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# The Rising Star

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PURIM begins Monday 6 March ends Tuesday 7 March 2023  
PESACH begins Wednesday 5 April ends Thursday 13 April 2023

### From the President



President Richard

The unwitnessed distribution of bagged antisemitic flyers up and down the Grand Strand is disturbing. The best we can do is report it to the local police who are limited in what they can do because there are no hate crime laws in South Carolina.

Perhaps we can learn something from our neighbors to the south in Georgia. State Rep. Esther Panitch (D), a freshman, denounced the flyers from the floor of the House with dozens of fellow members surrounding her. Panitch vowed action. She's a co-sponsor of House Bill 30, which would adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "working definition of anti-Semitism" as Georgia law. It defines it as rhetorical or physical manifestations of hatred toward Jews. This includes "targeting of the state of Israel," although it also says that "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic." Such a definition could trigger enhanced penalties for anti-Jewish criminal acts under Georgia's 2020 hate crimes law. Supporters say that too

often, agencies do not react forcefully enough to antisemitic acts.

Panitch said she and her family have previously encountered antisemitic acts, including swastikas drawn on her daughter's freshman dormitory room at the University of Georgia and antisemitic messages projected at last year's Georgia-Florida football game, which two of her children attended.

"I get angry because it doesn't end with that. It continues with injured and murdered Jews," Panitch said.

Here, in South Carolina, we cannot hope for a "House Bill 30" until our state legislators are convinced that we need hate crime laws. We must give support to the local Jewish organizations that are working to raise their awareness.

R A D

# Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar  
Suzan

We all know that the *Torah* is a very compact compilation of history, laws, revelations, and amazing stories. Stories are told in a few short chapters that would take a Russian novelist a thousand pages or more to tell. In the Book of *Exodus*, the story of Passover, from the birth of Moses to the arrival of the Israelites in Canaan, is told in just under 12 chapters, or less than 20 pages in the English translation that I have on my desk.

But by the time we reach *Exodus* 13:3-8, the journey from Egypt is complete and life for the

Israelites in the new land begins, as we read in this passage:

And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt, the house of bondage, how the Lord freed you from it with a mighty hand: no leavened bread shall be eaten....Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival of the Lord....And you shall explain to your child that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt.'"

Of course, the text doesn't mention **how** to remember the day. Later in the *Torah*, we learn that Passover was one of the three pilgrimage festivals, when people would travel to Jerusalem to offer

sacrifices of lambs at the Temple and would later feast on their portion of the sacrifice where they would perhaps share stories of the Exodus.

All of that changed in the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE with the destruction of the Temple by the Greco-Romans. With their connection to their traditions of Temple sacrifice irrevocably severed, new forms of worship had to evolve to keep the Israelites connected to their faith and to their communities. From this turmoil, the first *Haggadat* were born. The format of the *Haggadah* (Hebrew for *telling*) was influenced by the Greco-Roman custom of holding banquets that were accompanied by philosophic discussion.

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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**



This illustration of a Seder appears on the cover of the Sarajevo *Haggadah* believed to have been printed in Barcelona in 1350.

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### Rabbi Scott Weiner

The rabbi is scheduled to lead another *Shabbat* service and morning class, Friday evening, 04/21 and Saturday morning 02/22.

Arrangements for Rabbi Weiner are made possible through THE ALWYN O. GOLDSTEIN MEMORIAL SHABBAT FUND.

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### BIRTHDAYS

#### MARCH

3 Art Kaufman  
4 Mace Lieberman  
4 Dan Mathless  
8 Craig Lieberman  
20 Debbie Kaufman  
22 David Kossove

#### APRIL

4 Michael Davidson  
12 Michele Bennett  
18 Lynn Davidson  
19 Tom Llewellyn  
20 Dick Rosen  
22 Brian Berry  
30 Susan Berry



### ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH

23 Jana & Paul  
Hletko

#### APRIL

22 Debbie Smith &  
Alan Sherlock



Let us pray for the restoration of health of

**SHANE FINKEL**

grandson of Carrol Sallas



## DONATIONS



**Jody Pollack Blazer** to the General Fund  
**Randy Cavaliere** to the General Fund in memory of Alma & Sam R. Berne  
**Shirley Giegerich** to the General Fund in memory of Ruth Ader  
**Alan Gramet** to the General Fund in memory of Bella Gramet  
**Louis Greenzweig** to the General Fund  
**David Kossove** to the General Fund in memory of Albert A. Kossove  
**Ariane Lieberman** to the General Fund in memory of Morris Ulrich  
**Butch Miceli** to the General Fund in memory of Helen Marks  
**Carrol Sallas** to the General Fund in memory of Barnet Levine



Joy Birnbaum

### *Georgetown's Historic Jewish Cemetery Needs Help*

by Joy Birnbaum

Temple Beth Elohim is calling for donations to restore the wall surrounding the historic Jewish Cemetery in Georgetown, SC. The wall has been damaged by time and weather, and we need to raise \$40,000 to repair it.

This cemetery is the final resting place for many of Georgetown's founding fathers, including Jewish mayors and Revolutionary War soldiers who have been an important part of our city's history. The cemetery continues to be an option for current Temple members and with proper care and maintenance, will be available for future generations, as well.

We imagine this wall began as brick with iron fencing above it. The stucco that was applied over time to hold the aging bricks in place, is now losing its effectiveness and crumbling. Additionally, plants and algae have taken root on the bricks, further reducing the stability of the wall (see photos below). To ensure that our historical Jewish Cemetery remains intact, we are appealing for assistance from generous donors.

Finally, it is important to note that the current maintenance work is not covered by perpetual care

funds set aside years ago. This money is safeguarded for grounds, plots and trees. The wall is outside the scope of perpetual care funds. Temple Beth Elohim owns and is responsible for the cemetery.

Please consider donating to our cause. Every little bit helps. We are grateful for your support.

Please make checks payable to:  
CEMETERY WALL FUND and mail to:

TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM  
P. O. Box 571  
Georgetown, SC 29442-0571  
ATTN: Michele Bennett, Treasurer

Or make your donation online at  
[www.templebethelohim.net](http://www.templebethelohim.net). Click on DONATE, then  
OTHER. Add "Cemetery Wall Fund" in the NOTE.



## Remembering the Day

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The *Haggadah* that grew from this ferment is a remarkable book or, dare I say, books. Over the centuries, many versions in many languages have been published. (I have eight different versions in my house.) Some are more detailed than others (even offering suggestions on how to set the table!). There have been some alterations over the centuries, many of which reflect more recent history of the Jews.

But the basic elements remain the same: the sanctification of the meal, the four cups of wine, the symbolic foods on the Seder plate, greeting Elijah, the *afikomen*, etc. And the elements that are designed to keep children engaged in the *Seder* – such as the four questions, dipping their fingers in the wine for the 10 plagues, and the joy of singing *D'ayenu* and *Had Gadya* – ensure that the next generation will remember what the Lord did for us all.



Golden Haggadah  
Barcelona, c. 1320



Rylands Haggadah  
Great Britain



## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS IN ISRAEL



**Yom HaShoah** 18 April 2023, is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust by Nazi Germany and its collaborators, and for the Jewish resistance in that period. In Israel, it is a national memorial day.



**Yom HaZikaron** 25 April 2023, 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 2022, they number 24,068. Recently, the memorials have included all Israeli civilians who were victims of terrorism.



**Yom HaAtzmaut** 26 April 2023, marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. In May of 1948 the soon-to-be Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, declared the independence of the State of Israel, which was recognized by the United States, the Soviet Union, and other countries, though not by the surrounding Arab states. Israelis take to the streets across the country to attend outdoor concerts, parties and to watch fireworks displays. Friends gather outside or at nature reserves, museums, and other attractions open to the public, free of charge for the day.



## Yahrzeits



### MARCH

2 Lieba Kaufman	member Temple Beth Elohim
3 Adele Glassman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
4 Sonya A. Friedman	mother of Andy Friedman and Gary Friedman
4 Shirley Horowitz	mother of Roberta Schwartz and Richard Horowitz
4 Marvin Ball	member Temple Beth Elohim
7 Herman Baruch	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
8 Ruth Rosen	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Annette Schultz	mother of Janet Solomon
13 Anthony Gennarelli	friend of Richard Dimentstein
15 Max Goodman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
16 Alwyn O. Goldstein	father of Roslyn Greenspon
16 Jean Sisser Schneider	aunt of Susan Berry
16 John Davis	father of Noreen Davis
20 Pearl Richter	mother-in-law of Tish Richter
22 Sheldon Ulrich	father of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
23 Augusta Lefkow	grandmother of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
26 Christopher Cavaliere	son of Tony Cavaliere
27 Harold Joseph Kossove	brother of David Kossove
31 Lillian Rosen	aunt of Dick Rosen
31 Miriam W. Lumiansky	grandmother of Debbie Smith
31 Rosalie L. Klein	aunt of Susan Berry
31 Mary S. Emanuel Lee	Temple Beth Elohim memorial



### APRIL

1 Marie Barish	great aunt of Craig Lieberman
1 Peter Giegerich	brother of AJ Giegerich
1 Bernard Snyderman	father of Noreen Davis
1 Theodore Berkman	father of Gerald Berkman
2 Charles Richter	father-in-law of Tish Richter
3 Henry Levkoff	uncle of Dick Rosen
6 Fred Kaufman	member Temple Beth Elohim
6 Philip Jay Aarons	member Temple Beth Elohim
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	member Temple Beth Elohim
11 Allan Glen Sallas	son of Carrol Sallas
11 Louis Kaufman	father of Art Kaufman
12 Alec Berest	grandfather of Michele Bennett
13 Alice Salles	mother-in-law of Carrol Sallas
15 Mary Berest	grandmother of Michele Bennett
17 Ella Nierenberg	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
19 I. Meyer Lewenthal	member Temple Beth Elohim
19 Kathleen H. Cohen	mother of Alex Cohen
20 Hilda Kaufman	mother of Art Kaufman
20 Nathan Gold	member Temple Beth Elohim
21 Erma Rosen	mother of Dick Rosen
22 Joseph A. Zelesnick	grandfather of Craig Lieberman
24 Rae Cohen	mother-in-law of Suzan Cohen
25 Barney Solomon	father-in-law of Janet Solomon
26 Harry Fogel	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
29 Sam I. Radow	father of Debbie Kaufman
30 Shirley Marks	mother of Butch Miceli

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

### *New Memorial Plaques*

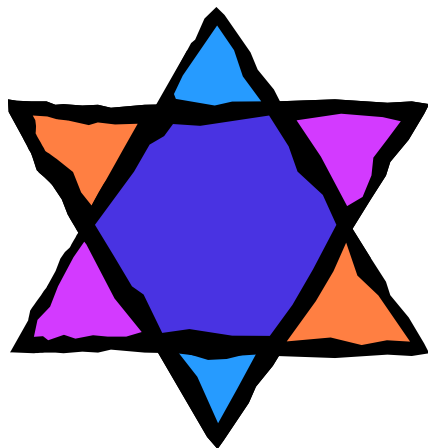
Plaques are displayed permanently on our *Yahrzeit* Board and are lit on the death anniversary of the honoree. Any member who would like to memorialize a loved one should speak with one of our Board members.

### *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.





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