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“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



The Executive Board and Trustees of Temple Beth Elohim wish all of our members and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Let us pray that we will not have to cope with hurricanes and floods as we did in 2018.

Our *Chanukah Havdallah* was quite a success. It was well attended, the service was enjoyable and the food was excellent. A special thanks to Joy & Seymour Birnbaum for their creative planning and their superb leadership. Thanks also to all of those who served on the various committees that made it all happen. This was a unique event.

On Friday, 25 January 2019, Temple Beth Elohim will host a visit from the Confirmation Class of Belin Memorial Methodist Church, Murrells Inlet. It is our pleasure to have these young people and their escorts participate in our *Shabbat* service, entertain their questions, assist in their viewing of the *Torah*, and share our *oneg*. Michele

& Jim Bennett will be hosting that night and will be assisted by the Temple Board.

The *Torah* portion will be *Yitro* (Exodus 18:1 – 20:23). The service will be led by Richard Dimentstein.

As we look further into the future, the calendar shows that Purim is not too far away which means that Passover cannot be too far behind. The time is coming to start forming committees and making plans for these celebrations.



Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

In the short and sometimes gloomy and cold days of winter, we look forward to the return of spring. Well, on the Jewish calendar, we have a holiday for that. *Tu B'Shevat* (טו בשבט), which this year begins at sundown on Sunday, January 20th, is a minor Jewish holiday that occurs on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*. It is also called "The New Year of the Trees" as it is the new Year for the purpose of calculating the age of trees making offerings to the Temple. The text of Leviticus 19:23-25 states that fruit from trees may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for tithing, and after that, you can eat the fruit. Each tree is considered to have aged one year as of



Ritual Chair Suzan

Tu B'Shevat, so if you planted a tree on *Shevat* 14 (or anytime during the prior year), it begins its second year on *Tu B'Shevat*, but if you plant a tree two days later, on *Shevat* 16 (or any time during the following year), it does not reach its second year until the next *Tu B'Shevat*.

While not many of us are in the habit of growing fruit trees (or making offerings to the Temple), there are some other customs related to this holiday that we may observe. One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day, or to eat from the Seven Species (*shivat haminin*) described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel. The *Shivat Haminin* are: wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives and dates (honey) (Deuteronomy 8:8).

Some people plant trees on this day (of course, the timing of the holiday precludes planting trees in many places). An alternative to planting your own tree would be to make a donation to plant trees in Israel at this time of year. A fun activity to share with younger members of your family is to plant parsley seeds. With any luck, you'll have parsley sprouts to grace your *seder* plate just in time for Passover.



TEMPLE BOARD MEETINGS

Check our website for date, time and place. Members are encouraged to be present.

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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



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grandson of Carrol Sallas

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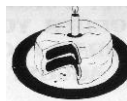
We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

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



JANUARY

4 Ruth Farb

FEBRUARY

2 Adele Franzblau
19 Janet Solomon
20 Tish Richter



ANNIVERSARIES



JANUARY

17 Ruth Farb &
Dick Charleton
29 Nancy & Gary
Koppel

FEBRUARY

2 Brenda & Dick Rosen
25 Marilyn & Richard
Horowitz

DONATIONS



Michele & Jim Bennett to the General Fund in memory of Elizabeth Moses, Meyer Rosen and in support of the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh

Alicia & Morton Cohen to the General Fund in memory of Elizabeth Moses

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Audrey Goldstein to the General Fund in celebration of *Chanukah*

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Kathryn & David Kossove to the General Fund

Brenda & Dick Rosen to the General Fund in memory of Meyer Rosen

Carrol Sallas to the General Fund in memory of Jerome Sallas

Adar I, Purim Katan, Adar II, Purim

Most people have heard of Judaism's festive Spring holiday of Purim, but most have not heard of Purim Katan.

Celebrated on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar, the holiday of Purim is detailed in the Book of Esther and commemorates the miracle of the Israelites being saved from their evil enemy Haman.

With Purim Katan (פורים קטן), Purim simply refers to the Jewish holiday of Purim, and *katan* literally means "small." The two put together as Purim Katan actually translates as "minor Purim," and this is a minor holiday that is only observed during a Jewish leap year.

According to the Talmud in tractate *Megillah* 6b, because Purim is observed in Adar II, the importance of Adar I must still be recognized. Thus, Purim Katan fills that void.

On *Purim Katan*, the *Megillah* is not read. Gifts are not sent to the poor. The al *ha'nissim* (miracles) prayer is not recited and the *tachanum* (confession/forgiveness) prayers are not recited. Fasting and funeral eulogies are not allowed.

It is considered worthy to simply mark the day with a small, festive meal such as a special lunch, and generally to increase one's joy as well.

Our New Safety Measure

The side door of our synagogue (High Market Street) will be locked once services begin at 7:30 p.m. Worshipers 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 Richard Dimentstein (rdimentstein@gmail.com).



Yahrzeits



JANUARY

3 Jodi-Ann Wollman	sister of Randi Wollman
4 B. Albert Friedman	father of Andy Friedman
7 Beverly Hudson	mother of Rosa Lee Heiden
7 Albert L. Kurtz	Temple Beth Elohim member
8 Carrol Abrams	Temple Beth Elohim member
8 Eli Fishbein	uncle of Ariane Lieberman
12 Harry Rosen	grandfather of Dick Rosen
15 Cerna Cornis	aunt of Ruth Farb
16 Ned Cohen	husband of Suzan Cohen
20 Milton Ross	father of Lynn Davidson
21 Milton Rosenfeld	uncle of Michele Bennett
21 Beatrice Young	mother of Suzan Cohen
22 Evelyn Poaster	mother of Tish Richter
23 Morris Cohen	father-in-law of Suzan Cohen
24 Pearl Davidson	mother of Michael Davidson
25 Maurice Lumiansky	grandfather of Debbie Smith
26 Bonnie Baslaw Linado	Temple Beth Elohim member
26 Evelyn Nitzberg	husband of Susan Richman
26 Nettie T. Stern	Temple Beth Elohim member
26 Irene Hurwitz	Temple Beth Elohim member
27 Evelyn Levine	mother of Nancy Koppel
28 Albert A. Kossove	father of David Kossove
29 Rita Fogel	Temple Beth Elohim member
30 Tillye King	mother-in-law of Eric Heiden
31 Rabbi Deborah Slavitt	Temple Beth Elohim teacher

FEBRUARY

3 Irving Schwartz	Temple Beth Elohim member
3 Ralph Gold I	Teimple Beth Elohim friend
4 Dorothy B. Lichtenstein	aunt of Michele Bennett
7 Ida L. Sisser	Temple Beth Elohim member
7 Morris Ulrich	grandfather of Myla Specht and Ariane Lieberman
8 Barnet Levine	father of Carrol Sallas
8 Jacob Sisser	Temple Beth Elohim member
8 Ruth Wollman	grandmother of Randi Wollman
9 Julia Abrams	Temple Beth Elohim member
9 Kitty Jacoby	grandmother of Martin Kleinrock
10 Dorothy Schneider	mother of Susan Berry
12 Gail Jacoby Anderman	mother of Martin Kleinrock
12 Morris Horowitz	father of Richard Horowitz and Roberta Schwartz
13 Harold Schneider	uncle of Susan Berry
16 Jules Nitzberg	father of Susan Richman
16 Blossom Rand	mother of Joy Birnbaum
17 Ruth Ader	mother of Shirley Giegerich
21 Edward Wollman	grandfather of Randi Wollman
22 J. J. Heiden	father of Eric Heiden
23 Gloria Richman	wife of Lonnie Richman
26 Ida E. Danzig	Temple Beth Elohim member



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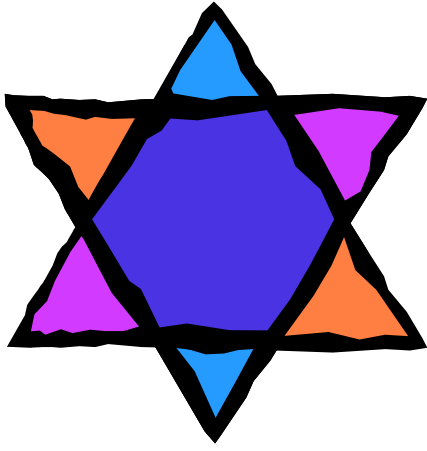
New Memorial Plaques

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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