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Tisha B'Av – The destruction of the Temple

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Serving second term of two-term office

From the President

With July comes the start of a new fiscal year for Temple Beth Elohim. However, before we close down the “books” on the 2018-2019 year, I would like to review it.

In July 2018, we received the devastating news of the untimely death of past President **Elizabeth Moses**. Elizabeth maintained our existence when it looked like our Temple might be closing its doors.

The very next month, we received more sad news. **Meyer Rosen** was one of an elite group we referred to as “The Elders.” He was the last of the five who maintained the integrity of Temple Beth Elohim until Elizabeth was able to bring us forward.

In September, for the second time in two years, our High Holy Days services were interrupted by a hurricane. The Grand Strand was preparing for Hurricane Florence to strike. Residents were encouraged to evacuate days before she was expected to hit. Traffic routes were altered and the National Guard was setting up water barriers. This made access to Georgetown very difficult. We had to cancel *Yom Kippur* services. Rabbi Avi Perets of Temple Emanu-El kindly invited us to join his congregation for services.

In the latter part of October, eleven people were assassinated during *Shabbat* services at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This sent shock waves not only through the Jewish community, but through religious communities throughout the country. We held a special memorial service for the eleven people who perished that fateful morning.

In December, we had a *Chanukah oneg* that was supervised by Joy & Seymour Birnbaum with ritual foods supplied by the Temple Board, Temple members and many of our guests.

In January, once again, we were visited by the Confirmation Class of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. The students, their escorts and our own congregation filled our sanctuary almost to capacity. The confirmands were curious and willing participants in our *Shabbat* service. The Temple Board provided a beautiful *oneg* that was very much appreciated.

Purim was celebrated in March with the usual mayhem of masks and *groggers*, the reading of the *Magilah* embellished with stamping feet and boos. The *oneg* that followed was full of *hamentashen* and other assorted goodies provided by the Temple Board and the congregation.

Passover arrived in April and was challenged by dismal weather predictions. The congregation and their guests braved the threats (that turned out to be nothing) and filled our Social Hall with the full spirit of the holiday. Once again, the organization and culinary talents of **Joy & Seymour Birnbaum** came into play. Our congregation and guests contributed to the delectable food that was served and made our *seder* a memorable one. I could tell that people had a good time just by the numbers who stayed behind to assist in the clean-up. This was camaraderie at its best.

As president of this wonderful congregation, I don't think that I say “thank you” often enough or loud enough for the support that I am given by the Board and by the congregation itself. I am grateful to each member of the Board for the hard and successful work that is completed. [continued on p. 5]

Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

You know how it goes. You contribute to one charity, and soon you receive solicitations from several more “related” charities. If you gave to save bees, surely you can also help save birds, butterflies, polar bears, or great apes. If you can help fight cancer, can you not also help fight Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, or autism? We need to combat global warming and climate change. But, wait! We can save the planet by planting more trees!



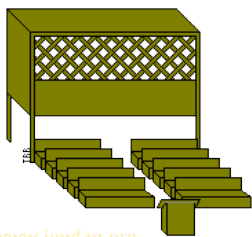
Ritual Scholar Suzan

Saving the planet is important, yes, but what about the people who live on the planet? So many lack adequate housing, food, clothing, and health care. Education, health care, and social systems are failing. It seems like the whole world is just broken. As in that old song lyric, “The whole world is festering with unhappy souls.”*

So, what to do, what to do? As Jews, with our tradition of *tikkun olam* (to repair the world), what can and should we do? First, we must care for ourselves to keep our selves capable of caring for others. We should continue to support our local charitable efforts, because strong communities help build a strong nation. We certainly, as much as we are able, contribute to worthy charities (as not all of them are legitimate).

But, with the needs of the world so widespread and profound, our government needs to step up and address the issues in a more substantial way than has been done in the past. There needs to be programs, policies, and funding that actually get at the substance of what people need. And our role, as voters, is to demand that they do it. As we choose who we should vote for in the upcoming 2020 election, we need to consider very carefully about which candidates care (or even know) about what the country needs and are willing to do the hard work to make it happen.

*From the “Merry Minuet” by the Kingston Trio.



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Welcome to the *Bima*

This year the congregation of Temple Beth Elohim were led by several new service leaders:

Seymour Birnbaum	Michael Davidson
Lynn Davidson	Shirley Giegerich
	Eileen Kramer

This was in addition to our “regulars”:

Joy Birnbaum	Andy Friedman
Richard Dimentstein	Ariane Lieberman

Thank you all for an inspiring year!

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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 Andy Friedman, andy.friedman@hotmail.com.

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 Miriam Drucker Myles Derison

Dr. Eric Heiden Richard Horowitz Tom Llewellyn

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Tree of Life



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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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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

JULY

20 AJ Giegerich

AUGUST

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



JULY

2 Debbie & Art
Kaufman
7 Eileen Kramer &
Stan Earnhardt

NNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

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





With a full heart
we pause to remember

Bonita Linado

as we unveil her headstone

Sunday, July 14, 2019

We will gather for brunch at
10:00 a.m.

Temple Beth Elohim
Social Hall
230 Screven Street
Georgetown, South Carolina

THE CEREMONY WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REPAST

(11:30 a.m.)

Temple Beth Elohim Cemetery
Broad Street at Duke Street
Georgetown, South Carolina

Brunch will be hosted by Daniel Linado, Matthew Linado and the Temple Board

R S V P by July 7, 2019: Joy & Seymour Birnbaum
Call (843)340-7251 or
e-mail joyandseymour@gmail.com

DONATIONS



Michele & Jim Bennett to the General Fund
Susan & Brian Berry to the General Fund in memory of Philip Schneider
Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Henry "Mel" Brown
Patrick Doyle to the General Fund in memory of Meyer Rosen
Marilyn Friedman to the General Fund in memory of Debby Abrams
Shirley & AJ Giegerich to the General Fund in memory of Pat Giegerich and Morris Ader
Marilyn Horowitz to the General Fund in memory of Harry Rosen
David Kossove to the General Fund in memory of Irene L. Kossove
Craig Lieberman to the General Fund in memory of Sam Kolsky, Rae Zelesnick and Esther Zelesnick
Mischelle & Gerald Napoleone to the General Fund in memory of Shelly Gershman
Tish Richter to the General Fund in memory of Rick Richter
Janet Solomon to the General Fund in memory of Herbert Solomon, Annette Schultz, Irving Schultz and Barney Solomon

From the President [continued from p. 1]

A special *todah rabah* to

Trustee Seymour Birnbaum for sharing his culinary skills, his meticulous care of our building, being Ritual Chair, and for overseeing our historical cemetery; **Vice President Joy Birnbaum** for using her organizational skills for all of our events, her creative input into the Temple website and her efforts to build our membership; **Michele Gershman Bennett** for picking up the responsibilities of Treasurer mid-term, for maintaining our charitable connections, for acknowledging the donations that we receive, and her tireless investigation into making our temple a secure place to worship; **Tish Richter** for taking on the responsibilities of Temple Secretary mid-term, keeping up with "sunshine" events, and maintaining vital records; **Trustee Andy Friedman** for keeping the Georgetown Community aware of our Temple and for maintaining our investments so that Temple Beth Elohim remains solvent; **Trustee Shirley Giegerich** for her seeking new members and for the creative ideas she brings to our Board Meetings; **Trustee Craig Lieberman** for maintaining our connections to Helping Hand and St. Cyprian RC by transporting food and clothing to their facilities; **Trustee Donna Llewellyn** for organizing social events for the "Lovely Ladies" of Temple Beth Elohim and for all of her input at Board Meetings; **Trustee Carrol Sallas** for building and maintaining the Temple *Yahrzeit* Board and for keeping rules of order at our Board Meetings.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the exceptional support from members **Tom Llewellyn** and **Suzan Cohen**. Tom's hard work at creating, setting up and making culinary contributions to our special events and for readying our Temple for *Shabbat* services cannot be ignored. Suzan may be miles and miles away, but she still educates us through her bi-monthly articles in *The Rising Star*.

Indeed, I am a very fortunate Temple President! R A D

The High Holy Days

Our Ritual Chair, Seymour Birnbaum has advised me of our schedule:

Erev Rosh HaShanah service

Sunday, 29 September 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah morning service

Monday, 30 September 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Kol Nidre service

Tuesday, 8 October 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur morning service

Wednesday, 9 October 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Yizkor/Concluding Services

Wednesday, 9 October 2019, 4 p.m.

More detailed information to follow.

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



JULY

Rachel Lowenstein grandmother of Henry Lowenstein
 Harry Gershman grandfather of Michele G. 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 Beth Elohim member
 8 Solomon Feinberg father of Herb Feinberg
 10 Seth Rich cousin of Ruth Farb
 11 Vita Cahn Danzig Temple Beth Elohim 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 Beth Elohim member
 18 Henry G. Danzig Temple Beth Elohim member
 23 Elizabeth Moses Past President
 24 Lena C. Crane Temple Beth Elohim member
 24 Louis Farb father of Ruth Farb
 26 Barbara S. Schwartz Temple Beth Elohim member
 29 Lee Lowenstein brother of Henry Lowenstein
 31 Sallie Lewenthal great grandmother of Susan Berry
 and Dick Rosen
 31 Dora Rosen grandmother of Dick Rosen

AUGUST

1 Sara Cornis cousin of Ruth Farb
 2 Max Birnbaum father of Seymour Birnbaum
 4 Lou Nierenberg grandfather of Randi Wollman
 4 Allen Poaster father of Tish Richter
 5 Sonia Kolsky great grandmother of Craig Lieberman
 10 Donna Hershberg Temple Beth Elohim 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 Lowenthal
 20 Rose Schneider great grandmother of Debbie Smith
 21 Beatrice Fogel Kaufman Temple Beth Elohim member
 22 Ben Kleinrock grandfather of Marty Kleinrock
 23 Tillie Lieberman grandmother of Craig Lieberman
 24 Neal Baker brother of Debbi Jones
 25 Meyer Rosen uncle of Dick Rosen
 26 Elayne Schwartz mother of Steven Schwartz
 27 Alfred Weitzman cousin of Steven Schwartz
 30 Dorothy B. Troutman Mulford mother of Donna Llewellyn



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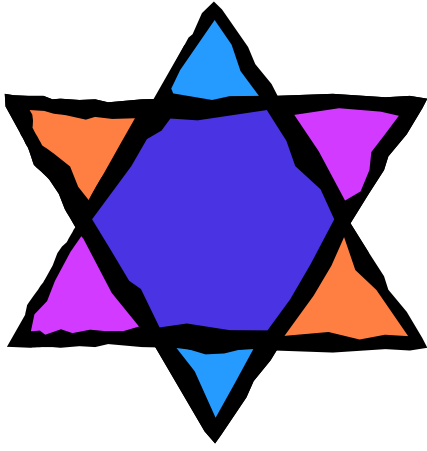
New Memorial Plaques

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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