

Temple Beth Sholom News

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Rabbi Joshua Grossman

President Patrick Guiney

Rabbi Emeritus David Grossman

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Saturday, Feb 7, 9:30 am
Friday, Feb 13, 7:00 pm
Saturday, Feb 21, 9:30 am
Friday, Feb 27, 7:00 pm



Candle

2/6 4:46 pm
2/13 4:55 pm



Lighting

2/20 5:04 pm
2/27 5:13 pm

From the Rabbi's Office

Greetings friends,

As we look ahead to the festival of Purim what are the most vivid memories that leap to mind for you? Costumes? Celebration? The Megillah? Mishloach manot -gift giving? Hamantaschen/the Purim Meal? Revelry (sanctioned drunkenness)? Something else?

For me it's my dad, or more specifically, my dad in costume. As a furry animal, a giant chicken, or one year as a cookie, and the next as grown-up Spider-Man. Each was so far out of character for him, that the images are etched into my memory. Just like so much else, I am grateful to Rabbi David for stepping (way) outside of his comfort zone to bring a smile to the kids and parents of the Shul, the community as a whole and to me. And so, in return, I offer this bulletin message this month in honor of my dad, my teacher, as a modern look at an old idea that was once his.

The idea is how Jews have always been ahead of their time. We take great pride in being 'ahead of the curve' and pioneers in society. This goes all the way back to our forefather, Abraham, who was smashing idols at a time when most people couldn't even imagine that there *might* be another way of worshipping the gods. Or King David and King Solomon who were able to recognize the value of constructing a great and majestic building that would serve as a symbol of our closeness with God, our central meeting space and become the template for every modern-day synagogue across the world these thousands of years later.

It's no surprise at all that we read and re-read the scroll of Esther every Purim. The story of Esther is the original competition reality program. A nationwide beauty contest, where the virgins of Persia were chosen to compete for the position of queen of Shushan. For months the young women were preened and pampered before their big meeting with the drunken, foolish, yet rich and powerful King Achashveros in hopes of being selected.

Of course, the culmination of the competition and the crowning of the winner was why everyone in the land watched. But was there also not an element of drama and gossip in seeing how all these candidates related to, and got along with one another? Perhaps there were reports issued to promote

gambling within the masses. Odds-makers noting who "wore it best" for outfits, or who had the most winning personality and nicest smile, or who came from which family line, or even, who was the favorite to win the talent competition...

Twentyfive hundred years later we're still telling the story of the original reality program, and we recognize the truth in King Solomon's words from Ecclesiastes; there's nothing new under the sun!!!

On the evening of Monday March 2nd we will have our own TBS Purim celebration. I hope the memories and themes of these past few years (Billy Joel Purim, Shakespeare, The Folly of Chelm) inspire everyone to join us again for the Purim fun in 5786. Stay tuned for this year's theme! We cannot wait to see you all.

B'shalom, Rabbi Joshua

From the President

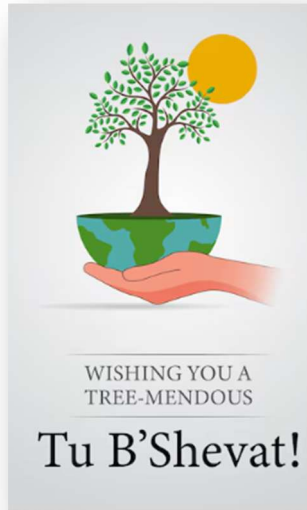
Are you tired of Winter? Had enough of the cold? The first sign of Spring is here, that being Tu B'Shevat! This holiday is the "birthday" of all fruit trees, and it is right at the beginning of February this year (and before the Superbowl). Historically, this holiday was the selected date on the calendar to let farmers know when to bring in their fruit to the Temple for the first-fruits offerings. We celebrate in modern times with a Seder that involves eating various fruits, nuts, and a few cups of white and red wine throughout. The Tu B'Shevat Seders we have been having at the Temple have been lovely the past few years and I know this year will also be worth getting out of the house. Convivial is a word that comes to mind. Consider joining for a relaxed and enjoyable evening!

Getting closer to March, it will be time for Happy Purim. Participating in this activity is a great way to perform a major mitzvot (mishloach manot) of Purim. Purim is at the very beginning of March this year. Lastly, but far from least, join the Temple community at as many of the Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services you can. Shabbat is a time, once a week, where you can step away from the usual/daily grind, rest, and remember who gave us the chance to break away. Torah, we just can't get enough!

Patrick Guiney, President

Programming

Due to the possibility of a Nor'easter affecting our region, the Tu B'Shevat Seder has been moved from Sunday February 1st to Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a meaningful seder followed by a baked potato bar!



Go PATS! We're thinking of holding a Super Bowl watching party- if interested and willing to help prep, contact Karen Augenstern at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com



TBS Reads will meet on Monday, March 9 (new date!) at 6:30pm to discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Please join us!



Looking forward to our Purim celebration on Monday, March 2nd: our theme this year is Superheroes/villains from Shushan as well as from the world of comics- details to follow! What is your favorite superpower?

Watch your email for our annual Happy Purim Mishloach Manot FUNd-raiser!



We'll be having a Nosh 'n Learn Shabbat morning, March 7- join us for a nosh and discussion before services begin, followed by a delicious Kiddush lunch. Stay tuned to your emails for more information!

Looking farther along, we are planning for our annual community seder in early April (April 2nd). Mark your calendars now.

Karen Augenstern, Chair, Programming Committee
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At the time of publication, the Orange County Community Jewish Scholar Program had not posted their events for February. Please visit their website and also watch your email for programs that may be of interest. Temple Beth Sholom is a member of CSP; there is no cost to attend the on-line events. Zoom software is needed to participate.

For a **complete** list of on-line programs or to register, go to <https://occsps.net/csp-online-zoom-events/> Contact Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com to register for the **Members Only Programs** through OCCSP.

Join Rabbi Joshua and your fellow congregants
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm (in person or on zoom)

February 11th and February 25th
Listen, Learn, and Share your thoughts!



Thank You
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Thank you to all who have made donations in honor or in memory of loved ones and in doing so support our community.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE REQUEST FORM](#)

In Memory Of

David Feinberg	Arlene Cohen
Lexi Halvorson	Rhonda Albert
Lauren Nicaastro	Barbara Corcoran
	Susan Perry
	Laney & Steve Silva
Byron Solomon	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Bradley Clemens
	Harriet & Patrick Guiney
	Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski
Fred Tobman	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
	Judith & Barry Caplan
	Martin Cohne
	The O'Neill Family

Get Well/Refuah Shlema

Patty Burak	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
	Jean Connolly
	Alan Colman
Beverly Goodman-Park	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Alan Colman
Bobbi London	Mary & Scott Belgard

In Appreciation Of

Diane Grossman	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
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Philip Schnipper	Larry Albert
	Rhonda Albert & Family
	Harriet & Patrick Guiney
Robin & Gary Mullenhoff	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Mary & Scott Belgard

In Honor Of

Harvey Wolf	Mary & Scott Belgard
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Mazal Tov

Eta & Mark Levenson on your new granddaughter	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Bobbie Rabinovitz on your new great grandson	Rhonda Albert & Alan Colman

On the Occasion Of

Patrick Guiney's Retirement	Alan Colman
Rabbi Joshua's Birthday	Alan Colman
	Jean Connolly
Susan Perry's Birthday	Alan Colman
	Jean Connolly
Scott Belgard's 70th Birthday	Alan Colman

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

From 2/1/2426 to 2/28/2026 (Shevat 14, 5786 to Adar 1, 5786)

The practice of observing the Yahrzeit for a loved one connects us, not only to those we have lost, but to thousands of years of tradition. The candle we burn, and the lights we light can be for friends, family, and most often a beloved parent. These acts of remembrance and lovingkindness might be made in our homes, or in our Shul.

The Yahrzeit date corresponds to the Hebrew date of loss, and therefore we keep in mind observance in terms of the secular calendar changes each year. For those who are able and open to do so, we encourage you to join us for Erev Shabbat services where we publicly name and recall those we have lost. Each week, for those who wish, we allow a space to share some of what we cherish in the memories of our lost loved ones.

We take this ancient practice from chapter 20 of our holy book of Proverbs which states: "Ner Adonai Nishmat Adam" – "God's light is the soul of every person"

In Memory Of

Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
Goldie Cohen Goldman	Sunday 2/1/26	Shevat 14, 5786
Philip Samick	Sunday 2/1/26	Shevat 14, 5786
Morty Wilcon	Sunday 2/1/26	Shevat 14, 5786
Zara Colten	Monday 2/2/26	Shevat 15, 5786
Florence Irene Asnes	Tuesday 2/3/26	Shevat 16, 5786
Norma Brent	Tuesday 2/3/26	Shevat 16, 5786
Maurice Selig	Tuesday 2/3/26	Shevat 16, 5786
Abraham Galler	Wednesday 2/4/26	Shevat 17, 5786
Jacob Smith	Wednesday 2/4/26	Shevat 17, 5786
Martin Swartz	Thursday 2/5/26	Shevat 18, 5786
Martin Swartz (Mayer Asher Ben Abraha, V'Itta)	Thursday 2/5/26	Shevat 18, 5786
Irene Dushan	Friday 2/6/26	Shevat 19, 5786
Annie Franklin	Friday 2/6/26	Shevat 19, 5786
Sarah Shapiro	Friday 2/6/26	Shevat 19, 5786
Rose Goldberg	Saturday 2/7/26	Shevat 20, 5786
Edward Opper	Saturday 2/7/26	Shevat 20, 5786
Harry Beck	Sunday 2/8/26	Shevat 21, 5786
Leonard Gelfand	Sunday 2/8/26	Shevat 21, 5786
Renee Pactovis	Sunday 2/8/26	Shevat 21, 5786
Harry Tobman	Monday 2/9/26	Shevat 22, 5786
Morton Bloom	Tuesday 2/10/26	Shevat 23, 5786
Maurice Role	Tuesday 2/10/26	Shevat 23, 5786
Minnie Seifer	Tuesday 2/10/26	Shevat 23, 5786
Mera Weisenberg	Tuesday 2/10/26	Shevat 23, 5786
Myron Bloom	Wednesday 2/11/26	Shevat 24, 5786
Ida Green Rosen	Thursday 2/12/26	Shevat 25, 5786
Rose Stone	Thursday 2/12/26	Shevat 25, 5786
Joseph J. Stofflet	Friday 2/13/26	Shevat 26, 5786
Dr Michael Charles Zerner	Friday 2/13/26	Shevat 26, 5786
Dr George Karp	Saturday 2/14/26	Shevat 27, 5786
Isack Horblitt	Sunday 2/16/26	Shevat 28, 5786
Evelyn Kaye Warren	Friday 2/13/26	Shevat 26, 5786
Morris Fitch	Tuesday 2/17/26	Shevat 30, 5786
Jennie Cohen	Wednesday 2/18/26	Adar 1, 5786
Harry Lichman	Wednesday 2/18/26	Adar 1, 5786

Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
Rose Smith	Wednesday 2/18/26	Adar 1, 5786
Sidney Silbert	Thursday 2/19/26	Adar 2, 5786
Steve Waldman	Thursday 2/19/26	Adar 2, 5786
Melvin York Dunay	Friday 2/20/26	Adar 3, 5786
Michael Forman	Friday 2/20/26	Adar 3, 5786
Henry Morse	Friday 2/20/26	Adar 3, 5786
Elsa Perry	Friday 2/20/26	Adar 3, 5786
Ida Appelstein	Saturday 2/21/26	Adar 4, 5786
Irving Bobrick	Saturday 2/21/26	Adar 4, 5786
Abraham Kelleman	Saturday 2/21/26	Adar 4, 5786
Barnet Kuposky	Saturday 2/21/26	Adar 4, 5786
Joshua Tobman	Saturday 2/21/26	Adar 4, 5786
Rose Finkel	Sunday 2/22/26	Adar 5, 5786
Alex Sherman	Sunday 2/22/26	Adar 5, 5786
Philip Swartz	Sunday 2/22/26	Adar 5, 5786
Jacob Kublin	Monday 2/23/26	Adar 6, 5786
Abraham Greenfield	Tuesday 2/24/26	Adar 7, 5786
Goldie Cutliff	Wednesday 2/25/26	Adar 8, 5786
Robert Borrah Goldberg (Ruben ben Moshe)	Wednesday 2/25/26	Adar 8, 5786
Ida Silver	Wednesday 2/25/26	Adar 8, 5786
Robert Warren	Wednesday 2/25/26	Adar 8, 5786
Alfred Greene	Thursday 2/26/26	Adar 9, 5786
Eleanor Karp	Thursday 2/26/26	Adar 9, 5786
David Miller	Thursday 2/26/26	Adar 9, 5786

We Remember You

Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
We Remember You.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We Remember You.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring.
We Remember You.

In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
We Remember You.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.
We Remember You.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We Remember You.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We Remember You.

When we are lost and sick of heart,
We Remember You.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
We Remember You.

As long as we live, you too shall live, for you are a part of us.
We Remember You.