

## From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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The birthday of an ailing loved one can merge the sense of celebration with uncomfortable uncertainty: while indeed we are grateful that they've reached this momentous



occasion, it can be difficult to allow ourselves to be fully present in the moment and not let our thoughts drift off to sadder places. What will the next year hold? This is where my head was on Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, last month.

It shouldn't be news to any of you that this year's was a somewhat muted celebration. It's interesting to think of Israel as a Jewish person who during the first year of mourning for a close family member, does not publicly engage in parties and frivolity. And even for those who do not follow these aspects of Jewish law, how many people *wanted* to – how many were *able* to – celebrate, what with around 130 of their children or neighbors still held captive in Gaza's warren of tunnels?

We need to be honest with ourselves -- so much has been lost since October 7:

- Not only were the lives of around 1,200 Israelis intentionally taken in the most savage manner;
- not only were close to 240 kidnapped – dragged away whether kicking or dead;
- not only are thousands still internally displaced from their homes in the south and the north of Israel because of ongoing daily barrages of rocket attacks from Gaza and Lebanon (not to mention recent explosions sent all the way from Iran);

But on that day last fall, Israelis lost their sense of military invincibility. That well known Israeli bravado

and confidence that their Defense Force is always on high alert and ready to respond at a moment's notice, will take a long time to recapture.

In the meantime, the good news is that Israel has never had an ally as committed to its successful future as the United States. On May 13, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan stated: "No president has stood stronger with Israel than Joe Biden. He was the first president to visit Israel in wartime. He is protecting Israel at the UN. He mobilized a coalition to directly defend Israel against an Iranian attack. He led the bipartisan effort to pass a supplemental that ensures Israel's defense and military edge for years to come."

"His commitment to Israel is ironclad. Ironclad doesn't mean you never disagree; it means you work through your disagreements – as only a true friend can do. That's exactly what we have done for the past seven months – and that's what we will keep doing."

The other good news that Israel can receive, is us. The story that every recent visitor there repeats upon their return home, is how grateful Israelis are that we, world Jewry, are standing with them and standing up for them at this time.

At our Pesach seders just a few weeks ago, many of us might have concluded the evening by singing "*B'Shanah haBa-ah biY'rushalayim*" / "Next Year in Jerusalem".

If you want to be part of the good news happening for Israel this year, then do what you can to get there NOW!

L'Shalom,



Michael



I hope you and your family had a meaningful Passover holiday this year! Did Passover feel different this year? Did the story of the Exodus from Egypt have more meaning than previous years?

One mitzvah is to tell the story to our children, who need to know

where we came from. Why? So that they understand how far we have come and the significance of maintaining our Jewish life for the future. We tell the same story every year, but it has a different meaning depending on the current world politics.

It seems to me that the perspective of my Jewish identity at any moment is influenced by the Jewish history I learned over years. I have seen patterns of flourishing Jewish communities all over the world only to be set back or even decimated by evil forces that somehow finds that persecuting the Jews serves a purpose. This year the Passover story was told in the background of a war that has become complex politically and has caused divisions in our society. Wherever you stand, we are cognizant that civil discourse is more important than ever as information and misinformation swirl around us on social media and other media outlets. I hope that each of us will find support through our family, friends and congregants. I thank **Rabbi Silbert** for providing insights and guidance through his sermons.

In addition to the efforts of our Rabbi, I want to thank several people for the volunteer work they do for temple. Our executive board includes **Toby Berke** (VP Admin), who has been instrumental in keeping our office functioning while we search for a new office manager. **David Langmann** (VP Finance) has been working behind the scenes to keep us financially intact. **Ron Brandwein** (VP Ritual) makes sure we have Torah and Haftarah readers each Shabbat (thanks to all those who step up every week) and plans our Shabbat service schedule with the Rabbi through the year. **Scott Davis** (VP Building) has stepped in to help in the office and kitchen many weeks and is our conduit to the Men's Club. **Bev Zwick** (VP Recording Secretary) maintains our board meeting minutes. Thanks to our general board members who guide many decisions that need to be made through the year. Thanks to

**Alison Helms** for tirelessly planning our Shabbat Kiddushes and maintaining our temple archives. Also, thanks to **Helen Kashtan** for continuing to produce the email newsletter weekly and the Bulletin every other month. She is also coordinating our 70th Anniversary Celebration (more on that below). Consider how you can help with Temple functions in the coming year.

Upcoming events to look forward to and to mark on your calendar are as follows:

- We plan to carpool and meet at the **Oswego Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum in Oswego, NY on July 14 and 21**. The museum can house only up to 20 people at a time, so we will split up the visits into two Sundays. The museum documents and keeps 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. More info on signing up to follow.
- The **7th Annual Joint Golf Outing will be on July 29** at Wild Wood Country Club in Rush, NY. This is a new venue for the golf outing, which includes breakfast, an 18-hole round of golf with lunch, and after-golf hors d'oeuvres. The golf outing now includes Temples Beth David, Beth El, B'rith Kodesh, and Sinai. Registration for golf and sponsorships are online at <https://www.tberochester.org/events/7th-annual-golf-outing/>
- Planning for **Temple Beth David's 70th Anniversary Celebration is underway and will be on Sunday, August 18**. Thanks to the planning committee for their efforts, especially **Ed and Sue Drexler** for finding a caterer for this event. In addition to a catered sit-down dinner, there will be temple archives on display, and entertainment by the Rochester Jewish Chorale (including yours truly) and **Bonnie Abrams'** Klezmer band. Invitations will be sent to members.

*Phil Katzman*



# KIDDUSH NEWS

## **June 8th, Parashat Bamidbar**

Kiddush in Youth Lounge. **Lilly Sherman** is sponsoring a kiddush luncheon in memory of her son **Solomon Sherman (z"l)**. Prep help is needed in our kitchen on Friday, June 7th, 2:00-4:00 pm. Set up and clean up help is needed June 8th before and after kiddush. Thank you, Lilly!

**Erev Shavuot:** Tuesday, June 11

**Shavuot Day I:** Wednesday, June 12

**Shavuot Day II:** Thursday, June 13

## **June 15th, Parashat Nasso**

Shared kiddush with Temple Beth El upstairs. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, June 13th, 9:00-11:00 am. Set up and clean up help is needed June 13th before and after kiddush.

## **June 22nd, Parashat Beha'alotcha**

Shared service upstairs followed by a shared kiddush. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, June 20th, 9:00-11:00 am. Set up and clean up help is needed June 22nd before and after kiddush.

## **June 29th, Parashat Sh'lach**

Shared kiddush with Temple Beth El upstairs. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, June 27th, 9:00-11:00 am. Set up and clean up help is needed June 29th before and after kiddush.

## **July 6th, Parashat Korach**

Kiddush in Youth Lounge. **Bernie Roth** is sponsoring this kiddush in memory of **Sylvia Roth (z"l)**.

Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth David kitchen on Friday, July 5th, 2:00-4:00 pm. Set up and clean up help is needed July 6th before and after kiddush. Thank you, Bernie!

## **July 13th, Parashat Chukat**

Shared kiddush with Temple Beth El upstairs. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, July 11th, 9:00-11:00 am. Set up and clean up help is needed July 13th before and after kiddush.

## **July 20th, Parashat Balak**

Kiddush in Youth Lounge. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth David kitchen on Friday, July 19th, 2:00-4:00 pm. Set up and clean up help is needed July 20th before & after kiddush.

**Tzom Tammuz:** Tuesday, July 23

## **July 27th, Parashat Pinchas**

Shared kiddush with Temple Beth El upstairs. Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, July 25th, 9:00-11:00 am. Set up and clean up help is needed July 27th before and after kiddush.



**What food do you associate with each week's parashah?  
Do you have something to celebrate or commemorate?**

Contact the Temple Office  
about sponsoring a kiddush luncheon, cholent or a treat!

# All in the Family

## Birthdays

### June

Barbara Grosh	June 1
Risa Saltzman	June 1
Teresa Kielar	June 2
Sue Eckhaus	June 6
Nancy Kraus	June 10
Judy Fleissig	June 16
Lilia Rissman	June 18
Joanne Katzman	June 22
Keith Freedman	June 23

### July

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

## Anniversaries

### June

Beverly Zwick	June 10
Michael & Toby Berke	June 13
Steven Meyers & Barbara Weber	June 14
Ronald & Jean Brandwein	June 18
Edward & Susan Drexler	June 18

### July

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

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- ☐ David Solomon Operating Fund
- ☐ Herb Kraus Adult Education Fund
- ☐ Mitzvah Kiddush Donation

- ☐ Rabbi Discretionary Fund
- ☐ Rabbi Aaron Solomon Torah Repair Fund
- ☐ Rabbi Skopitz Fund

**Deadline for our August/September 2024 Bulletin is July 15.**

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Through May 15, 2024

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**Obbe Abelson**  
**Harry Abelson**  
**Rose Feinberg**  
Rhea Feinberg

**Belle Schwartz**  
Roberta Kinel



**Tuesday, June 11, 2024      Erev Shavuot**

7:30pm      Mincha  
8:30pm      Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024      Shavuot - Day 1**

9:00am      Shavuot Services  
12 noon      Kiddush Lunch  
6:00pm      Mincha

**Thursday, June 13, 2024      Shavuot - Day 2**

9:00am      Shavuot Services, including Yizkor  
12 noon      Kiddush Lunch  
6:00pm      Mincha



# April and May 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.*

## APRIL

### April 1

Helen Langmann  
Abraham Rothberg

### April 8

Betty Segelin

### April 9

Samuel Katzman

### April 10

Esther Stein

### April 11

Philip Fradin  
Herman H. Levine  
Florence Sanow  
Rappaport

### April 13

Betty Baker  
Alex Perlman  
Emily Leah Renzel

### April 15

Barbara Berger  
William Epner

### April 16

Minetta Klein

### April 19

Richard Braiman  
Marion Cohen  
Sadie Leitman  
Nathan W. Stamler

### April 20

Anna Fradin  
Katherine Gan  
Solomon Gordon  
Ruth Haymoff Comisar  
Lester Rappaport

### April 22

Sylvia Kowal

### April 23

Rita Schnidman

### April 25

Blanche Gordon  
Regina Schott

### April 27

Allen Greenberg  
Harvey Louis Priceman

### April 29

Benjamin Ritter

### April 30

Ruth Drexler

## MAY

### May 1

Eli Caplin  
Samuel Chait  
Sylvia Gertzog  
Harold Phillips

### May 2

Maurice Herzog  
Milton Kerker  
Leonard Lutzky

### May 3

Nancy Grube

### May 4

Anita Bauman

### May 5

Harry Abelson  
Marvin Foigelman  
Sylvia Vicker

### May 6

Obbe Abelson  
Norma Levine  
Penelope Nelson  
Sally Zeif

### May 7

Esther Herzog  
Belle Schwartz

### May 8

Sidney Gallant

### May 9

Molly Baker

### May 10

Ida Sanow

### May 11

Barbara Phillips

### May 12

Blanche Diamond

### May 13

Gerald Norry  
Herbert Rosenstein

### May 14

Gladys Garey

### May 15

Harry Gordon  
Solomon Gross

### May 16

Rose Feinberg  
Beatrice Vine

### May 17

Raymond Kinell

### May 18

Judy Eissenstat  
Samuel Greenberg  
Bernard Servetnick

### May 19

Jack Stephen Spitulnik  
Meyer Weinstein

### May 20

Abraham Flaxman  
William Friedman  
Rywka Kinell

### May 22

Sarah Markus  
Jonathan Rich

### May 24

Kathryn Schwartz

### May 25

Rhoda David  
Nadine Lande

### May 26

Jacob Kinell  
Max Stark

### May 27

Bruce Newman  
Lillian Pies

### May 29

Irwin Applebaum  
Frank Donsky

## 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.

TEMPLE BETH DAVID

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**save the date**  
**08.18.24**

Dinner and Entertainment

Watch for Details!

**Be On the Lookout: Details coming for TBD visits to Oswego Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum on July 14 and 21.**

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.



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## BOARD MEETING

## Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Tuesday, May 15**

7:00 pm via Zoom.

Contact the Temple Office  
for login information