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President Richard

From the President

Hidden Gems

This year, during the months of March and April, we celebrate *Purim* and *Pesach*. The preparations for these days take our attention away from some other commemorative events that will be taking place.

Yom HaShoah will be celebrated on Wednesday, 23 April 2025. This Holocaust Remembrance Day is a solemn day for Israel and its people. It falls on the 27th of *Nisan* and honors the six million Jews killed by the Nazis.

A siren sounds in Israel at 10 a.m. on *Yom HaShoah*. Everyone stops for two minutes to honor the Holocaust victims. Six torches, for six million Jews killed, are lit at *Yad Vashem* by survivors or relatives. They tell their stories of survival and hope.

Yom HaShoah often coincides with the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 and commemorates Jewish heroism and resistance in the Holocaust.

Yom HaShoah includes educational and cultural events on the Holocaust and its legacy. Israelis also visit graves of Holocaust victims and resistance fighters.

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Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar
Suzan

The weeks following *Chanukah* have few Jewish holidays to celebrate, but now with the coming spring season, we have two significant holidays to look forward to: *Purim* and Passover (*Pesach*). *Purim* is observed on the 14th of *Adar* (from sunset on Thursday, 13 March 2025, to nightfall on Friday, 14 March 2025), the last month of the year. Passover is a week-long celebration that starts during the month of *Nisan* (from sunset on Saturday, 12 April 2025, to nightfall on Sunday, 20 April 2025), the first month of the year.

Passover is a celebration of the Exodus, the story of the release of the Hebrews from their Egyptian bondage and the beginnings of the Jewish nation. The story of *Purim* takes place many generations later, in a land far from Judea, and it celebrates the Jewish peoples' deliverance from destruction, when the story of a Jewish peoplehood could well have ended.

Two holidays that are celebrated just four weeks apart, one that remembers our beginnings and one that remembers our near demise. They seemingly have no thematic connection, but their proximity on the calendar can teach its own lesson. The cycles of beginning and ending and then beginning again are deeply embedded in the annual cycle of Jewish observance, the life cycle, and the cycle of fortunes and misfortunes in our shared Jewish history.

There is also a more practical thematic connection. For example, one of the customs of *Purim* is *mishloach manot*, which is making food that is easily prepared to share with others (*hamantaschen*, anyone?). This activity allowed families to use up extra flour and other ingredients that could be considered *chametz*, which in turn help families when it came to preparing their homes to be *chametz* free for Passover. Purging a household of *chametz* can also be seen as an act of faith – having the trust that you'll have the means to restock your pantry at the conclusion of Passover.

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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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Happy Purim – 13/14 March 2025

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Rabbi Scott Weiner

The rabbi is scheduled to lead *Shabbat* services on Friday, 21 March 2025, and a morning class on Saturday, 22 March 2025.

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

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- 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 Heltko

APRIL

- 22 Debbie Smith & Alan Sherlock



Let us pray for the restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

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Hidden Gems

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Dam HaMaccabim (Blood of the Maccabees)

Yom HaZikaron 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 *Yom HaZikaron* 2022, that number was 24,213.

The day opens with a siren the preceding evening at 8:00 pm, given that in the Hebrew calendar system, a day begins at sunset. The siren is heard all over the country and lasts for one minute, during which Israelis stop everything, including driving on highways, and stand in silence, commemorating the fallen and showing respect.

By law, all places of entertainment are closed on the eve of *Yom HaZikaron*, and broadcasting and educational bodies note the solemnity of the day. Regular television programs cease for the day, and the names and ranks of every soldier who died for Israel are displayed in a 24-hour television broadcast.

Since the founding of the state, Israel has chosen the Red Everlasting flower (Hebrew: דם המכבים, *Dam HaMaccabim*, 'blood of the Maccabees') as the national memorial flower. The flower is depicted in many memorial sites and can be seen worn as stickers on shirts and jackets throughout *Yom HaZikaron*. Since 2019, the non-profit organization *Dam HaMaccabim*, has been distributing pins with the real Red Everlasting flower throughout Israel and the United States.

The Fast of Esther, also known as *Ta'anit Esther*, is a fast observed on the eve of Purim. This fast commemorates events in the Book of Esther – Esther and the Jewish community of Shushan fasting for three days and nights before she approached the king, or the fast that is presumed to have occurred on the 13th day of *Adar*, a time when the Jews fought against their enemies.

This fast is called the Fast of Esther because she was the one who first requested the observance of a fast. Because this fast day is not one of the four fast days specifically mentioned in the Prophetic Writings, it is not observed as stringently as other fast days.

The chief minister of King Ahasuerus, Haman, became incensed that the Jew Mordecai held him in disdain and refused to pay respect to him, convincing the king that the Jews living under Persian rule were rebellious. He also recommended that they be slaughtered. After the king consented, Haman set a date for the execution on the 13th day of *Adar* and built gallows for Mordecai.

Esther, the Jewish queen of Ahasuerus and the adopted daughter of Mordecai, when she heard about the planned massacre, risked her own life by going to the king without an invitation to suggest a banquet that Haman would attend.

At this meal, she accused Haman of plotting to destroy her people. Distraught, the king stepped out into the palace gardens. When he returned, he found Haman falling on the couch where Esther was. Haman was pleading with her for mercy, but the king mistook it as an attack on her.

The outraged king then ordered that Haman be hanged and that Mordecai be put into his position. Esther and Mordecai obtained a royal edict that allowed Jews all across the empire to attack their enemies on *Adar* 13. After the victory, the Fast of Esther and Purim were established.

The Fast of Becharot (The Fast of the Firstborn) is the only fast that applies to just a segment of the community: all males who are the firstborn children in their families (if the firstborn child is female, the first son born after her is not obligated). The father of a child too young to fast fasts for him, and if he himself is firstborn, the mother fasts for the child on the day of *Erev Pesach*. Since it is forbidden to abstain from eating on *Shabbat* (except for *Yom Kippur*), when *Erev Pesach* falls on Saturday night, the fast takes place on Thursday. RAD





Yahrzeits



MARCH

2 Lieba Kaurman member Temple Beth Elohim
 3 Adele Glassman Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 3 Sonya A. Friedman mother of Andy 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 Goldstein Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 16 Alwyn Goldstein father of Roz Greenspon
 16 Jean Sisser Schneider aunt of Susan Berry
 16 John Davis first husband 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 step-son of Randy 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 Klein aunt of Susan Berry
 31 Mary S. Emanuel Lee Temple Beth Elohim memorial



APRIL

1 Marie Barish great aunt of Craig Lieberman
 1 Bernard Snyderman father of Noreen Davis
 1 Theodore Berkman father of Gerry Berkman
 1 Peter Giegerich brother of AJ Giegerich
 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 Debbi 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 Robert Levine brother of Carrol Sallas
 15 Mary Berest grandmother of Michele Bennett
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 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
 25 Estelle Heller mother of Diana Heller
 28 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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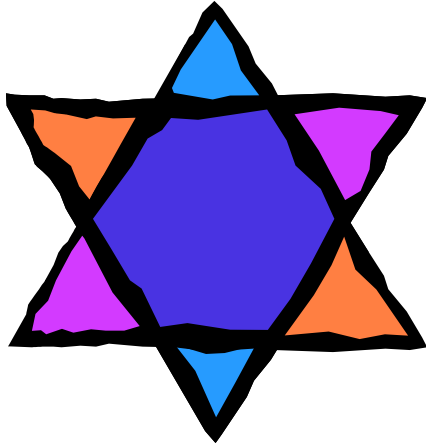
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