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These past two months have been full of activities for our temple. We laid to rest our dearly beloved temple member and trustee, **Bonnie Linado**; we entertained the Confirmation Class of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church who visited us, with escorts, and participated in a *Shabbat* service led by President Richard; we masked and costumed ourselves, made noise with our feet, party blowers and *groggers* as Suzan Cohen led us through our annual *Purim* service. *Purim* is also a time for feasting. *Hamentashen* and other assorted goodies were provided by temple members Marty Kleinrock and Adele Franzblau who hosted the *oneg Shabbat*

Our celebrations are not finished. On Friday evening, 30 March 2018, we will have our annual *seder*. Once again, it is being organized by Seymour Birnbaum.

Temple News Happy Passover



In this issue of *The Rising Star* is the detailed invitation. Please respond before 20 March 2018 so that Seymour's committee can make appropriate preparations. **[Please see page 5.]**

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF ESTHER by Sidnie White Crawford (Jewish Women's Archive)

The purpose of the Book of Esther is to demonstrate to Jews living in exile that it is possible to achieve suc-



cess in the country of one's exile without giving up one's identity as a Jew. In this, the Book of Esther is similar to books such as Daniel or Tobit, or, in fact, to the historical character Nehemiah. However, the Book of Esther is unique in two important respects. First, the protagonist of the book, and the one with whom the audience should identify, is a woman, Esther (Mordecai is, of course, the other leading character and finishes the story at a very high rank, but this is basically because of his relationship to, and through the efforts of, Esther). This choice of a female hero serves an important function in the story. Women were, in the world of the Persian diaspora, as in many other cultures, essentially powerless and marginalized members of society. Even if they belonged to the dominant culture, they could not simply reach out and grasp

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From the Ritual Chair....

Suzan Cohen

Now that we have finished bingeing on *hamentashen* and other sweet treats for *Purim*, it's time to turn our attention to preparing our homes for Passover. If we're traditional, the house will be scrubbed from floor to ceiling, special dishes will be unpacked, and *hametz* (any food with leavening in it) will be purged from our pantries.

One tradition associated with this process is *b'dikat hametz*, the searching for leaven. This ritual takes place the night before the first *seder* night. The house is searched for any remaining leavened food (and if children are involved, chunks of bread strategically planted to be discovered). All *hametz* that is found is placed in a paper bag and disposed of. It's a nice way to involve the whole family in the preparations for the *seder*.

I have always seen the process of removing flour, bread, cereal, and other such stuff from the house as an act of faith, one that can apply to many aspects of our lives. Bringing yourself to cast out the stuff from your past is only possible when you have faith that good things are in store for the future.



Ritual Chair Suzan



Happy
Purim

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.

Temple Beth Elohim Board of Directors

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TEMPLE MEMBERS, please note: You have access to membership

Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers



Susan & Brian Berry Lynn Davidson Dr. Eric Heiden
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A check for \$_____ (\$36 per leaf) has been enclosed. Checks should be made payable to **Temple Beth Elohim**.

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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
8 Craig Lieberman
20 Debbie Pentecost
22 David Kossove
25 Lonnie Richman

APRIL

4 Michael Davidson
12 Michele Bennett
18 Lynn Davidson
18 Gene Vinik
19 Tom Llewellyn
20 Dick Rosen
22 Brian Berry
23 Marcia Katz
30 Susan Berry



ANNIVERSARIES

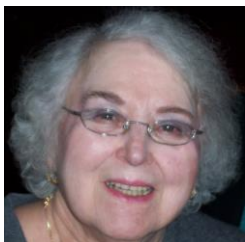
MARCH

23 Jana & Paul
Hletko



APRIL

16 Susan & Lonnie Richman
22 Debbie Smith &
Alan Sherlock



Sylvia Herman

Sylvia Speaks of Jewish Culture

An Investigation of Origins and Variations

A significant portion of our ancestors came from Europe. It might be worth looking at the variation of foods from different areas and countries.

The largest group of Jews in Europe lived in Poland/Russia. Cooking traditions in the areas were similar across these locations because most of the regions shared the same ingredients and tastes for carp and salt herring, and sausages and sauerkraut. There were heavy dark and rye breads, cucumber pickles, chicken soup, thick bean and lentil soups, pancake, dumpling and sweet noodle puddings. In Poland, Jews acquired a taste for sweet foods. They used sugar with pickled herring and with vegetables. The Polish heritage includes cabbage leaves stuffed with rice, bagels (and the bialy), slivovitz (slightly bitter plum brandy), and drinking wine rich with brandy and honey.

The East Central Europe of the dual Austro-Hungarian Empire had a rich and refined cuisine evolved from Viennese, French, Ottoman and Magyar influences. Jewish patisseries around the world follow the tradition of delicious pastries and luscious flourless tortes. Peasant food was also a part of the heritage represented by the variety of dumplings served sweet or savory, still part of the peasant diet in all of central Europe

The German, Austrian and Czech legacy includes goose, cured meats, sausages and salamis, sauerkraut, sweet and savory dumplings, potato salads, and a passion for the potato. Veal schnitzel and jam-filled doughnuts are from Vienna. Goulash, the famous paprika stew and chicken stew were adopted in Hungary, as were cherry soup, blintzes, and strudel.

From Romania and the Balkans came grilled meats, roasted peppers and eggplant puree and the lavish use of yogurt and garlic.

Jews also brought over foods from Italy, Spain, France, Holland and other areas.





Temple Beth Elohim

Annual Passover Seder

Friday, March 30, 2018 at 6 P.M.

in the Temple Social Hall

Cost is \$20 per person for members

\$25 per person for non-members



Please send your check (made payable to Temple Beth Elohim) indicating name, number of attendees, and dinner choices to:

Joy Birnbaum

624 Francis Parker Rd.

Georgetown, SC 29440-7672

*Reservations must be received no later than March 20, 2018**

Name _____ Telephone number _____

MENU

Fruit cup _____ or Gefilte Fish _____ (indicate number of each)

Matzo Ball Soup

Chicken Breast/Wing _____ or Chicken Leg/Thigh _____

(indicate number of each)

Potato and Vegetable

Dessert

Number of members _____ @ \$20 each \$ _____

Number of non-members _____ @ \$25 each \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

**Seating is limited. Please reserve early.*

We will accommodate special food needs.

Please call Seymour [\(843\)520-1528](tel:8435201528)

DONATIONS

Shirley & AJ Geigerich to the General Fund in memory of Ruth Ader

Rosa Lee & Eric Heiden to the General Fund in memory of J.J. Heiden and Tillye King

Marilyn & Richard Horowitz to the General Fund in memory of Shirley & Morrie Horowitz

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

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

Meyer Rosen to the General Fund in memory of Harry Rosen

Alan Sherlock donated a compact disc that he edited especially for Temple Beth Elohim (see page 7)



DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND

Made in Memory of

Bonnie Linado



Michele & Jim Bennett
Marion & Stuart Cohen
Jill & Al Demarchi

Richard Dimentstein
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Carrol Sallas

ESTHER

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power, as a man could; whatever power they could obtain was earned through the manipulation of the public holders of power, men. In this sense the exiled Jew could identify with the woman: he or she too was essentially powerless and marginalized, and power could be obtained only through one's wits and talents. But, as the actions of Esther demonstrate, this can be done. By astutely using her beauty, charm, and political intelligence, and by taking one well-placed risk, Esther saves her people, brings about the downfall of their enemy, and elevates her kinsman to the highest position in the kingdom. Esther becomes the model for the Jew living in exile.

Sidnie White Crawford is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Chair of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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)

Temple Beth Elohim

PURIM 1955



1.MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, 2.SUSAN BAKER, 3.ALICIA GARDENER, 4.CHARLES ELLA "BUNKY" ABRAMS, 5.SANDRA ABRAMS, 6.SAMMY ABRAMS, 7.TAD FOGEL, 8.MARILYN ABRAMS, 9.STEVEN GOLDSTEIN, 10.ROBERT SCHNEIDER, 11.RHONDA SCHWARTZ, 12.BRYAN SCHNEIDER, 13.SUSAN SCHNEIDER, 14.MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, 15.SARAH ELLEN BAKER, 16.LINDA DANZIG, 17.SALLY SCHNEIDER.



Yahrzeits



MARCH

2 Lieba Kaufman	temple member
3 Sonya A. Friedman	mother of Andy Friedman
4 Shirley Horowitz	mother of Richard Horowitz and Roberta Schwartz
4 Marvin Ball	temple member
7 Herman Baruch	temple friend
8 Annette Schultz	mother of Janet Solomon
8 Ruth Rosen	temple member
13 Anthony Gennarelli	friend of Richard Dimentstein
15 Max Goldstein	temple friend
16 Alwyn Goldstein	father of Roz Greenspon
16 Jean Sisser Schneider	aunt of Susan Berry
16 Yetta Liebowitz	grandmother of Marsha Green
16 Sanyiah Rose Katz	granddaughter of Marcia Katz
20 Pearl Richter	mother-in-law of Tish Richter
23 Augusta Lefkow	grandmother of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
23 Joseph J. Messier	father of Annette Vinik
24 Celia Gold Feinberg	mother of Herb Feinberg
27 Harold Joseph Kossove	brother of David Kossove
31 Miriam W. Lumiansky	grandmother of Debbie Smith
31 Rosalie Klein	aunt of Susan Berry
31 Lillian Rosen	wife of Meyer Rosen
31 Mary Seixas Emanuel Lee	temple friend



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 Irving Schultz	father of Janet Solomon
9 Maurice Stern	temple member
9 Rose Gold	grandmother of Herb Feinberg
11 Allan Glen Sallas	son of Carrol Sallas
11 Louis Kaufman	father of Art Kaufman
12 Alec Berest	uncle of Michele Bennett
13 Alice Salles	mother-in-law of Carrol Sallas
15 Mary Berest	grandmother of Michele Bennett
17 Ella Nierenberg	grandmother of Randi 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-in-law of Janet Solomon
28 Harry Fogel	temple friend
29 Sam I. Radow	father-in-law of Art Kaufman

New Memorial Plaques

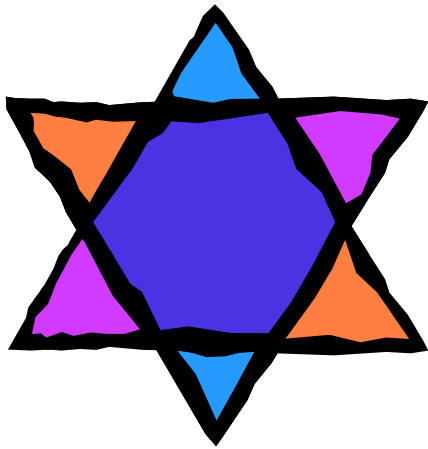
Plaques are displayed permanently on our *Yahrzeit* Board and are lit on the death anniversary of the honoree. Any member who would like to memorialize a loved one should speak with one of our Board members.

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.

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.



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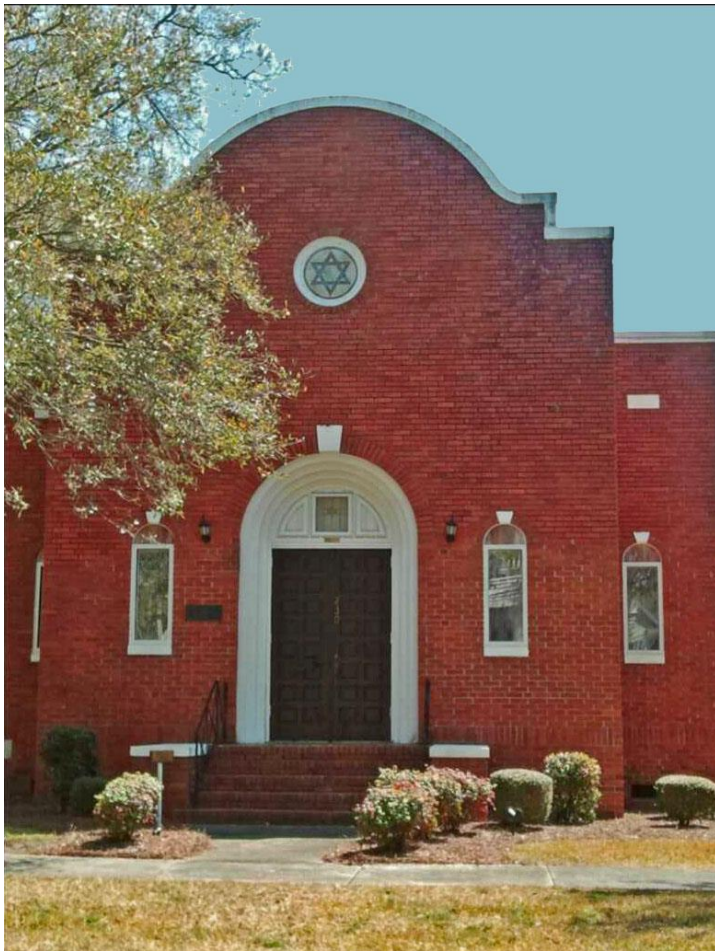
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