who do not have their own. Temple Beth David requires proof of vaccination to be on file with the office or to be shown at the door.

Please provide proof of vaccination including booster shots, when medically recommended, from the CDC Vaccination Record Card, the COVID-19 Vaccination Excelsior Pass Plus (go to "vaccination details"), or a Medical Health Record.



If you are experiencing symptoms- including sore throat, cough, congestion not due to seasonal allergies or fever- please do not attend temple activities, including services.

All in the Family

May Birthdays

Alice Nussbaum	May 2
Kevin Fleissig	May 4
Rachel Kest	May 5
Sharon Gordon	May 13
Vivian Rothberg	May 13
Karen Schaffer	May 14
Susan Lederer	May 20
Judy Wolbert	May 21
Maxine Newman	May 24
Ronald Kraus	May 25
Beverly Zwick	May 25
Burt Segelin	May 26
Sandra Cohen	May 28
Marci Miller	May 29
Shelby Nelson	May 29

May Anniversaries

Tom & Susan Wood	May 20
Thomas & Judy Wolbert	May 24
Stanley & Elaine Schaffer	May 26
Michael & Laurie Peres	May 29
Richard & Joyce Towber	May 30
Ronald & Nancy Kraus	May 31
David & Susan Langmann	May 31
Burton & Marilyn Segelin	May 31

**Shabbat Service will be held in the
Temple Beth El Chapel
on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 am**



On April 7, 2022, Bernie Roth's great granddaughter, Ayelet Wurtzel, was married in Israel to Chayim Golberg. Ayelet's parents are Kara and Eli Wurtzel. Some of you may remember Kara, who taught for a year or 2 at Temple Beth David. She and Eli and their 6 children made aliyah about 10 years ago. Ayelet's grandparents are Laura and Michael Roth. Mazel tov, Bernie!



Take Home Treats

If you would like to help with take home treats distributed after Shabbat service each week or wish to sponsor "Take Home Treats" in honor of a good news event, please contact the temple office or speak with Alison Helms (number is in directory).



Riverside Cemetery Plots

are available to purchase from

Temple Beth David

at reduced temple member rates for Jewish burials in adherence to Temple Beth David ritual requirements. For questions regarding purchase, contact the temple office. For questions pertaining to Jewish burial ritual requirements, contact Rabbi Silbert.

Donations Received March 16 - April 15, 2022

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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In honor of the birth of Lilly's
great-great-grandson, Theo
Paul Eissenstat
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Solomon Gross

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Beatrice Vine

May 10

Raymond Kinel

May 11

Judy Eissenstat

Samuel Greenberg*

Bernard Servetnick

May 12

Jack Stephen Spitulnik

Meyer Weinstein

May 13

Rywka Kinel*

May 15

Sarah Markus*

Jonathan Rich

May 17

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May 18

Nadine Lande

May 19

Jacob Kinel

Max Stark

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May 26

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May 28

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May 29

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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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5th Annual Joint Golf Outing *@ Mendon Golf Club (Mendon, NY)* *Monday, July 25th, 2022*

in memory of Jay Cohen and to benefit TBD and TBE Education Funds

Golf, Breakfast, and Hors d'Oeuvres
\$136.00 earlybird before 6/1
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8:30am	Registration, breakfast, team pictures
10:00am	Shotgun tee start
4:00pm	Hors d'oeuvres @ Mendon Golf Club

Register for golf/sponsorship online @ <https://www.tberochester.org/> or complete form on back

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Sponsor signs will be placed on the golf course and displayed at the hors d'oeuvres

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Please make checks payable to **Temple Beth El** with "Golf Outing"
on the memo line and mail to:

Temple Beth El
139 Winton Road South
Rochester, NY 14610
Attn: Golf Outing

Registration forms must be in by Friday, July 15th, 2022

If you have any questions please call:

TBD: Phil Katzman (585) 473-3834 or email philip_katzman@urmc.rochester.edu

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