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The Triumph of Judas Maccabeus (Rubens)

# חנוכה



The following poems were written by Alden Solovy *et al.* between 2014 and this past weekend, 27/28 October 2018.

Tree of Life,  
Revive our souls,  
Enrich our days,  
Entreating Your blessings.  
Oh, God of Peace,  
Fill our hearts with comfort,  
Letting Your Torah shine,  
In the fullness of our love.  
Faith in You, our God,  
Eternal Source of blessings.

Praying for healing  
In the depths of despair,  
Thanking God for the survivors,  
Thanking God for the first  
responders,  
Sorrow crushing our hearts,  
Bereaved beyond belief,  
United in our love,  
Returning to You in faith,  
God of Israel,  
Healer of generations.

Tree of Life,  
Redeemer of Israel,  
Enliven this moment with healing,

Enliven this moment with hope.  
Oh, Rock of Israel,  
Forget not the Jews of Pittsburgh.  
Let Your love flow  
In the days ahead  
For Justice and peace  
Everlasting.

Author of life,  
Man has turned violent,  
Cutting down innocents,  
Crushing lives,  
Upending dreams.  
Attacking hope with hatred.

Source and Creator,  
Grant a perfect rest under your  
Tabernacle of peace  
To the victims of murder in  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Whose lives were cut off by violence.  
An act of witless aggression  
And calculated anti-Semitism.  
Remember the survivors of this  
horror,

And the victims of any violence,  
Suffering or despair.  
Grant them shelter and solace,  
Comfort and consolation,  
Blessing and renewal.  
Grant them endurance to survive,  
Strength to rebuild,  
Faith to mourn,  
Courage to heal,  
And devotion to each other.

Heavenly Guide,  
Hand of love and shelter,  
Put an end to anger and hatred,  
Bigotry and fear,  
And lead us to a time when no one  
Suffers at the hand of another.

For the sake of our people,  
And for the sake of Your Holy Name,  
Grant the Jews of  
All the world  
Your protection,  
Your wholeness and healing  
And your peace.

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# Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

An old friend of mine once told me that the Jewish holidays are all early or late, and as they move around the secular calendar, it certainly seems that way.

This year, *Hanukkah* is relatively “early” – the first night is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. That’s actually to our advantage; we don’t have to compete with either Thanksgiving or Christmas for the attention (as much) of ourselves or our friends and family.



Ritual Chair Suzan

There are plenty of traditions and history associated with *Hanukkah* that we can make it so much more than just a “Jewish Christmas.” One lovely tradition is that while the *Hanukkah* candles are burning the only acceptable activity is enjoying the company of all persons present in the home – and who doesn’t enjoy a good *schmooze!* (When my sons were small, we used to bet on which candle would burn out last, and it sometimes was the *shamash!*)

Of course, it’s also a good time to play the *dreidel* game. The *dreidel* is the game that is also a history lesson that is also a language lesson. The four Hebrew letters, *Nun*, *Gimel*, *Hei*, and *Shin*, stand for the Hebrew phrase *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, “a great miracle happened there,” referring to the miracle of the oil. The same letters also stand for the Yiddish words *nit* (nothing), *gantz* (all), *haib* (half), and *shtell* (put), which essentially provide the rules of the game.

The observance of *Hanukkah* can be so simple: The ritual of lighting the candles and reciting the blessings, combined with good food, good conversation, playing fun games, and perhaps recalling our unique shared history. But through that simple observance, we give ourselves an opportunity to reconnect with our Jewish heart and soul. And that is the great miracle.



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### **TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS**

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

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Want to advertise in *The Rising Star*? Call Richard Dimentstein at (843)232-1451. Any life cycle events? Contact Seymour Birnbaum [[joyandsey@ethanrand.com](mailto:joyandsey@ethanrand.com)]

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



**Susan & Brian Berry   Miriam Drucker   Dr. Eric Heiden**

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## *Tree of Life*

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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**



### **NOVEMBER**

22 Mike Specht  
28 Dyan Cohen

### **DECEMBER**

9 Rob Goldman  
16 Carol Willey  
17 Nancy Koppel  
19 Herb Feinberg  
20 Roberta Schwartz  
24 Steven Schwartz  
25 Jim Bennett

## **ANNIVERSARIES**



### **NOVEMBER**

2 Donna & Tom  
Llewellyn  
6 Dyan & Alex  
Cohen

### **DECEMBER**

21 Debbi & Webster Jones

# Quilt Number 2000!



**Annette Vinik** has worked continuously for the “Quilts for Kids Project.” Her dedication, energy and focus along with the support of donations of money and materials have brought warmth and comfort to the infants who received these crafted treasures.

“I had the fabric and pattern for this one for four years. As soon as I saw the pattern, I knew it would be #2000; I just didn’t realize I wouldn’t get to that one for so long! I still have almost 80 more sets of strips to be put together into quilts before I’ll use up all the fabric that was purchased or donated through the years of Quilts for Kids.”

*Annette Vinik*

**A NEW PLAQUE HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR *YAH*RZEITBOARD**



IN MEMORY OF

**HERBERT SOLOMON**

DEDICATED BY

*Janet Solomon and Family*

# DONATIONS



**Ruth Farb & Dick Charlton** to the General Fund in memory of Elizabeth Moses  
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**Carrol Sallas** to the General Fund and The Capital Improvement Fund

## DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF **MEYER ROSEN**

Susan & Brian Berry  
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### BY ALDON SOLOVY *et al.*

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Oh people of conscience,  
Cry out.  
Cry out against arrogance.  
Cry out against hatred and anger.  
Cry out against violence and oppression.  
For God requires us to stand  
In the name of justice and freedom,  
For God requires us to oppose terror,  
To muster our power and energy  
Against racist aggression  
And to protect all houses of prayer.

Oh God,  
We implore You,  
Look down upon the suffering  
Perpetrated against churches, mosques and

Against houses of worship in so many lands,  
By the hand of wickedness,  
By the hand of malevolence,  
By the hand of ignorance and sin.  
Today we remember with sadness the attack on  
Tree of Life Synagogue  
And the loss of precious life.

With Your gentle and loving hand,  
God of Shelter,  
Unite all of your children  
Under Your canopy of hope and love.  
Bring the light of salvation and healing  
To the four corners of the earth.

#### Our New Safety Measure

The side door of our synagogue (High Market Street) will be locked once services begin at 7:30 p.m. Worshipers 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 Richard Dimentstein ([rdimentstein@gmail.com](mailto:rdimentstein@gmail.com)).



## Yahrzeits



### NOVEMBER

Tillie Drucker Gershman grandmother of Michele Bennett  
 1 Ruby Fogel Levkoff Temple Beth Elohim member  
 1 Sophie S. Levkoff grandmother of Susan Berry  
 2 Sarah C. Weiss Temple Beth Elohim member  
 2 Bernard Goldman father of Eileen Kramer  
 5 Herman Gold Temple Beth Elohim member  
 7 Charles Zelesnick great grandfather of  
     Craig Lieberman  
 9 Beatrice Berest Gershman mother of Michele Bennett  
 13 Arnole H. Franzblau father of Adele Franzablau  
 14 Irving Snyder Temple Beth Elohim member  
 15 Joan Davidson sister of Michael Davidson  
 15 Anne L. Schneider mother of Debbie Smith  
 16 Charlotte B. Rosenfeld aunt of Michele Bennett  
 17 Arnold Kane Temple Beth Elohim friend  
 18 Thelma Barson sister of Ruth Feinberg  
 18 Herbert Dimentstein father of Richard Dimentstein  
 19 Jerome Sallas husband of Carrol Sallas  
 19 Sylvia Charen Hirsch grandmother of Debbi Jones  
 22 Milton Levkoff uncle of Dick Rosen  
 25 Sanford Levkoff uncle of Susan Berry  
 25 Sarita Gerson grandmother of Henry Lowenstein  
 26 Charles Chaplin Temple Beth Elohim member  
 28 Bernard Levine father of Nancy Koppel  
 29 Rose H. Weinberg mother of Eric Heiden  
 29 Mort Weinberg step-father of Eric Heiden

### DECEMBER

6 Bari King Heiden wife of Eric Heiden  
 10 Philip Lewenthal great grandfather of Susan Berry  
     and Debbie Smith  
 11 Albert M. Schneider grandfather of Susan Berry and  
     and Debbie Smith  
 11 Jennie Lewenthal Temple Beth Elohim member  
 13 Irving Simon brother of Ruth Feinberg  
 14 L. R. Gause father of Miriam Drucker  
 15 Sallie Dube mother of Jana Hletko  
 18 David A. Cohen, Jr. father of Alex Cohen  
 20 Frances Gause mother of Miriam Drucker  
 21 Lois R. Levkoff aunt of Dick Rosen  
 22 Nettie Rosen mother of Marilyn Horowitz  
 22 Ivan Katz husband of Marcia Katz  
 22 Murray Lowenstein father of Henry Lowenstein  
 23 Sarah Ross mother of Lynn Davidson  
 24 Gertrude Green grandmother of Marsha Green  
 26 Samuel Green grandfather of Marsha Green  
 26 Fannie L. Schneider grandmother of Susan Berry and  
     Debbie Smith  
 27 Gertrude O. Abrams Temple Beth Elohim member  
 29 Meg Giegerich Irving sister of AJ Giegerich  
 31 Arthur Giegerich father of AJ Giegerich  
 31 Mickey Linado Temple Beth Elohim friend  
 31 Morris Lieberman grandfather of Craig Lieberman

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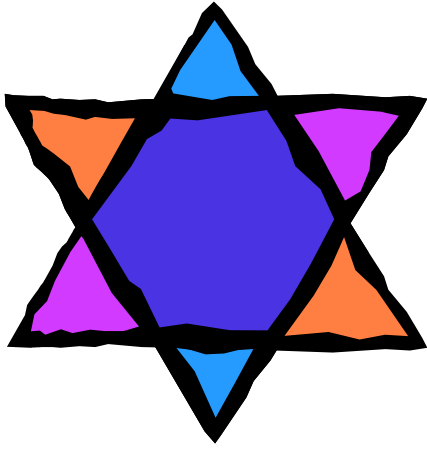
### *New Memorial Plaques*

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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