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Presidents Message

Shalom Everyone,

On behalf of the entire Congregation of Temple Beth Am, I would like to express our deepest condolences to the entire family of Sam Asher, z"l. May Sam's memory be for a blessing. Yvonne, Isaac, and Quinn, our congregation and the Rochester Jewish community will miss your Father. Your Father's exuberance and joy of being Jewish was truly infectious, especially whenever he led Shabbat and holiday services. He will also be missed for the beautiful music he shared with everyone and the D'var Torahs he gave.

We also would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sara Ruderman upon the death of her brother, Ellis Ruderman, z"l. May Ellis' memory be for a blessing.

Here are a few of the upcoming events for late January through February in the community:

FAMILY HAVDALAH POOL PARTY

Saturday, January 25 6–8pm (NEW TIME!)

Say farewell to Shabbat with a short Havdalah service and then splish splash in our family pool. A light Kosher dinner will be available for purchase, kosher snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost: Free, open to the community. Registration required. For more information, contact the JCC.

HILLEL COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL WINTERMANIA

Sunday, January 26th 10:00AM - 5:00PM Temple B'rith Kodesh

Contact: Chana Freedman (917) 6872872 cfreedman@hillelschool.org

Hillel School in collaboration with TBK will be hosting Wintermania. This is a Fun winter day activity with races in the snow and sledding, with a dairy Lunch and a hot chocolate bar! Open to the entire community. RSVP Required: Please see hillelschool.org/ HCDSWIN-**TERMANIA**

International Holocaust REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM

Monday, January 27th 7:00PM - 9:00PM Contact: Spair Soble ssoble@jewishrochester.org

Registration required – Please see the Jewish Federation of Greater of Rochester website.

L'Dough V'Dough

Thursday, January 30th 5:30PM - 7:00PM Contact: Dalit Spindel dspindel@jewishrochster.org

Come for a beautiful Challah Baking event for the whole family, L'Dough V'Dough. Avivah and I went to one of these a little over a year ago. There was an immense feeling of beauty, fun, and camaraderie.

HITMAKERS: SUPERSTARS OF THE 70'S,

February 1–16, 2025

Written by Danny Kincaid-Kunz Musical Direction & Arrangements by Casey Filiaci

Directed by Ralph Meranto Choreography by Katie Keller

In this 10th Edition of the *Hitmakers* we explore the vast and varied artists that defined the "Me Generation." Singer -songwriters, pop music, R&B, soft rock, glam, and even a little country music will merge into an all new show highlighting the top-charting artists of the 1970s. Please see the JCC website for the schedule of performances.

THE MITZVAH TREE: FAMILY DAY AT THE JCC with Chabad of Pittsford

Sunday, February 2nd 1:00PM-3:00 PM Contact: Biffy Borg bborg@jccrochester.org Join the JCC and Chabad of Pittsford for a fun afternoon celebrating Tu

Schedule of Services

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION

Our Friday evening services are held in the chapel of Temple Beth El, 139 Winton Rd. S, on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise announced. Saturday morning services are in the Temple Beth Ilmain sanctuary. Temple Beth El has several virtual connections, See https://www.fberochester.org/pray/virtual-services for infor-

Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel has live services at 1369 East. Ave.

no Zoom). on Shabbat at 10 am and on Sundays with Zoom at 9 am. N-95 or KN-95 Masks are required at BHBI. See http://bhbirochester.org.

Temple Beth David has live services on Saturday morning and other times, in the Temple Beth El chapel which are also streamed on YouTube at https://tinyurl.com/TBD-Roch-Svc

Due to the ever-changing situation, times and/or Zoom IDs are subject to change. We will do our best to send emails and to update our website and Facebook pages when changes are announced.

Temple Beth El conducts services every morning and evening. Weekday services are usually at 7:30 am and evenings at 6:00 pm. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:00 am and Mincha/Maariv is 1 hr 45 minutes before Havdalah. See https:// tberochester.org for details.

B'Shevat. Ready to climb into a whimsical treehouse adventure? Start by mastering top-notch survival tactics and laying down your strong roots. Do a Mitzvah, grow your trunk, and savor the five sweet fruits of Israel in the Charcuterie Mitzvah Garden. Next, showcase your woodworking skills as you construct your very own Mitzvah Treehouse, then finish by planting seeds of kindness at The Giving Tree. Kosher pizza and snacks will be available. Registration Required. Please see the JCC website. Cost: \$5

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER

On February 7th, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Matt Austerklein, followed by dinner at 7 pm. Services start at 6 pm. RSVP to our Temple Secretary, Avivah Steinberg, by email NO LATER THAN 8 pm on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025. Avivah's email address is:

Avivah.steinberg@gmail.com THE WORLD WIDE WRAP Sunday, February 9th 9:30AM - 12:00 PM

Each year Temple Beth El's Men's Club hosts "The World Wide Wrap," as part of a national effort to teach the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin.

"All Genders Wrap," is a gender inclusive video series of a diverse group (Continued on page 2) Temple Beth Am c/o Temple Beth El 139 Winton Rd. S. Rochester, NY 14610 (585)334-4855



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Happy Birthday to:

Martin Schneiderman and Ronna Marsh

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of Jews demonstrating how to put on tefillin. These videos were created by a group of Hebrew College students, faculty, and alumni in response to the lack of gender diversity on YouTube for tefillin tutorial videos. We hope these videos will make the beautiful ritual of tefillin more accessible to folks who have previously not seen themselves reflected in these practices.

RECIPE WITH A MEMORY WITH THE SHINSHINIM

Tuesday, February 11th 5:00PM - 7:00PM Contact: Efrat Petel epetel@jewishrochester.org Join us as we bake in loving memory of Staff Sergeant Ofir Berkovich z"l and Staff Sergeant Eitan Karlsbrun z"l. Our ShinShinit Ziv will share stories of their bravery and her personal memories as we come together to bake their favorite cakes. Through baking and remembrance, we will keep their memory alive in our hearts and community. Registration required. Please see the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester website for information.

MIT: MEN IN TOUCH

Every Tuesday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM For more than 30 years, MIT has been convening men of retirement age for socialization, camaraderie, and learning. The first 30 minutes of every session begins with bagels, coffee, and conversation. The remaining time is spent either with a guest speaker or with a facilitated discussion based on a particular topic. No need to register, show up, and introduce yourself. If you are not available in person, a Zoom link is available. For more information, please contact the JCC or view their website. Cost: \$2 suggested donation.

Join Zoom Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/81575155150 Meeting ID: 815 7515 5150

In the last newsletter, I talked about exchanging beams of light with total strangers, while I was on vacation. I would like to suggest that those beams of light travel full circle, like life itself

Due to the size of McCarran/Henry Reid International Airport and the fact that I was still hobbling around, we requested transportation assistance through the airport to arrive in time for our return flight. A lady with a very pretty, embroidered hijab came to provide the requested assistance. When she saw the Army Logo on my husband's hat and jacket, she told me that she had served as an interpreter for the U.S. military serving in Afghanistan during the war. I thanked her profusely for helping to keep our troops safe. As we continued through the security checkpoint and onward to our departure gate, she told me that she was born in Egypt, to an Ethiopian Father and an Egyptian Mother, and thus fluent in seven languages. My paternal Aunt Esther, z"l, was born in Egypt and she too was multilingual. My husband then asked our transporter why she did not apply to work as an interpreter at the U.N. She replied that the U.N. offered a position, but unfortunately her son became ill, so she had to stay in Nevada to be close to him.

As many of you know, I used to work for the Federal government. In 2004, I had the opportunity to interview a family applying for Social Security cards. Since it was Hanukkah, March Anniversary
Happy Anniversary to:
Herb and Estelle Morris

I had my Menorah, in the shape of a lion, on top of my overhead cabinet. Upon seeing the Menorah, the Father went ahead to show me that Israel had issued their passports. He said that he knew about Hanukkah. The family were Palestinian refugees from the West Bank. What made this family memorable was that despite all they had lost, they were extremely grateful to be here in the United States. Besides the striking beauty of the daughters, the entire family were so positive and happy. They had waited on the West Bank for two years before asylum was granted to them by the United States. About three years ago, at one of the Naturalization Ceremonies I attended on behalf of the Auxiliary Unit for American Legion Post #330, I had the pleasure of seeing the family become Americans. At Hanukkah this past year, Avivah and I were in the checkout line in Burlington behind a very bubbly and happy family. When the family turned around, I saw that it was the same family that I had helped so many years ago. One of the daughters had a two year old girl. They too, remembered me from the office after all those years.

So, as you can see, my life is a continuous circle full of these intersecting beams of light. It is a constant reminder that I should always extend a warm welcome to everyone and be openly receptive to those I meet. One never knows when you will have that beam of light and connection you made come back to you.

Just as a reminder, until we are FULLY merged, please mail any correspondence, donations, dues, and honorariums to the following address:

Temple Beth Am
139 Winton Road South
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Thank you everyone for your

Thank you everyone for your immediate assistance in this matter. Memorial plaques may be ordered directly from Bruce Nelson.

Wishing you everyone and those you cherish a Happy 2025! Be well and stay safe.

Ruth Kei Steinberg President

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES JAN 24-25

- Tevet 28 (Jan 28) Ruth Garelick Pinsel,
 Mother-in-law of Sharon Garelick,
 Grandmother of Laurel Schneiderman and
 Paul Breese-Garelick
- Shevat 1 (Jan 30) Jerome Bloomberg
- Shevat 1 (Jan 30) Minnie Osband, Mother of Joan Schwartz

Shevat 2 (Jan 31) Anna K Cohen

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES JAN 31 - FEB 1

- Shevat 4 (Feb 2) Mollie Lapidus
- Shevat 4 (Feb 2) Herman Morse, Father of Judy Ressel
- Shevat 4 (Feb 2) Jacob Weiner

Shevat 5 (Feb 3) Astrove George, Father of Debbie Kummer

- Shevat 6 (Feb 4) Steven Mark Simon
- Shevat 8 (Feb 6) David Marcus

Shevat 8 (Feb 6) John Rubin, Father of David Rubin

Shevat 9 (Feb 7) Emanuel Asen, Brother in law of Eileen Fishman

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES FEB 7-8

Shevat 10 (Feb 8) Therese Becker

- Shevat 10 (Feb 8) Jacob Fishkin
- Shevat 12 (Feb 10) Jacob Swartz
- Shevat 13 (Feb 11) Samuel Brauer
- Shevat 14 (Feb 12) Katie Marcus
- Shevat 14 (Feb 12) Jack Markus
- Shevat 15 (Feb 13) Joseph Gold
- Shevat 15 (Feb 13) Louis L Wolfe

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES FEB 14-15

- Shevat 17 (Feb 15) Leonard Kosoff
- Shevat 17 (Feb 15) Pauline Sternberg

Mid-January-March Yahrzeits

- Shevat 19 (Feb 17) Jeffrey Fiske
- Shevat 22 (Feb 20) Elliot Curwin
- Shevat 22 (Feb 20) Carl Schwartz
- Shevat 22 (Feb 20) Dorothy Silberberg
 Shevat 23 (Feb 21) Annette Frankel, Sister of Leonard Schwartz
- Shevat 23 (Feb 21) Freida Greenwald

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES FEB 21-22

- Shevat 24 (Feb 22) Sophie Goldstein
 Shevat 24 (Feb 22) Dorothy Horiwitz, Aunt of Dotty Tulin
- Shevat 25 (Feb 23) Joseph Freeman
- Shevat 25 (Feb 23) Fanny Navis Shevat 26 (Feb 24) Judah Horiwitz,

Shevat 26 (Feb 24) Judah Horiwitz, Grandfather of Dotty Tulin

Shevat 26 (Feb 24) Abraham Rubin, Father of Estelle Morris

Shevat 27 (Feb 25) Louise Cantor, Mother of Jackie Sonders

Shevat 27 (Feb 25) Florence Gutter, Aunt of Dotty Tulin

- Shevat 29 (Feb 27) Louis Maroz
- Shevat 29 (Feb 27) Molly Zlotnick Shevat 30 (Feb 28) Fredda Silverstein

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES FEB 28-MAR 1

Adar-1 1 (Mar 1) Rochelle Marx-Asher

- Adar-II 2 (Mar 2) David Pies
- Adar-I 3 (Mar 3) Ida Klass

Adar-I 3 (Mar 3) Fannie Prensky Astrove, Grandmother of Debbie Kummer

Adar-I 3 (Mar 3) Dorothy Kosoff

- Adar-I 4 (Mar 4) Kate Morse,
- Adar-I 6 (Mar 6) Rebecca Lipetz
- Adar-I 7 (Mar 7) Sara Ann Morris, Daughter of Herb & Estelle Morris

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES MAR 7-8

• Adar-I 8 (Mar 8) Mary Stadtmauer Adar-I 10 (Mar 10) Max Metlay, Father of Leon Metlay

Adar-I 12 (Mar 12) Benjamin Lubitow

 Adar-II 12 (Mar 12) Susan Ann Scarborough Adar-I 13 (Mar 13) Arthur Maier, Uncle of Debbie Kummer

Adar-I 14 (Mar 14) Joan Schwartz Adar-I 14 (Mar 14) Becky Maroz

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES MAR 14-15

- Adar-I 15 (Mar 15) David Brzowsky
 Adar-I 15 (Mar 15) Dorothy Asen, Sister of Eileen Fishman
- Adar-II 16 (Mar 16) Nathan Schoenfeld
- Adar-I 17 (Mar 17) Edith Cravitz
- Adar-I 18 (Mar 18) Marla Pizer
- Adar-I 19 (Mar 19) Sadie Getzlek
- Adar-II 19 (Mar 19) Sylvia Kaiser
- Adar-I 21 (Mar 21) Harry Aronow

REMEMBERED AT SERVICES MAR 21-22

Adar-II 23 (Mar 23) Jack Freeman Adar-II 24 (Mar 24) Garson Marcus, Adar-II 25 (Mar 25) Sar Strassman, Mother of Keith & Kevin Strassman

- Adar-I 26 (Mar 26) Harry Perlman,
- Adar-I 27 (Mar 27) Stuart Strassman, Brother of Keith & Kevin Strassman
- Adar-I 28 (Mar 28) Louise Sussman,
- DENOTES A PLAQUE ON THE MEMORIAL BOARD.

Temple Beth El Senior Rabbi Search

We are excited to begin the process of finding a new Senior Rabbi following Rabbi Bitran's retirement in July of 2026. The Rabbi Search Committee, headed by Carolyn Nussbaum, is composed of leaders and lay leaders in our congregation and greater community, and holds the Temple's best interests at heart.

We are looking for your input in this process. Send us an email at rabbisearch@tberochester.org or fill out the form at https://forms.gle/Jpj2N9AGExGQDP4Z9



The search for a new Senior Rabbi is entering the next phase with a visit from Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose on February 7 through 9.

Members of the congregation will have a chance to observe and meet Rabbi Rose at several events for all ages, including Morning Minyan, Kabbalat Shabbat Services, Shabbat Dinner (RSVP required). Mincha/Maariv, and the World Wide Wrap.

Rabbi Rose has served in congregations and Jewish organizations around the world, most recently as president and CEO of the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Cleveland. Prior to that, he served as Senior Rabbinic Chair of Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis for 17 years.

He has a strong history of congregational and community leadership with a focus on education, especially with Jewish youth.





gmail.com or call 392-3125, NO LATER THAN 8 pm on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025.



World Wide Wrap 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 9:15 am

You are invited to take part in FJMC's World Wide Wrap 2025 and join tens of thousands of Jewish men, women and youth across New York, the United States and around the world as they gather to participate in a morning minyan and learn about the wonder and joy of Tefillin.

The World Wide Wrap is an international, coordinated minyan encouraging Jewish men and women to learn about and participate in one of the basic mitzvot, or commandments, in the Torah: the wrap-

This event will be led by Rabbi Bitran, Rabbi Rose, Hazzan Austerklein, and the TBE Men's Club.





Discover the intricate world of the Talmud in history, authors, and context-and experience it for yourself.



Six Tuesdays starting February 4th 7:15 - 8:45 PM With Rabbi Nechamia Vogel

Chabadrochester.com/jlisignup

SATURDAY	S SHEVAT PARASHAT BO SHABBAT ENDS* 6:07 pm	II O SHEVAT SHABBAT SHIRAH PARASHAT BESHALACH SHABBAT ENDS* n 6:18 pm	TIT SHEWI PARASHAI WIRO SHABBAI ENDS*	24 SHEVAT MEVARCHIM GHODESH ADAR PARASHATI MISHPATIM SHABBAT ENDS*	
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FRIDAY		Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner with Hazzan Matt Austerklein	VALENTINE'S DAY	Keshet Closed UShabbat Schmooze & Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat Shabbat Shabbat Services	
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