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Temple News



President Richard

The rains have come and gone. The temperatures have soared. It's truly summer in the Carolinas. Several of our members will be using this season to recover from illness and surgeries that took place in late winter and springtime.

Let's pray for their speedy recoveries and complete restoration of health.

Temple Beth Elohim's Annual Meeting took place on the last Friday in May. I reviewed all of the events of the 2017-18 Fiscal Year and announced the results of the election of officers. Remaining in place are

yours truly - President

Joy Birnbaum - Vice President

Art Kaufman - Treasurer

Susan Richman - Secretary

Trustees serving the second year of their two-year term

Donna Llewellyn

Lonnie Richman

Carrol Sallas

Trustee re-elected to a two-year term

Andy Friedman

Trustees newly elected to a two-year term

Shirley Giegerich

Tish Richter

I gladly welcome our two new Trustees and look forward to their participation on the Board. I am pleased to continue working with the dedicated members who have been re-elected.

To you, our members, and those you love, I wish you a safe and healthful summer.

Shalom!

HIGH HOLY DAYS

While this may seem to be an early thought, September is not that far away. These holidays will begin six days earlier than they did last year. I will be sending a more detailed notice later in the summer, but here is an outline of the proposed schedule:

Friday, 09/07, 5 p.m. – *Silichot*

Friday, 09/07, 7:30 p.m. – *Shabbat services*

Sunday, 09/09, 7:30 p.m. – *Erev Rosh Hashana*

Monday, 09/10, 11 a.m. – *Rosh Hashana*

Followed by *Tashlich*

Friday, 09/14, 7:30 p.m. – *Shabbat Shuvah*

Tuesday, 09/18, 7:30 p.m. – *Kol Nidre*

Wednesday, 09/19, 11 a.m. – *Yom Kippur Morning*
3 p.m. – Afternoon discussions

4:30 p.m. – *Yiskor/Concluding Services*

Break-the-Fast immediately following



Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

A quick look at two Jewish virtues.

As Jews, we are commanded to be fair and ethical people. Some aspects of living an ethical life are pretty obvious – don't cheat or steal from people, obey the rules, and be kind to one another. That's a great start, but are there specific "virtues" that we should be aware of? Well we're Jews, so of course there are! In this column, we're going to look at two really basic Jewish ethical concepts.



Ritual Chair Suzan

The first concept, *Pikuach Nefesh* (פיקוח נפש: to save a life) describes the principle in Jewish law that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration. When the life of a person is in danger, almost any other *mitzvah* becomes inapplicable. For example, the laws of *Shabbat* may be suspended to provide medical care to a critically ill person or to a person who may become critically ill if the care is not provided. The concept also extends to caring for yourself. For example, a sick person is allowed to eat non-kosher food if it is essential to his recovery. (Or a starving person may eat non-kosher food if no kosher food is available.) And on *Yom Kippur*, a person is forbidden to fast if the lack of food will impair his health. In short, preserving the life of ourselves or others is our primary duty.

The second concept, *Shalom bayit* (שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת peace of the home) is the traditional religious concept of domestic harmony and good relations between husband and wife. By extension, it can mean working as a family to resolve conflict and the making of home a nurturing and harmonious environment so that all family members have a strong, secure basis for living successful lives.

A modern Hebrew poem, "Blessing for the Home" (Hebrew: *Birkat HaBayit*) sums up the lovely essence of *Shalom Bayit*. It reads:

*Let no sadness come through this gate.
Let no trouble to this dwelling.*

*Let no fear come through this door.
Let no conflict be in this place.
Let this home be filled with the blessing of joy and peace.*



TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Friday evening, 13 July 2018, 6:00 pm, Temple Social Hall.

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 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

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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 *mazuzah*, *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



JULY

20 AJ Giegerich

AUGUST

5 Robert Willey
8 Gary Koppel
9 Eileen Kramer
15 Suzan Cohen
21 Marty Kleinrock



ANNIVERSARIES



JULY

2 Debbie & Art
Kaufman
7 Eileen Kramer &
Stan Earnhart

AUGUST

8 Joy & Seymour Birnbaum
22 Michele & Jim Bennett
28 Shirley & AJ Giegerich

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)

Tisha B'Av

Sunday, 22 July 2018

Tisha B'Av is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar and it is thus believed to be a day which is destined for tragedy. The observance of the day includes five prohibitions, most notable of which is a 25-hour fast. The Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem is read in the synagogue, followed by the recitation of dirges that lament the loss of the Temples and Jerusalem. As the day has become associated with remembrance of other major calamities which have befallen the Jewish people, some also recall events such as the murder of the Ten Martyrs (rabbis living during the era of the Mishnah who were martyred by the Romans in the period after the destruction of the Second Temple), massacres in numerous medieval Jewish communities during the Crusades, and the Holocaust.

According to Rabbinic tradition, the sin of the ten spies produced the annual fast day of *Tisha B'Av*. When the **Israelites** accepted the false report that the land of Canaan (Israel) would be "impossible" to conquer, the people wept over the false belief that God was setting them up for defeat. The night that the people cried was the ninth of *Av*, which became a day of weeping and misfortune for all time.

The fast commemorates the destruction of the Jewish First Temple and the Second Temple, both of which occurred on the 9th of the Hebrew month of *Av*, about 655 years apart.

According to the Mishnah, five specific events occurred on the 9th of *Av* that warrant fasting:

1. The incident caused by the spies, as previously stated.
2. The destruction of the First Temple of Solomon
3. The destruction of the Second Temple which was built by Ezra and Nehemiah and was destroyed by the Romans scattering the people of Judea and commencing the Jewish exile from the Holy Land that continues to this day.

4. The Romans subsequently crushed Bar Kokhba's revolt and destroyed the city of Betar, killing over 500,000 Jewish civilians (135 CE).
5. Following the Bar Kokba revolt, Roman commander Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple in Jerusalem and the surrounding area.

Over time, *Tisha B'Av* has come to be a Jewish day of mourning, not only for these events, but also for later tragedies. Regardless of the exact dates of these events, for many Jews, *Tisha B'Av* is the designated day of mourning for them, and these themes are reflected in liturgy composed for this day.

Tisha B'Av bears a similar stringent nature to that of *Yom Kippur*. In addition to the length of the fast which lasts about 25 hours, beginning at sunset on the eve of *Tisha B'Av* and ends at nightfall the following day, *Tisha B'Av* also shares the following five prohibitions:

1. No eating or drinking
2. No washing or bathing
3. No application of creams or oils
4. No wearing of (leather) shoes
5. No marital (sexual) relations



The Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem
by Francesco Hayez

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Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Phil Aarons and Mel Brown

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Yahrzeits



JULY

Rachel Lowenstein	grandmother of Henry Lowenstein
Harry Gershman	grandfather of Michele Bennett
2 Rose Ulrich	grandmother of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
3 Lewis B. Schwartz	son of Roberta & Steven Schwartz
5 Malva Ulrich	mother of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
5 Sam Jacoby	grandfather of Marty Kleinrock
5 Samuel Abrams	temple member
8 Solomon Feinberg	father of Herb Feinberg
10 Seth Rich	cousin of Ruth Farb
11 Vita Cahn Danzig	temple member
12 Morris David Baker	grandfather of Debbi Jones
13 Leona Finkel	mother of Rob Goldman
15 Mary Levine	mother of Carrol Sallas
15 Mervyn Green	father of Marsha Green
16 Benjamin Baker	father of Debbi Jones
17 Lillian Danzig Abrams	temple member
18 Henry G. Danzig	temple member
18 Mark Rosen	son of Meyer Rosen
24 Louis Farb	father of Ruth Farb
24 Lena C. Crane	temple member
26 Barbara S. Schwartz	temple member
29 Lee Lowenstein	brother of Henry Lowenstein
31 Sallie Lewenthal	grandmother of Meyer Rosen great-grandmother of Dick Rosen and Susan Berry
31 Dora Rosen	mother of Meyer Rosen grandmother of Dick Rosen

AUGUST

1 Sara Cornis	cousin of Ruth Farb
2 Max Birnbaum	father of Seymour Birnbaum
4 Lou Nierenberg	father of June Wollman
4 Allen Poaster	father of Tish Richter
5 Sonia Kolsky	great-grandmother of Craig Lieberman
10 Donna Hershberg	temple member
12 Anne Kleinrock	grandmother of Marty Kleinrock
16 Louis Davidson	father of Michael Davidson
17 Albert Ader	brother of Shirley Giegerich
18 Frieda Goldenberg	grandmother of Steven Schwartz
18 Edna Dimentstein	mother of Richard Dimentstein
20 Sam Gerson	grandfather of Henry Lowenstein
20 Rose Schneider	great-grandmother of Debbie Smith great aunt of Susan Berry
21 Beatrice Fogel Kaufman	temple member
22 Ben Kleinrock	grandfather of Marty Kleinrock
23 Tillie Lieberman	grandmother of Craig Lieberman
24 Neal Baker	brother of Debbi Jones
26 Elayne Schwartz	mother of Steven Schwartz
30 Dorothy B. Troutman Mulford	mother of Donna Llewellyn



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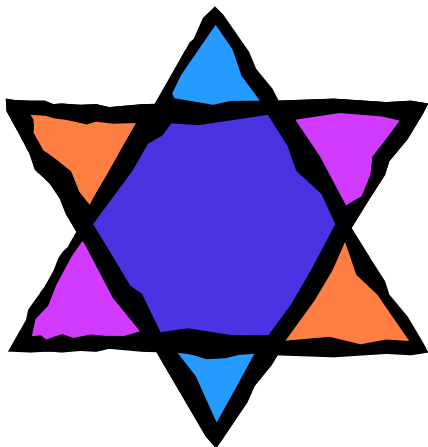
New Memorial Plaques

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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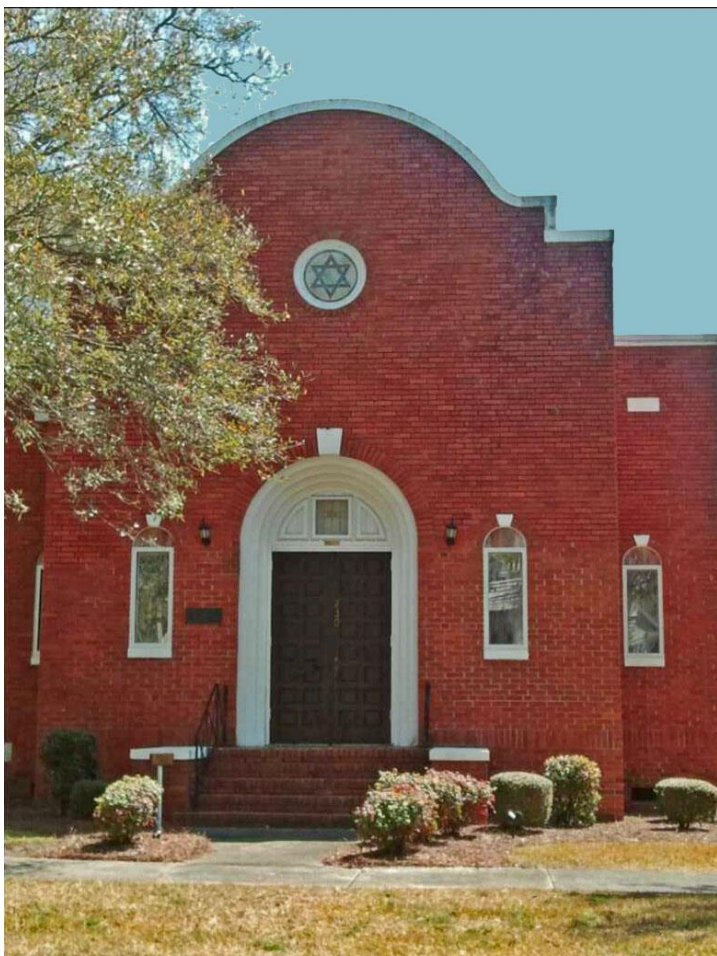
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