

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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On Sunday, May 15, ten people were murdered by an 18-year-old white supremacist while shopping in a Buffalo supermarket, but an hour away from our homes.

The following day, Mayor Malik Evans asked me to deliver a prayer at a vigil later that week. These are the words I shared.

- Michael



Jewish synagogues – we send our thoughts and prayers. And God, how You must wonder: “Why do My children refuse to change their behavior and their actions and then they turn to Me and pray that the same will never happen again?”

You told the prophet Hosea:

“I desire goodness, not sacrifice; I desire obedience to God, rather than your offerings.” [Hos. 6:6]

And to Isaiah You cautioned:

“Even though you make many prayers... your hands are stained with blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; Devote yourselves to justice, Aid the wronged; Uphold the rights of the orphan; Defend the cause of the widow.” [Isa. 1:15-17]

My friends: something has to change. Something has to change so that God isn't the only one burdened with the responsibility for fixing things. For as long as the supremacy of *any* of God's children continues to be promoted on prime-time TV in an environment where it's easier and cheaper to get a semi-automatic assault weapon than to fill a prescription at a pharmacy, it's not going to stop. Something has to change.

My God is the God of Hosea and of Isaiah who compels us to action; a god who encourages us to transform our thoughts and our prayers into policies and changes.

When Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel returned home from marching with Dr. King in 1965, he wrote: “For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.”

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Sh'ma Koleinu - Listen to our voice, our God. Spare us and have compassion on us, and in compassion and favor, accept our prayer.

Creator, we ask that You notice that we gather here in pain and sorrow, outraged at the hideous theft of the life that You breathed into our brothers and sisters, who lie slain in Buffalo. Good people who went out to buy food so that they and their families may live, and who now will never return home again.

We ask that you shelter their souls in your loving embrace as instead they have come home to You.

We pray, God, that You should watch over their families and loved ones who have barely even begun to feel the agony of loss; we pray that You will help them bind up the wounds to their spirits and their souls so that in time they should be able to find a renewed sense of hope in humanity and a sense of hope in their country.

God, because You know what is in our hearts, we cannot hide from You our fear that this day was coming, but that we just didn't know the exact hour and address. We knew it because hatred is rampant and because massacres like this one in Buffalo occur all too often, over and over again.

Each time that blood is spilled in the streets and the supermarkets and the places of work and the places of worship – especially black churches and

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And so, we need to feel inspired to take up the challenge to sing to God a new song. A song about our commitment to action that will get rid of this vile plague.

A song about marching all the way to Washington DC, if necessary, to protest for more sensible policies about weapons.

A song about moving forward – a vision of us partnering with God to bring about the light of a new dawn.

U'Milfanechah Malkeinu - Do not turn us away, our Sovereign, empty handed from Your presence.

Bless us with strength, God, to rise to the challenges of this moment, and until then and even then and forever more, please listen to our prayer that You should tend to Your children in Buffalo and throughout our nation who are in so much pain.

U'Fros Aleinu Sukkat Shlomechah - Spread over them the shelter of your peace.

Amen.

July Yahrzeits

July 1 Celia Lurie	July 9 Anna Roxin	July 18 Daniel Markus*	July 25 Isadore Braiman
July 2 Aaron Kinel	July 13 Jacob Neuberg Kurt Peter Schaffer	July 19 Tillie Gross*	July 26 Hyman Abrams
July 4 Morris Segelin	July 14 Eli Bauman Boruch Bobkowski Chaya Sora Bobkowski	July 21 Jacob Wexler	July 27 Jerome Rothstein*
July 5 Emil Schott	July 15 Al Diamond	July 20 Eunice Freedman*	July 28 Morton Brodsky
July 6 Elva Wexler	July 16 Joseph Retta	July 22 Rose Cohen* David D. Gordon*	July 29 Paul Cherkasky Phillip Haymoff* Irving Kessler Karen Phillips Ruth Servetnick
July 7 Beverly (Stark) Schaffer		July 23 Al Newman Inge Schaffer	July 30 Ida Priceman*
July 8 Chaya Sarah Schnidman		July 24 Joel Kerker Ruth Forchheimer Kraus	

**Memorial plaque on display in the Temple Beth David sanctuary.*

*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.*

All in the Family

July Birthdays

Hadassah Gavin	July 1
Barbara Gertzog	July 1
Ira Goldman	July 14
Beverly Zwick	July 25
Charles Rothberg	July 30

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary

Andrew & Karen

July Anniversaries

Bruce & Anne Goldin	July 6
Martin & Lauren Yesowitch	July 7
Andrew & Karen Berger	July 19
Harry & Adele Gan	July 29

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

Tuesday, **July 21 at 7:00** pm via Zoom. All temple members are invited to attend or you may submit your questions or concerns in advance of the meeting for consideration by the board of trustees. Board member names are listed on the last page of this bulletin. For more information on how to attend the meeting, please contact the temple office at 585-266-3223 or office@tbdrochester.org.



Shabbat Service will be held in the Temple Beth El Chapel on Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 am

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.



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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 (her contact information is listed in the temple directory).

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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 all attendees to be fully vaccinated, including medically recommended booster shots, according to the DC.

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Temple Beth David and Temple Beth El Present



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
\$150.00 after 6/1

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

SPONSOR OPTIONS

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

Sponsor Name:
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(submit by 6/25; if no wording for the sign is written, we will use the Sponsor Name)
Sponsor Address:
Sponsor Phone:
Sponsor Email Address (needed for graphic):
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() Bronze Hole Sponsor	Includes hors d'oeuvres for one (1) person	\$200.00
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() Hors d'oeuvres Sponsor	Includes hors d'oeuvres for one (1) person	\$125.00
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() Hors d'oeuvres only		\$40.00

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Name	Phone	Email		
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TOTAL				

Affiliation: ☐ TBD ☐ TBE ☐ Both ☐ Unaffiliated

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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