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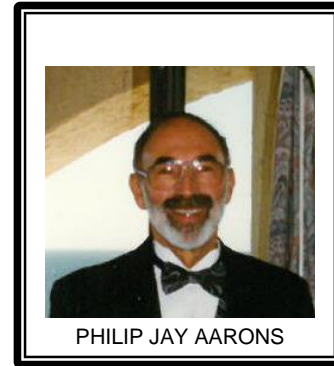
Another TBE fiscal year is coming to a close. This means that the terms of office for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are ending. The term of office for a Trustee is two years. Therefore, three of the six positions are open for nomin-

ations. At this point in time, all TBE members should have received a letter from our Secretary, Susan Richman, that introduces the Nominating Committee (Lonnie Richman, Chair; Tish Richter and Shirley Giegerich). They will collect the names of those who have been nominated by members of our temple and present them on a ballot for voting. Any temple member can nominate himself/herself or any other temple member. Any current officer whose term is expiring is eligible for nomination. To nominate a candidate, simply send a notice to Chairman Lonnie Richman, grinderlr@gmail.com.

One of the slots for Trustee is a vacancy created by the loss of our dear Bonnie Linado who passed away last January. The other two positions are currently filled by Seymour Birnbaum and Andy Friedman.

Chairman Lonnie must receive the written nominations by 9 May 2018. Voting will take place between 10 May 2018 and 25 May 2018. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Friday evening, 25 May 2018 at 6:15 pm. in the Temple Social Hall. *Shabbat* services will follow immediately.



PHILIP JAY AARONS

Once again, Temple Beth Elohim has suffered a great loss to its congregation. Phil was a valued member who served us well.

A decade or so ago, Phil served on the TBE Executive Board. He brought his accounting and business skills to the table and competently held the office of Treasurer.

Our more recent members know him for his chanting of *haftarah* on the mornings of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. We were always so grateful for his willingness to take on the task and he was always so honored that we invited him to do it each year. He studied for weeks at a time and in earlier years elicited the assistance of the late Rabbi Deborah Slavitt during his period of preparation. She gave him the confidence to perform as well as he did.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Phil's family: daughter Melanie Aarons; grandson Evan Aarons Wood; daughter Allison Cabaniss and husband Mark; grandson Connor Cabaniss. We know how much he will be missed.



From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

Understanding our Jewish holidays in general has always been an exercise in peeling back many layers of history, and this is especially true of the period between Passover and *Shavuot*.



Ritual Chair Suzan

According to the *Torah* (Lev. 23:15), we must count the *omer*, the ritual offering of a sheaf of barley, for 49 days starting from the second day of Passover to the night before *Shavuot*. *Shavuot* was an agricultural festival, commemorating the spring harvest when

offerings of the first fruits would be brought to the temple. Religiously, it is regarded as a spiritual completion of Exodus: Passover was the escape from bondage in Egypt; *Shavuot* was when the people were presented with the Torah at Sinai and accepted their covenant with God.

But since the Middle Ages, this time also has been a period of partial mourning, during which weddings, parties, dinners with dancing, and even haircuts are not allowed. Tradition tells us its observance is in memory of a plague that struck the disciples of Rabbi Akiva. The only time the restrictions are lifted during this period is on the 33rd day of the counting of the *omer* (*Lag b'Omer*), when there was a brief respite from the plague. *Lag b'Omer*, which this year starts at sundown on Wednesday May 2, is a day for fun with the family – or weddings or other festivities.



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TEMPLE ANNUAL MEETING

Friday evening, 25 May 2018, 6:15 pm, Temple Social Hall.

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TEMPLE MEMBERS, please note: You have access to membership information by going to 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 Susan & Brian Berry Dr. Eric Heiden Richard Horowitz
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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
10 Cecile Vinik
14 Marsha Green
26 Jana Hletko
29 Donna Llewellyn
30 Kathryn Kossove



ANNIVERSARIES



MAY

5 Ruth & Herb
Feinberg
18 Roberta & Steve
Schwartz

JUNE

10 Myla & Michael Specht
18 Susan & Brian Berry



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

Below is our swan song for the *The Rising Star*. You might have correctly assumed this has been a joint effort. We add our thanks to TBE for the excuse to explore a segment of Jewish history. We both come from Jewish backgrounds where Bible is more literature than fact and the history and

survival of the Jewish people is the main deal. Maybe some others may be enticed to follow up and correct any errors.

At this writing, we are waiting for the fourth “nor’wester” this month, but we believe we have reached ages where staying close to family is best. TBE and its members are being remembered as some of our better times. Of all the congregations we have experienced, it stands out as the most friendly and accepting. We miss being with you but you will always be with us.

Sylvia & Irv

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

There is such a thing as JEWISH FOOD!

Each country or region had its particular Jewish dishes, perhaps quite different from that of the general area’s cuisine. The Jews not only adopted the foods of the communities where they lived, their cooking had special touches and taste and features and original dishes. Jewish life was influenced by a migratory history of movement to escape persecution or economic hardship or for trade. Even before the day of easy communication, Jews had their own communication network. The vehicles of knowledge came from merchants and peddlers, traveling rabbis, preachers and teachers, cantors and students, letter carriers, beggars, and pilgrims on their way to and from the Holy Land.

Foods are important because they provide a link to the past and are a symbol of continuity. They are a part of an immigrant culture that has survived by changing or abandoning styles of clothing, music, language, and religious observance.

Cooking may be fragile, but it’s not easily destroyed. It lives on in human activity and is transmitted in every family like genes. If any one doesn’t have, or can’t decipher passed down favorites, in today’s electronic world there is easy access to explore any food recipe or history.

Jewish literature, like most literatures, covers kings, heroes, priests, judges, the rich and famous, but essentially ignores the poor, the homeless, beggars, and generally the common folk. This probably unleashes a history of survival foods of a large part of Jewish people.

Since probably the early 1700’s, upper class Jews appear to favor French foods. This even applied to those in Czarist Russia who achieved wealth and acceptance in St. Petersburg. Modern Israel has adopted French chefs and food. If you have a taste for Jewish food and can’t decide exactly what you want, you can go French and be in good company.

DONATIONS



Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Gennarelli

Ruth & Herb Feinberg for art, literary and holiday gifts to the temple

Sheri Glantz to the General Fund in memory of Adele Glassman

Debbie & Art Kaufman to the General Fund in memory of Hilda & Louis Kaufman and Sam Radow

Ina & Sanford Ramras to the General Fund

Susan & Lonnie Richman to the General Fund in memory of Adele Glassman

Meyer Rosen to the General Fund in memory of Lillian Rosen, Erma Rosen and Sylvan Rosen

Carrol Sallas to the General Fund in memory of Allen Sallas and Alice Salles

Janet Solomon to the General Fund in memory of Jerry Sludsky and Leonard Bernstein



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)

A New Memorial Plaque

In memory of

BONITA BASLAW LINADO

Dedicated by her brother

LOUIS BASLAW

and by her sons

MATHEW LINADO

DANIEL LINADO



Jerusalem Day

12/13 May 2018

On May 12, 1968, the government proclaimed a new holiday – Jerusalem Day – to be celebrated on the 28th of Iyar, the Hebrew date on which the divided city of Jerusalem became one. On March 23, 1998, the [Knesset](#) passed the Jerusalem Day Law, making the day a national holiday.

One of the themes of Jerusalem Day, based on a verse from the Book of Psalms, is "*Ke'ir shechubra lah yachdav*"—"Built-up Jerusalem is like a city that was joined together" (Psalm 122:3).

In 1977, the government advanced the date of Jerusalem Day by a week to avoid it clashing with Election Day.

The slogan for Jerusalem Day 2007, celebrated on May 16, marking the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, was "*Mashehu Meyuhad leKol Ehad*" (Hebrew: משהו מיוחד לכל אחד, *Something Special for Everyone*), punning on the words "*meyuhad*" (special) and "*me'uhad*" (united). To mark the anniversary, the approach to Jerusalem on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway was illuminated with decorative blue lighting which remained in place throughout the year.

In 2015, Yad Sarah a non-profit volunteer organization began organizing a special tour specifically for wheelchair bound residents, which focuses on Jerusalem history.

The Yakir Yerushalayim (Hebrew: יָקִיר יְרוּשָׁלַיִם; English: Worthy Citizen of Jerusalem) prize is awarded annually by the Jerusalem municipality on Jerusalem Day.



Jerusalem Day at the Western Wall (2004)

Religious Zionists recite special holiday prayers with *Hallel*. Although Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik was reluctant to authorize its inclusion in the liturgy, other scholars, namely Meshulam Roth and others who held positions in the Israeli rabbinate, advocated the reciting of *Hallel* with its blessings, regarding it as a duty to do so. Today, various communities follow differing practices.

Some *Haredim* (strictly Orthodox), who do not recognize the religious significance of the State of Israel, do not observe *Yom Yerushalayim*. Rabbi Moses Feinstein maintained that adding holidays to the Jewish calendar was itself problematic.



Yahrzeits



MAY

2 Sylvan Rosen	father of Dick Rosen brother of Meyer Rosen
3 Rebecca Logan Baker	grandmother of Debby Jones
3 Anne Drucker	mother of Louis Drucker
3 Thelma E. Goldstein	temple member
5 Arlene Sturm	temple friend
10 Rosie G. Goldstein	temple friend
10 Nancy Vinik	daughter of Cecile Vinik sister of Gene Vinik
11 Debby Abrams	temple member
11 Minnie G. Hazard	sister-in-law of Meyer Rosen
11 Beatrice Solomon	mother-in-law of Janet Solomon
12 Rick Richter	husband of Tish Richter
12 Harry Rosen	father of Marilyn Horowitz
14 Jacob M. Ringel	temple member
16 Alfred Lefkow	grandfather of Ariane Lieberman grandfather of Myla Specht
17 Laura Chaplin Abrams	temple member
19 Morris Abrams	temple member
19 Samuel Kolsky	great-grandfather of Craig Lieberman
20 Alfred Dube	father of Jana Hletko
20 Pauline Koppel	mother of Gary Koppel
20 Jennie S. Levkoff	grandmother of Dick Rosen
21 Cecile G. Gardner	aunt of Meyer Rosen
22 Patricia Giegerich	mother of AJ Giegerich
26 Paul Levine	brother of Nancy Koppel
26 Audrey Rowe Smith	temple friend
28 Hyman Kaufman	temple member
29 Clara Fogel	temple member
29 Morris Ader	father of Shirley Geigerich
30 Constance K. Franzblau	mother of Adel Franzblau
30 Bernard Meyer	temple member

JUNE

Henry Lowenstein	grandfather of Henry Lowenstein
2 Carole Gottlieb	temple member
2 Esther Gladstone Rubin	mother-in-law of Meyer Rosen
3 Estelle Smith	mother of Johanna Goldman
5 Charlotte Goldman	mother of Eileen Kramer
6 Mel Brown	friend of Richard Dimentstein
10 Ed King	father-in-law of Eric Heiden
14 Philip Schneider	father of Susan Berry
15 Frank Danzig	temple member
17 Alan Baslaw	temple friend
17 Morris Salles	father-in-law of Carrol Sallas
20 Helmar Abrams	temple member
21 Esther Zelesnick	great-grandmother of Craig Lieberman
22 Edith Pockell	mother of Sheila Borash
23 Henry Levkoff	uncle of Susan Berry
24 Rae Zelesnick	grandmother of Craig Lieberman
26 Louis Bodian	temple member
29 Maurice Emanuel	temple friend



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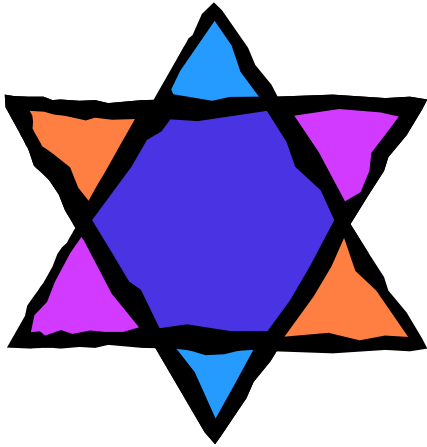
New Memorial Plaques

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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