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# The Rising Star

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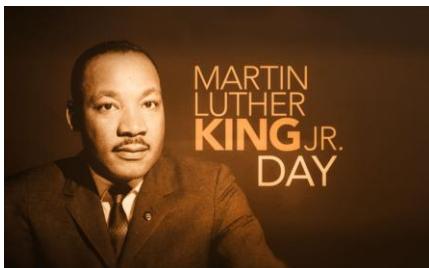
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*Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers.*



**Susan & Brian Berry**  
**Richard Horowitz**

**Michael Davidson**  
**Tom Llewellyn**



19 January 2026

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16 February 2026

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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.

## T B E 1772 LEGACY GROUP

Brenda & Benedict Rosen  
Richard Dimentstein  
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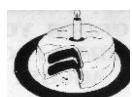
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Thanks for your support.

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### JANUARY

4 Ruth Farb

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### FEBRUARY

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### FEBRUARY

- JANUARY
- 29 Nancy & Gary Koppel



*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

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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 200<sup>th</sup> 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.

JB



Sixty-eight *Mah Jong* players

## Brookgreen Gardens The Rosen Galleries





## *Yahrzeits*



### JANUARY

3 Jodi-Ann Wollman  
 4 B. Albert Friedman  
 7 Albert L. Kurtz  
 8 Carol Abrams  
 8 Eli Fishbein  
 15 Cerna Cornis  
 16 Ned Cohen  
 19 Arthur Heller  
 20 Milton Ross  
 21 Milton Rosenfeld  
 21 Bernice Young  
 22 Evelyn Poaster  
 23 Morris Cohen  
 24 Pearl Davidson  
 25 Sam R. Berne  
 25 Maurice S. Luniansky  
 26 Bonnie Linado  
 26 Evelyn Nitzberg  
 26 Nettie T. Stern  
 26 Irene Hurwitz  
 27 Evelyn Levine  
 28 Albert A. Kossove  
 29 Rita Fogel  
 30 Nettie Franzblau  
 31 Rabbi Deborah Slavitt



### FEBRUARY

3 Irving Schwartz  
 3 Ralph Gold  
 4 Dorothy Berest Lichtenstein  
 6 Alma Berne  
 7 Morris Ulrich  
 7 Ida L. Sisser  
 8 Jacob Sisser  
 8 Ruth Wollman  
 8 Barnett Levine  
 9 Julia Abrams  
 9 Kitty Jacoby  
 10 Dorothy Schneider  
 12 Gail Jacoby Anderman  
 12 Lillian Apfel  
 12 Morris Horowitz  
 12 Jerry Drucker  
 13 Harold Schneider  
 16 Blossom Rand  
 16 Jules Nitzberg  
 17 Ruth Ader  
 18 Herbert Feinberg  
 21 Edward Wollman  
 23 Gloria Richman  
 25 Saul Aaron Volansky  
 26 Ida E. Danzig  
 26 Walter Banner

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

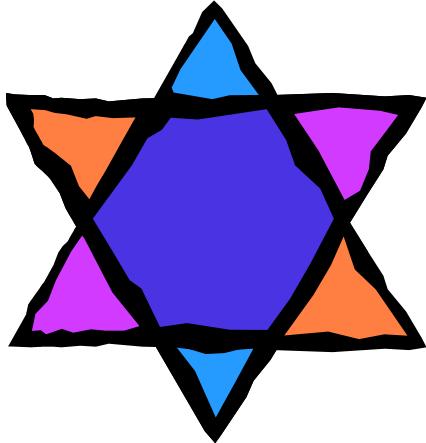
### **BETH ELOHIM CEMETERY**

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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