



# Temple Beth Sholom

LAKE HAVASU CITY ARIZONA

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

## The President's Corner

Talking to some Havasu residents I learned that not too many people knew where we were located or that we were an active congregation. Comments that I heard were that residents went to the Temple and found it locked and dark. Others did not know where it was located. It is obvious that we need to develop other means of advertising our temple.

I would like to propose another means of promoting Temple Beth Sholom's existence in the Lake Havasu City area. Community outreach programs are a great way to help the community and also advance our good name in Lake Havasu. A suggestion was made to have a clothing drive for the less fortunate in our area. This program would not be restricted to temple members. It would be advertised as a community event in the local newspaper, for all Lake Havasu residents. The collection point would be the temple. The point of this exercise is to acquaint people with the temple's locale. In addition we would have them bring the clothes inside the building, thus providing a glimpse of the building's interior. This will accomplish what we set out to do and that was let people know where we are and that we can be part of the community.

We have an option at this point, to either advertise that we will be giving the donated clothes away to anyone who shows up at the temple or just bring them to the nearest shelter.

There will be skeptics amongst us that do not think that this a good idea, because of the inherent issues associated with taking on this type of program. But I say to those of you, lets start doing something that will benefit the temple and our community. We need cost effective ways of promoting our presence in the community that are a win-win for Temple Beth Sholom and Lake Havasu.

Please email me at [president@TBSHAVASU.ORG](mailto:president@TBSHAVASU.ORG) and suggest ideas that will help build our temple's commitment to our community.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at services on Feb 11, 2011.



## FROM OUR STUDENT RABBI:

There are a lot of blessings in Jewish tradition. Did you know there is a blessing one should say upon seeing a rainbow? Or hearing good news? Or meeting a scholar of Torah? It seems the sages of old concocted blessings for any and every occasion. Probably the most well known blessings are the ones we say over food. The specific rules for which blessing to say over which food may seem overly-complicated, but the idea is simple: we thank God for giving us whatever is on our plate.

Not too long ago, I found myself sitting at a restaurant waiting for my meal to arrive. It had taken some time to be seated, some time for the waiter to take my order, and was taking even more time for that order to arrive. I was steadily growing more and more annoyed as the minutes ticked by. Finally, after 45 minutes of waiting, my meal was served. By then I was in a terrible mood—not to mention hungry—but paused for a moment to say the blessing: Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the earth. Upon saying those words, my entire attitude shifted. It is hard to be angry at poor service after you have thanked God for giving you sustenance. Taking the time to appreciate the gift of food is a way, for me, to remember the real blessings in my life and avoid getting upset over the minor nuisances that I too often dwell

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## **Russian General comments on future conflicts**

The commanding officer at the Russian military academy (the equivalent of a 4-star general in the U.S. ) gave a lecture on "Potential Problems and Military Strategy".

At the end of the lecture, he asked if there were any questions.

An officer stood up and asked, "Will there be a third world war? And will Russia take part in it?"

The general answered both questions, "yes".

Another officer asked, "Who will be the enemy?"

The general replied, "All indications strongly point to China ."

Everyone in the audience was shocked.

A third officer remarked, "General, we are a nation of only 150 million, compared to over 1.5 billion Chinese. Can we win at all, or even survive?"

The general answered, "Just think about this for a moment: In modern warfare, it is not the quantity of soldiers that matters but the quality of an army's capabilities.

For example, in the Middle East we have had a few wars over the past 60 years where 5 million Jews fought against 150 million Arabs, and Israel was always victorious."

After a small pause, yet another officer from the back of the auditorium asked,

"Do we have enough Jews?"

## **Temple Beth Sholom needs your PARTICIPATION**

**If you are aware of unaffiliated families, please invite them to  
Sabbath services and/or advise the board.**

**Please consider taking a more active part in running your temple.**

**Call, email or let us know at services.**

## **2010 TBS Board of Directors**

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## February Yahrzeits

Sara Jane Galst Hunt,  
William Novack,  
Judith Schneider,  
and Louis Weisberg

## PURIM is March 20

On Purim Jews celebrate how Queen Esther saved the Jews of Persia from annihilation. With costumes (tachbosot), noisemakers (raashanim), food baskets (mishloach manot), hamantashen cookies (Hamans Hats (oznay haman), a festive meal (seudat purim), and carnivals, Purim is a favorite Jewish holiday for children and adults.

### Hamantashen (Haman's Hats)

Prep Time: 20 minutes      Cook Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**

- 7 ounces (200 grams) butter
- 8 ounces (250 grams) cream cheese
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- chocolate spread, strawberry jam or apricot butter for filling
- egg, beaten
- sugar for garnish

**Preparation:**

1. In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and cream cheese together. Add sugar and vanilla, and mix until smooth. Add flour and mix lightly. Refrigerate dough for an hour or more.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Cover baking sheets with parchment paper.
3. On a floured surface, using a floured rolling pin, roll the dough to about 1/8 inch (1/3 centimeter) thickness.
4. Cut the dough into circles using the top of a drinking glass. Flour the rim of the glass if it is sticking to the dough.
5. Place each cut-out circle on the baking sheet.
6. Place 1 - 1 1/2 teaspoons of filling in the center of each circle of dough.
7. Pull up sides and pinch three corners together to form a triangular cookie with filling showing. If needed, use a drop of water to make sure the corners are pinched close tight and won't open in the oven.
9. Americans like to brush each pastry with beaten egg and sugar before baking. Israelis like to sprinkle them with confectioners sugar after they are baked. Choose whichever sweetening method works best for you.
10. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden.

## Our thanks for donations from the following congregants

Garry Meyers and to Jill Fetz for the DELICIOUS home baked challahs

Help support Temple Beth Sholom, contact Danny to purchase scrip that you can then use to purchase groceries at Smiths or Bashas supermarkets.

Dan has scrip available in various denominations, using scrip to purchase groceries is a painless way to financially benefit the temple.

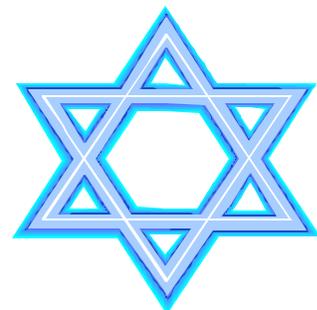
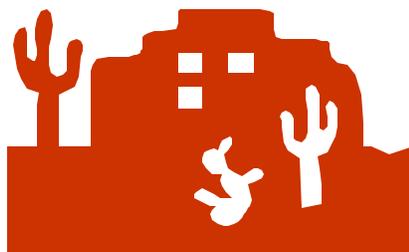
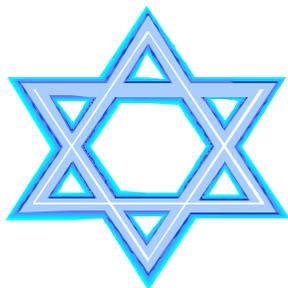
You have to eat anyway, support the temple when you buy groceries.

Contact Dan at 928-854-6972 for more information

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upon.

There are many other rationales for why we bless food, all of which are valid. Whether you say the traditional Hebrew blessings, or your own—in whatever language you choose—the blessing still counts. I think our sages were onto something in crafting so many blessings for so many occasions—we should be grateful for as many good things in our lives as possible. In doing so, we praise God for our good fortunes and focus on all that we do have, rather than on what we do not. B'shalom, Jeremy



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **Friday night Shabbat Services**

**with Rabbi Jeremy Simons**

**7:30 PM at our Temple**

**February 11**

**March 11**

**April 8 & May 13**

### ***Our Next Board Meeting is***

***Thursday March 3d***

***6:00pm at the Temple.***

***Plan on attending,***

***show your support of TBS***

***Everyone is welcome***