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Tu B'Shevat

15 Shevat 5786 1-2 February 2026

The "birthday of trees" is a time for seders, tree-planting and more.



Fruit trees were awarded special status in the *Torah* because of their importance in sustaining life.

Tu B'Shevat falls after mid-winter. Rabbis concluded that most of the annual rainfall has already fallen in Israel yielding a healthy, water-logged soil in which to plant new trees.



The *Tu B'Shevat seder* is filled with fruits and nuts. In Deuteronomy 8:8 we learn about seven species: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. Many more have been added.



VP Joy

From the Vice President

Temple Beth Elohim's *Mah Jong* Marathon, held on December 2 at the Georgetown County Library, was a wonderful success. Sixty-eight enthusiastic players filled the room, many lined up at the doors with *Mah Jong* sets in hand, eager to begin the day.

Under the outstanding leadership of our "fearless leader," committee chair Debbie Hart, and a small but dedicated committee, all busy creating flyers and registration forms, collecting fees, organizing, wrapping, and displaying fabulous raffle prizes (donated by generous temple members, shops and artisans), and handling set-up and clean-up.... They all agreed the event ran smoothly from start to finish!

Play began promptly at 10:00 a.m. after a brief review of the day's agenda and rules. Players all received a "Goody Bag," enjoyed a light breakfast, a lunch break, time for raffles and prizes, then everyone returned to serious play --- carefully completing tally sheets in hopes of winning amazing door prizes and game prizes! The excitement continued through the final 50/50 raffle at day's end.

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Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



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Chanukah has been celebrated, and *Purim* and Passover are yet to come, so what do we talk about in January when there are no major holidays on the calendar? But there is a holy day that occurs not just in January, but throughout the year; one that is so important that it's literally etched in stone in the Ten Commandments. That holy day, of course, is *Shabbat*.

Shabbat has always been vitally important and central to our understanding of what it means

to be a Jew. After all, it was gifted to the Israelites after the Exodus when God appeared before the people at Sinai to deliver the Commandments. "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). He even included how the sabbath day should be kept: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God: you shall not do any work – your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the stranger who is within your settlements" (Exodus 20:9-10).

The Lord even explains why the sabbath is a day to dedicate to Him: "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:11).

Observing *Shabbat* can be an obligation, but it can also be taken as a gift. (The Hebrew word *Shabbat* literally means "to rest.") In bygone times, an opportunity to take a break from daily labor was certainly a gift. Even now, choosing to accept the gift of *Shabbat* by gathering at the synagogue lets us reconnect with our special community and deepen our roots to our heritage through our prayers and *dvar Torah*. Even our schmoozing is a source of strength and connection. And in these days of uncertainty, maintaining a strong community is as important as it has ever been.



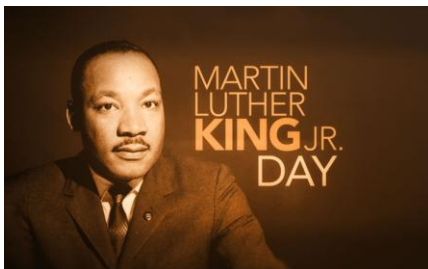
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Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers.

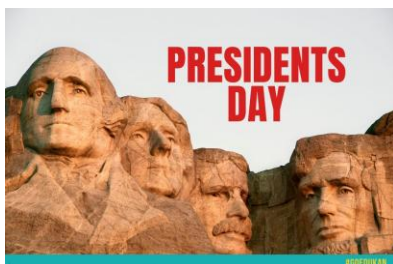


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Rabbi Scott Weiner

Rabbi Scott is scheduled to return to Temple Beth Elohim on 6 February 2026.

The rabbi will lead a class on Saturday morning, 7 February 2026.

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

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FEBRUARY

JANUARY

4 Ruth Farb

2 Adele Franzblau
11 Jack Lubner
17 Diana Heller
19 Janet Solomon
20 Tish Richter
24 Roz Greenzweig
26 Alan Gramet

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

29 Nancy & Gary
Koppel

FEBRUARY

25 Richard & Marilyn
Horowitz



Let us pray for the restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

DONATIONS



Lynn & Michael Davidson to the Security Fund

Noreen Davis & Alan Gramet to the General Fund in memory of Selma Snyderman and Bella Gramet

Richard Dimentstein to the General Fund in memory of Herbert Dimentstein

Adele Franzblau & Marty Kleinrock to the General Fund in memory of Kate Tiftikjian Johnston and Arnold H. Franzblau

Shirley & AJ Giegerich to the General Fund in memory of David Giegerich

Roz Greenspon to the Alwyn O. Goldstein Memorial *Shabbat* Fund

Jana Hletko to the General Fund in memory of Sally Dube

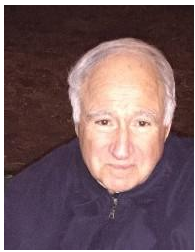
Craig Lieberman to the General Fund in memory of Charles Zelesnick

Helaine & Charlie Rotgin to the General Fund on behalf of the Rotgin Family Fund

Carrol Sallas to the General Fund in memory of Jerome Sallas

Temple Beth Elohim Men's Club to the General Fund

Susan Volansky to the General Fund and the Security Fund



Dick Rosen
20 April 1936 –
16 September 2025

Brookgreen Gardens pays tribute to **BENEDICT (“DICK”) ROSEN**

Brookgreen Gardens has long been a sanctuary of art, nature, and history – but for those who knew Dick Rosen, it was also a place of deep personal devotion. With his passing, the community lost not only a visionary leader, but a cherished friend whose legacy will forever be woven into the fabric of Brookgreen.

Dick's connection to Brookgreen Gardens spanned nearly three decades of service as a trustee, including ten years as chairman of the board. His leadership was marked by vision,

generosity, and a deep belief in the power of art and nature to enrich lives. Together, he and Brenda championed countless initiatives -- from the Huntington Society to the creation of the Rosen Galleries, which transformed Brookgreen's ability to host world-class traveling exhibitions and engage the community in new and meaningful ways.

Dick also served as Chairman of the *Campaign for the Next Generation*, Brookgreen Gardens' first major capital campaign in more than 30 years. Under his leadership, the campaign not only met its ambitious goals – it galvanized a renewed sense of purpose and possibility across the organization. Dick's strategic guidance and personal commitment helped secure vital resources that will shape Brookgreen's future as it approaches its 200th anniversary in five years. The campaign's success reflects his belief in investing not just in infrastructure, but in the enduring mission of Brookgreen: to inspire, educate, and connect people through art, nature, and history. His fingerprints are

on every milestone of the campaign, and its impact will be felt for generations to come.

Dick Rosen's legacy lives on – not only in the galleries that bear his and Brenda's name, but in the spirit of Brookgreen Gardens itself. His vision, generosity, and love for this place continue to inspire all who walk its paths and admire its beauty.

As we remember Dick, we celebrate a life rooted in service, shaped by passion, and devoted to the enduring magic of Brookgreen Gardens.

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From the Vice President

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These players are ready to go.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Georgetown County Library staff for their gracious support and understanding in hosting such a lively and joyful fundraiser. Temple Beth Elohim is grateful to all who participated and helped make this *Mah Jong* Marathon such a memorable success.

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Sixty-eight *Mah Jong* players

Brookgreen Gardens The Rosen Galleries





Yahrzeits



JANUARY

3 Jodi-Ann Wollman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
4 B. Albert Friedman	father of Andy & Gary Friedman
7 Albert L. Kurtz	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Carol Abrams	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Eli Fishbein	uncle of Ariane Lieberman
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. Luniansky	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
27 Evelyn Levine	mother of Nancy Koppel
28 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 Dorothy Berest Lichtenstein	aunt of Michele Bennett
6 Alma Berne	mother of Randy Cavaliere
7 Morris Ulrich	grandfather of Ariane Lieberman and Myla Specht
7 Ida L. Sisser	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Jacob Sisser	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Ruth Wollman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
8 Barnet Levine	father of Carrol Sallas
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
12 Jerry Drucker	father of Louis Drucker
13 Harold Schneider	uncle of Susan Berry
16 Blossom Rand	mother of Joy Birnbaum
16 Jules Nitzberg	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
17 Ruth Ader	mother of Shirley Giegerich
18 Herbert Feinberg	member Temple Beth Elohim
21 Edward Wollman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
23 Gloria Richman	Temple Beth Elohim memorial
25 Saul Aaron Volansky	husband of Susan Volansky
26 Ida E. Danzig	member Temple Beth Elohim
26 Walter Banner	father of Roz Greenzweig

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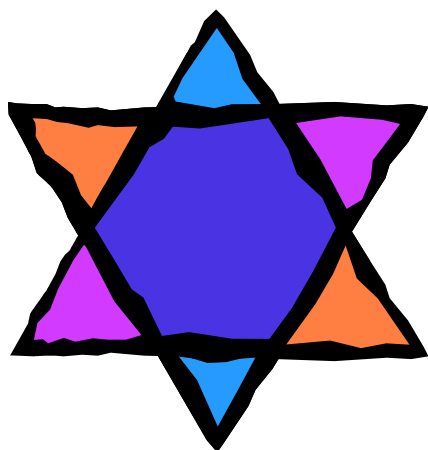
BETH ELOHIM CEMETERY

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.

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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