



# The Bulletin

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## From Rabbi Michael Silbert

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Last spring, Israel was newly gripped by their Prime Minister's attempt to radically reshape the country's judicial system in his own image and interests. Hundreds of thousands of citizens were starting to participate in all manner of public protests. These events inspired the publication of *"The Freedom Haggadah: A Story of Protest and Hope"*, written by reputable Israeli thought leaders and made available for free download from the internet. I learned about it from my niece who lives in Israel, just a couple hours before sunset on Erev Pesach and rushed to print as many copies as time and printer ink would allow, for the first seder which was rapidly approaching.

How times have changed. That issue, which threatened to transform Israel like nothing before and which might very well have resulted in the downfall of Netanyahu's government had the situation been allowed to run its course, was abruptly shelved on October 7th, when Hamas launched its massacre in southern Israel. If you weren't aware of Israel's judicial crisis when Pesach rolled around in 2023, then you wouldn't have approached the seders with any sense of irony that on this festival of freedom, a majority of Israelis were living with the fear that many of their liberties were about to be taken from them by their own Jewish leaders.

In 2024 as we approach Pesach once again, Israel faces a very different crisis – one you've probably heard about. Jews around the world will sit at the seder table this year and it's hard to conceive of there being a single gathering where reference to Israel's current state of affairs will not be made. If last year was any predictor of what might follow, this year, too, there is a special, timely Haggadah which can either be used as a full primary source or as a collection of commentaries to provide inspiration for seder discussions. *"Seder Interrupted: A Post October 7 Haggadah Supplement"*, edited by Dr. Ora

Horn Prouser and Rabbi Menachem Creditor, is available for purchase from Amazon.com or free download from <https://ajr.edu/forms/haggadah-supplement-download>.

During the "good years" when Israel has not been at war and especially since Jews were free to leave Russia, Jews around the world have celebrated Pesach in the luxury of knowing that things have been going pretty well for our people – here in the US, in Israel, and most other places. With the possible exception of the small number of Jews still living in Iran, we could sing familiar songs about liberation and eat foods that symbolize the misery of slavery and captivity, secure in the knowledge that those times were largely behind us.

So, why is this year different from all other years? Because that sense of our people's security is vanishing. The situation in Israel notwithstanding; if global antisemitism could somehow be monetized, stockholders would be rolling in their 2024 dividend payouts.

In my mental images of Pesachs past, I can still see my late Zeide actually trying to get comfortable in his seat at the head of the table, what with two plump pillows stuffed between him and the backrest. They were used to put into practice the injunction to eat in a reclining position on Pesach (*"balailah hazeh kulanu mesubin"* – on this night, we all eat while reclining) symbolic of our freedom since being emancipated from Egypt.

Well, it turns out that Egypt was but the first in a series of liberations throughout Jewish history that have inspired our vacillating sense of comfort. This year though, we have taken at least a few steps backwards and if it's not we who have regressed, then it's the situation we find ourselves in. And if

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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.

### Lilly Sherman

*Interviewed by Bev Zwick*

I had the honor of spending time with **Lilly Sherman** and finding out a bit about this amazing woman's life. She was born in Czechoslovakia in 1926. She was one of 13 siblings; five girls and eight boys. Tragically, at the age of 14, she and her parents and all but three of her siblings were taken by the Nazis to Auschwitz; one sister and one brother managed to get to Italy, and another sister hid successfully in Czechoslovakia.

Lilly survived Auschwitz — the rest of her family was murdered there. After liberation Lilly's strength and determination took her to Germany to a recuperation camp where she met, fell in love and married Frank. They spent five years in Germany, and in 1948, their first son Solomon was born.

After two failed attempts to go to Israel (they were actually on a boat and forced back to Germany) Lilly, Frank and Solomon immigrated to America and landed in Reading, Pennsylvania with help from the Jewish Federation. It was there, in 1952, that their daughter, Susan, was born. About a year after that, the young family made their way to Rochester where they lived in a tiny apartment on Thomas Street and where their third child, Steven, was born.

Again with strength, determination, and some luck, the family was able to purchase a house on Belcoda Drive in Irondequoit where Lilly still lives today. Life was not easy, however, for the Shermans. The house was in very bad shape and needed a lot of work.

Lilly worked the 3 to 11 p.m. shift at Sibley Tower for two years to help support the family and then continued to work at Bausch and Lomb for 10 years, still on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift. She would get her kids ready for school in the morning, then prepare dinner before leaving for work that afternoon. The neighbors on her street were very helpful and watched out for the kids until Frank came home from work. After 10 more years of this difficult schedule, Lilly, with help from a



neighbor, got a job at Kodak (the only Jew in her department). She finally was assigned to the day shift and worked there for 26 years.

It's clearly evident that Lilly was and still is a strong and determined woman and, although life was not easy, she raised a beautiful family with her husband, Frank.

She now has two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren who reside in Buffalo. When I asked her son Steve (present at the interview) about a favorite recipe that his mom made, he responded immediately "cholant"!

Lilly and Frank were early members of Temple Beth David. Lilly fondly remembers making 200 honey cakes to raise money for the synagogue.

We, as a congregation, are honored and blessed to have **Lilly Sherman** as part of our community.

# PESACH



## MONDAY, APRIL 22 - EREV CHAG / 1<sup>ST</sup> SEDER

- 7:00am Morning Minyan & Se-udat Mitzvah (TBE)  
11:04am Last Time for Eating Hametz  
Noon *Bi-ur* Hametz (Burn the Hametz)  
6:00pm Mincha / Ma-ariv for Yom Tov (TBE)  
7:43pm Pesach begins - Light Candles

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23 - 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY / 2<sup>ND</sup> SEDER

- 9:00am Morning Services for First Day Pesach (with TBE)  
Noon Kiddush Lunch (with TBE)  
6:00pm Mincha (TBE)  
6:30pm Communal Seder  
8:45pm Light Candles

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY

- 9:00am Morning Services for Second Day Pesach  
Noon Kiddush Lunch (with TBE)  
6:00pm Mincha  
7:25pm Holy Day Ends



## SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - SHABBAT

- 9:15am Shabbat Morning Service on *Chol haMo-ed Pesach* (independent TBD service)  
Noon Kiddush Lunch (with TBE)  
8:50pm Shabbat Ends

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - EREV 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY

- 7:50pm Festival Begins - Light Candles

## MONDAY, APRIL 29 - 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY

- 9:00am Morning Services for Seventh Day Pesach (combined with TBE)  
Noon Kiddush Lunch  
6:00pm Mincha  
8:52pm Light Candles

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30 - 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY

- 9:00am Morning Services for Eighth Day  
11:00am Yizkor  
Noon Kiddush Lunch  
6:00pm Mincha  
8:53pm Holy Day Ends



**Please contact the Temple Office or  
Rabbi Silbert to arrange for the sale of chametz.**

**Visit this website for the  
Rabbinical Assembly's Passover Guide:**

**[https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/  
Pesah-Guide-5784.pdf](https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/Pesah-Guide-5784.pdf)**



# All in the Family

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## Birthdays

### April

Robert Dworkin	April 5
Elijah Silbert	April 6
Harriet Driss	April 8
Henry Markowitz	April 10
Rhea Feinberg	April 12
Lisa Klein	April 14
Phillip Lederer	April 19
Gail Spitulnik	April 23
Lauren Yesowitch	April 24
Susan Wood	April 25
Richard Towber	April 26
Martin Yesowitch	April 26

### May

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

## Anniversaries

### April

Neal and Sue Eckhaus	April 6
Marc Lande and Linda Servetnick	April 30

### May

Susan and Thomas Wood	May 20
Thomas and Judith Wolbert	May 24
Stanley and Elaine Schaffer	May 26
Michael and Laurie Peres	May 29
Richard and Joyce Towber	May 30
Ronald and Nancy Kraus	May 31
David and Susan Langmann	May 31
Burton and Marilyn Segelin	May 31



The **Zoghlin** family celebrated the arrival of Julien David. He's pictured here with Dad Jacob, Grandfather Benson and Great Grandfather Leon. Mazel tov!



**Helen and Howard Kashtan** spent a warm and sunny afternoon with **Bernie Roth** in Boca Raton!

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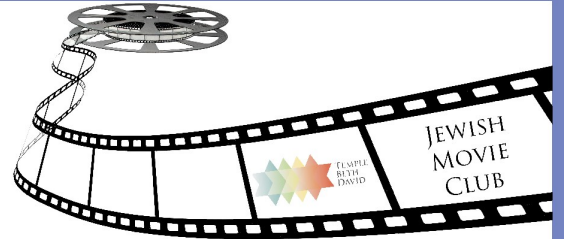
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@ 8:00PM  
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8,  
@ 8:00PM  
TUBI • 54 MIN • 2016

## FILIP



WEDNESDAY, MAY 22,  
@ 8:00PM  
NETFLIX • 1 HR 58 MIN • 2022

# 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 Kinel

### May 18

Judy Eissenstat  
Samuel Greenberg  
Bernard Servetnick

### May 19

Jack Stephen Spitulnik  
Meyer Weinstein

### May 20

Abraham Flaxman  
William Friedman  
Rywka Kinel

### May 22

Sarah Markus  
Jonathan Rich

### May 24

Kathryn Schwartz

### May 25

Rhoda David  
Nadine Lande

### May 26

Jacob Kinel  
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.



Thank you to the entire Temple Beth David community for helping to sponsor and prepare kiddush lunches in January, February and March. We enjoyed a mix of special, themed kiddushim downstairs in the Youth Lounge and large kiddushim shared upstairs with Temple Beth El.

In our new location at Temple Beth El, each kiddush, no matter where it is held, is a great opportunity to chat, catch up, and discuss issues with friends and neighbors in the Conservative community.

Spring is coming!

Do you have interest in sponsoring a Temple Beth David kiddush in April or May? The schedule is listed below and I have indicated where help is needed in *italics below*.

Let me know if you would like to talk about dates and ideas for sponsoring a kiddush. Or, sponsor the cholent for \$36. Which days would you like to help prepare, set up, or clean up? It's companionable and fun! We try to use:

- compostable/recyclable paper serving dishes, plates, cups, and napkins
- washable or reusable utensils
- reusable take home containers
- organically grown vegetables; fish and eggs caught and/or raised using sustainable, environmentally sensitive methods
- We also try to finish up by 1:30 p.m. on Shabbat so that everyone can go home and enjoy a long, restful Shabbat afternoon.

— Alison

#### **April 6th, Parashat Shemini**

Shared Temple Beth David-Beth El kiddush upstairs.

*Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, April 4th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Set up and clean up help is needed April 6th before and after kiddush.*

#### **April 13th, Parashat Tazria**

Shared Temple Beth David-Beth El kiddush upstairs.

*Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, April 11th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. It will be for a Bar Mitzvah. Set up and clean up help is needed April 13th before and after kiddush.*

#### **April 20th, Parashat Metzora**

Temple Beth David kiddush in Youth Lounge. Earth Day is Monday, April 22nd. A Sponsor is needed for this kiddush! Is anyone interested?

*Prep help is needed in the Youth Lounge Kitchen on Friday, April 19th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Set up and clean up help is needed April 20th before and after kiddush.*

#### **April 27th, Chol HaMoed Pesach**

Shared Temple Beth David-Beth El kiddush upstairs.

The upstairs kitchen is kosher for Passover; the Youth Lounge Kitchen will be closed and locked from Monday April 22nd - Monday April 30th. *Prep help is needed in the Temple Beth El kitchen on Thursday, April 25th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Set up and clean up help is needed April 27th before and after kiddush.*

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# Maplewood Rose Garden Maintenance Volunteer Event

April 25, 2024, Thursday – 9:00 AM

*In case of severe weather, this will be postponed until Friday, April 26, 9:00 AM*



Please bring:

- Pruners and/or loppers (make sure they are sharp). Consider bringing a sharpener for your pruner, too
- Protective gloves – for thorns
- Weeding devices
- Water bottle for yourself
- A spray bottle of diluted bleach will be helpful to disinfect your tools in between plants.

Contact Linda at [landeserv@gmail.com](mailto:landeserv@gmail.com) to RSVP

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

**Deadline for our June/July 2024 Bulletin is May 15.**

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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## From the Rabbi ... Continued

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that's still a little too obtuse or unnecessarily euphemistic, then allow me to propose that it's the Jews-haters who have receded from the many years of progress that's been made – the antisemites who seek to Make Antisemitism Great Again.

I believe that this year our seders ought to have something of a cloud hanging over them. For years now, their tone has been largely celebratory; this year many of us will return thematically to “aspirational”. Not just the ritual recitation of “Next year in Jerusalem” which reminds us to aspire, but real, actual aspirations of once again living in times when others’ hatred of us just because we are born Jewish becomes more of an unpleasant memory than a rising current concern. How bitter the irony that especially on this festival when we banish all that rises, tossing out antisemitism from our midst is beyond our reach. Indeed, rising antisemitism is the

chametz (leaven) which should be spurned not just by Jews, but by everyone; and not just on Pesach, but at all times.

The openings for hope and light lie in the opportunity for us to engage in these discussions around the Pesach seder table this year. Seize the opportunity. Instead of retreating from difficult topics or abstaining outright from any type of observance of the festival, take part in Jewish life. Seek the inspiration to find your place in the arc of our people’s history and allow yourself to recommit to our future and our freedom. And as always: not just for ourselves, but for all.

Chag Kasher v'Same-ach – a happy, kosher and leaven-free festival,

Michael

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# Kiddush News ... Continued

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## May 4th, Parashat Achrei Mot

Temple Beth David kiddush in Youth Lounge.

May the 4th be with you! (Star Wars). A Sponsor is needed for this kiddush. Is anyone interested?

*Prep help is needed in the Youth Lounge Kitchen on Friday, May 3rd, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Set up and clean up help is needed May 4th before and after kiddush.*

## May 11th, Parashat Kedushim

Shared Temple Beth David-Beth El kiddush upstairs.

Mother's Day is Sunday May 12th.

*Prep help is needed in the TBE kitchen on Thursday, May 9th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. It will be for a Bar Mitzvah. Set up and clean up help is needed May 11th before and after kiddush.*

## May 18th, Parashat Emor

Temple Beth Davod kiddush in Youth Lounge..

**Marty and Lauren Yesowitch** are sponsoring this kiddush. Marty is reading Haftorah.

*Prep help is needed in the Youth Lounge Kitchen on Friday, May 17th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Set up and clean up help is needed May 18th before and after kiddush.*

## May 25th, Parashat Behar

Shared Temple Beth David-Beth El kiddush upstairs.

*Prep help is needed in the TBE kitchen on Thursday, May 23rd, 9:00-11:00 a.m. It will be for a Bar Mitzvah. Set up and clean up help is needed May 25th before and after kiddush.*

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## Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Tuesday, May 15**

7:00 pm via Zoom.

Contact the Temple Office  
for login information