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An Extra Special Shabbat



When ROBIN SHULER conducted *Shabbat* services on February 17, we heard guitar music along with a voice that filled the sanctuary. There's nothing quite like it. Robin's talent is a blessing that she willingly shares. *Shabbat* could not have been sweeter.



Robin's cousin and temple member SHELLY GERSHMAN (94 years old) came with his family to enjoy the service led by one of his favorite people.



President Richard helped to prepare for the *kiddish* that followed *Shabbat* services. This too was led by Robin.



"...*borei p'ri hagafen*." Music followed us into the TBE Social Hall where Ms Robin led the *kiddish*. This was followed by an elaborate *oneg Shabbat* hosted by Robin's dad, TBE member Dr. Eric Heiden and his wife, Rosa Lee.

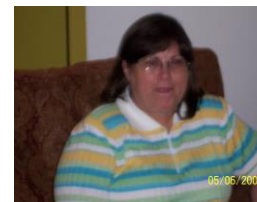
As TBE member, Johanna Goldman said, "Robin never disappoints." We look forward to her return on April 21.

From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

...a story in three acts:

ACT ONE: A group of people known as the Hebrews have been enslaved in Egypt and put to hard labor by a cruel Pharaoh. After nearly 400 years, a new leader, Moses, emerges as the agent of their ancient God, and with a mighty hand and outstretched arm, their God wins their freedom. The people pack up their belongings and begin the long, 40-year trek to the Promised Land.



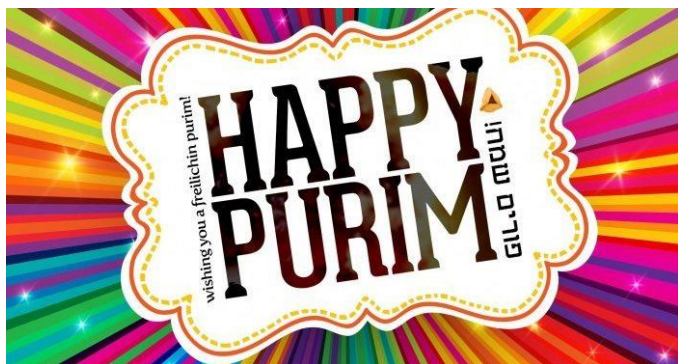
Ritual Chair Suzan

ACT TWO: After many years of wars with others and strife among themselves, the people, now known as Israelites, have been united as one kingdom under King David. The country Israel lives in peace and prosperity during the reigns of David and his son Solomon. After Solomon's death, the country splits in two, a northern kingdom of Israel and a southern kingdom of Judah. Israel was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BCE, its people scattered and lost to assimilation. Judah was conquered by the Babylonians in 586 BCE, and while many of the people were transported to Babylonia, the exiles were allowed to settle into their own communities.

ACT THREE: In Babylon, a beautiful Jewish woman named Esther caught the fancy of the king and became his wife. Although she was just one of many wives (and it was not widely known that she was Jewish), she quickly became his favorite. One of the king's advisors (a man so evil we shall not mention his name here) plotted to have all the Jews put to death. Esther was prevailed upon to go to her husband the king to plead for her people. Luckily, she was successful and all the Jews were saved.

As we know, Act Two is history. Acts One and Three probably are not history, at least not history as verifiable fact, but they are stories that are important to us as Jews. Act One, of course is the story of Exodus, which we celebrate "in the first month, on the 14th day of the month" (Lev. 23:5). We now know this as the month of Nissan, and we celebrate Passover in this first month to commemorate the emergence of the Jewish nation.

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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.chaitrack.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 Dr. Eric Heiden Meyer Rosen

Elaine & Bob Schimek Herb Solomon



Tree of Life

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A check for \$_____ (\$36 per leaf) has been enclosed. Checks should be made payable to **Temple Beth Elohim**.

Thanks for your support.

Mail to: TBE, PO Box 571, Georgetown, SC 29442

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

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

CHARITY DRIVES

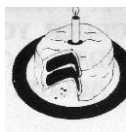
We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

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



MARCH

3 Art Kaufman
4 Mace Lieberman
4 Lynn Vinik
8 Craig Lieberman
17 Bonnie Linado
20 Deborah Pentecost
22 David Kossove
25 Lonnie Richman

APRIL

12 Michele Bennett
18 Gene Vinik
19 Tom Llewellyn
20 Dick Rosen
22 Brian Berry
30 Susan Berry



ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH

23 Jana & Paul
Hletko

APRIL

16 Susan & Lonnie
Richman



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

There is a Jewish food, or several foods. It is just not what we normally think of as food.

We are not sure when, or where, man evolved from animal. It seems that occurred in many places and over eons. There are still remote locations with tribes exhibiting aspects of societal, communal and general existence we might attribute to some pre-historic age.

Even so, there are commonalities to be found in all peoples regardless of geographic, temporal or societal advance. Each has reached some explanation of origin. No matter of life can exist in a vacuum. Fish, animals and people all tend to form supportive groups and develop leaders. Among mankind, this leader often rules under some level of claim of a relationship to initial existence. Many of these grow into what is defined as a religion. Most religions can be traced to some holy person, item or event.

There is another common item with all religions. They all have celebrations for similar events. These include folkloric and historic people and events, seasonal shifts, moon phases, harvests and other food events. Generally, these are observed by some type of offering or food consumption.

Does this seem familiar? These celebratory events are a common core in Jewish existence. The timing may have varied, the food items probably differed by location and social status. Even so, these observances represent a true "Jewish food."

"THREE ACTS"

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Act Three is the story of Purim, which we celebrate on the 15th day of Adar, the last month of the Jewish calendar. We associate a lot of silliness with our observance, but there is a serious message. If the plot to annihilate the Jews had succeeded, there would have been no Jewish nation to celebrate the next Passover. And when the Persians conquered the Babylonians in 539 BCE, there would have been no Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem.



TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM

PASSOVER SEDER

for members and their guests

will take place on

Monday, 10 April 2017, 6:00 p.m.
in the Social Hall

Members - \$20
Non-members - \$25

More information will be sent out shortly.

Jewish Grand Strand



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is honored to host an event in memory of

'REB DEB' SLAVITT



Michele Moore

Michele Moore

author of

THE CIGAR FACTORY

will be present for a
discussion and book signing on

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 12:30 p.m.

at

Sea Captain's House

3002 North Ocean Boulevard

Myrtle Beach

(843)448-8082

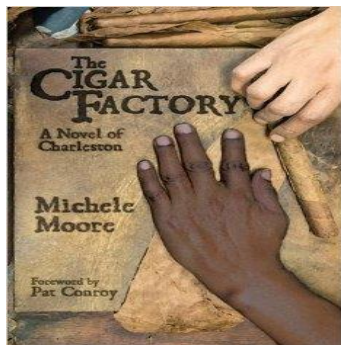
Luncheon cost: \$25 per guest

Book may be purchased in advance

Please rsvp by March 6, 2017 to

MARIAN COHEN

(843)903-7325



DONATIONS



Diane & Norman Cowen to the General Fund

Shirley & AJ Giegerich to the General Fund in memory of Arthur Giegerich and Meg Irving

Cookie Glasser to the General Fund (representing **Helene & Charlie Rotgin Family Fund**)

Marian & Lincoln Hallen to the General Fund

Marcia Katz to the *oneg* made in honor of Confirmation Class 2017 of Belin Memorial Methodist Church

Kathryn & David Kossove to the General Fund in memory of Albert Kossove

Eileen Kramer/Stam Earnhart to the *oneg* made in honor of Confirmation Class 2017 of Belin Memorial Methodist Church

Ariane & Craig Lieberman donated *Chanukah* decorations for our celebration

Bonnie Linado to the General Fund in memory of Edward Rogosin

Mischelle & Gerald Napoleone to the Quilts for Kids Fund

Susan & Lonnie Richman to the General Fund in memory of Evelyn Nitzberg

Susan & Lonnie Richman to the General Fund in memory of William Richman, Jules Nitzberg and Gloria Richman

Meyer Rosen to the General Fund in memory of Harry Rosen

Carrol Sallas to the General Fund in memory of Barnet Levine

Sheila Weiss to the *oneg* made in honor of Confirmation Class 2017 of Belin Memorial Methodist Church

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.

Special Announcements

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)

Nomination/Election of Officers and Trustees Amendment to the TBE Constitution

Within the next month, there will be a notice sent to all members calling for nominations to fill all four executive offices and three trustees. There will also be a proposed amendment to the Temple Beth Elohim Constitution.

TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM *Annual Meeting* Sunday, 21 May 2017 at noon

All members are encouraged to attend. Among the agenda items will be the election of officers, the approval/disapproval of a constitutional amendment and a review of temple activities.



Yahrzeits



MARCH

2 Lieba Kaufman	temple member
3 Sonya Friedman	mother of Andy Friedman
4 Shirley Horowitz	mother of Richard Horowitz
	mother of Roberta Schwartz
4 Marvin Ball	temple member
7 Herman Baruch	father of Debby Abrams
8 Annette Schultz	mother of Janet Solomon
8 Ruth Rosen	temple member
13 Anthony Gennarelli	friend of Richard Dimentstein
15 Max Goldstein	grandfather of Roz Greenspon
16 Yetta Liebowitz	grandmother of Marsha Green
16 Alwyn Goldstein	father of Roz Greenspon
16 Jean Sisser Schneider	aunt of Susan Berry
20 Pearl Richter	mother-in-law of Tish Richter
23 Augusta Lefkow	grandmother of Ariane Lieberman
23 Evelyn Poaster	mother of Tish Richter
23 Joseph Messier	father of Annette Vinik
24 Celia Gold Feinberg	mother of Herb Feinberg
31 Lillian Rosen	wife of Meyer Rosen
31 Rosalie Klein	aunt of Susan Berry
31 Miriam W. Lumiansky	temple member
31 Mary S. E. Lee	friend of temple



APRIL

1 Marie Barish	great aunt of Craig Lieberman
1 Peter Giegerich	brother of AJ Giegerich
2 Charles Richter	father-in-law of Tish Richter
3 Henry Levkoff	uncle of Dick Rosen
4 Rosalie Green	mother of Marsha Green
6 Michael Simon	father of Ruth Feinberg
6 Fred Kaufman	temple member
7 Max Joseph Hirsch	grandfather of Debby Jones
8 Irene L. Kossove	mother of David Kossove
9 Rose Gold	grandmother of Herb Feinberg
9 Irving Schultz	father of Janet Solomon
9 Maurice Stern	temple member
11 Louis Kaufman	father of Art Kaufman
11 Allan Glen Sallas	son of Carrol Sallas
12 Alec Berest	father-in-law of Shelly Gershman
13 Alice Salles	mother-in-law of Carrol Sallas
14 Harry Baslaw	father of Bonnie Linado
15 Mary Berest	mother-in-law of Shelly Gershman
17 Ella Nierenberg	aunt of June Wollman
19 I. Meyer Lewenthal	temple member
19 Kathleen H. Cohen	mother of Alex Cohen
20 Hilda Kaufman	mother of Art Kaufman
20 Nathan Gold	temple member
21 Erma Rosen	sister-in-law of Meyer Rosen
	mother of Dick Rosen
22 Joseph A. Zelesnick	grandfather of Craig Lieberman
24 Milton Smith	father of Johanna Goldman
24 Rae Cohen	mother-in-law of Suzan Cohen
25 Barney Solomon	father of Herb Solomon
28 Harry Fogel	father-in-law of Bette Fogel
29 Sam I. Radow	father-in-law of Art Kaufman

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

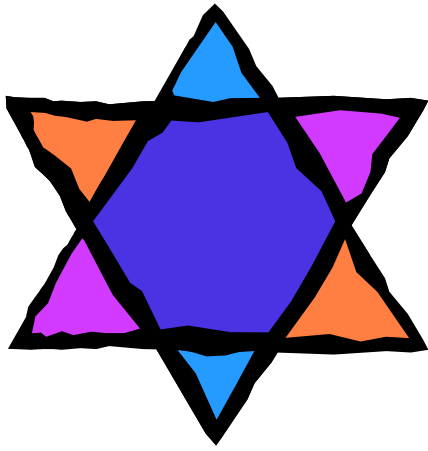
New Memorial Plaques

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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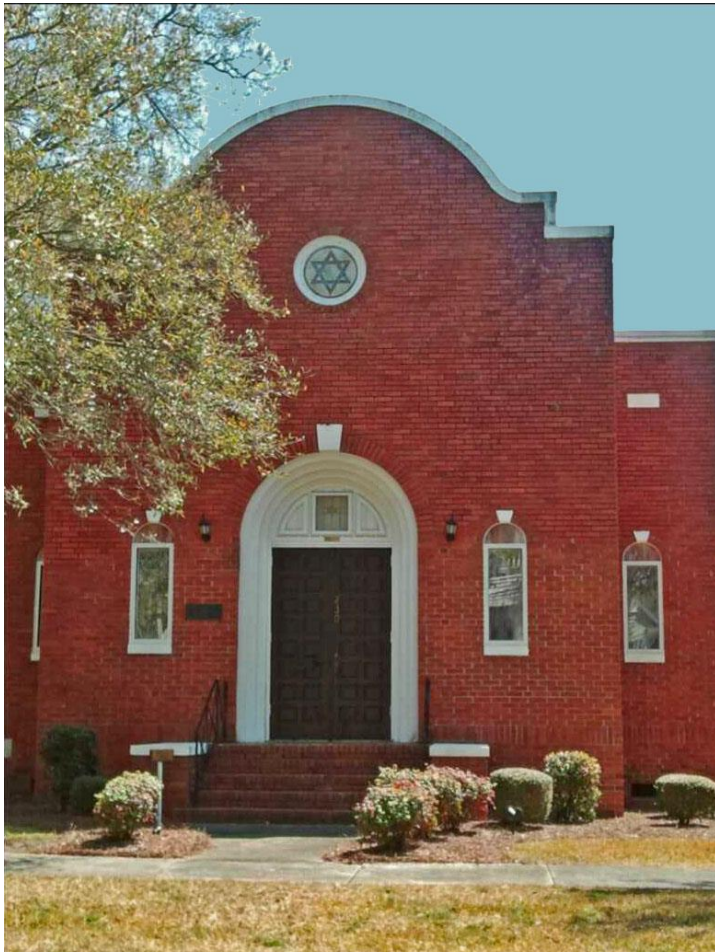
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Cemetery Chair: Seymour Birnbaum (Gene Vinik)
Finance Chair: Art Kaufman (Gene Vinik)
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