




# Temple Beth Sholom

February 2016 5776

Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



## Leap of Faith

If Forest Gump was Jewish, he might say: "The Jewish calendar is this whole other way of telling time".

You see, the Jewish calendar is a Lunar Calendar, based on the cycles of the moon, while the Gregorian (January, February, etc.) is a Solar calendar, based on the cycles of the sun.

Synagogues add a page of prayer to the Sabbath morning prayer services preceding the appearance of a New Moon that asks the Almighty to grant us a good, healthy month to come.

In addition, on whatever day of the week the New Moon actually appears, an extra paragraph of prayer is added that acknowledges that the day is Rosh Chodesh (Head of the Month), the beginning of a new Jewish month.

But wait, what is done about the fact that the amount of time taken by the lunar Jewish calendar year doesn't always match up to the time it takes for the earth to complete a full cycle around the sun (a year)?

Answer: we add an entire month to the yearly calendar!

The Jewish "leap year" occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle. It has 13 months instead of the usual year's 12. This is so the lunar-based Jewish year remains aligned with the solar seasons (12 lunar months make up a total of 354 days -- slightly more than 11 days short of the 365.25 day solar cycle). The added month is called "Adar I" and is inserted before the month of Adar (termed "Adar II" in leap years).

Which of course brings us to the fact that this year, 5776, just so happens to be a "leap year".

This has the effect of causing all the Jewish holidays to fall out later than usual. (Passover falls out all the way at the end of April and Rosh Hashana falls out in October!)

All the best,  
Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

## President's Corner

My fellow congregants,

Your board had been busy preparing for Purim and the Passover holidays. Look for a separate email about Pesach once plans have been finalized. Please bring a box of pasta to the Purim service to serve as a noisemaker. Pasta boxes that are left behind (and we encourage you to do so) will be donated to the local food bank.

Election of temple officers is also fast approaching, anyone interested in assisting with temple administrative tasks, please contact a board member.

Locally, the spring season is upon us, our town is full of winter visitors and many choices of outdoor activities, hope you are all enjoying all our town has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you at services this Friday.

Shalom, Stan Coffield

Temple Beth Sholom on the web [www.tbshavasu.org](http://www.tbshavasu.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## Yartzheits

Kate Kupetsky Shaw	Remembered by	David Cooper	on February	15
Louis Serota	Remembered by	Galst	on February	15
Sam Simon	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on March	4
Inge Dux	Remembered by	Peter Dux	on March	5
Rita Violet Turk	Remembered by	John Fetz	on March	6

## **Temple Beth Sholom**

**Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum**

### **2016 TBS Board of Directors**

<b>President</b>	<b>Stan Coffield</b>	<b>president@tbshavasu.org</b>
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## **HUMOR**

Moshe is walking along Broadway and sees a little tailor's shop called COHEN and O'REILLY.

Moshe goes in and talks to the typical little Jewish tailor behind the counter, telling him how impressed he is that for once the Irish and the Jews, often at one another's throats, have come together like this...

The little Jewish man seems unmoved...'You sopprized by dis!?' he asks.

'Well, yes' says Moshe, still oozing enthusiasm. 'I mean...COHEN and O'REILLY working together in the same shop. I mean, It's heartwarming!'

'Vell' says the little Jewish tailor 'Here's annuder soprize for you: I'm O'Reilly!'

## **Eye Chart**

When Izydor Epstein from Poland applied for an American driver's license he was asked to read the eye chart. The clerk pointed to the first line with the letters "P O W Z Y N S K E Y."

"Now sir," said the clerk. "Can you read this?"

"Read it?" replied Izydor, "the man used to live next-door!"

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

Andrea Coffield for her wonderful home made treats  
and to Jill Fetz for the DELICIOUS home baked challahs

### **Schedule of Upcoming services**

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: February 12- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: February 13- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: February 26- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: February 27- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: March 11- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: March 12- 10 AM

**PURIM begins evening of Wednesday, March 23 and ends evening of Thursday, March 24**  
**Purim Evening Service: Wednesday, March 23- 7:30 PM**

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: March 25- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: March 26- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat/Passover Prayers: April 8- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: April 9- 10 AM

### **PASSOVER**

**(begins in the evening (sunset 7:13 PM) of Friday, April 22 and ends in the evening of Saturday, April 30)**

**TBS Community Seder: Friday, April 22- Doors open at 6:45 PM Seder-7:15 PM**

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: May 13- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: May 14- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: May 27- 7:30 PM  
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: May 28- 10 AM

***Our Next Board Meeting will be Thursday February 25th***

***6:30pm at the Temple.***

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

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