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# The Rising Star

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Have we ever had a more challenging start to a New Year? Hurricane Matthew will stay in my memory for a very long time. As powerful as he was, he could not prevent the leaders of Temple Beth Elohim from carrying out the traditions of our High Holiday Services.

Our building survived the forces of nature with very little damage. Screven and Highmarket Streets were full of tree branches, limbs, leaves, pine straw and other debris that needed to be cleared. Most of Georgetown was without electrical power. In the interest of public safety, the Police Department imposed an 8 p.m. curfew that was strictly enforced. On top of all of this, *Rosh Hashana* was about to begin.

We were truly blessed. Power was restored to the area around the Temple. Debris was able to be moved so that our members and friends were able to park their cars and enter the sanctuary. We had to break with tradition by starting the *Erev Rosh Hashana* service in the late afternoon in order to comply with the curfew. Nonetheless, the High Holy Days **happened** at Temple Beth Elohim.

Once again. I would like to thank our dedicated leaders for the beautiful services they conducted: Suzan Cohen; Gene Vinik (assisted by Andy Friedman); Bonnie Linado; Art Kaufman (assisted by Phil Aarons); and Ariane Lieberman. Special thanks to Suzan Cohen for leading the Afternoon Discussion on *Yom Kippur*; to Phil Aarons for chanting the *Haftarah* portions; and to Louis Drucker and Ben Tanoff for blowing the *shofars*; and to all those who came to the *bima* for an Aliyah or to read prayers or to assist in the *Torah* services.

This year the sounding of the *shofar* proved to be a unique experience for many of us in the congregation. We had two *shofar* blowers who sounded their horns in unison. What a way to conclude a High Holiday service!

Thanks are, once again, extended to Bonnie Linado who planned and executed our Break-the-Fast. Thanks also to all the hands that helped her to "carry in," "set up," and "clean up." We are truly a wonderful community.

As we slowly get back into our normal routines and put Hurricane Matthew into the past, let us continue to pray for our well-being and those who surround us. *Shabbat* services will take place this Friday at 7:30 p.m. Join us.

Dear Members and Friends of Temple Beth Elohim,

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees, I would like to wish you and all of those you love, good health and peace.

Happy Hanukkah,

Richard



## From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

*Chanukah* will be late this year...very late – at least in terms of the secular calendar. This year the first candle lighting of the 24<sup>th</sup> of *Kislev* corresponds with December 24<sup>th</sup>, and the holiday ends the evening of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We always have to compete with Christmas for attention; but this year we get to be distracted by New Year's Eve as well. And just a few years ago we were celebrating *Chanukah* on Thanksgiving.



It is often said that the Jewish holidays are either early or late, but actually it just seems that way because the Jewish religious calendar is based on the lunar cycle, which is 11 days shorter than the solar-based secular calendar. Staying with a lunar-based calendar is not just important to us as tradition but is also essential to maintaining proper observance – for example, Passover will always occur when the moon is full and *Rosh Hashanah* will commence with the new moon.

On the other hand, when you're falling behind by 11 days per year (and a 12<sup>th</sup> day every leap year), a strictly lunar-based calendar would quickly result in the holidays being celebrated in the wrong season. (Observing Passover on a full moon in mid-winter just wouldn't resonate with its theme of the rebirth of spring.) So to keep the holidays in their proper season, an extra month is added to the Hebrew calendar seven times out of every 19 years. Usually, that means an extra month of *Adar* is added to every third year. But when the holidays get to the point of being very early, the extra month is added every second year – resulting in the holidays seeming to be very late.



### TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present. [Next meeting will be held on Friday, 2 December 2016, 6 p.m. followed by *Shabbat* services at 7:30 p.m.]

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*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   Miriam Drucker   Sheldon Gershman

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Elaine & Bob Schimek



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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

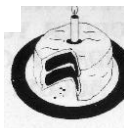
We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

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

17 Meyer Rosen  
22 Mike Specht  
28 Dyan Cohen

### DECEMBER

7 Irv Herman  
9 Rob Goldman  
19 Herb Feinberg

20 Roberta Schwartz  
24 Jay Ard  
24 Steven Schwartz  
25 Phil Aarons  
25 Jim Bennett

## ANNIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER

2 Donna & Tom  
Llewellyn  
6 Dyan & Alex  
Cohen

### DECEMBER

21 Debby & Webster  
Jones



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Sylvia Herman

## *Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture*

### **An Investigation of Origins and Variations**

*Hanukkah* celebrates the Maccabean uprising and victory over the Syrian Hellenists and the return to a sacked and burned Temple in Jerusalem. Except for one cruse, all the oil vessels had been polluted. This provided only oil to burn for one day. The Jews lit it and it lasted eight days allowing the priests to cleanse the Temple and prepare new supplies of holy oil.

The Miracle of the Oil is symbolized by kindling of lights for eight nights. The Miracle of the Oil is remembered in the kitchen by use of oil to deep-fry traditional *Hanukkah* treats.

The *Ashkenazim* eat potato latkes. In Israel they make *sufganyot* (jam-filled doughnuts). *Sephardim* eat fritters in syrup. Italians eat chicken pieces dipped in batter and deep-fried. Moroccans eat couscous with deep-fried chicken.

Russian Jews had an old “flaming-tea” custom in which everyone put a lump of sugar in a spoon, poured brandy over it, lit it and dropped it into a glass of tea.

Another custom dating to the middle ages is to eat dairy foods. *Ashkenazim* eat foods with curd cheese and sour cream, such as cheese *blintzes* and cheese cake. *Sephardim* eat cheese bimuelos.

At one time, Jews ate goose for a festive *Hanukah* dinner – a habit adapted from the Christians eating goose at Christmas which falls near *Hanukkah*. The custom continues in Alsace. Elsewhere the main dish is now roast turkey, duck or chicken.

I can't find the reference, but I recall reading that the Jews in Holland used *Hanukkah* to celebrate the driving out of the Spanish occupation from Holland. This must have added some additions to the *Hanukkah* menu.



A woman on King George Street in Jerusalem appears perplexed picking from the array of *sufganiyot* choices for *Chanukah*. See Marcy Oster's description of *Chanukah* in Israel on page 5.

# DONATIONS



**Susan & Brian Berry** to the General Fund  
**Susan & Brian Berry** to the General Fund in memory of Bryan M. Schneider  
**Jill & Al Demarchi** to the General Fund  
**Miriam & Louis Drucker** to the General Fund in commemoration of the High Holy Days  
**Bette Fogel** to the General Fund in memory of Abraham Fogel  
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**Sylvia & Irv Herman** to the General Fund  
**Susan & Bruce Kelley** to the General Fund  
**Kathryn & David Kossove** to the Capital Improvement Fund  
**Bonnie Linado** to the General Fund in memory of Nan Ard  
**Carla & Henry Lowenstein** to the General Fund  
**Susan & Lonnie Richman** to the General Fund in memory of Nan Ard  
**Susan & Lonnie Richman** to the General Fund in memory of Jeanne Richman  
**Susan & Lonnie Richman** to the General Fund in appreciation of the High Holiday service leaders  
**Alan Sherlock** to the General Fund in memory of Anne Lumiansky Schneider  
**Lynn M. Silverman** to the General Fund in honor of her brother, Richard Dimentstein  
**Sheila & Henry Weiss** to the General Fund in memory of Barbara Gordon Cooper

## 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.

## HOW PEOPLE CELEBRATE *CHANUKAH* IN ISRAEL

By Marcy Oster, *Jewish Telegraph Agency*

It started feeling like *Chanukah* here about two days after *Sukkot*, when the first vendors started frying the delicious and caloric doughnuts in vats of oil in front of bakeries and on the street throughout the country. Like malls in America rushing the Christmas season by putting up decorations right after Halloween, some vendors in the heart of Jerusalem were making *sufganiyot* in the middle of *Sukkot*.

*Chanukah* in Israel is not all about *sufganiyot*. With the kids out of school for a week, family fun rules. Workplaces mostly stay open, but stay-at-home moms and parents who manage to get some end-of-the-year time off do not want for kid-friendly activities during *Chanukah*. Cities throughout Israel offer many cultural extravaganzas during the holiday. There are musicals and plays for children, often starring some of the best known old and new Israeli television and music personalities. Malls feature children's programming, such as arts and crafts stations, or they set up stages with visits from jugglers, singers and characters from beloved Israeli children's shows.

Plenty of public lightings of the *chanukiah* happen – in the Knesset, on army bases, at the Western Wall. The president and the prime minister travel to significant spots throughout the country, and sometimes the world, to kindle the *Chanukah* lights.

Perhaps the best part about being in Israel during *Chanukah* is walking down the streets of many cities and seeing lights burning, often in special glass containers, outside and next to the front door. With the *mezuzah* on one side and the *Chanukah* lights on the other, the home is surrounded by *mitzvahs*, according to tradition. And since everyone lights their own *chanukiahs*, it is not uncommon to see a home with dozens of lights burning in the window.

It truly makes *Chanukah* feel like a national celebration.



## Yahrzeits



### NOVEMBER

	Tillie Drucker Gershman	mother of Shelly Gershman
1	Sophie S Levkoff	grandmother of Susan Berry
1	Ruby Fogel Levkoff	sister-in-law of Bette Fogel
1	Jeanne Richman	mother of Lonnie Richman
2	Sarah C. Weiss	temple member
4	Mannes Baruch	uncle of Debby Abrams
5	Herman Gold	temple member
7	Charles Zelesnick	great grandfather of Craig Lieberman
9	Beatrice B. Gershman	wife of Shelly Gershman mother of Michele Bennett
14	Terry Zucker	friend of Lynn Vinik
14	Irving Snyder	temple member
15	Anne Schneider	aunt of Susan Berry
16	Charlotte B. Rosenfeld	sister-in-law of Shelly Gershman
17	Arnold Kane	friend of temple
18	Herbert Dimentstein	father of Richard Dimentstein
18	Thelma Barson	sister of Ruth Feinberg
19	Jerome Sallas	husband of Carrol Sallas
19	Sylvia Charen Hirsch	grandmother of Debby Jones
22	Milton Levkoff	uncle of Dick Rosen
25	Sarita Gerson	grandmother of Henry Lowenstein
25	Sanford Levkoff	uncle of Susan Berry
26	Frances Brilliant	grandmother of Bonnie Linado
26	Charles Chaplin	temple member
29	Rose Weinberg	mother of Eric Heiden
29	Mort Weinberg	step father of Eric Heiden

### DECEMBER

4	Ruth Cohan	mother of Sylvia Herman
6	Bari King Heiden	wife of Eric Heiden
10	Philip Lewenthal	great grandfather of Susan Berry great grandfather of Dick Rosen grandfather of Meyer Rosen temple member
11	Jennie Lewenthal	grandfather of Susan Berry
11	Albert Schneider	brother of Ruth Feinberg
13	Irving Simon	mother of Jana Hletko
15	Sally Dube	father of Alex Cohen
18	David A. Cohen, Jr.	aunt of Dick Rosen
21	Lois R. Levkoff	mother of Marilyn Horowitz
22	Nettie Rosen	grandmother of Marsha Green
24	Gertrude Green	grandfather of Marsha Green
26	Samuel Green	grandmother of Susan Berry
26	Fannie Schneider	sister-in-law of Debby Abrams
27	Gertrude O. Abrams	sister of AJ Giegerich
29	Meg Giegerich	mother-in-law of Bonnie Linado
31	Mickey Linado	grandfather of Craig Lieberman
31	Morris Lieberman	



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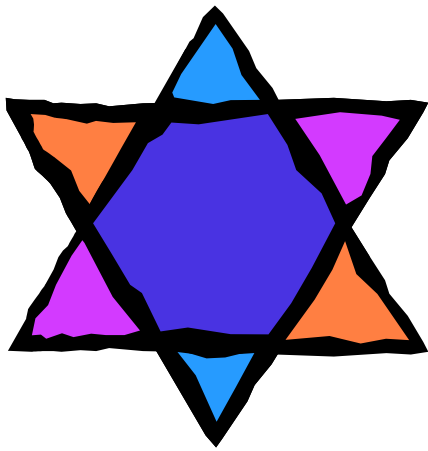
### *New Memorial Plaques*

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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