

From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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70 is one of the most auspicious numbers in Jewish tradition. Among other famous 70s, are:

- **70 Nations and Languages:** The Torah lists 70 descendants of Noah after the flood and explains, “*These are the families of the sons of Noah... the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.*” [Gen.10:32]

Our sages drew from this that humanity comprises 70 nations, each with its own language. While today we understand the number of nations and languages throughout the world to be considerably greater than 70, the notion of *70 Nations and Languages* has long described the Jewish People’s awareness that we live in a complex world where we are not the only people created by God, living under God’s sky. Humanity includes all of us.

- **70 Elders:** God tells Moses to gather 70 Elders of the Israelites to join him part of the way up his initial ascent of Mount Sinai to receive the Torah [Ex.24:1]. Later, the Rabbinical Court (the *Sanhedrin*) would have 70 judges plus 1 (representing Moses himself). Therefore, we see that the Jewish pursuit of holiness and justice is not monopolized by a single leader, but is shared among the people, ensuring that it is a communal endeavor.
- **70 Faces of Torah:** A *midrash* expounds that since Torah is so profound and can be understood at so many levels, there are 70 valid ways of understanding and interpreting Torah [B’Midbar Rabbah 13:15].

Again, this number 70 – whether we choose to understand it literally or metaphorically - expresses a fundamental Jewish belief that there



ought to be a plurality of perspectives with regard to Torah and life itself.

- **70 Holy Days:** Another *midrash* calculates that there are 70 Biblical Holy Days – and causes for celebration! – in a year [B’Midbar Rabbah 14:12].
- **70 Full Years of a Person’s Life:** A complete human life is said to be 70 years long [Psalms 90:10].

Pop quiz:

Q: At what age does a person’s “second Bar / Bat Mitzvah” occur?

A: Upon reaching the age of 83 i.e. 70 + 13

For all these wonderfully positive reasons and more, 70 is a highly feted number in Jewish life and teaching, representing myriad possibilities and opportunities for growth, learning and sanctity. Therefore, 70, more than most other numbers and ages, is a milestone most deserving of celebration.

What an amazing opportunity it is then for all of us to be part of Temple Beth David’s 70th anniversary this summer! As we look around and notice the changes in Rochester’s Jewish communal landscape over recent years, we should not only be grateful that we’ve reached 70 and are still going strong, but each and every one of us should be PROUD to have contributed in our own way. Together we have built and sustained a “*Kahal Kaddosh*” – a holy community - each time we’ve shown up, each time we’ve celebrated lifecycle events in our own families or of our friends and relatives. Even each time we’ve come just to help make a minyan in case a total stranger has needed to say *Kaddish*, has been a holy moment in the life of our congregation.

Imagine, then, if we could add up every single time someone walks through our doors to join us in

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Message from the President

Phil Katzman

Welcome to summer in Rochester – or wherever you spend the season! Temple Beth David has an exciting event to look forward to in August. You should have received an invitation or seen advertisements for the 70th Anniversary Celebration on August 18, 5-9 p.m., in the social hall at Temple Beth El.



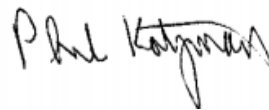
This invitation to attend the 70th anniversary party is open to anyone who has a past or present connection with Temple Beth David. If you attended services, classes and/or events at Temple Beth David at some point in the past, you are part of the TBD Community. We would love this to be a reunion as well as a celebration! Socialize, enjoy TBD archives displays, and, of course, there will be a delicious dinner followed by music!

You will notice that the letter “ע” is part of the design used for our invitation (designed by our longtime member, **Nancy Kraus** – thank you!) This 16th letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value of 70 and the letter’s name “Ayin”, means “eye” in Hebrew and has been described to represent the “spiritual light of G-d” mentioned in Genesis 1:3.

Temple Beth David has certainly been blessed with many rays of this divine light through the years. It is a time to appreciate all the people who have made Beth David what it has been over those seven decades. From our start and proliferation in Irondequoit to our move to Brighton in 2016, we have been blessed with volunteer leadership over the years that has guided us through good and bad times. Through it all we have been grounded in maintaining our temple as a welcoming place for all to come pray, learn and socialize. So let’s celebrate!

Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can get a head count in time for the caterer to make preparations. This is a time to consider what Temple Beth David has meant for you and your family over the years.

Your ticket prices only partially cover the costs for this event. Please consider making an additional donation in honor of this special event in honor of or in memory of those who have been instrumental in building our synagogue and keeping it vibrant. I look forward to seeing you in shul and on the 18th.

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

Synagogue Members Visit Safe Haven Museum

Temple Beth David members **Phil Katzman, Linda Phillips, Joanne Katzman, Adrienne Messenger, Judy Wolbert and Karen Schaffer** were joined by members from Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Am, and Beth Hamedresh Beth Israel for a visit to the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum.

The museum is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of the 982 refugees from World War II who were allowed into the United States as “guests” of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. These refugees were housed at Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY, from August 1944 until February 1946.





KIDDUSH NEWS

August 3rd *Parashat Matot-Massei*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Sue Lederer is sponsoring this kiddush in honor of her parents, **Morris and Betty Herman** (z"l). Thank you, Sue. I remember when your parents helped plan TBD's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

August 10th *Parashat Devarim* (Moses begins his repetition of the Torah)

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Barbara Gertzog is sponsoring this kiddush in memory of her parents, **Sylvia and Louis Gertzog** (z"l). Dessert is served in honor of **Bernie Roth's** 100th birthday. Bernie requested cupcakes. Thank you, Barb, and Happy Birthday, Bernie, a couple of weeks early!

August 17th *Parashat Va'etchanan*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by a kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Judy Wolbert, Adrienne Messinger, and their sister **Sandy Rosen** are sponsoring this kiddush in loving memory of their parents, **Thelma and Sam Messinger** (z"l). Thelma and Sam were active founding members of the Ahavas Achim-Lubavitz Synagogue in North Buffalo. The synagogue was built in 1950 and merged two east side congregations. <https://jewishbuffalohistory.org/synagogues/ahavas-achim-lubavitz/> Thank you, Adrienne, Judy and Sandy!

August 24th *Parashat Eikev*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by a kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Scott Bauman read this Haftorah at his Bar Mitzvah and will read it again on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Scott studied with Rabbi Solomon, our Rabbi from 1955-1977. It synchronizes in an interesting way with TBD's 70th anniversary, and Bernie's 100th birthday. Thank you for sponsoring this kiddush!

August 31st *Parashat Re'eh*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, shared TBD-TBE kiddush upstairs.

September 7th *Parashat Shoftim*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by a kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Do you have something to celebrate or commemorate? This kiddush is open for sponsorship.

September 14th *Parashat Ki Teitzei*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, shared TBD-TBE kiddush upstairs.

September 21st *Parashat Ki Tavo*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, shared TBD-TBE kiddush upstairs.

September 28th *Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech; Leil Selichot*

Independent service, downstairs chapel, followed by a TBD kiddush in the Youth Lounge.

Would you like to sponsor this kiddush? What would you choose to celebrate about this year?

Memorial Plaques

We've done an inventory of all the memorial plaques. If you'd like to know the location of a plaque, please call the Temple Beth David office at 585-266-3223 and we can help you locate it.

If you're interested in purchasing a plaque, please contact the Temple Office.



*On Friday, July 12, we had the pleasure of spending a morning with **Bernie Roth**. This gave us the opportunity to ask him about his life's path, accomplishments, relationships and in return, we received his wisdom.*

Bernie was born in Allentown, PA. Sadly, his father died when Bernie was 10. His mother came to this country as a teen. With her, she brought a Yiddish/Hebrew siddur and that siddur is now in the hands of a great-granddaughter. Bernie attended a JCC Hebrew School Monday through Friday, after school and Sundays, where he was immersed in Hebrew instruction. After Shabbat services, he and his friends studied with the only rabbi in town. Bernie believes that he stuck with this schedule because his friends shared his interest in learning.

At age 17, Bernie enlisted and went into the reserve corps. At 18, he learned radar repair. He was in the U.S. Army from 1942 to early 1946.

Bernie attended the University of Maryland where he earned a Master's Degree in Physics. While there, he met **Sylvia**, who was working at the university hospital. The two married in 1949. After completing his degree, Bernie was offered a job at Eastman Kodak. Sylvia was not able to leave her job quite yet, so Bernie came up to Rochester and resided at the downtown Jewish Young Mens and Womens Association. Bernie and Sylvia met on occasional weekends in Williamsport PA, which was half way for both.

Bernie was a Research Physicist at Kodak for 35 years. He was the fourth Jew to be hired as a researcher there. However, there were a handful of other Jews employed by Kodak in other departments. Once a month, a rabbi came and led discussions over lunch with all of the Jewish employees.

When Sylvia joined Bernie in Rochester, they lived in an apartment until they found their home on Northfield Drive in Irondequoit. This was in 1954 and they had a choice of two shuls to join — Temple Beth David and Temple Emanu El. They chose to be members of Temple Beth David. Soon, their son Michael was born and Rabbi Solomon performed the B'rit. After Michael, Bernie and Sylvia had two more sons, **Bruce** and **Joel**.

Bernie was quickly hired as a Sunday School teacher at the temple. He was soon moved up to the position of Hebrew Education Chair, where he was in charge of hiring teachers for the Hebrew School. Bernie shared that during Rabbi Solomon's tenure, he was a member of the synagogue choir which performed during Friday night services.

Initially, Rabbi Solomon taught all Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and read the entire Torah portion every week. When he retired, Bernie began taking on these responsibilities. Over the years, Bernie taught the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, the confirmation class, and led the Junior Congregation. Bernie studied on his own to learn to chant Torah and mastered both the regular trope and the alternate tropes chanted on holidays.

Bernie and Sylvia were active participants in the social activities at Temple Beth David. And there were plenty of them: Picnics, Casino Nights, Bingo, Sisterhood Donor dinners, and Men's Club breakfasts. **Morris Herman, Sue Lederer's** father, wrote several plays and Bernie was always one of the actors.

Bernie has 14 grandchildren. He is fortunate to have 21 great grandchildren and some great greats as well. Some of his progeny have made homes in Israel, and he has traveled several times to visit them. Bernie still resides in his own home while in Rochester, and spends several months a year in Florida with Michael and his wife, Laura.

Upon reluctantly gathering up our things to leave, Bernie noted that when you join Temple Beth David, you wonder, "What can it offer me?" But then soon you realize "What you can offer in return." It's a reciprocal arrangement.

Thank you, Bernie, for enriching our lives by offering so much of yourself to TBD.





Temple Beth David 70th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 18, 2024

14 Av 5784

Reception at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Temple Beth David
139 South Winton Road
Rochester, New York 14610

RSVP by August 1

Festive attire appreciated.

Contact the Temple Office for reservations!
***** No reservations accepted after August 5! *****

2024 Graduates at Temple Beth David



Henry Berger is graduating from Yale University with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science. He walked through graduation this spring, and will return for his eighth semester in the Fall.



Brandon Burris completed his PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Rochester. His studies focused on CRISPR biology and molecular tool development.

Abigail Feldman is grateful to have graduated from SUNY Buffalo with a BA in Psychology and a double minor in Spanish/Health and Human Services. At UB she discovered passions for community service, working with youth, and social work. Abby will be in Rochester this year working for The Center for Youth as a “Social Learning Specialist” with elementary students. She plans to go to New York City next year to explore further possibilities in social work, social justice, and friend/family connections! :)



We hereby share the nachas of our recent graduates. Mazal Tov to those who did the hard work, and to their kvelling parents too!



Gabe Franklin graduated with an MEd in Sports Psychology from Springfield College this spring!

Harry graduated in June with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.



Seth Katzman graduated from Brighton High School. Seth will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the Fall.



Charles Rothberg, pictured with his sister **Vivian**, graduated in May with his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Wisconsin Madison. During his studies, he interned for the Democratic representative to the Wisconsin State Senate for Madison. He adores Madison and remained there to take a job as an election organizer for the Democrats until November at which time he expects spend some time in Europe with his girlfriend who will be teaching English on a Fulbright scholarship in the Czech Republic.

All in the Family

Birthdays

August

Michael Berke	August 2
Howard Kashtan	August 2
Andrew Berger	August 8
Scott Bauman	August 9
Rabbi Rachel Smookler	August 9
Ronald Brandwein	August 18
Leon Zoghlin	August 18
Linda Phillips	August 19
Bernard Roth	August 19
Neal Eckhaus	August 22
Dolly Fishman	August 22
Sherry M. Goldman	August 23
Jonathan Feldman	August 24
Sidney Markus	August 24
Benson Zoghlin	August 26
Alison Helms	August 28

September

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

Anniversaries

August

Lilia Rissman	August 1
Scott and Merrie Franklin	August 20
Philip and Joanne Katzman	August 20

September

Jonathan Feldman and Alison Helms	September 2
Kevin and Judy Fleissig	September 5
Rabbi Michael Silbert and Rachel Kest	September 24

Welcome

We welcome Rachel as our new Office Manager. She looks forward to meeting you in person, on the phone or by email.

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, xx a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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Celebrating a special event?

Have special family news?

Submit details to the Temple Office for inclusion in our Weekly News email or the printed ***Bulletin***. Photos must be original files that are of good quality.

Deadline for our October/November 2024 Bulletin is September 15.

Donations

Through July 15, 2024

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August and September 2024 Yahrzeits

*The yahrzeit date that appears here is the date of observance using the secular calendar.
These dates match those of the Hebrew calendar for the actual date of death.*

AUGUST

August 1
Isadore Braiman

August 2
Hyman Abrams

August 3
Jerome Rothstein

August 4
Morton Brodsky

August 5
Paul Cherkasky
Phillip Haymoff
Irving Kessler
Karen Phillips
Ruth Servetnick

August 6
Ida Priceman

August 7
Morton S. Schwartz

August 8
Michael Zeif

August 9
Hena Gewertz Bromberg

August 10
Linda Brodsky Haid

August 15
Sam Kinel

August 16
Norman Steinberg

August 17
Nuftule Feinberg
Burton Freedman
Joe Priceman

August 18
Jay Levine

August 20
Paul Eissenstat

August 23
Arthur Caplin
John Herbert Skiba
August 24
Mary Rubin

August 25
Fronie Hoffman

August 26
Samuel Messinger
Elizabeth Palagy

August 28
Ira Lurie

August 30
Rose Zoghlin

SEPTEMBER

September 1
Harold Fishman

September 3
Rose L. Gordon

September 4
Marsha Greenberg

September 5
Beatrice Goldman

Evelyn Sharf

September 7
Benjamin Spitulnik

September 9
Ida Piekarski
Gertrude Toole

September 11
David Erlichman
Amalie Kraus

September 12
Celia Markus

September 13
Dorothy Smith

September 14
Linda-Sue Edwards
Sumner Shechet

September 17
Janet Cherkasky
Burton C. Wandner
September 18
Hana Frank

September 20
Harry Levy
Eli Schwartz

September 21
Rachel Freedman
Isadore Gertzog

September 22
Beverly Sigelow

September 23
Karen Cohen
Milton Drexler

September 24
Lottie Colucci
Florence Kaplan

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Reva Kerker

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Rabbi ... Continued

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prayer, to join us in learning, or even to join us in eating? That's a lot we've accomplished, a lot to be grateful for and a lot to celebrate.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Temple Beth David (and all who sail in her!) a very blessed 70th Anniversary. Let's be sure to appreciate this momentous accomplishment of our beloved community, by celebrating together. If you've not yet replied to the invitation to attend the 70th Celebration, then do so RIGHT NOW!

LeHitra-ot – looking forward to seeing you at the party!

Michael

Michael

Please call the Temple Office if you or a family member is in the hospital. We want to offer comfort to congregants who are ill. Hospitals are not permitted to contact us with patient information.

Rabbi Silbert has prepared a booklet of reflections on healing and connection.

Contact Rabbi Silbert or Temple Office for a copy.



Temple Beth David Section Riverside Cemetery Plots

are available to purchase at reduced Temple member and non-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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Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 20

Tuesday, September 17

7:30 pm via Zoom.

Contact the Temple Office
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