



# The Bulletin

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From Philip Katzman, President

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Shalom Chaverim! I am your new TBD president starting a 2-year term in January 2023. First, thank you for placing confidence in my ability to fill the shoes of the prior presidents in the recent congregational vote. Second, thanks to other congregants who have

stepped up to perform essential tasks for the congregation, including Toby Berke (VP Administration), David Langmann (VP Finance), Scott Davis (VP Building), Ron Brandwein (VP Ritual), and Bev Zwick (Recording Secretary). Thanks to Andrew Berger, Ed Drexler, and Lisa Klein for accepting new positions on the board, and to returning board members Scott Bauman, Judy Fleissig, Anne Goldin, Cindy Halpern, Sue Lederer, and Karen Schaffer. Thanks to our interim president, Helen Kashtan for keeping us on track over the past 6 months; to Sue Eckhaus for her infectious energy that has carried us through the bulk of the COVID-19 pandemic; and to Lewis Rothberg for his constant support.

You may know me as the guy who reminds you every year to sign up for the golf outing as a co-chair for our Annual Joint Golf Outing over the past 8 years. Or the one with the colorful Excel tables at the congregational meeting that describes our financial status as VP Finance over the past 3 years. I also chant haftarah and an occasional Aliyah on Shabbat. You may also know my wife Joanne who has supported my endeavors with TBD, and our sons, Leo (a sophomore at Binghamton University) and Seth (a junior at Brighton High School). Joanne and I

joined TBD in 2000. I originate from the Boston area, I am a professor at University of Rochester, and I am a Kohen (similar to a prior president – look at the end to find out who). At the University of Rochester, I am a pediatric pathologist and I work closely with another member of our Conservative community, Leon Metlay (who is also a Kohen!). If you want to know more about what I do, find the web link by searching “Meet the Detectives Behind the Diagnosis (URMC Newsroom)”.

As I enter the presidency, there are challenges ahead, but opportunities that also await. The Relocation Task Force has been reviewing the alternatives for a new location and Helen Kashtan has related to the congregation that the most likely scenario will be a relocation to TBE as a tenant, similar to our status at TBK. There is potential for (and has been recently) some collaborative programming. Given that the congregation has authorized the Board of Trustees to proceed with negotiations with TBE, I will be working with Helen, the task force, and the board to iron out details of a tenancy there.

The COVID pandemic has affected our congregation over the past 3 years. While our leaders have tried to keep us safe by following the current recommendations to date, there is now recognition that the virus is now endemic and will be with us very much like influenza. Since these viruses (as well as RSV) are currently predominant, I will continue to seek guidance from our medically trained congregants as what has been called the COVID Task Force. Masks will continue to be a tool to use for everyone to be safe, but in the new year we hope to be able to liberalize mask wearing when possible.

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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.



Temple Beth El Sisterhood is thrilled to welcome women from ALL Conservative congregations in the Rochester area to participate in

**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
**Saturday, January 21 9:30 am**  
**139 Winton Road**

**We will be joined by visiting Cantor Penny Myers of Buffalo Service followed by kiddush luncheon**  
**We hope to see you there!**

**For more information, contact Gail Finkelstein at 585.755.8790 or [gailfink49@gmail.com](mailto:gailfink49@gmail.com)**

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An exciting opportunity is additional adult education. While Rabbi has been hosting the Jewish Movie Club and has recently launched his series on Learning About Prayer, there is a need for congregants who have an interest, to learn how to chant Torah (and haftarah) and to learn more about the Shabbat service. We need more congregants to be active participants in the service.

Although I know many of you already, I look forward to talking with more congregants over my 2-year term. If you have questions or you have ideas for programming, you can contact me at [president@tbdrochester.org](mailto:president@tbdrochester.org). As many of us have stepped up to work on the temple board or various events, such as Shabbat Kiddush, High Holiday planning, the golf outing, and the Chanukah party, I hope that you can find the time to help out in an area you enjoy while providing a service for others in our community. I will end with a quote from Roald Hoffman, a Jewish chemist from Cornell University who wrote an essay in the book "I Am Jewish" that was inspired by the death of Daniel Pearl. According to Martin Buber, the Hasidic rabbi, Yekhiel Mikhal, tells a tale in which one of his disciples asked him how his work can approach the works of his forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The rabbi answered that "Just as our fathers invented new ways of serving, each a new service according to his own character: one the service of love, the other that of stern justice, the third that of beauty, so each one of us in his own way will devise something new in the light of the teachings and of service, and do what has not yet been done."

May we all find our strengths to support each other in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Katzman".

Answer to quiz: Andrew Berger is a native of the Boston area, a professor at UR, and also a Kohen.

# All in the Family

## January Birthdays

Paul Eissenstat	January 8
Bruce Goldin	January 8
Hannah Eckhaus	January 12
David Langmann	January 18
Mindy Zoghlin	January 23
Elaine Schaffer	January 24
Linda Servetnick	January 25
Sarisa Zoghlin	January 27
Barbara Weber	January 29

## Kiddush News

What food or foods do you associate with each week's parashah? Contact Alison Helms, kiddush coordinator, at [alison.helms@gmail.com](mailto:alison.helms@gmail.com), and she will try to include those foods in the kiddush/take home treats for that Shabbat. Please consider sponsoring a treat at \$18 or cholent at \$36 in honor of a good news event!



The next **Temple Beth David Board of Trustee Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **January 17 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](mailto:office@tbdrochester.org).



**Sisterhood Shabbat Service will be held in the Temple Beth El Sanctuary on Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 am**

## 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 Alison Helms.

## 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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**Cindy Halpern**  
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### **IN MEMORY**

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## RABBI SKOPITZ FUND

### **IN MEMORY**

**Myrna Lutzky**  
Phillip & Sue Lederer

**Nathan Goldwasser**  
Fay Neuberg

## January Yahrzeits

<b>January 2</b> Marcia M. Davis	<b>January 10</b> Anna Alva Sylvia Weber	<b>January 16</b> Helen Steinberg	<b>January 27</b> Norman Gilman
<b>January 4</b> Harold Feinberg	<b>January 11</b> Martin Roth	<b>January 17</b> Sheldon Feuerstein Donna Wexler Larca	<b>January 28</b> Ada Rosenthal Abe Rousso
<b>January 6</b> Adele Katzman Morris Schnidman*	<b>January 12</b> Max Gross* Abraham Lutzky	<b>January 18</b> Sheldon Himmelstein	<b>January 29</b> Sarah Ann Berke Ida Gertzog
<b>January 7</b> Bella Nussbaum	<b>January 13</b> David Matis Przewuzman* Y'hoshua Schnidman Nathan Zeif	<b>January 20</b> Rae Goldman* Herbert Kraus Max Schwartz	<b>January 30</b> Arthur Bauman Laurie Feuerstein Walsh
<b>January 8</b> Bessie Braiman Jean Levy Gan*	<b>January 14</b> Tania Jacobson Eugene Roth	<b>January 22</b> Benjamin Rosenbaum	<b>January 31</b> Julius Himmelstein* Regina Schier
<b>January 9</b> Sam Cohen	<b>January 15</b> Milton Lande Irving Mindlin	<b>January 25</b> Yuda Kinel L. Grant Meeker	

*\*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.*



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

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**Temple Beth David will no longer be collecting donations for the Jewish Soldiers Project.  
Please contact Keith Freedman at [jewishsoldiersproject@gmail.com](mailto:jewishsoldiersproject@gmail.com) for details about donating.**



It's so easy to make donations and dues payments online! Visit our donation page at [www.tbdrochester.org/donate](http://www.tbdrochester.org/donate). The minimum online donation is \$10.



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You may be missing the latest news about Temple Beth David services and events, as well as other important community information. Call or email the Temple Office to add your name to the mailing list!

Please call the office if you or a family member is scheduled for surgery or is admitted to the hospital. We want to offer comfort to congregants who are ill but regulations do not permit the hospital to contact us with your news. We will only know if you let us know.



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