

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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**Judaism is about hope and the rest is all commentary (though we should still learn it):**

Example #1:

The Torah opens with the Jewish parable of the creation of a universe for us to inhabit, in which we are encouraged to grow every single day of our lives, fulfill our potential and develop meaningful connections. The expectation at the outset is that we *will* succeed; there is no mention in the narrative of any trepidation about our outcome.

Example #2:

When a Jewish child is born, the nature of the primary connections that we should aspire to in life are articulated in a prayer for the newborn:

*May this child be raised to enjoy the blessings of Torah – may they develop a deep and meaningful connection with God;*

*May this child be raised to enjoy the blessings of chuppah – traditionally this projected the hope that the child should one day get married. Now that we live in a somewhat more complicated age with respect to personal relationships and gender rights and autonomy, we expand this to encompass our hope that the child will develop a deep and meaningful connection with another human being who is to them unlike all other people – their soulmate;*

*May this child be raised to enjoy a life of ma'asim tovim, good deeds – may they develop a deep and meaningful connection with their community, with those around them, ever sensitive to their needs and with a drive to make life better for others.*

Here too, this prayer offers no hint of anxiety that things might go wrong and these aspirations might get derailed. Interestingly, there's also no mention of careers, income, awards and fame. Only the



really important stuff is listed - humankind's loftiest achievements which engender spiritual meaning, personal joy and the dignity and wellbeing of others. And there's a quiet confidence that all of us will get there, in our own unique way.

There are countless other examples we could turn to as prooftexts that Judaism is preoccupied with the positive, but the fact that these two projections of a life grounded in hope are so very foundational, resonates powerfully for me.

At the same time, it would be foolish to deny that pain, suffering and failure are inevitable aspects of our human experience. Yet our faith and tradition do not instruct us to become used to them; rather they seek to imbue us with tools to overcome them, and even to express our rage towards God when the situation demands it. As Jews, we are permitted, even entitled, to shout our frustration and desperation to the Heavens.

And then, as the days begin to get cooler and we approach the High Holy Days together with Fall's gradual arrival, we are reminded that the opportunity to begin all over again, draws near. Judaism asks us the question: "What if the past didn't matter and you could hit the "reset" button?", and then it delivers this implied gift of renewal to us (although it does require work on our part too).

Life without the possibility of growth and developing meaning and connection would be unbearable. This is why Jewish life invites us to pursue these blessings every single day. By the time this reaches you, it will be less than a month to go before the New Year, which means that NOW is the time for each of us to decide what we're going to do with this gift of renewal, and what hope will look like next year.

Michael

**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.

# All in the Family

## September Birthdays

Rachel Weinstein	September 4
Henry Berger	September 5
Marylin Segelin	September 5
Daniel Goldman	September 8
Toby Berke	September 12
Jean Brandwein	September 12
Leo Katzman	September 17
Lewis Rothberg	September 22
Myron Kleinberg	September 24
Karen Berger	September 27
Laurie Peres	September 29
Bruce Kielar	September 30

Malacai Berke-Kosinski celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth David on Saturday, August 20.

Malacai is the son of Stacey Berke and the grandson of Toby and Mike Berke.

Malacai and his family are very happy that our relatives, temple family and close friends were able to share this special occasion in person with us.



Malacai is entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Dake Junior High in West Irondequoit. Malacai plays alto and tenor saxophones in the school band and the school and high school jazz bands. He recently performed at the Rochester Jazz Fest in June. Malacai loves baseball and wrestling and was on the junior high school teams for both sports and a Little League team for baseball.

## September Anniversaries

Jonathan Feldman & Alison Helms	Sept 2
Kevin & Judy Fleissig	Sept 5
Rabbi Michael Silbert & Rachel Kest	Sept 24

### Lulav and Etrog

If you would like to order a set of Lulav and Etrog for \$50, please contact the temple office no later than **September 9.**

The price includes shipping, pick up at the temple when notified.

### 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).

### 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.





# Shabbat Morning

TEMPLE BETH DAVID & TEMPLE BETH EL  
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September 24, 2022

9:30 AM

139 Winton Rd S,  
Rochester, NY  
14610





## High Holy Day Services 5783

### Erev Rosh HaShanah

Temple Beth David Sanctuary  
Sunday, September 25  
5:30 pm Mincha  
6:45 pm Candle Lighting

### Rosh HaShanah

First Day at Temple Sinai  
Monday, September 26 at 8:30 am  
5:00 pm Tashlich at Canal Lock 32 Park on Clover Street  
Meet in the parking lot or contact the temple office for a ride,  
parking lot is just south of 2749 Clover Street  
After 7:42 pm Candle Lighting

### Rosh HaShanah

Second Day at Temple Beth David Sanctuary  
Tuesday, September 27 at 8:30 am morning service  
No Tashlich  
7:40 pm Holiday Ends

### Fast of Gedaliah

Wednesday, September 28  
Fast from Dawn (5:52 am) to Sunset (7:28 pm) [individually observed]

### Erev Yom Kippur

at Temple Sinai Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm  
Kol Nidre and Ma'ariv (Building open at 6:00 pm)  
6:28 pm Candle Lighting

### Yom Kippur

at Temple Sinai  
Wednesday, October 5 at 8:30 am  
Approx. 11:15 am Yizkor  
4:15 pm Mincha and Neilah  
7:27 pm Ma'ariv and Havdalah  
Holiday Ends 7:45

No Break the fast at Temple Sinai this year

*All times from [www.hebcal.com](http://www.hebcal.com) for zip code 14618; Havdalah calculated for 50 minutes after sunset.*

**IMPORTANT:** Temple Beth David requires everyone attending services to be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times, even when speaking / singing / chanting into the microphone


SEPTEMBER

# JEWISH MOVIE CLUB



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

**SILVER TWINS**  
(Tubi, 1 hr 22 min)



LINE-UP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

**GERMANS & JEWS**

(Tubi, 1 hr 22 min)



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

**NO MEETING THIS WEEK.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

**NO MEETING THIS WEEK.**

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

# SELICHOT סליחות

**Sunday, September 18, 9:00am - 10:00am, at Temple Beth David**

Please join us for the annual Selichot Service



## Donations

Received July 16 - August 15, 2022

### DAVID SOLOMON FUND IN MEMORY

Burton Freedman  
Dan & Risa Saltzman  
David Gordon  
Elaine Gallant  
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Michael Zeif  
Shelly Braiman  
Al Newman  
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### GET WELL WISHES

Lilly Sherman  
Bernard Roth  
Karen Schaffer  
Howard Brill  
Ronald & Carol Schott

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bernie Roth  
Shelly Braiman

### MAZEL TOV MALACAI BERKE-KOSINSKI

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Bernie Roth  
Marci Miller  
Cindy Halpern

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## September Yahrzeits

**September 2**  
Gertrude Toole

**September 4**  
Amalie Kraus

**September 5**  
Celia Markus

**September 7**  
Linda-Sue Edwards  
Sumner Shechet\*

**September 10**  
Burton C. Wandner

**September 11**  
Hana Frank

**September 13**  
Harry Levy  
Eli Schwartz\*

**September 14**  
Rachel Freedman  
Isadore Gertzog

**September 15**  
Beverly Sigelow

**September 16**  
Milton Drexler

**September 17**  
Lottie Colucci  
Florence Kaplan  
Jack Kessler

**September 18**  
Reva Kerker  
Authur Towber

**September 20**  
Samuel Bauman\*  
Samuel Goldin  
Helen Halpern  
Florence Phillips

**September 22**  
Rhea Markus

**September 23**  
Pauline Levy

**September 24**  
Isadore Gan\*  
Arthur Goldman

**September 25**  
Sidney Leitman

**September 27**  
Leo Cohen  
Saul Klein  
Marlyn Plaut

**September 30**  
Blanche Saltzman

*\*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.*

## SEND A CARD TO A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE!

Checks payable to: **Temple Beth David, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 204, Rochester, NY 14618**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum donation \$10, or two for \$18

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### Card Message:

- ☐ Get Well Wishes \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Happy Birthday \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Congratulations on \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In Appreciation of \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund:** If no fund is specified, your donation will be made to the David Solomon Operating Fund. Thank you.

- ☐ David Solomon Operating Fund
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