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# The Rising Star

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**If you are ailing, may God bless you with healing.  
If you are well, may God bless you with continued  
good health.**

**If you are troubled, may God bless you with solace.  
If you are struggling with ill fortune, may God bless  
you with strength.**

**If you are losing hope, may God bless with His  
assurance of a better tomorrow.**

**If you feel alone, may God bless you with His loving  
presence.**

--Suzan Cohen

## CHAI

Please look at the masthead of this issue of *The Rising Star*. On the right side you will notice that this is the first issue of the eighteenth volume. This means that Temple Beth Elohim is starting its **18th** year of distributing this bimonthly newsletter.

Over the years, the shape of the publication has changed as well as the fonts, the length, the layout, and the graphics. We have run ads, announced special events, shared recipes, reviewed books, and made known lifecycle events in the lives of our members. We did biographical sketches of members, kept the congregation up to date on scheduling, openly prayed for the good and welfare of our members and gladly acknowledged the generosity of our donors. We even had a Wise Man who invited questions from our readers about Judaic traditions, rituals, and philosophy. And, of course, we try to teach a lesson in each issue.

So, let us say, "L'Chaim" to *The Rising Star*. May it continue to breathe the life of Temple Beth Elohim.

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## High Holy Days

Once again, COVID-19 is disrupting the life of Temple Beth Elohim. Our services will be quite different from previous years. Many of them will be combined with *Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim* of Charleston. As soon as access information is finalized, instructions will be sent out to our members and friends.

Friday evening, 18 September 2020, 7:30 p.m.

*Erev Rosh HaShanah* (via ZOOM)

Leaders: **Michele Gershman Bennett** and  
**Shirley Giegerich**

Saturday morning, 19 September 2020

*Rosh HaShanah* (live feed via YouTube – KKBE)

Sunday evening, 27 September 2020

*Kol Nidre* (live feed via YouTube – KKBE)

Monday morning, 28 September 2020

*Yom Kippur* (live feed via YouTube – KKBE)

Monday afternoon, 28 September 2020

*Yiskor* (via ZOOM) Leader: **Ariane Lieberman**

## Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

As we prepare to say goodbye to 5780 (and good riddance!) and officially greet 5781, we have to say that the world is one sad and sorry place. Between the pandemic keeping us isolated in our homes, and the recession, civil strife, and rancorous politics, it's hard not to feel like life has us under siege. And, as if that's not enough, we continue to live with the effects of climate change, such as drought and more and bigger storms and wildfires. We're at a point where we struggle to imagine life without Covid (although Dr. Anthony Fauci does assure us that it will eventually end).



Ritual Scholar Suzan

I'm reminded of that line from Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I personally am in a good place, in a nice home, with good health, financial security, plenty of food, and surrounded by family. But with almost six million confirmed Covid infections, nearly 180,000 fatalities, and the associated economic and social upheaval, my physical comfort offers no emotional solace. I find that I have a heavy heart and a troubled soul, and I'm sure that many of you feel emotionally battered as well.

I have often written about *tikkun olam* and the importance of doing what we can to repair the world. It's still important, but, in these days, we also need *tikkun ha lev* (mend the heart) and *tikkun ha nefesh* (mend the soul). We can't be strong for others unless we find strength for ourselves. For Jews, a reliable path to find personal strength and renewal has always been our traditions and our community. We must cling to those as tightly as we can. As we gather (virtually, alas, but at least we can gather) to welcome 5781, we should look at the familiar ritual as the old, reliable friend that it is and find comfort in its meaning.

Stay healthy, stay strong, my friends. *L'Shanah Tovah!*

*Suzan*



*The Executive Board and Trustees of Temple Beth Elohim would like to wish all of the readers and their loved ones a happy, healthy and safe New Year.*

*L'Shanah Tovah!*

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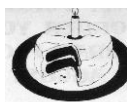
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Let us pray together for the speedy recovery and complete restoration of health of

**SHANE FINKEL**

grandson of Carrol Sallas

### BIRTHDAYS



### ANNIVERSARIES



#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Edwina Friedman
- 15 Richard Dimentstein
- 16 Carrol Sallas
- 19 Seymour Birnbaum
- 20 Andy Friedman
- 30 Johanna Goldman

#### OCTOBER

- 2 Anthony Cavaliere
- 5 Marilyn Horowitz
- 12 Myla Specht
- 13 Debbie Smith
- 16 Alex Cohen



#### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Kathryn & David Kossove
- 13 Edwina & Andy Friedman
- 16 Lynn & Michael Davidson
- 17 Ariane & Craig Lieberman

#### OCTOBER

- 14 Adele Franzblau & Marty Kleinrock

*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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If you prefer, there is still a link to download the forms, and yes, we are happy to accept a check for your donation, dues or membership.

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### *Origins of the Shofar*

According to some scholars, the *shofar* dates back to ancient times when making loud noises on the New Year was thought to scare off demons and ensure a happy start to the coming year. It is hard to say whether this practice influenced Judaism.

In terms of its Jewish history, the *shofar* is often mentioned in the *Torah*, *Talmud*, and in rabbinic literature. It was used to announce the start of holidays, in processions, and even to mark the start of a war. Perhaps the most famous biblical reference to the *shofar* occurs in the Book of Joshua, where *shofarot* (plural of *shofar*) were used as part of a battle plan to capture the city of Jericho.

seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in (Joshua 6:2-5)."

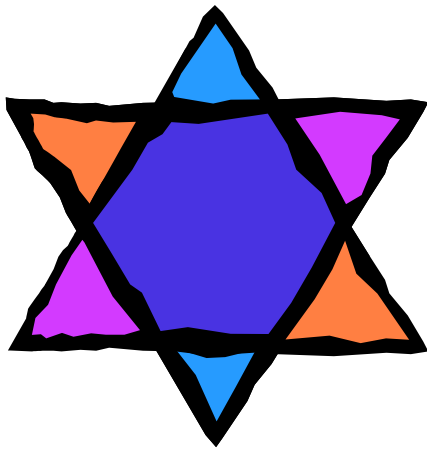
According to the story, Joshua followed God's commandments to the letter and the walls of Jericho fell, allowing them to capture the city. The *shofar* is also mentioned earlier in the *Torah* when Moses ascends Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments.

During the times of the First and Second Temple, *shofarot* were also used along with trumpets to mark important occasions and ceremonies.

Then the Lord said to Joshua..."March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have

--Ariela Pelaia





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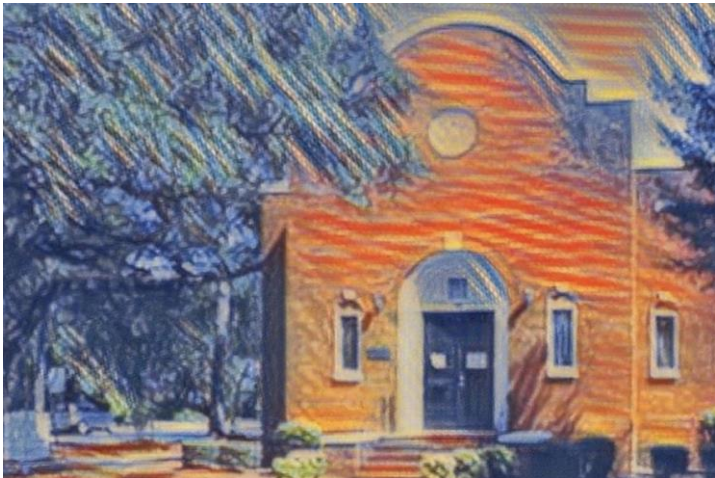
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