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Greetings from the President



President Richard

I hope all of our members and friends enjoyed the Passover holiday. After two-years of members not being able to celebrate at a *Seder* in the TBE Social Hall, this one made the participants very enthusiastic. Every single guest who was present contributed something to the table and there were even a couple of members who could not attend but sent over an item or two to add to the meal.

There is an insurance company commercial on television that advises us not to become our

parents. However, the *seder* at temple proved that many of us have. This was evidenced by the sheer quantity of food, both at the meal and at the dessert table. During "clean up," baggies and plastic wrap came out of the kitchen drawers. There were plenty "to go" orders that would feed everyone over the weekend. I'm sure that there is a lesson to be learned from this, but I'm just not sure what it is.

Membership Meeting. Nominations are now being accepted for the Offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and for two Trustees. Members in good standing are eligible to nominate themselves or other members. Nominations should be submitted to the Nomination Chair, Debbie Hart (theharts9@verizon.net). The last day to nominate is Monday, 9 May 2022.

Election of Officers and Trustees

As our fiscal year comes to a close at the end of June, it is time to hold an election and schedule the Annual

**Friday, 3 June 2022 is Eric Heiden's birthday
Shabbat services will be led by
his daughter, ROBIN SHULER**

Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar
Suzan

The festival of *Shavuot* occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of *Sivan*, which here is a two-day festival that begins at sundown on Saturday, 4 June 2022 and ends at nightfall on Monday, 6 June 2022. *Shavuot*, the plural of a word

meaning "week" or "seven," alludes to the fact that this festival happens exactly seven weeks (i.e., "a week of weeks") after Passover. The holiday is one of the *Shalash Regolim*, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It also marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer.

By custom, *Shavuot* marks the giving of the *Torah* on Mount Sinai. The Ten Commandments are read in synagogues, just as they were in the desert on Mount Sinai over 3,300 years ago. *Shavuot* is not explicitly named in the Bible as the day on which the *Torah* was

revealed by God to the Israelite nation at Mount Sinai, although this is commonly considered to be its main significance.

What is textually connected in the Bible to the Feast of *Shavuot* is the season of the grain harvest, specifically of the wheat, in the Land of Israel. In ancient times, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness. It began with the harvesting of the barley during Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at *Shavuot*. *Shavuot* was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest, just as the eighth day of *Sukkot* was the concluding festival of the fruit harvest.

Other names for the holiday in the Bible include "Festival of Reaping" (*Chag HaKatzir*) and "Day of the First Fruits" (*Yom HaBikkurim*). *Shavuot* was the first day on which individuals could bring the *Bikkurim* (first fruits) to the Temple in Jerusalem. The *Bikkurim* were brought from the Seven Species for which the Land of

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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.



Susan & Brian Berry

Richard Horowitz

Dick Rosen



Let us pray for the restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas



8 May 2022



19 June 2022

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SHAVUOT

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Israel is praised: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

In ancient Israel, Jewish farmers would tie a reed around the first ripening fruits from each of these species in their fields. At the time of harvest, the fruits identified by the reed would be cut and placed in baskets woven of gold and silver. The baskets would then be loaded on oxen whose horns were gilded and laced with garlands of flowers and who were led in a grand procession to Jerusalem. As the farmer and his entourage passed through cities and towns, they would be accompanied by music and parades.

Today, in the post-Temple era, *Shavuot* is the only biblically ordained holiday that has no specific laws

attached to it other than usual festival requirements of abstaining from creative work. The rabbinic observances for the holiday include reciting additional prayers, making *kiddush*, partaking of meals, and being in a state of joy. Other observances include *Torah* study, reciting the Book of Ruth, and eating at least one dairy meal (blintzes and cheesecake, anyone?). And, of course, the Ten Commandments are still recited at synagogue services. In many congregations, members who are Jewish-by-choice will be invited to the *bima* to participate in the reading. Choosing to remember *Shavuot* is a way to reconnect with our history and heritage and to appreciate the gifts of life.

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- 2 Elzbieta Sobolewska
- 4 Debby Jones
- 7 Jerry Berkman
- 7 Noreen Davis
- 13 Joy Birnbaum
- 13 Ariane Lieberman
- 16 Brenda Rosen
- 21 Richard Horowitz
- 24 Ruth Feinberg

JUNE

- 3 Shirley Giegerich
- 3 Eric Heiden
- 26 Jana Hletko
- 29 Donna Llewellyn
- 30 Kathryn Kossove

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

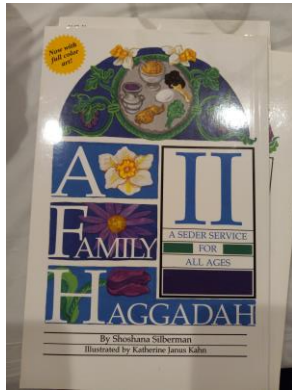
- 5 Ruth & Herb Feinberg
- 16 Patti & Gary Friedman
- 18 Roberta & Steve Schwartz
- 20 Randy & Tony Cavaliere

JUNE

- 10 Myla & Michael Specht
- 18 Susan & Brian Berry



From the Lens of
Randy Cavaliere
TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM
Passover Seder
15 April 2022



Where it all starts



Shabbat shalom/a zissan Pesach
Let the seder begin



Karpas (parsley) dipped in saltwater



...bo-rei pe-ri ha-ga-fen – Drink the first cup of wine



Save room for dessert!

May we celebrate next year in Jerusalem!

DONATIONS



Randy & Tony Cavaliere to the General Fund in memory of Christopher Cavaliere
Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Gennarelli
Edwina & Andy Friedman to the General Fund in memory of Sonya Friedman
Stanley P. Greenspon to the General Fund in memory of Francis & Alwyn Goldstein
Ariane & Craig Lieberman to the General Fund in memory of Augusta Lefkow
Tish Richter to the General Fund in memory of Pearl & Charles Richter
Janet Solomon to the General Fund in memory of Annette Schultz

Those Lesser Known Holidays

While Sue Cohen's article ("Wisdom from Afar") gave us plenty of insight into *Shavuot* (5/6 June; 6/7 *Sivan*), there are holidays in May (*Iyar*) that often go unnoticed.

Yom Ha'Zikaron – Israel Memorial Day (4 May/3 *Iyar*). *Yom Ha'Zikaron* is the national remembrance day observed in Israel for all Israeli military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and for those who have been killed subsequently while on active duty in Israel's armed forces. As of last year, that was 23,928 military personnel.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Israel Independence Day (4-5 May/3-4 *Iyar*). *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* is the national day of Israel, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948. The day is marked by official and unofficial ceremonies and observances.

Lag B'Omer – 33rd Day of the Omer (19 May/18 *Iyar*). *Lag B'Omer* literally means the 33rd day of the Omer. The Omer is counted for 49 days between the second evening of Passover and the holiday of *Shavuot* (derived from the practice of counting the days from the barley offering at the Temple to the day of the wheat offering on *Shavuot*, in the *Torah*).

Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Day (29 May/28 *Iyar*). Jerusalem Day is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in the aftermath of the June 1967 Six-Day War. The day is officially marked by state ceremonies and memorial services.



Yom Ha'Zikaron



Yom Ha'Atzmaut



Lag B'Omer
Bonfire



Yom Yerushalayim



A new leaf has been added to our
TREE OF LIFE

T B E 1772 LEGACY GROUP

Brenda & Benedict Rosen

Richard Dimentstein





Yahrzeits



MAY

2 Sylvan Rosen	father of Dick Rosen
3 Thelma Engel Goldstein	mother of Roz Greenspon
3 Anne Drucker	mother of Louis Drucker
3 Rebecca Logan Baker	grandmother of Debbi Jones
5 Arlene Sturm	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
10 Rosie G. Goldstein	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
11 Deborah Baruch Abrams	Temple Beth Elohim member
11 Beatrice Solomon	mother-in-law of Janet Solomon
12 Harry Rosen	father of Marilyn Horowitz
12 Rick Richter	husband of Tish Richter
13 Leon Blum	father of Debbie Hart
14 Jacob M. Ringle	member Temple Beth Elohim
16 Alfred Lefkow	grandfather of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
17 Laura Chaplin Abrams	member Temple Beth Elohim
19 Morris Abrams	member Temple Beth Elohim
19 Samuel Kolsky	great grandfather of Craig Lieberman
20 Jennie Surasky Levkoff	grandmother of Dick Rosen
20 Alfred Dube	father of Jana Hletko
20 Pauline Koppel	mother of Gary Koppel
21 John Cavaliere	father of Tony Cavaliere
22 Patricia Giegerich	mother of AJ Giegerich
26 Paul Levine	brother of Nancy Koppel
26 Audrey Rowe Smith	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
28 Hyman Kaufman	member Temple Beth Elohim
29 Clara Fogel	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
29 Morris Ader	father of Shirley Giegerich
30 Naomi Specht	mother of Michael Specht
30 Constance Karesh Franzblau	mother of Adele Franzblau
30 Bernard Meyer	member Temple Beth Elohim

JUNE

2 Carole Gottlieb	member Temple Beth Elohim
3 Kathleen Gramet	first wife of Alan Gramet
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	member Temple Beth Elohim
17 Alan Baslaw	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
17 Morris Salles	father-in-law of Carrol Sallas
20 Helmar Abrams	member Temple Beth Elohim
20 Russell Hughes	father of Linda Miceli
21 Esther Zelesnick	great grandmother of Craig Lieberman
22 Edith Pockell	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
22 Izzy Marks	grandfather of Butch Miceli
22 Richard James "Ricky" Fenner	friend of Adele Franzblau
23 Henry L. Levkoff	uncle of Susan Berry
24 Rae Zelesnick	grandmother of Craig Lieberman
26 Louis Bodian	member Temple Beth Elohim
29 Maurice Emanuel	Temple Beth Elohim memorial



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Names are read every Friday night for *yahrzeits* of the upcoming week.

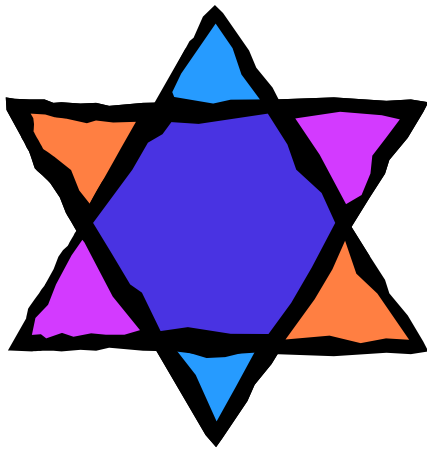
New Memorial Plaques

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 (843 325-0389) and request copies of Burial Rights, Rules and Regulations, Fee Schedule, and a schematic of burial plot locations. All plots include perpetual care. Plots are only available to current members of Temple Beth Elohim and to their families.



SHALOM

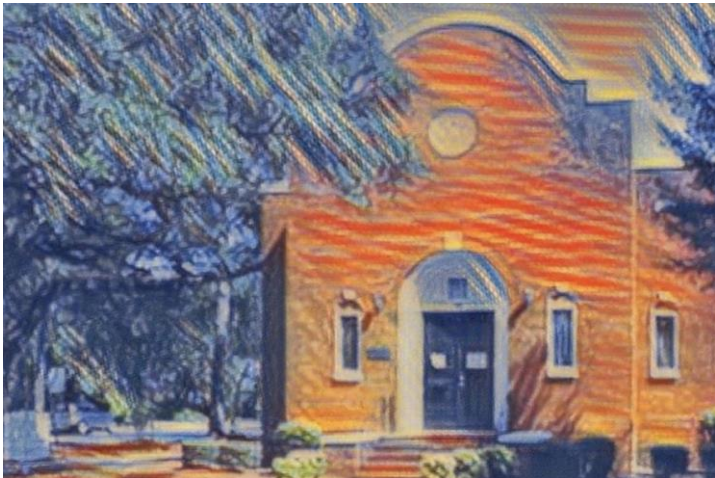
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