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## שבועות

*As the celebration of Shavuot approaches (9 June 2019), the Officers and Trustees of Temple Beth Elohim wish you and your family “yom tov”.*

### Call for Nominations

The 2018-19 election year of Temple Beth Elohim will soon be drawing to a close. This means that the term of the executive officers is ending. Temple members are entitled to nominate themselves or other members to the office of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. In addition, the term of three of the six trustees is ending. Nominations for these three positions are also being accepted.

Terms of office are ending for President Richard Dimentstein; Vice President Joy Birnbaum; Treasurer Michele Gershman Bennett; Secretary Tish Richter; Trustee Seymour Birnbaum; Trustee Donna Llewellyn\*; and Trustee Carrol Sallas.

Any one of the current officers and trustees may be nominated to run for office again. However, due to other commitments, Trustee Donna has notified the Nominat-

ing Committee that she will decline any nomination for reelection.

To nominate a member for any of these positions, please send an e-mail to the Nominating Committee Chair, **Eileen Kramer** [ekramer8487@gmail.com] or mail your nomination to E. Kramer, TBE/P. O. Box 571, Georgetown, SC 29442-0571. Nominations must be received by noon on Friday 10 April 2019.

### Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the General Membership of Temple Beth Elohim will take place on Friday, 17 May 2019, 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Members will be receiving a formal notice and an agenda.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

*Richard*

# Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

*Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel's Independence Day, commemorates the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1948. Because Israel declared independence on 14 May 1948, which corresponded with the Hebrew date 5 *Iyar* in that year, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* was originally celebrated on that date. However, to avoid the celebrating on *Shabbat*, it may be commemorated one or two days before or after the 5<sup>th</sup> of *Iyar* if it falls too close to *Shabbat*. *Yom Hazikaron*, the Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day is always scheduled for the day preceding Independence Day.



Ritual Scholar Suzan

This year, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* will be observed on 8-9 May. At the close of *Yom Hazikaron* on the evening of the holiday, celebrants, and officials will gather at Mount Herzl, Jerusalem, for a ceremony with speeches and a parade of soldiers that will conclude with the lighting of twelve torches, representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. *Yom Ha'atzmaut* is primarily a secular holiday (in fact, most Israelis do not consider *Yom Ha'atzmaut* a religious holiday at all), and the day is spent enjoying many outdoor activities, including concerts, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks. During the day, families may visit nature reserves, museums, and other attractions which are open to the public free of charge.

*Yom Ha'atzmaut* also is considered a minor religious holiday, although how it should be observed is less clear, as in Israel there is no real agreement among the Orthodox, Conservative, and Progressive rabbis. On the other hand, our prayer book, *Gates of Prayer (Shaarei Tefillah)*, includes a service for *Yom Ha'atzmaut*. And for American Jews, celebrating *Yom Ha'atzmaut* has been a way to express solidarity with the State of Israel and to strengthen their alliance with it.

## *Yom Ha'atzmaut*



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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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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 Andy Friedman, [andy.friedman@hotmail.com](mailto:andy.friedman@hotmail.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   Myles Derison**

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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

### MAY

1 Stan Earnhart  
4 Debbi Jones  
13 Joy Birnbaum  
13 Ariane Lieberman  
16 Brenda Rosen  
21 Richard Horowitz  
24 Ruth Feinberg

### JUNE

3 Shirley Giegerich  
3 Eric Heiden  
14 Marsha Green  
26 Jana Hletko  
29 Donna Llewellyn  
30 Kathryn Kossove



### MAY

5 Ruth & Herb  
Feinberg  
18 Roberta & Steve  
Schwartz

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE

10 Myla & Michael  
Specht  
18 Susan & Brian  
Berry



# DONATIONS



**Richard Dimentstein** to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Gennarelli  
**Edwina & Andy Friedman** to the General Fund in memory of Sonya A. Friedman  
**Shirley & AJ Giegerich** to the General Fund in memory of Peter Giegerich  
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**Tish Richter** to the General Fund in memory of Pearl Richter  
**Carrol Sallas** to the General Fund in memory of Allan Glen Sallas and Alice Salles

## *The Many Commemorations in May and June*

Our Ritual Scholar, Suzan Cohen, covered the celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (העצמאות) on page 2. However, that is just one of several other celebrations in the months of May and June of this year.

*Yom HaShoah* (יום השואה) will take place on 2 May 2019. This is Holocaust Remembrance Day observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and its collaborators, and for the Jewish resistance in that period. In Israel, it is a national memorial day. The first official commemorations took place in 1951, and the observance of the day was anchored in a law passed by the Knesset in 1959.

*Yom HaZikaron* (יום הזיכרון) will be on 8 May 2019. It is Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism. It is Israel's official remembrance day, enacted into law in 1963. While *Yom HaZikaron* has been traditionally dedicated fallen soldiers, commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of terrorism.

Jerusalem Day (יום ירושלים) will be celebrated on 2 June 2019. It is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in the aftermath of the June 1967 Six-Day War. The day is officially marked by state ceremonies and memorial services.

*Lag B'Omer* (ל"ג בעומר) will be celebrated on 23 May 2019. It is a minor holiday that occurs on the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. A break from semi-mourning of the Omer, key aspects of *Lag B'Omer* include holding Jewish weddings (it's the one day during the Omer when Jewish law permits them), lighting bonfires and getting haircuts.

*Shavuot* (שבועות) will begin on 8 June 2019. It is known as the Feast of Weeks. It has a double significance. It marks the all-important wheat harvest in Israel and it commemorates the anniversary of the day when God gave the *Torah* to the nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai.

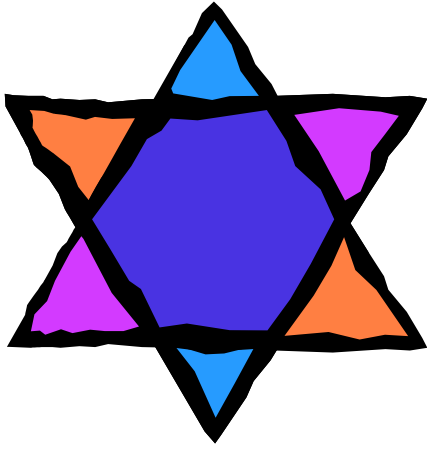
### Our New Safety Measure

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)).





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# ***SHALOM***

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