



Temple Beth Sholom

June 2013 5773

Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

חזק חזק ונתחזק
Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened.



Summer (June until the end of August) and the Crazy Year Ahead

The Festival of Shavuot (great cheesecake) comes at the edge of the Summer season. Aside from Shabbat, there is only one special day from now until the High Holidays,

T'isha B'Av, the Jewish National Day of Mourning (7/15th & 16th).

As you are probably aware, the Hebrew calendar shifts from year to year compared to the secular calendar (January, February, etc.) so that Jewish holidays or yartzite dates fall on different secular dates depending on what year it happens to be.

This is because the Hebrew calendar is based on the cycles of the moon (lunar calendar) while the secular is based on the sun (solar).

Because of this constant shift, the Jewish new year coming up starts remarkably early, with Rosh HaShanah beginning in the evening of September 4th

In 2012, Rosh HaShanah began on September 16th, a "medium" shift compared to 2014, when it begins September 24th!

Besides Rosh HaShanah, Chanukah is the other Jewish holiday where "the shift" is really apparent because it is frequently lumped together with another holiday that happens to fall on December 25th.

I have seen Chanukah (cardboard menorahs) and the usual decorations in December at shopping malls.

This coming year is an example of why lumping the Festival of Lights with Christmas doesn't always work since, in 2013, Chanukah is the earliest it can possibly be: the first candle is lit on Thanksgiving Evening, November 27th (!!!), with the holiday ending on December 5th!

So, in 2013, the mall Chanukah decorations will go up just as the holiday begins (and stay up for a month after it ends)!

Anyone who gives Chanukah presents will have to begin purchasing early this year (though nowadays holiday sales begin as early as October).

As I indicated with 2014's Rosh HaShanah date, a very early shift year is usually followed by a late shift year, with the Fall Holiday schedule in 2014 not concluded until October 18th.

Regardless of when they fall out, the Jewish holidays are unique and special times that give us the opportunity to come together as a people to thank and praise the Almighty.

Have a wonderful summer!!

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Newsletter editor and webmaster

Stan Coffield

President's Corner:

My fellow congregants,

I have begun the telephone survey that I mentioned last month and the results thus far are very encouraging. Given the increased cost of operations, and the fact that it has been many years since any dues adjustment at our temple, I will be recommending at the next board meeting that individual membership be raised to \$350 per year and family membership to \$700. For those that prefer a monthly amount I will be proposing \$30 and \$60 per month respectively.

Please understand that the changes to the dues structure will not eliminate our annual deficit, but it should put us in a position where we can get to break even with a combination of fundraising and increased membership.

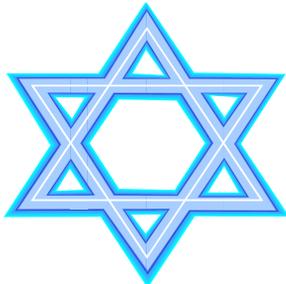
I am pleased to report that there has been a substantial rise in membership since Rabbi Elliot has been hired to lead our congregation, hopefully this trend will continue.

If there are any of you that I have not been able to contact (some of the phone numbers we have in the database are no longer valid) please feel free to email or call me.

With summer heat bearing down on our desert location, I hope that all of you that are vacationing during these months have a safe and enjoyable respite.

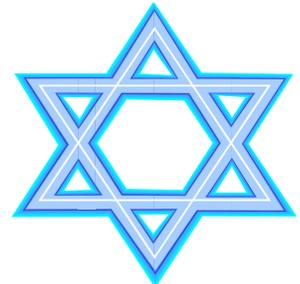
Services will continue throughout the summer, and the Rabbi and board will work to prepare for the High Holidays which, as noted in the Rabbi's article are extremely early this year.

As always, any congregation member is welcome at our monthly board meetings. I will try very hard to keep the board meetings consistently on the Last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.



I hope that each of you has a wonderful summer,

Shalom,
Stan Coffield



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INTERESTING JEWISH FACTS



Roosevelts were Jewish Dutch, arriving in NYC in 1682 (Originally name Claes Rosenvelt before name change to Nicholas Roosevelt) Sarah Delano, FDR's mother, was descended from Sephardic Jews.



Joseph Stalin was originally named Joseph David Djughashvili (translating into "son of a Jew.") All 3 of the women he married were Jewish.



Dwight Eisenhower's father was a Swedish Jew and was so identified in the West Point Yearbook of 1915.

ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW AND REMEMBER!

Fact: The first theater to be used solely for the showing of motion pictures was built by a Jew (Adolf Zukor).

Fact: The first full length sound picture, The Jazz Singer was produced by the Jewish



Samuel L. Goldwyn & Louis B. Mayer (MGM).

Fact: A Jew (Dr. Abraham Waksman) coined the term antibiotics.

Fact: The first successful operation for appendicitis was performed by a



Jewish surgeon (Dr. Simon Baruch)

Sponsors are needed for Oneg Shabat.

Oneg sponsorship requires that you supply refreshments for the congregation
or simply donate \$30.00 to buy the items.

Schedule of Upcoming services

Friday, June 14th 7:30 PM. Torah study on Saturday, June 15th 10 AM

Friday, June 28th 7:30 PM. Torah study on Saturday, June 29th 10 AM

Friday, July 12th and 26th 7:30 PM. July 13th No Saturday study

Friday, August 9th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, August 10th 10 am

Friday, August 23d 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, August 24th 10 am

Rosh HaShanah Wednesday, September 4th 7:30 pm Thursday, September 5th 9 am

Friday, September 6th 7:30 pm Shabbat T'Shuvah

Yom Kippur Friday, September 13th 6:00 pm Saturday, September 14th 10 am

Friday, September 27th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, September 28th 10 am

Friday, October 11th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, October 12th 10 am

Friday, October 25th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, October 26th 10 am

Friday, November 8th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, November 9th 10 am

Friday, November 15th 7:30 pm Hannah Goodrich Bat Mitzvah.

Saturday, November 16th 10 am Hannah Goodrich Bat Mitzvah

Friday, November 22th 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, November 23th 10 am

Friday, December 13at7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, December 14th 10 am

Friday, December 27at7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, December 28th 10 am

Our thanks for donations from the following congregants

Garry & Pam Meyers for their continued generous donations

and to Jill Fetz for the DELICIOUS home baked challahs

Our Next Board Meeting will be held June 25,

6:00pm at the Temple.

***We will attempt to have ALL board meetings on the last Tuesday of
each month***

Plan on attending, show your support of TBS Everyone is welcome