

May 2023

We're Moving!

Our official move to our new home will take place on May 22 and 23!

There is much packing to do before the move and we'd appreciate your help! Please join us on any of the following dates to help! We need 10 or more people each day.

Questions about packing? Able to help?
Please contact the Temple Office!



Packing Dates and Times

Sundays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 30

May 7

May 21 (til we are done!)

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

May 10

May 17

We need people to help with:

- Forming the packing boxes
- Wrapping fragile items before packing
- Packing boxes
- Sealing and labeling boxes

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

May Anniversaries

Thomas & Judith 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

May Birthdays

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

מזל טוב!!!

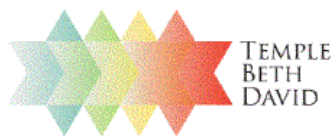
Kiddush News for May! Moving Month!

May will be a busy month, because, in addition to having some type of kiddush on each of the four Shabbatot, we will be packing the TBD kitchen, and celebrating Shavuot. Here is what to expect in May:

- **May 6, Parashat Emor**, in which special rules regarding kohanim and the annual cycle of holidays are "spoken." The service will be in our TBK sanctuary and will be followed by a take home kiddush.
- **May 13, Parashat Behar-Behukotai**, in which laws surrounding fair use of agricultural land and systems for sharing harvests, such as sabbatical cycles and tithing, are set out. This service will be our final service in the TBK sanctuary before the move, and we will celebrate with a special blessing of gratitude and a sit-down kiddush.
- **May 14** we'll begin packing the kitchen. Is there a serving platter that is meaningful for you or your family? Please let me know.
- **May 20, Parashat Bemidbar, Shabbat Mevarekhim (new month)**. This important episode takes place in the desert. There is a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. When camp is broken, the sanctuary is dismantled, transported, and reassembled in the next location by the Levites. The locations of the encampments of the twelve tribes around the tabernacle are carefully described, along with the numbers of individuals in each tribe, and the configuration each group keeps while traveling with its flag. This service will be held in the TBE downstairs chapel. Coincidentally, as we read this parashat, we will be in the process of packing and moving. There will be simple take home treats after the service.
- **May 26 (Friday), Shavuot Day I**. Combined service with Beth El in their sanctuary.
- **May 27 (Saturday), Shavuot Day II**. Service will be held in the TBE downstairs chapel, our new Shabbat services home. Marci Miller will read the Haftarah, which she read at her Bat Mitzvah, and is sponsoring our first kiddush in the TBE Youth Lounge in honor of her Bat Mitzvah. Thank you, Marci!

Thank you,
Alison

Revised Bylaws Approved: Thank you to all Temple Beth David members who cast votes regarding the revised Bylaws. The revised Bylaws were approved and are now the basis of how our congregation is governed.



Temple Beth David & Temple Beth El

Present Our

6th Annual Joint Golf Outing

Mendon Golf Club (Mendon, NY)

Monday, July 31



Temple Beth David

Board of Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

All temple members are invited to attend or you may submit questions or concerns in advance of the meeting for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

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, May 20 at 9:30 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.



70 Years of Temple Beth David Buildings: 1953-2023



The process of our move to Temple Beth El (TBE) has begun in earnest! We have given notice to TBK that we expect to vacate the building by May 31. We have a lease that has been reviewed by our lawyer and then signed by both of our temples. Andrew Berger, given his experience with our move to TBK several years ago, has agreed to organize the logistics for moving to TBE. Several things have happened leading up to the move: 1) We are finalizing the transfer of our audio and streaming equipment to the TBE chapel; 2) We've hired a mover; 3) We've ordered boxes and tape to start packing items in the sanctuary, office, and kitchen.

To put our pending move in perspective, our Temple Archivist has written a history that focuses on our moves over the years. Thank you to Seth Katzman for his work with Dave Phillips' (z"l) DVD! And, thank you to the 25th and 50th anniversary committees, who told of our histories on those occasions .

Phil Katzman

The Torah portion for 2/25/2023 was *Trumah*, in which all the details of building the ark and the tabernacle are given to the Israelites in the desert. "Let them make me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them." That is what the Temple Beth David congregation did in 1963 when ground was broken for the "new" Temple Beth David (TBD) building at 3200 St. Paul Blvd. The period of building from 1963 to 1969 is documented in a three-hour long 8 mm film. In 2004, for TBD's 50th anniversary, that footage was edited into a 28-minute DVD narrated by David Phillips (z"l). Some of the images in the video are included below, including a young Bernie Roth (with sunglasses), the initial structure of the Temple, and the shovel that was used in the groundbreaking. The original 8 mm film, Dave Phillips' "abridged" DVD, and the shovel used at the groundbreaking are in the TBD archives.

But we have started in the middle of the story!

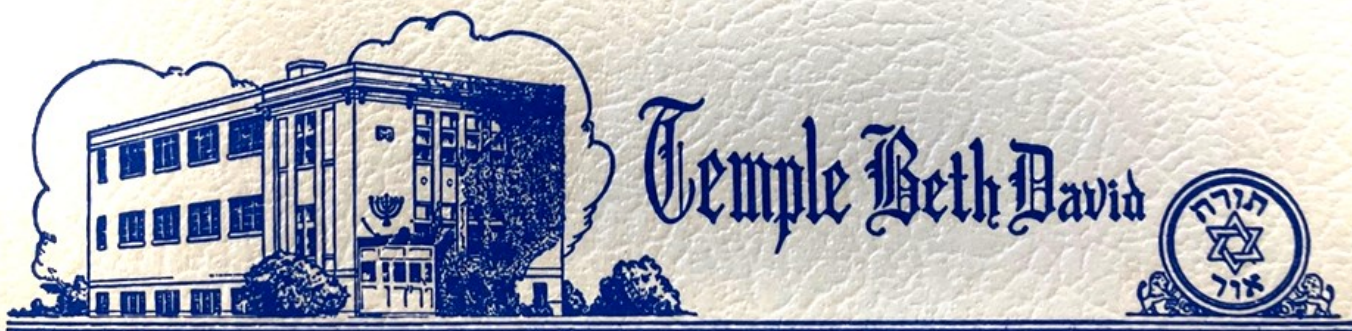
Let's go back to 1953 and create a complete building timeline, which began in what is now the House of Guitars on Titus Avenue.

October 1953: Irondequoit Jews met to form a congregation, held a service in rented space in the old Grange Hall (which became the House of Guitars), and quickly decided to form two congregations, Temple Emanu-El (Reform) and Temple Beth David (Conservative).

For a time, Temple Beth David rented space behind a pet shop in a strip mall on Titus Avenue, while looking for a more permanent home.

August 1, 1954: Temple Beth David purchased Unity Recreation Hall at the intersection of Titus and St. Paul Boulevard, renovated the building, held a formal dedication service on April 17, 1955, and stayed there until the congregation outgrew the building.





November 1963: A groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new building at St. Paul Street, large enough for the 300-member congregation, containing a sanctuary, social hall, and classrooms. The actual construction of the building — a slow and difficult process — was brought to completion through the dedicated hands-on work of many of our founding congregants, in particular, David Phillips, whom Rabbi Rachel Smookler dubbed our temple “*Bezaleil*”.

November 1, 1969: Temple Beth David at 3200 St. Paul Street ceremoniously opened with a parade of Hebrew School students, teachers, congregants, and Rabbi Aaron Solomon (z”l) walking from the old building at the intersection of Titus and St. Paul to the spacious new building. Our TBD community called this place home for nearly 50 years, and most congregants today have memories of significant events and the strong feelings of family that developed there.



Rumblings and worries began in the 1980s, with the Jewish population of Irondequoit growing smaller, some moving to the southern suburbs of Rochester, and some retiring to Florida. But, surprisingly, the following decades proved to be active and somewhat stable. Rabbi Laurence Skopitz (z”l) felt that there was something special about Temple Beth David, a tradition of “*heimishkeit*” with hands-on participation, learning, discovery, warmth and friendship. He and others often thought of Temple Beth David as the ‘shul of the arts’, with many active musicians, dancers, artists, and creators in the congregation.



Ultimately, there were too many difficulties maintaining our home at 3200 St. Paul St. In time we bid goodbye to this beautiful building, with Rabbi Smookler leading the full congregation in a moving “circling” of the sanctuary, encouraging us to capture our memories and bring them with us to our new location in Brighton.

April 2, 2017: Dedication of our new sanctuary on the second floor of Temple B’rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue.

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May 1

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Sarah Markus

Jonathan Rich

May 7

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May 8

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May 9

Jacob Kinell

Max Stark

May 10

Bruce Newman

Lillian Pies

May 11

Solomon Berke

May 16

Betty Herman

May 18

Harry Eissenstat

May 19

David Bauman

May 22

Mollie Markus

May 23

Milton Stoler

May 25

Jack Weber

May 27

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Leo Langmann

May 28

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