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Temple News



President Richard

It is with great pride and gratitude that I report the success of Temple Beth Elohim's Passover *Seder*. Members and their guests filled the Social Hall. Many entered carrying desserts which made me think of my childhood *Pesach* at Nana's house.

The room had been set up in advance by a committee of Board members. People who arrived early went right to work voluntarily with last minute preparations (wine for the tables, salt water, parsley, plenty of matzo and, of course, the *Haggadahs*).

All of the planning and supervision were handled by Joy & Seymour Birnbaum and all ran smoothly. The *Seder* service started right on time and was led by a few of our regular *Shabbat* service leaders.

Dinner was wonderful. Seymour's gefilte fish and matzo ball soup rivaled the best of them. Both Joy and Seymour organized a team of soup servers who delivered the goods at a perfect pace. Seymour, assisted by Myles Derison, kept the chafing dishes full and the buffet line orderly.

When things were winding down and a few guests started to leave, I noticed the true sign that people had enjoyed themselves. A majority of people showed no sign of being ready to depart. They started on a second cup of coffee and continued with their conversations. As the clean-up committee started their duties, there was a sudden increase in their number. Members and their guests automatically cleared their tables, collected refuse, took the trash bags out to the dumpster and cut the clean-up time in half. It was amazing!

To the organizers, leaders, volunteers, and guests I would like to extend my thanks for making the TBE Passover Seder a memorable success

TEMPLE ELECTIONS

At the end of May, the term of office will end for our Executive Board (President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary). Three of our six Trustees will also be finishing their terms. Ballots have been sent to all members and will be counted at the Annual Meeting that will take place at noon on Sunday, 21 May 2017, in the Temple Social Hall. Members are asked to please return their ballots as instructed on the form.

HAVDALLAH

Havdallah will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 6 May 2017, at the home of Susan & Lonnie Richman. In addition to Susan & Lonnie, it will be hosted by Donna & Tom Llewellyn and Richard Dimentstein. Call Susan for further details (843)748-0265.

ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the Temple Beth Elohim constitution, the Annual Meeting will take place at noon on Sunday, 21 May 2017 in the Temple Social Hall. All members are encouraged to attend and to participate.



From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

The festival of *Shavuot* (שבועות) begins at sunset on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of *Sivan* (or Tuesday, May 30, 2017). *Shavuot* commemorates the anniversary of the day Moses received the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. *Shavuot* is the Hebrew word for “weeks” and refers to the Jewish festival marking the giving of the *Torah* at Mount Sinai. Occurring seven weeks after Passover, *Shavuot*, like many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest.



Ritual Chair Suzan

According to the Torah, after the Exodus it took precisely 49 days, or seven weeks, for the ancient Israelites to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai. There, Moses ascended the mountain to meet God, who gave him the Ten Commandments, which were written on two tablets to be delivered to the Children of Israel. In ancient times, *Shavuot* was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Since in modern times, we can no longer bring offerings to the Temple, there are no particular *mitzvot* associated with *Shavuot*. Maybe that’s why we find it so easy to overlook its observance. There are, however, some customs that can make it a rewarding holiday, including:

- Staying up all night with your friends to study *Torah*
- Eating dairy foods
- Decorating your house with vines and flowers
- Reciting the Ten Commandments in the synagogue on the morning of *Shavuot*

Traditionally, the Book of Ruth is read during services on *Shavuot*. Ruth was a young Moabite woman who married an Israelite man. When her husband died, she followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Israel and adopted the Jewish faith and people as her own. Eventually she married Boaz and among their descendants is King David.

The theme of Ruth’s conversion to Judaism is central to this story. In Ruth 1:16, she states, “For wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” Ruth is often

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TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present. Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at noon on Sunday 21 May 2017.

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.chairtrack.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 Sheldon Gershman
 Dr. Eric Heiden Richard Horowitz Meyer Rosen
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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
 29 Herb Solomon
 30 Kathryn Kossove



ANNIVERSARIES



MAY

5 Ruth & Herb
 Feinberg
 18 Roberta & Steve
 Schwartz

JUNE

9 Sylvia & Irv Herman
 10 Myla & Michael Specht
 12 Janet & Herb Solomon
 18 Susan & Brian Berry



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

The history of Jewish people in Europe is a tale of a wandering people with some extended stays. The earliest record is of Jews in Greece in the period of 300-350 BCE.

Jews were in the Roman Empire prior to the Roman-Jewish wars. There is possibility Jewish proselytizing there might have been causal in the wars. Jews were in Rome since the first century BCE. Many Jews arrived as prisoners or slaves. Italy has the oldest continuous Jewish population in Europe.

By late antiquity, there were Jewish communities in modern day France and Germany.

Jews were on the Iberian Peninsula as traders from an early age and had eras of varying prosperity until the 1492 Spanish expulsion. Many of these exiles went to Holland where there was a spirit brought on by oppressive Spanish occupation. Many of these Jews later moved on to Central and Western Europe and Britain and ultimately to Eastern Europe. This means, say many, that Ashkenazim are descended from Sephardim.

The 1492 expulsion was followed by expulsions from Austria-Hungary and Germany. This stimulated widespread migration to a more tolerant Poland. Poland became a recognized haven for Jews from the rest of Europe and a cultural and spiritual center. This lasted until the Nazi holocaust.

As early as 300-200 BCE, Jews in Roman Empire came to Hungary as merchants and slaves. By the mid seventeenth century, Budapest was a home to famous scholars, Rabbis, writers and poets; developing into the most important European Jewish community of the time.

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considered to be the archetype of all who “choose” or convert to Judaism – accepting the Torah, just as Jews accepted the Torah at Mount Sinai – and this passage traditionally has been understood as her conversion statement.

I once belonged to a congregation where all “Jews by choice” were called to the *bema* on *Shabbat* of *Shavuot*. As sort of *b'nei mitzvah*, we all recited the Ten Commandments. It was such a perfect way to tie all of the themes for the holiday together.



GEORGETOWN 2017 ARTWALK

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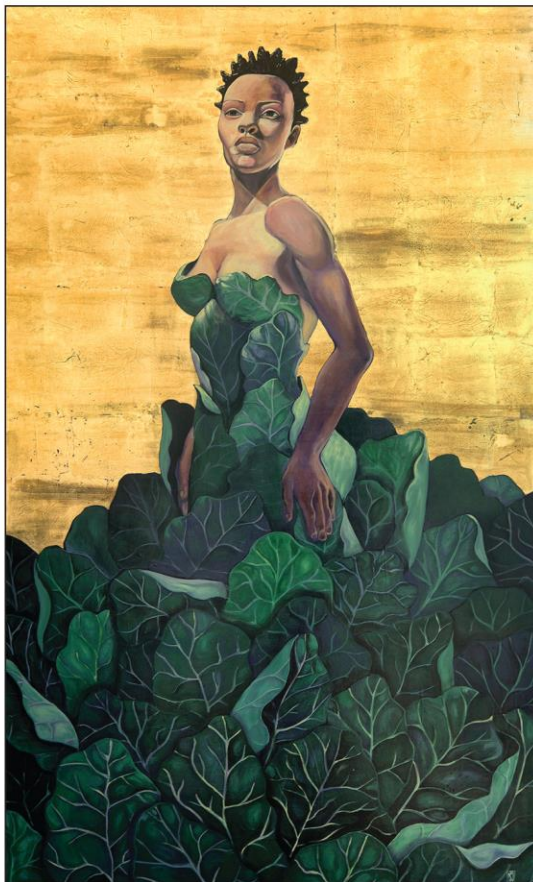
ARTWALK: Saturday, May 13, 10 - 5; Sunday, May 14, 11 - 4

Mother's Day Weekend – Join Us on Front Street for these Free Events!

- JURIED ART SHOW • ART SALE EXHIBITORS • STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
- KIDS' ART ACTIVITIES • BOOK SIGNINGS • CONCERTS

ARTWEEK: Sunday, May 7 - Sunday, May 14

A Week of Exciting Art Events and Performances – Public is Invited



The Collard Queen by Natalie Daise

Georgetown 2016 ARTWALK Judges' Award Winner

- **ARTISTS' & MEMBERS' RECEPTION**
Cultural Council of Georgetown County
Sunday, May 7, 5 - 6:30
- **Coastal Reaction Band CONCERT**
Georgetown County Library
Sunday, May 7, 7 - 8:30
- **De'Sean Jones CONCERT ***
Howard Center
Tuesday, May 9, 7 - 9
- **PhotoVoice EXHIBIT and PRESENTATION**
915 Front Street
Thursday, May 11, 7 - 8:30
- **WINE WALK on Front Street ***
Friday, May 12, 5:30 - 8
- **Mother's Day Wall of Love,
Remembrance and Caring, May 13 - 14**
- **BrightStar CHILDREN'S THEATER**
Kaminski House Lawn
Saturday, May 13, 1 - 2
- **Long Bay Symphony CHAMBER MUSIC
CONCERT * Winyah Auditorium**
Saturday, May 13, 7:30 - 9
- **MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT**
AUthenticity from Anderson University
Kaminski House Lawn
Sunday, May 14, 2 - 3

* Ticketed events

For tickets and more information, visit www.culturalcouncilofgeorgetown.org

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Jay Ard to the General Fund

Vera Craddock to the General Fund in celebration of the TBE Passover *Seder*

Shirley & AJ Giegerich to the General Fund in memory of Ruth Ader and Peter Giegerich

Marsha Green to the General Fund in memory of Rosalie Green

Rosa Lee & Eric Heiden to the General Fund in memory of JJ Heiden

Marcia Katz to the General Fund in memory of Ivan E. Katz

Art Kaufman & Deborah Pentacost to the General Fund in memory of Hilda & Louis Kaufman and Sam Radaw

Martin Kleinrock & Adele Franzblau to the *Oneg Shabbat* Fund

Mischelle & Gerald Napoleone to the General Fund in memory of Rebecca King

Meyer Rosen to the General Fund in memory of Lillian Rosen, Sylvan Rosen and Esther Gladstone Rubin

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

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

from Vice President Joy Birnbaum

As many of you know, I have been involved with the Cultural Council of Georgetown County for several years. As an advocate of the arts, I have worked with a group of terrific people to bring a variety of art, music and \$cholar\$hip programs to youth and adults in Georgetown County. We are a non-profit organization and often have fundraisers to keep our programs available and free.

On page 5 is a poster advertising an upcoming juried art event taking place in Georgetown. Last year was our first effort to offer an ARTWALK. I know many of you came out to enjoy the art displayed in the windows of Front Street businesses and explore the exhibitors in the parks. There were over 2,000 people at last year's event. This year we are adding three ticketed events: Wine Walk; Saxophonist De'Sean Jones accompanied by Denny Hess (you may have heard him at one of our House Concerts); and Jesse Willis, plus the Long Bay Symphony Chamber Music Concert on May 13th. We hope we'll be able to bring people to Georgetown for a week of cultural arts.

The Georgetown Historical Museum will host a Student Art Exhibit representing student artists from elementary through high school. There will be hands-on youth art activities; children's theatre performances; several book signings; a Wall of Love, Remembrance and Caring to display photos of mothers plus written sentiments. There will be a PhotoVoice Exhibit, the outcome of a partnership with the Bunnelle Foundation's initiative, Opportunity Ready. This exhibit highlights narratives and photos from student and adult interviews about future opportunities for youth in Georgetown. There will be music in the streets by several of our Young Treasure and American Roots \$cholar\$hip winners; a concert by the **Coastal Reaction Band** at the Georgetown Library; and a special Mother's Day concert by Anderson University on the Kaminski House Lawn.

I'm hoping you'll join in the fun and enjoy some of the events of ARTWALK and Art Week!



Yahrzeits



MAY

2 Sylvan Rosen brother of Meyer Rosen
father of Dick Rosen

3 Rebecca Logan Baker grandmother of Debby Jones

3 Anne Drucker mother of Louis Drucker

3 Thelma E. Goldstein mother of Roz Greenspon

5 Arlene K. Sturm friend of Bonnie Linado

10 Rosie G. Goldstein grandmother of Roz Greenspon

10 Nancy Vinik daughter of Cecile Vinik
sister of Lynn Vinik
sister of Gene Vinik

11 Beatrice Solomon mother of Herb Solomon

11 Minnie G. Hazard sister-in-law of Meyer Rosen

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

17 Laura Chaplin Abrams sister-in-law of Debby Abrams

19 Morris Abrams brother-in-law of Debby Abrams

19 Samuel Kolsky great grandfather of
Craig Lieberman

20 Alfred Dube father of Jana Hletko

20 Jennie Surasky Levkoff grandmother of Dick Rosen

21 Cecile G. Gardner aunt of Meyer Rosen

22 Patricia Giegerich mother of AJ Giegerich

26 Audrey Rowe Smith friend of temple

28 Hyman Kaufman temple member

29 Clara Fogel mother-in-law of Bette Fogel

29 Morris Ader father of Shirley Giegerich

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 Henry "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

16 Beatrice Baslaw mother of Bonnie Linado

17 Alan Baslaw brother of Bonnie Linado

17 Morris Salles father-in-law of Carrol Sallas

20 Helmar Abrams husband of Debby Abrams

21 Esther Zelesnick great grandmother of Craig Lieberman

22 Edith Pockell mother of Sheila Borash

23 Henry L. Levkoff uncle of Susan Berry

24 Rae Zelesnick grandmother of Craig Lieberman

26 Louis Bodian temple member

29 Maurice Emanuel friend of temple



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.

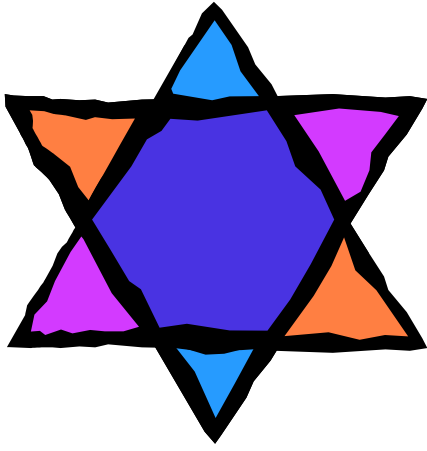
New Memorial Plaques

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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