




# Temple Beth Sholom

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Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



## Jews, Food and Holidays

Each of the Jewish holidays has a special food associated with it and the upcoming Festival of Shavuot (Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 pm) is no different.

Rosh HaShana has 2 foods that are well known:

Apples dipped into honey for a sweet New Year and round challah to symbolize the ongoing Circle of Life (cue Elton's song).

Before World War 2, European Jews would serve fish heads (feh!) during the New Year festival meal since Rosh HaShana literally means "Head of the Year".

Yom Kippur has specific (usually large) meals before and after the holiday to assure that no Jew will suffer hunger while fasting.

The late Jewish comedian Buddy Hackett told how his mother served Kreplach (meat filled dumplings) Soup at the meal preceding the Day of Atonement that, like time bombs, would "explode" in the stomach all during the holiday to drive away any hunger pangs.

It is customary to eat fruits and vegetables during the Fall harvest Festival of Sukkot.

We all know about latkes (potato pancakes) and Sufganiote (jelly donuts), both made in oil, for Chanukah, to remind us of the Miracle of the Oil (after dinner cholesterol tasting is optional).

The Spring Festival of Passover has many special foods, including Maror (Bitter Herbs), Charoset (mixture of apples, nuts and wine) and, of course, Matsa (unleavened bread).

As kids, we used to have horseradish eating contests at the Seder and watch in amazement as our grandfather, z'l, would eat large amounts without choking (my dad, z'l, used to grate fresh horseradish on the porch outside for the occasion, with tears pouring down his face from the pungent odor).

We have finally come to the beginning of the Summer and the Festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Since the Jewish people had not yet received the Kosher laws at this point (which are mainly concerned with meat), it is traditional to serve dairy on Shavuot.

Cheese blintzes (Jewish crepes) with sour cream and cheesecake are two favorite dairy foods associated with Shavuot (again, after dinner cholesterol testing is an option).

Please join us as Temple Beth Sholom celebrates Shavuot:

Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 pm.

Rumor has it that cheesecake will be served.

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Newsletter editor and webmaster

Stan Coffield

## Acting President's Corner:

Dear Congregants,

First, I would like to thank my predecessor Stu Flamm for his leadership, dedication and hard work during his term in office. Stu will continue to take an active part in running the temple as this years Treasurer. In my 5 years associated with the temple, I don't think that there has ever been an acting president, but, because the election that was supposed to happen in April did not get announced, it was rescheduled for the May Board meeting which will be held May 28, 6 PM at the temple. All congregants are invited to attend. We are still seeking an congregant to fill the vice-president position.

Temple Beth Sholom faces challenges going forward, the largest of these is the financial issue. As you know we have hired Rabbi Rosenbaum, and it is indeed a blessing to have a full time Rabbi, to be able to hold services year round, and to gain from his many years of experience. The down side, of course, is that it increases the expense we incur each year.

I will be reaching out to each of the members within the next few weeks, I would like to discuss with each of you, your thoughts on fundraising, programs, and in general, the future of Temple Beth Sholom. If you would prefer to contact me, that is fine as well, send an email to [president@tbshavasus.org](mailto:president@tbshavasus.org) and we can arrange a time.

On a positive note, our temple is offering more and much higher quality programming, frequency of services has doubled, and there is an ordained Rabbi that can guide us full time. I would like to think that because of the changes made, our membership has grown in number. Hopefully the congregation will continue to increase in size, but I am not sure if that will be enough to get us out of the red.

I request that you think about this and perhaps make some notes so that when we speak, I can collect the ideas and comments presented so that your thoughts can be brought to the board for consideration.

I promise to do what I can to help the temple prosper in the coming term.

Shalom,  
Stan Coffield

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#### Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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## INTERESTING JEWISH FACTOIDS

1. Lillian Friedman married Cruz Rivera. They named their baby Geraldo Miguel Rivera (Funny, it doesn't sound Jewish.) Since, according to Jewish Law, anyone born to a Jewish mother is



Jewish, Geraldo Rivera is Jewish. As were, among others: Fiorello LaGuardia, Winston Churchill and Cary Grant, as Explained below.



2. Fiorello LaGuardia's mother's name was Jacobson. His father was not Jewish. LaGuardia spoke seven languages -- including Hebrew and Yiddish - fluently.

3. Winston Churchill's mother's name was Jenny Jerome.



4. Cary Grant's mother, Elsie, was Jewish. His father, Elias Leach, was not. Grant's

## 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.

## Upcoming services

May 10 and May 24 7:30 PM. Torah study on May 11 and May 25 10 AM  
June 14th and 28th 7:30 PM. Torah study on June 15th and 29th 10 AM  
July 12th and 26th 7:30 PM. Torah study on July 13th No Saturday study

## **Our thanks for donations from the following congregants**

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original name was Archibald Alexander Leach. (Robin Leach is his First cousin).

5. Peter Sellers' mother, Margaret Marks, was Jewish. His father, Bill Sellers, was Protestant. Peter's birth name is Richard Henry Sellers.



6. David Bowie's mother is Jewish, his father is not. One of Bowie's album covers discusses his Jewish ancestry. His birth name: David Stenton Haywood Jones.



7. Robert DeNiro's mother is Jewish; his father is not.



8. Shari Belafonte's mother is Jewish. Her father, Harry, has a Jewish Grandfather.



9. Olivia Newton John's Jewish grandfather was a Nobel Prize winning Physicist.



10. Harrison Ford's mother is Russian Jewish, his father is Irish Catholic.

***Our Next Board Meeting will be held May 28,  
Temple elections 6:00pm at the Temple.***

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