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Happy Passover



President Richard

I just reviewed last year's March/April newsletter. On page 5, I announced the plans of the Temple Beth Elohim Board. We were making the final preparations for our annual *Pesach Seder*. One of the committees had actually started shopping for some of the necessary supplies. That newsletter was written during the last week of February 2020.

Then 13 March 2020 arrived, the doors to our synagogue closed and all plans came to a halt. COVID began its reign. Services were suspended. A *Seder* was out of the question.

Here we are, one year later and no better off. Our doors remain locked and thoughts of having a *Seder* in the temple's social hall are still quite remote. Now that the vaccines are being distributed and the statistics that are being reported are favorable, perhaps we can be hopeful for Passover 2022. Whatever your plans for *Pesach 2021*, may they be safe and fulfilling. For myself, the Executive Board and Trustees *a zissan Pesach*.

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Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar
Suzan

It's so hard to believe that a year has passed since the great quarantine began. Passover 2020 found us all separated, and we'll likely be separated again for Passover 2021 (which begins 27 March). But instead of bemoaning our collective

fates, I decided to do a little noodling on the internet and found some nuggets of interesting factoids:

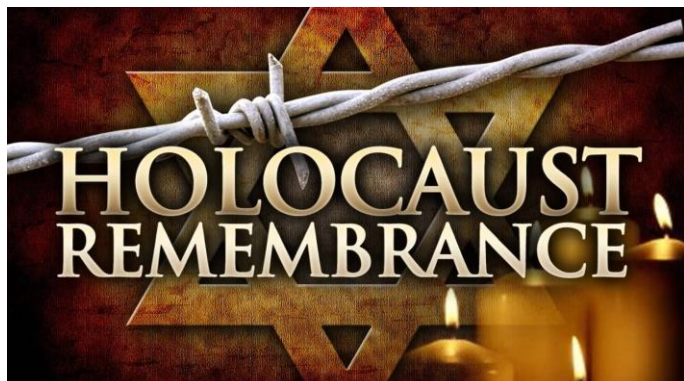
Passover is celebrated for seven days in Israel and eight days in the Diaspora (everywhere else). So why are we stuck with an extra day of eating *matzah*? Well, the practice of extending every biblical holiday (except for *Yom Kippur*) for another day originates from the era before the calendar was set, a time when the Jewish lunar calendar was determined when the new moon was sighted. However, even after the advent of the fixed calendar, this law was not abolished (because it just wasn't).

For most of us, Passover is centered on the first two nights when *Seder* are conducted (one for each side of

the family, maybe?). But according to the *Chabad*, the last two also have significance: *Shvii shel Pesach* ("Seventh of Passover") and *Acharon shel Pesach* ("Last of Passover"), respectively. The theme of the first of these two days is the parting of the Sea of Reeds, which occurred in the early hours of the morning of the seventh day. The eighth day is associated with the future redemption, indeed, the *Baal Shem Tov* taught that on the final day of Passover, a glimmer of the ultimate redemption is revealed. As the holiday fades, members of *Chabad* have the custom to again drink four cups of wine, this time looking to the future.

And finally, from Wikipedia, a bit of ancient history: Although not all scholars agree, the Passover ritual is thought to have its origins in an apotropaic (a type of magic intended to turn away harm or evil influences) rite unrelated to the Exodus, to ensure the protection of a family home, a rite conducted wholly within a clan. Hyssop was employed to daub the blood of a slaughtered sheep on the lintels and door posts to ensure that demonic forces could not enter the home.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day

[*Yom HaShoah*]

25/26 Nissan 5781 – 7/8 April 2021

Shoah means "catastrophe" or "utter destruction" in Hebrew. It refers to the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people during World War II. This is a memorial day for those who died in the *Shoah*. The *Shoah* is also known as the Holocaust, from a Greek word meaning "sacrifice by fire."

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A Truly Beautiful Gift



Our new mantle

Michele & Jim Bennett have gifted our temple with a new *Torah* mantle. The dark blue cover was handcrafted in Israel. The design is a colorful interpretation of the Eternal Light. Between the flames are embroidered Hebrew letters that spell out the *Sh'ma*. Embroidered below the flames and above the fringed edge is our formal name, TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM OF GEORGETOWN, SC.

Michele & Jim, thank you for enhancing the beauty of our *Torah*. May it be a joy to the eye and an inspiration for many generations. *Todah Rabbah!*

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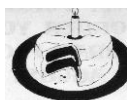
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Let us pray together for the speedy recovery and complete restoration of health of

SHANE FINKEL

grandson of Carrol Sallas

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH

- 3 Art Kaufman
- 4 Mace Lieberman
- 4 Dan Mathless
- 8 Craig Lieberman
- 20 Debbie Pentecost
- 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

MARCH

- 23 Jana & Dr. Paul Hletko

APRIL

- 22 Debbie Smith & Alan Sherlock

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 Michael Davidson

Dr. Eric & Rosa Lee Heiden Richard Horowitz



David Kossove Donna & Tom Llewellyn Dick Rosen

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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.

When you click on DONATION, you can donate toward the General Fund, Security or Other. If you choose 'Other,' you can designate your contribution as *Tzedakah*, used to help our local communities or make it in memory of, in honor of, or for the recovery of a loved one. And, you can always make a donation to acknowledge a life cycle event, such as a birthday or anniversary.

The TBE website and Face Book page provide information about weekly *Shabbat* Services, holidays, events, and important announcements. Please check us out online and give us a "thumbs up" on our Face Book page.

WISDOM

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A further hypothesis maintains that, once the Priestly Code was promulgated, the Exodus narrative took on a central function, as the apotropaic rite was, arguably, amalgamated with the Canaanite agricultural festival of spring, which was a ceremony of unleavened bread connected with the barley harvest. As the Exodus motif grew, the original function and symbolism of these origins were lost.

Attention Vocalists 🎵

At each *Shabbat* service since 13 March 2020, Temple Beth Elohim worshipers have been fortunate to hear the voice of **Eileen Kramer** when she sings Debbie Friedman's "MiShebeirach," the prayer for relief and healing of the troubled and infirm. Eileen has stated that if there is anyone in the congregation who would like to sing this beautiful prayer, she is encouraging you to do so. Please contact President Richard, rdimentstein@gmail.com.

T B E 1772 LEGACY GROUP

Brenda & Benedict Rosen
Richard Dimentstein





Yahrzeits



MARCH

- 2 Lieba Kaufman member Temple Beth Elohim
- 3 Adele Glassman aunt of Susan Richman
- 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 member Temple Beth Elohim
- 8 Ruth Rosen member Temple Beth Elohim
- 8 Annette Schultz mother of Janet Solomon
- 13 Anthony Gennarelli friend of Richard Dimentstein
- 15 Max Goldstein member Temple Beth Elohim
- 16 Alwyn Goldstein member Temple Beth Elohim
- 16 Jean Sisser Schneider aunt of Susan Berry
- 16 Yetta Leibowitz grandmother of Marsha Green
- 16 John Davis husband of Noreen Davis
- 20 Pearl Richter mother-in-law of Tish Richter
- 23 Augusta Lefkow grandmother of Ariane Lieberman
and Myla Spech t
- 24 Celia Gold Feinberg mother of Herb Feinberg
- 26 Christopher Cavaliere son of Tony 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 L. Klein aunt of Susan Berry
- 31 Mary S. Emanuel Lee member Temple Beth Elohim



APRIL

- 1 Bernard Snyderman father of Noreen Davis
- 1 Peter Giegerich brother of AJ Giegerich
- 1 Marie Barish great aunt of Craig Lieberman
- 1 Theodore Berkman father of Gerald Berkman
- 2 Charles Richter father-in-law of Tish Richter
- 3 Henry Levkoff uncle of Dick Rosen
- 4 Rosalie Green mother of Marsha Green
- 6 Fred Kaufman member Temple Beth Elohim
- 6 Philip Jay Aarons member Temple Beth Elohim
- 6 Michael Simon father of Ruth Feinberg
- 7 Max Joseph Hirsch grandfather of Debbi Jones
- 8 Irene L. Kossove mother of David Kossove
- 9 Irving Schultz father of Janet Solomon
- 9 Rose Gold mother of Herb Feinberg
- 9 Maurice Stern member of 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 Mary Berest grandmother of Michele Bennett
- 17 Ella Nierenberg friend of Temple Beth Elohim
- 19 I. Meyer Lewenthal member Temple Beth Elohim
- 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
- 24 Milton Smith father of Johanna Goldman
- 25 Barney Solomon father-in-law of Janet Solomon
- 28 Harry Fogel member Temple Beth Elohim
- 29 Sam I. Radow father-in-law of Art Kaufman

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

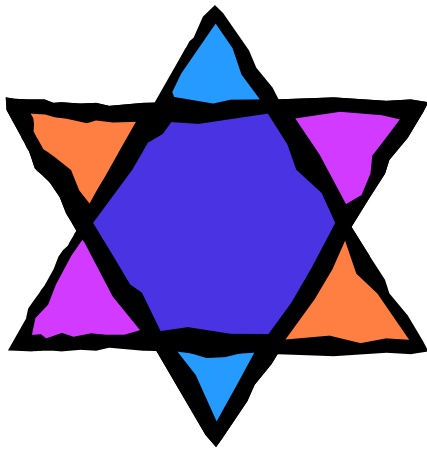
New Memorial Plaques

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.

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.



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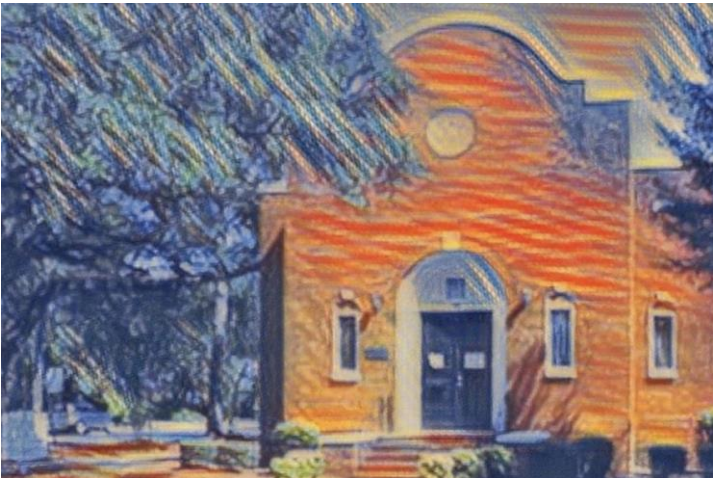
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