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Temple News



President Richard

Summer has arrived and with its warmth and weather challenges we make all sorts of plans to carry out the things we just don't get to do during the year. There are no calendar adjustments here at Temple Beth Elohim.

Services will continue as always each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Back on 21 May 2017 we held our Annual Meeting. At that time, the election ballots for the Executive Board and Trustees were counted. The results are listed on Page 2 under "Temple Beth Elohim Board of Directors."

Also in May, we enjoyed celebrating *Shabbat Under the Stars*. Eileen Kramer and Stan Earnhart generously offered the use their beautiful boat for services to take place. Andy Friedman led us in prayer. After *Kiddish* Eileen and Stan provided a lovely *Oneg Shabbat*. Eileen/Stan, *todah* for creating and hosting a very memorable event.

The Symbolism of a Solar Eclipse

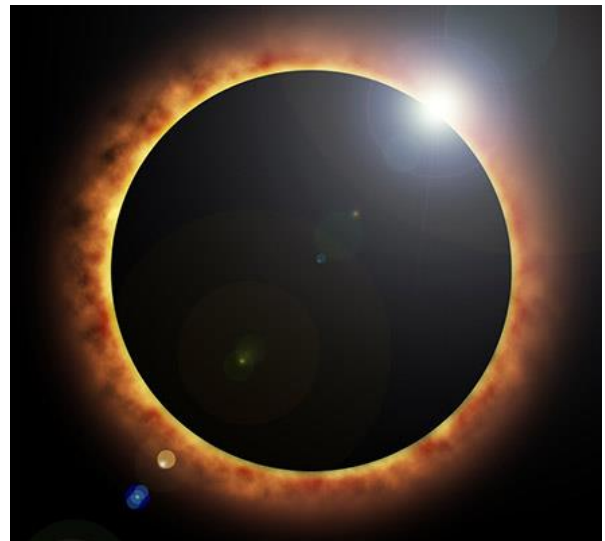
All of our stargazing friends are looking forward to 21 August 2017 for the great heavenly event. To the ancient Chinese, solar eclipses meant that dragons were devouring the sun. To the Czechoslovakians, they meant that ice giants, bitter enemies of the sun, were conquering it. To the Romans, they meant that the sun was poisoned and dying.

When Joseph's brothers sold him to a passing caravan, we are taught that God arranged matters such that the merchants would be carrying sweet-smelling spices instead of their usual foul cargo. Now, this would appear to be of little comfort to Joseph. He

had been betrayed by his brothers and sold to heathens as a slave. What was the consolation in his prison quarters having a nice smell?

The answer is that precisely because this was the lowest point of Joseph's life, God wanted to show that He was still with him. He did not want Joseph to fall into despair, so He sent him a small sign to reassure him. This minor but significant gesture strengthened Joseph's spirits during his long ordeal.

Such is the message of the shafts of light, which we perceive during the darkness of a solar eclipse. They are literally "rays of hope," and they remind us that even during the dark periods of life, we are to look for those small signs that tell us that God is still with us. [Paraphrased from *Ohr Somayach*]



HAVDALLAH

Havdallah will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 5 August 2017, at the home of Shirley & AJ Giegerich. Additional information will be sent out shortly.

From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

...a quick look at two Jewish virtues:

As Jews we are commanded to be fair and ethical people. Some aspects of living an ethical life are pretty obvious – don't cheat or steal from people, obey the rules, and be kind to one another. That's a great start, but are there specific "virtues" that we should be aware of? Well, we're Jews, so of course there are! In this column we're going to look at two really basic Jewish ethical concepts.



Ritual Chair Suzan

The first concept, *Pikuach Nefesh* (פיקוח נפש: to save a life) describes the principle in Jewish law that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration. When the life of a person is in danger, almost any other *mitzvah* becomes inapplicable. For example, the laws of *Shabbat* may be suspended to provide medical care to a critically ill person or to a person who may become critically ill if the care is not provided. The concept also extends to caring for yourself. For example, a sick person is allowed to eat non-kosher food if it is essential to their recovery. (Or a starving person may eat non-kosher food if no kosher food is available.) And on *Yom Kippur*, a person is forbidden to fast if the lack of food will impair their health. In short, preserving the life of ourselves or others is our primary duty.

The second concept, *Shalom Bayit* (שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת: peace of the home) is the traditional religious concept of domestic harmony and good relations between husband and wife. By extension, it can mean working as a family to resolve conflict and the making of the home a nurturing and harmonious environment so that all family members have a strong, secure basis for living successful lives.

A modern Hebrew "Blessing for the Home" (Hebrew: *Birkat HaBayit* ברכת הבית) sums up the lovely essence of *Shalom Bayit*. It reads:

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TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present.

Want to advertise in *The Rising Star*? Call Richard Dimentstein at (843)232-1451. Any life cycle events? Contact Annette Vinik, annettevinik@hotmail.com.

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TEMPLE MEMBERS, please note: You have access to membership information by going to www.chairtrack.com. If you need a user name

Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers



Mary Ball Susan & Brian Berry Sheldon Gershman

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Let us pray together for the speedy recovery and complete restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

CHARITY DRIVES

We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

Please remember this when you are removing things from your drawers, closets and cabinets.

The Temple Beth Elohim Gift Shop Is Now Open

Each and every Friday, before *Shabbat*, we will be selling Judaic items such as *mezuzah*, *yahrzeit* lights, ceramic trivets, Chanukah candles, and an assortment of unique objects d'art. Joy Birnbaum and Carrol Sallas will be on hand to act as customer service representatives.

BIRTHDAYS



JULY

20 AJ Giegerich
29 Shelly Gershman

AUGUST

8 Gary Koppel
9 Eileen Kramer
11 Jude Davis
15 Suzan Cohen
21 Marty Kleinrock

ANNIVERSARIES



JULY

2 Debbie & Art
Kaufman
7 Eileen Kramer &
Stan Earnhart

AUGUST

8 Joy & Seymour Birnbaum
22 Michele & James Bennett
28 Shirley & AJ Giegerich



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

Food is a function of **WHERE, WHEN, and WHO!**

There is Jewish Food that was derived from the cooking of Russian, Polish, and Eastern European Jews who immigrated to America and other parts of Eastern Europe. It encompassed gefilte fish, chopped liver, pickled cucumber, chopped herring, potato pancakes, the cheesecake of Eastern Europe, Russian borscht and Hungarian strudels.

The immigrants were from a large area. Their foods, like their Yiddish language and their culture, were similar since they shared common roots and history. Also, the countries they came from had similar foods.

They came from countries with the two parallel systems of cooking: peasant food and an aristocratic cuisine influenced by France and Italy. The Jewish Food that we relate to is the peasant food of the *shtetl*. It was the food of poor people who lived lives of constant struggle between poverty and insecurity.

In future articles, we will explore some of the other food regimens among the various Jewish inhabitants of Europe that may have influenced the tables of America.

Birkat HaBayit

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*Let no sadness come through this gate.
Let no trouble to this dwelling.
Let no fear come through this door.
Let no conflict be in this place.
Let this home be filled with the blessing of joy and peace.*



TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM

TREE OF LIFE

A new leaf has been added by

Carrol Sallas

in honor of her grandson

Shane Raymond Finkel

who graduated with honors from

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

QUILTS FOR KIDS...

Annette Vinik, Chairperson

There's a lot to report since I haven't given a rundown of our progress in awhile! I'm continuing my quest to use up the funds and supplies we have on hand, but I don't seem to be any closer to the finish line! My sister took 20 sets of fabric strips home with her in February and had the tops finished when I saw her in April. I put those together and added them to the tally to reach #1900. We've also continued crocheting hats and booties (thanks to Richard Dimentstein, Bonnie Linado, my friend Jackie Meliso and yours truly) and to date, have supplied Birthright with 383 hats and 121 sets of booties).

Quilt #1900 (see photo) was delivered to Birthright in May to be given to one of their many clients. This was a very special quilt with a story of its own.



A few months ago, Carrol Sallas called to tell me her friend and seamstress, Judy Bostic, had a collection of fabrics and other supplies that had belonged to her late friend Mary, and she needed to find new homes for the vast array of items. Mary apparently had a love of all things crafty! There were all sorts of crafting and sewing supplies that had filled two containers.

I came home that day with over 100 yards of fabrics for the quilt project plus storage boxes, threads, tools, and more. We paid \$100 to Mary's husband – a real bargain! As I went through some of the totes, sorting fabrics, I found three sections of a partially finished quilt. They happened to be just the right size for one of the baby quilts. I started trying to finish the quilt, but it didn't quite go together right. I finally found the mistake Mary had made (which probably explains why the quilt wasn't finished). I was able to arrange the pieces so they were in the right order and finished the quilt.

I thought it was extra special that this woman's love of quilting (not to mention knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, cross-stitching and various other crafts!) could be put to use for such a good cause. I'm glad I was able to finish one of her UFO's (unfinished objects) and I know some lucky baby will soon receive this beautiful quilt, along with its story.

Annette

DONATIONS

Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Mel Brown
Ruth Farb to the General Fund in hope for the restoration of health of Dick Charlton
Ariane & Craig Lieberman to the General Fund in memory of Malva Ulrich
Brenda & Dick Rosen to the General Fund
Dale & Theodore Rosengarten to the Cemetery Fund
Carrol Sallas to the General Fund in memory of Mary Levine and Morris Salles
Janet & Herb Solomon to the General Fund in memory of Beatrice & Barney Solomon



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Our New Safety Measure

The side door of our synagogue (High Market Street) will be locked once services begin at 7:30 p.m. Worshippers are asked to proceed to the main entrance (Screven Street). If this is a hardship, then please ring the doorbell to the right of the doorpost and someone will let you in.

Mi Shebeirach List

A prayer for healing is chanted at each *Shabbat* service. The leader of the service will read from a list and then invite the congregation to call out names that are not on this list that is read weekly. If you wish to have a name added to the weekly list (or removed), you must submit the name to Art Kaufman (art@arthurdkaufman.com)



Yahrzeits



JULY

Harry Gershman father of Shelly Gershman
 Rachel Lowenstein grandmother of Henry Lowenstein
 2 Rose Ulrich grandmother of Ariane Lieberman
 and Myla Specht
 3 Lewis B. Schwartz son of Roberta & Steve Schwartz
 3 Malva Ulrich mother of Ariane Lieberman
 and Myla Specht
 5 Sam Jacoby grandfather of Marty Kleinrock
 5 Samuel Abrams temple member
 6 Solomon Feinberg father of Herb Feinberg
 11 Vita Cahn Danzig temple member
 12 Morris David Baker grandfather of Debbi Jones
 13 Leona Finkel mother of Rob Goldman
 15 Mary Levine mother of Carrol Sallas
 15 Mervyn Green father of Marsha Green
 16 Benjamin Baker father of Debbi Jones
 17 Lillian Danzig Abrams temple member
 18 Henry G. Danzig temple member
 24 Lena C. Crane temple member
 24 Louis Farb father of Ruth Farb
 26 Barbara Scherr Schwartz temple member
 29 Lee Lowenstein brother of Henry Lowenstein
 31 Dora L. Rosen mother of Meyer Rosen
 grandmother of Dick Rosen
 31 Sallie Lewenthal grandmother of Meyer Rosen
 great grandmother of Dick Rosen
 great grandmother of Susan Berry

AUGUST

1 Sara Cornis cousin of Ruth Farb
 2 Max Birnbaum father of Seymour Birnbaum
 4 Lou Nierenberg father of June Wollman
 4 Allen Poaster father of Tish Richter
 5 Sonia Kolsky great grandmother of
 Craig Lieberman
 temple member
 10 Donna Hershberg grandmother of Marty Kleinrock
 12 Anne Kleinrock brother of Shirley Giegerich
 17 Albert Ader grandmother of Steve Schwartz
 18 Frieda Goldenberg mother of Richard Dimentstein
 18 Edna Dimentstein great aunt of Susan Berry
 20 Rose Schneider grandfather of Henry Lowenstein
 20 Sam Gerson sister-in-law of Bette Fogel
 21 Beatrice Fogel Kaufman grandfather of Marty Kleinrock
 22 Ben Kleinrock grandmother of Craig Lieberman
 23 Tillie Lieberman brother of Debbi Jones
 24 Neal Baker mother of Steve Schwartz
 26 Elayne Schwartz



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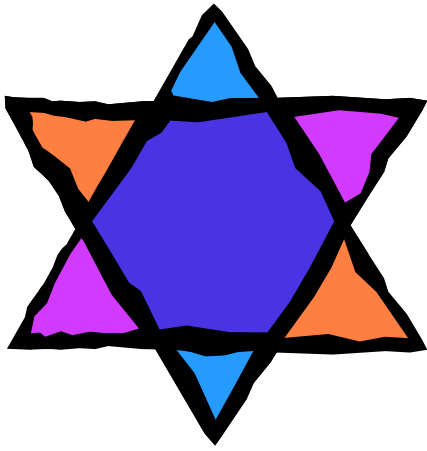
New Memorial Plaques

Plaques are displayed permanently on our *Yahrzeit* Board and are lit on the death anniversary of the honoree. Any member who would like to memorialize a loved one should speak with one of our Board members.

Beth Elohim Cemetery

Cemetery plots are for sale in our unique, historic resting place. The Cemetery Committee, chaired by SEYMOUR BIRNBAUM, has prepared the appropriate documentation for the purchase of gravesites.

Call the temple (843 283-7145) and request for copies of Burial Rights, Rules and Regulations, Fee Schedule, and a schematic of burial plot locations. All plots include perpetual care and will be available to current members of Temple Beth Elohim and to Non-temple members at a higher cost.



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