

# Bulletin

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#### From the Rabbi Michael Silbert

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In just a few days from now, my family will pack our minivan with way more luggage than we need, we'll climb aboard, point it in an easterly direction and keep going until we reach Boston. After spending a couple of days visiting friends in the area, we'll head for Palmer, exit #8 off the Massachusetts Turnpike, and drop our eldest child at Camp Ramah for a month. This will be his fourth summer there, and believe me, he's never needed any convincing to return.

It's hard to find current data, but the Foundation for Jewish Camp estimated that 70,000 children attended Jewish overnight camp back in the summer of 2010. "More recent qualitative studies seem to demonstrate that Jewish camps engender very positive feelings about being Jewish, and do so in a context of friends, leisure, adventure, and a totally immersive Jewish environment. Camp attendance was found to be associated with an increased likelihood of adult participation and identification in every one of the 13 (Jewish experiences) probed. Camp increases the likelihood of an adult's Jewish engagement by magnitudes ranging from 5% to 55%, depending on the type of

engagement," the Foundation stated, including:

- 21% more likely to feel that being Jewish is very important
- 37% more likely to regularly light Shabbat candles
- 45% more likely to attend synagogue at least once a month

The Foundation reckons that when campers get off the bus at the end of the summer, they are "bringing home new confidence, new social skills, and troves of new knowledge along with their sleeping bags and piles of dirty laundry."

I can't help wishing there was a Jewish Summer Camp opportunity for adults. No, I don't miss drinking bug juice and neither do I yearn to participate in tugs-of-war; besides which, even at my age, do you think my back would allow it?! What would be neat though would be to relax in a stress-free environment for a few days while participating in informal Jewish learning experiences together with other like-minded adults, and perhaps enjoy a swim in the lake in the afternoons. All while the children are being taken care of by someone else ;-)!

While I can well understand that peer-learning is a very powerful foundational experience for children, I suspect that it appeals to adults too. In fact, I know it does: I've had the pleasure of teaching numerous adult Jewish education programs (curricula of both the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning and the Shalom Hartman Institute). Therefore, I have seen on

numerous occasions how adults relish the opportunity to continue learning and growing while being challenged and stimulated by their fellow-students as together they acquire new knowledge on a range of Jewish topics.

At Temple Beth David we are extremely fortunate every Saturday morning to learn with / from our own Howard Brill. Howard brings wonderful insights to the weekly Torah portion -Parashat HaShavuah. Since I've begun attending his Torah Study classes, I have already experienced two distinctly different modes of teaching by Howard: in the first year, or Torah-reading cycle, he taught the weekly Torah portion from a *Mussar* perspective, and in this, the second year / cycle, he is teaching the weekly portion from the perspective of two Chassidic scholars: Rabbis Yehuda Aryeh Leib Alter (also known by the title of his main work, the Sefat Emet) and Adin Steinsaltz.

These opportunities, my friends, are but the tip of the Jewish learning iceberg! Howard and I have spent some time discussing other areas of interest that we would be excited to explore with you – if you're interested! – and we look forward to surveying the Temple Beth David community during the summer, in order to see what might appeal to our members. So, stay tuned and let's keep learning!

Bivrachah—with blessings.

Michae/



I recently had conversations with five congregants who have a deep commitment to the Temple Beth David Golf Outing. Over many years, Dan Saltzman, Scott Bauman, Gary Cohen, Scott Davis, and current chairman Phil Katzman, have worked hard to make this social event and fundraiser a staple of our temple summer. For the past three years, it has been sponsored jointly with Temple Beth El.

They would like you to know:

- This year's outing, to be held Monday, July 8, at Eagle Vale Golf Course, will be FUN. It is an opportunity to enjoy a good round of golf and also to get to know fellow Temple Beth David members and friends as well as to meet and play with Temple Beth El members. Prizes are given for longest drive and for getting closest to the pin.
- lt is our temple's major fundraiser. It typically raises \$5-\$6,000, a significant addition to our temple resources.
- Women are very welcome to play. (HINT: Only a handful of women usually plays and certain prizes are designated for women. Check the odds, ladies. You could come out a winner.)
- A 7:00 p.m. kosher dinner at Temple Beth El follows the outing. Great food, yes, but also a fifty/fifty raffle, <u>a separate prize raffle</u> and a silent auction. Again, the odds are so much better than winning the New York lottery.
- There is plenty of opportunity for you to be involved in the outing, support your temple, and be involved in a great social event. You can:

Sign up to play golf.

Come to the dinner at Beth El. (I will be doing this and would so enjoy having your company).

Volunteer to prepare food for the dinner or to solicit donations from your favorite merchants

Support merchants who support the outing. Look up the names listed in the outing brochure, visit the store, make a purchase, and thank the manager/ owner for supporting the TBD/TBE Golf Outing.

**NOTE:** I asked Dan, Scott B., Scott D., Gary and Phil for assurances of sunny weather on July 8. At least one of them gave me his personal guarantee.

Best wishes to my temple family,

Maxine

### All in the Family

July Birthdays		August Birthdays	
Barbara Gertzog	July 1	Mike Berke	August 2
Sharon Parkman	July 5	Howard Kashtan	August 2
Ira Goldman	July 14	Marcia Davis	August 4
Charles Rothberg	July 30	Andrew Berger	August 8
		Scott Bauman	August 9
		Kevin McTighe	August 14
July Anniversaries		Ron Brandwein	August 18
Ethan and Ruth Aranov	July 2	Leon Zoghlin	August 18
Bruce and Anne Goldin	July 6	Linda Phillips	August 19
Martin and Lauren Yesowitch	July 7	Bernard Roth	August 19
Andrew and Karen Berger	July 19	Bill Gertzog	August 21
Harry and Adele Gan	July 29	Neal Eckhaus	August 22
riarry and Adele Carr	July 29	Sarah Eckhaus	August 22
		Dolly Fishman	August 22
August Anniversaries		Sherry Goldman	August 23
•		Dan Nussbaum	August 23
Bill and Ellen Gertzog	August 14	Jonathan Feldman	August 24
Neil and Kellie Hyman	August 15	Sidney Markus	August 24
Scott and Merrie Franklin	August 20	Benson Zoghlin	August 26
Phil and Joanne Katzman	August 20	Alison Jane Helms	August 28
Leon and Sarisa Zoghlin	August 24	Shelly Braiman	August 30

Thank you to Paul and Judy Eissenstat, Phil and Joanne Katzman, Bernie Roth, and Lewis Rothberg and Shelby Nelson, for sponsoring kiddush and to Cindy Halpern for sponsoring the cholent.



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#### **Installation of Rabbi Michael Silbert**



After a welcome by Temple President Maxine Manjos, Rabbi Leonardo Bitran offered greetings from the Rochester Board of Rabbis, on behalf of Rabbi Avi Kilimnick.



Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, President of Hebrew College, was Rabbi Silbert's mentor during rabbinic school. She celebrated Rabbi Silbert's time at Hebrew College and offered a teaching on two parshiot. Rabbi Shayna Rhodes, a faculty member at Hebrew College, was also in attendance.



More than 110 congregants, community members and Rabbi Silbert's family and friends gathered for the occasion.



Silbert.

Co-Presidents Lewis Rothberg and Barbara Grosh offered a blessing and a reading in honor of Rabbi



A Torah ceremony included President Maxine Manjos; past presidents Helen Kashtan, Ron Brandwein and Ron Kraus; our most recent Bar Mitzvah Seth Katzman and his brother, Leo; Bernie Roth; and Rabbi Silbert.



Maxine Manjos presented Rabbi Silbert with gifts from the congregation, in celebration of his installation.

#### **Yahrzeits**

July 1

Edith Krovetz Jaffey

July 2

Marcus Phillips Jean Rosen

July 4

Hyman Cherkasky Helene Davis Penzik

July 5 Celia Lurie

July 6 Aaron Kinel

July 8

Morris Segelin

July 9 Emil Schott

**July 10** Elva Wexler

July 11 Beverly Stark Schaffer

July 12 Chaya Sarah Schnidman

July 13 Anna Roxin

July 17

Jacob Neuberg Kurt Peter Schaffer July 18

Eli Bauman

Boruch Bobkowski Chaya Sora Bobkowski Moshe Nechan Bobkowski Sora Blumert Bobkowski

July 19 Al Diamond

July 20 Joseph Retta

**July 22** Daniel Markus

July 23 Tillie Gross

July 25 Jacob Wexler

July 26 Rose Cohen David D. Gordon

July 27 Al Newman

**July 28**Joel Kerker
Ruth Forchheimer Kraus

July 29 Isadore Braiman

July 30 Hyman Abrams July 31 Jerome Rothstein

August 1 Morton Brodsky Anna Kreag

August 2
Paul Cherkasky
Phillip Haymoff
Jarvis Kalin
Irving Kessler
Karen Phillips

August 3 Ida Priceman

August 5
Michael Zeif

August 6

Hena Gewertz Bromberg

August 9

Martha Barufkin Driss **August 12**Sam Kinel

August 13 Norman Steinberg

August 14 Nuftule Feinberg Burton Freedman Joe Priceman August 16
Sadie Greenberg
Max Kessler

August 20 Arthur Caplin Belle Kessler John Herbert Skiba

August 21 Mary Rubin

August 22 Fronie Hoffman

August 23 Samuel Messinger Elizabeth Palagyi

August 25 Ira Lurie

August 26 Jacob Etingoff

August 27 Rose Zoghlin

August 31 Rose L. Gordon

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.



This is the perfect time, when our entire city is in bloom, to think about adorning our High Holiday bimah with beautiful flowers. If you would like to contribute toward our flowers this year, please call or email the office with your pledge. You are welcome to make your gift in memory and or in honor of loved ones.

All gifts will be acknowledged in the Temple Bulletin that *follows* the holidays.

## Erev Tisha B'Av Services at Temple Beth David Saturday, August 10

7:00 p.m. Mincha

7:45 p.m. Desserts and Beverages

8:20 p.m. Fast begins

8:15-9:15 p.m. Study

9:15 p.m. Ma'ariv/Lamentations

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