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# The Rising Star

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### *The President's Notes*



President Richard

The sun reached its northernmost point on the celestial sphere and summer finally began. What a pity that with it came so much devastation to our country: terrorism in Florida; tragedy in Disney World; wildfires in the southwest; tornadoes on the Great Plains; and floods in

the Appalachian Mountains. We can only pray for the victims, their loved ones and the first responders.

The Hebrew calendar has been very cooperative this year. High Holy Days will begin Sunday evening, 2 October 2016. This will give the TBE Board and its committees more planning time. A more detailed Events Calendar will be published in the next issue of *The Rising Star* as well as on the TBE website.

There are events that are coming up sooner:

16 July 2016, 6 p.m. – *Havdallah* at the home of Ariane & Craig Lieberman (a detailed e-mail will be sent out shortly)

31 July 2016 – Shelly Gershman's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated at The Lakes at Litchfield. (a detailed e-mail will be sent out shortly).

10 August 2016, 6 p.m. – Wiener Wednesday Pelicans Baseball Game at TicketReturn.com Park. Myrtle Beach will play the Salem Red Sox (Virginia). The game starts at 7:05 p.m. (A detailed e-mail will be sent out shortly.)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Mace Lieberman**, son of Ariane & Craig Lieberman graduated from the high school division of Low Country Prep and will be starting Brandeis University (Waltham, Massachusetts) in the fall. May success be his shadow.

The weeks between *Shavuot* and *Rosh Hashanah* have two holidays. Both are mournful.

The fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month of *Tammuz*, known as *Shivah Asar B'Tammuz*, is the start of a three-week mourning period for the destruction of Jerusalem and two Holy Temples.

The fast actually commemorates five tragic events that occurred on this date:

1. Moses broke the tablets when he saw the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf.
2. During the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, the Jews were forced to cease offering the daily sacrifices due to the lack of sheep.
3. Apostomos burned the holy *Torah*.
4. An idol was placed in the Holy Temple.
5. The walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans in 69 CE after a lengthy siege. (Three weeks later, after the Jews put up a valiant struggle, the Romans destroyed the second Holy Temple on the 9<sup>th</sup> of *Av*.) The Jerusalem *Talmud* maintains that this is also the date when the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem on their way to destroying the first Temple.

*Tisha B'Av* is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar and it is thus believed to be a day which is destined for tragedy.

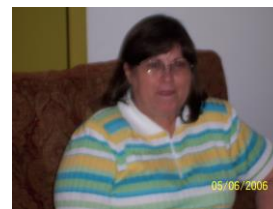
The observance of the day includes five prohibitions, most notable of which is a twenty-five hour fast. The Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem is read in the Temple and Jerusalem. As the day has become associated with remembrance of other major calamities which have befallen the Jewish people, some *kinnot* (dirges, sad poems) also recall events such as the murder of the Ten Martyrs, massacres in numerous medieval Jewish communities during the Crusades and the Holocaust.



## From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

When I wrote my little essay a year ago, we were still processing the terrible news about the shooting at the AME church in Charleston. In the year since, there have been many, oh so many, mass shootings around the world. Again and yet again we are reminded of our sad human ability to do great harm to one another. Sometimes the acts of violence are so random, we're left wondering whether it's safe to leave our homes. And if the random acts of violence are not enough to weigh down our souls, we have war, famine, disease, economic turmoil, and a rancorous presidential race to feed our anxieties.



Last year, I wrote about *tikkun olam*, the Jewish concept of performing *mitzvot* to repair the world, and how such acts must surely also be about repairing the human community. This is not going to be easy because so much of the violence seems to be bred by an ever-escalating cycle of hate and fear. I also asked what we, a few well-meaning people in a small congregation in South Carolina, can do to contribute to this repair. Last year I confessed that I had no ready answers. This year, I'm not so easily letting myself off the hook. This year, I'm suggesting that a path to *tikkun olam* that we all can take is embodied in the Jewish concept of *gemilut chasadim*: acts of loving kindness.

There are two main types of *gemilut chasadim* that we can do as a congregation that can make us effective agents of change, at least within our own community. The first is supporting our charitable efforts, such as contributing to our collection of food and clothing and *tzedakah* cash. Not only does this help meet some very real needs in the community, but it lets people in need know that their community cares about them. The second is interact with others with openness and respect. Too often our media groups people by labels, and too often these labels can have negative connotations that only add to the hate and fear. Let's try to remember that no single label can tell you everything about a person, and every person has a right to his or her own story.

### TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present. [Next meeting will be held on Friday, 29 July 2016 followed by *Shabbat* services at 7:30 p.m.

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

### SAVE THE DATE

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO

*Rabbi Deborah Slavitt*

SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2016, 2 P.M.

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TEMPLE MEMBERS, please note: You have access to membership information by going to [www.chaitrack.com](http://www.chaitrack.com). If you need a user name and password, contact Annette Vinik, (1)(843)564-5489.

*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 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.

### JULY

3 Alan Ginsberg  
20 AJ Giegerich  
29 Sheldon Gershman

### AUGUST

15 Suzan Cohen

### JULY

2 Debbie & Art  
Kaufman

INT

### AUGUS

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**

There was a Jewish population in Europe from very early times, especially in the area of the former Roman Empire. As Jewish males emigrated, some took wives from local populations. These groups were joined by traders and later by members of the diaspora. Jewish communities in France and Germany date from the 4<sup>th</sup> century, substantial Jewish communities in Spain were noted even earlier.

There are questions as to whether the Middle Ages were uniformly difficult times for Jews. Before the Church was fully organized with increasing numbers of rules, early medieval society was tolerant. Between 800 and 1100, an estimated 1.5 million Jews lived in Christian Europe. Since they were not Christians, they were not included in the feudal system of clergy, knights and serfs. This excluded them from the oppressive demands for labor and military conscription suffered by Christian commoners. In relations with Christian society, Jews were protected by kings, princes and bishops because of the services they provided in the areas of finance, administration and medicine.

As the Church became institutionally stronger, Jews suffered more discrimination and persecution in Christian Europe. This first peaked during the Crusades. Communities on the Rhine and Danube were utterly destroyed. French Jews were subject to frequent massacres. The Crusades were followed by massive expulsions including all English Jews in 1290, 100,000 from France in 1396, and thousands from Austria in 1421.

During this period, many Jews in Europe either fleeing or being expelled migrated to Poland where they prospered into another Golden Age.

### *Quilts for Kids Project*

from the desk of  
Annette Vinik

Over the past year, I've finished 115 quilts to donate to Birthright. I've decided to continue making the quilts until I reach 2000 total (185 more quilts). That should take somewhere around one or two years. At that point, I'm retiring this project. I'm in my tenth year and I'm wearing out!

I'd like to request that no more donations to the fund be made at this time. If I've calculated correctly, the materials I have on hand and the funds currently available will easily get me to the 2000 mark. Should I find that I'm running short on funds and need to purchase supplies, I can request that Birthright again begin reimbursing us for each quilt.

Any knitters or crocheters who'd still like to make hats, booties, afghans or hooded sweaters (a pattern for the knitted version is available) are welcome to do so. I know those are also much appreciated and will go to good homes.

I sincerely thank all of you who've donated so generously over the years. Together we've kept many babies in Georgetown County warm.

*Annette*



# DONATIONS



**Richard Dimentstein** to the General Fund in memory of Mel Brown  
**Shirley & AJ Giegerich** to the General Fund in memory of Patricia Giegerich and Morris Ader  
**Bonnie Linado** to the General Fund in memory of Beatrice Baslaw, Harry Baslaw and Arlene S  
**Anne & Leslie Margulis** to the General Fund  
**Carrol Sallas** to the General Fund in memory of Morris Salles

## From Hadassah

*Hadassah* is now selling certificates for planting trees in Israel. The price is \$18 each. To purchase a Tree Certificate, contact **Carrol Sallas**, (843)215-3886.

Dear Temple Beth Elohim Members,

Several of us thought it would be fun to organize a cruise for the temple membership. This note is an attempt to determine if there is enough interest within the membership to continue our efforts in this regard.

The proposed cruise would be out of Charleston on the Carnival Ecstasy. This cruise goes to the Bahamas and to one of Carnival's private islands. The cruise is over five nights. Two dates are being proposed for next winter –the first leaves Thursday, 23 February 2017 and the second leaves Friday, 24 March 2017.

Possible accommodations are as follows:

	<u>February Trip</u>	<u>March Trip</u>
Interior	\$384	\$404
Ocean	\$434	\$474
Balcony	\$644	\$674
Suite	\$724	\$764

These prices are per person and do not include port fees, taxes and gratuities. The sooner we finalize this, the better our room choices will be. Please let Seymour Birnbaum know if you are interested in participating [[joyandseymour@gmail.com](mailto:joyandseymour@gmail.com)] **Try and respond no later than 9 August 2016.**



## *New Yahrzeit Plaques*

Placed by

**Marilyn & Richard Horowitz**  
**Roberta & Steven Schwartz**



In memory of

**MORRIS**  
**HOROWITZ**

Placed by

**Evan Slavitt and Family**



In memory of

**RABBI**  
**DEBORAH**  
**SLAVITT**





## Yahrzeits



### JULY

Harry Gershman	father of Sheldon Gershman
Rachel Lowenstein	grandmother of Henry Lowenstein
2 Rose Ulrich	grandmother of Ariane Lieberman
5 Malva Ulrich	mother of Ariane Lieberman
5 Samuel Abrams	father-in-law of Debby Abrams
8 Solomon Feinberg	father of Herbert Feinberg
11 Vita Cahn Danzig	temple member
12 Morris David Baker	grandfather of Debby 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 Debby Jones
17 Lillian Danzig Abrams	sister-in-law of Debby Abrams
18 Henry G. Danzig	temple member
18 Louis S. Gilbert	father of Dolores Anshel
24 Louis Farb	father of Ruth Farb
24 Lena C. Crane	temple member
26 Barbara Scherr Schwartz	temple member
29 Lee Lowenstein	brother of Henry Lowenstein
31 Sallie Lewenthal	grandmother of Meyer Rosen great grandmother of Dick Rosen great grandmother of Susan Berry
31 Dora L. Rosen	mother of Meyer Rosen grandmother of Dick Rosen

### 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
10 Renee Stone	mother of Laurel Ginsberg
10 Donna Hershberg	temple member
17 Albert Ader	brother of Shirley Giegerich
18 Frieda Goldenberg	grandmother of Steven Schwartz
18 Edna Dimentstein	mother of Richard Dimentstein
20 Rose Schneider	great aunt of Susan Berry
20 Sam Gerson	grandfather of Henry Lowenstein
21 Irene Ginsberg	mother of Alan Ginsberg
21 Beatrice Fogel Kaufman	sister-in-law of Bette Fogel
23 Tillie Lieberman	grandmother of Craig Lieberman
24 Neal Baker	brother of Debby Jones
26 Elayne Schwartz	mother of Steven Schwartz



Any corrections or additions please contact Annette Vinik at (1)(843)564-5489 or at [tbe@chaitrack.com](mailto:tbe@chaitrack.com) . Names are read every Friday night for *yahrzeits* of the upcoming week.

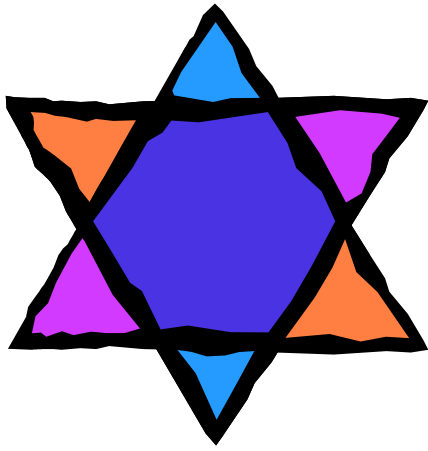
### *New Memorial Plaques*

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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