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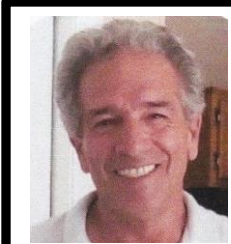
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Tony Cavaliere
2 October 1953-
27 December 2024

Anthony (Tony) Francis Cavaliere, 71 years old, a native of Brooklyn, NY, residing in Pawleys Island, died on December 27, 2024 at home.

Born on October 2, 1953, he was the son of Nancy and John Cavaliere. He was preceded in death by his parents and younger son, Christopher.

Tony was a retired sanitation worker with the Department of Sanitation of New York. He loved to play golf and his guitars, walk the beach, swim in the ocean, and create beautiful furniture in his wood shop. Tony took pride in being meticulous and precise in his work.

He loved listening to his favorite blues artists.

Tony is survived by his wife, Randy Berne Cavaliere of his home; his daughter, Jacqueline Cavaliere Klein, son-in-law, Jonathan Klein, and son, John Cavaliere of Staten Island, NY; his stepdaughter Ilene Schneider Onieal and son-in-law James Onieal of Columbus OH; his stepson Avery Schneider, daughter-in-law Christina Serio and beloved grandson, Reese William Schneider of Buffalo, NY, sisters Donna DeSilva of Pawleys Island, Judy Guerin of Moriches, NY and Nancy Cavaliere of Brooklyn, NY.

He leaves a legacy of kindness, selflessness, and devotion to his family. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a true friend to all who knew him. His greatest pleasure was to be with his wife and children and his grandson brought special joy to his life. Tony was a humble man who had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh and his beautiful smile lit up a room. He will be missed by his extended family and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Saint Jude's Research Children's Hospital or Make-a-Wish Foundation.

From the President

Tu B'Shevat

Happy New Year! May 2025 bring us peace, good health and prosperity.



President Richard

January and February are full of secular holidays and traditions. However, the Hebrew calendar is somewhat lacking in celebrations. On 12/13 February 2025, from sundown to sundown, it is the

15th day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*. It is called *Tu B'Shevat* and it is the "birthday" of all fruit trees.

In ancient times, it was merely a date on the calendar that helped Jewish farmers establish exactly when they should bring their fourth-year produce of fruit from recently planted trees to the Temple as first fruit offerings.

In the 16th century, the Kabbalists (mystics) of Tzfat (the city of Safed) in the Land of Israel created a new ritual to celebrate *Tu B'Shevat* called the Feast of Fruits. Modeled on the Passover *seder*, participants would read selections from the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic literature and would eat fruits and nuts traditionally associated with the land of Israel. The Kabbalists also gave a prominent place to almonds in

Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar
Suzan

While Jews around the world celebrate the same holidays that have their origins in our shared history, our Israeli compatriots observe many holidays that reflect their unique history in modern times. These observances are generally more secular in character – as are many of our holidays here in the United States. Some of these are probably familiar to us, but others are uniquely Israeli.

Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day), also

known in Israel and abroad as *Yom HaShoah* or as Holocaust Remembrance Day, 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 of that period.

Yom HaZikaron, Israel's official Remembrance Day, is dedicated to fallen soldiers and civilian victims of terrorism.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israel's National Independence Day, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence on 14 May 1948. It is marked by a variety of official and unofficial ceremonies and observances.

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) is an Israeli national holiday that commemorates the "reunification" of East Jerusalem (including the Old City) with West Jerusalem following the Six-Day War of 1967. It is the one secular holiday to have a religious component – the Chief Rabbinate of Israel declared Jerusalem Day to be a minor religious holiday as it gave Jewish people access to the Western Wall.

Yom HaAliyah (Aliyah Day) commemorates the entry of the Jewish people into Land of Israel as written in the Hebrew Bible, which happened on the tenth of the month of *Nisan*. The holiday was also established to acknowledge *Aliyah*, immigration of Jews to the Jewish state, as a core value of the State of Israel, and honor the ongoing contributions of *Olim*, Jewish immigrants, to Israeli society.

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Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continuing care of our caregivers.



Susan & Brian Berry

Dick Rosen



Secular Holidays

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

January 20, 2025 - **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

February 17, 2025 – **Presidents Day**



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Rabbi Scott Weiner

The rabbi is scheduled to lead *Shabbat* services on Friday, 17 January 2025, and a morning class on Saturday, 18 January 2025.

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

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JANUARY

4 Ruth Farb
15 Debbie Corcoran

FEBRUARY

2 Adele Franzblau
17 Diana Heller
19 Janet Solomon
20 Tish Richter
24 Rosalind Greenzweig
26 Alan Gramet



ANNIVERSARIES



JANUARY

29 Nancy & Gary
Koppel

FEBRUARY

2 Brenda & Dick
Rosen
25 Marilyn & Richard
Horowitz



Let us pray for the restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

WISDOM FROM AFAR...

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There also are some holidays that honor notable figures in modern Israeli history:

- **Ben Gurion Day**, held on the anniversary of David Ben-Gurion's death, to honor his contributions to founding of the State of Israel.
- **Herzl Day**, to commemorate the life and vision of Zionist leader Theodor Herzl
- **Jabotinsky Day**, held on the anniversary of Ze'ev Jabotinsky's death, to honor his contributions to developing the vision of Zionism.
- **Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day**, held on the anniversary of Rabin's assassination, to honor his dedication to the State of Israel.

When any of these holidays fall on *Shabbat*, the celebration of the day is moved to the following Sunday.

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From the President

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the *seder*, since the almond trees were believed to be the first of all trees in Israel to blossom. Carob, also known as *charuv* or St. John's bread, became another popular fruit to eat on *Tu B'Shevat*, since it could survive the long trip from Israel to Jewish communities in Europe. Participants in the kabbalistic *seder* would also drink four cups of wine: white wine (to symbolize winter), white with some red (a harbinger of the coming of spring); red with some white (early spring) and finally all red (spring and summer).

Complete with biblical and rabbinic readings, these kabbalists produced a *Tu B'Shevat Haggadah* in 1753 called *Pri Etz Hadar* or "Fruit of the Goodly Tree."

The early Zionists seized upon *Tu B'Shevat* as an opportunity to celebrate their tree-planting efforts to restore the ecology of ancient Israel and as a symbol of renewed growth and flowering of the Jewish people returning to their ancestral homeland.

In modern times, *Tu B'Shevat* continues to be an opportunity for planting trees — in Israel and elsewhere, wherever Jews live. Many American and European

Jews observe *Tu B'Shevat* by contributing money to the Jewish National Fund, an organization devoted to reforestation in Israel (the purchase of trees in JNF forests is also customary to commemorate a celebration such as a *Bar or Bat Mitzvah*).

For environmentalists, *Tu B'Shevat* is an ancient and authentic Jewish connection to contemporary ecological issues. The holiday is viewed as an appropriate occasion to educate Jews about their tradition's advocacy of responsible stewardship of God's creation, manifested in ecological activism. *Tu B'Shevat* is an opportunity to raise awareness about land to care for the environment through the teaching of Jewish sources celebrating nature. It is also a day to focus on the environmental sensitivity of the Jewish tradition by planting trees wherever Jews may live.

The *Tu B'Shevat* seder has increased in popularity in recent years. Celebrated as a congregational event, the modern *Tu B'Shevat* seder is multi-purpose. While retaining some kabbalistic elements — and still very much a ritual that connects participant to the land of Israel — the seder today is often imbued with an ecological message as well.

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Tu B'Shevat Seder Plate

Tu B'Shevat
A Reason to
Celebrate



A Tu B'Shevat Seder



Yahrzeits



JANUARY

3 Jodi-Ann Wollman Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 4 B. Albert Friedman father of Gary Friedman and
 Andy Friedman
 7 Albert L. Kurtz member Temple Beth Elohim
 8 Carrol Abrams member Temple Beth Elohim
 8 Phil Schwitzerlett uncle of Butch Miceli
 8 Eli Fishbein uncle of Ariane Lieberman
 12 Harry Rosen grandfather of Dick Rosen
 15 Cerna Cornis aunt of Ruth Farb
 16 Ned Cohen husband of Suzan Cohen
 19 Arthur Heller father of Diana Heller
 20 Milton Ross father of Lynn Davidson
 21 Milton Rosenfeld uncle of Michele Bennett
 21 Bernice Young mother of Suzan Cohen
 22 Evelyn Poaster mother of Tish Richter
 23 Morris Cohen father-in-law of Suzan Cohen
 24 Pearl Davidson mother of Michael Davidson
 25 Sam R. Berne father of Randy Cavaliere
 25 Maurice S. Lumiansky grandfather of Debbie Smith
 26 Bonnie Linado member Temple Beth Elohim
 26 Evelyn Nitzberg Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 26 Nettie T. Stern member Temple Beth Elohim
 26 Irene Hurwitz member Temple Beth Elohim
 26 Evelyn Levine mother of Nancy Koppel
 27 Albert A. Kossove father of David Kossove
 29 Rita Fogel member Temple Beth Elohim
 30 Nettie Franzblau grandmother of Adele Franzblau
 31 Rabbi Deborah Slavitt teacher Temple Beth Elohim

FEBRUARY

3 Irving Schwartz member Temple Beth Elohim
 3 Ralph Gold friend Temple Beth Elohim
 4 Helen Marks grandmother of Butch Miceli
 4 Dorothy B. Lichtenstein aunt of Michele Bennett
 6 Alma Berne mother of Randy Cavaliere
 7 Morris Ulrich grandfather of Myla Specht and
 Ariane Lieberman
 7 Ida L. Sisser member Temple Beth Elohim
 8 Jacob Sisser member Temple Beth Elohim
 8 Barnet Levine father of Carrol Sallas
 8 Ruth Wollman Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 9 Julia Abrams member Temple Beth Elohim
 9 Kitty Jacoby grandmother of Marty Kleinrock
 10 Dorothy Schneider mother of Susan Berry
 12 Gail Jacoby Anderman mother of Marty Kleinrock
 12 Lillian Apfel mother of Cindy Danzek
 12 Morris Horowitz father of Richard Horowitz and
 Roberta Schwartz
 father of Louis Drucker
 12 Jerry Drucker uncle of Susan Berry
 13 Harold Schneider mother of Joy Birnbaum
 16 Blossom Rand Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 16 Jules Nitzberg mother of Shirley Giegerich
 17 Ruth Ader member Temple Beth Elohim
 18 Herbert Feinberg Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 21 Edward Wollman Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 23 Gloria Richman Temple Beth Elohim memorial
 26 Ida E. Danzig member Temple Beth Elohim

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

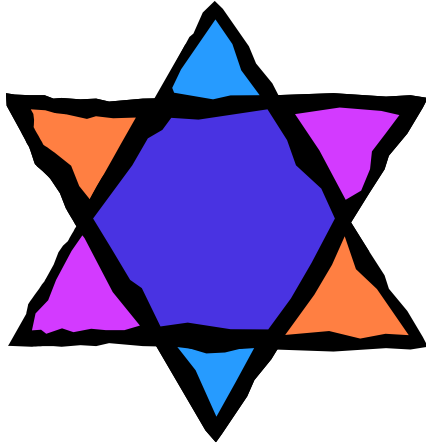
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Cemetery plots are for sale in our unique, historic resting place. The Cemetery Committee, chaired by SEYMOUR BIRNBAUM, has prepared the appropriate documentation for the purchase of gravesites.

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.

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.



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