



Temple Beth Sholom

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LAKE HAVASU CITY ARIZONA

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

The President's Corner

The beginning of a secular new year has come and gone. I hope that all of you had a safe and happy time celebrating the beginning of 2011. Temple Beth Sholom's successful future needs the congregation to be more involved. It seems that my montra has been asking for more and more participation. But I am determined to insure that this temple continues its existence in our community for many years in Lake Havasu's future.

Temple Beth Sholom has survived many setbacks in its short history. It was not physically destroyed like the first and second temples in Jewish history, but there have been forces, both outside and within our temple that have diminished the size of our congregation. It is the only cultural center for the Jewish community in Lake Havasu. Thus, each us must do what is necessary to help preserve this cultural entity. The founders built the structure and filled it with life, both young and old. Now we must continue to do it for future generations of Jews in Havasu.

The temple should have a sisterhood, a mens club, a community action and ritual committee. These actions requires that our members be more active and contribute time to enhance the temple's social network. We need to provide more that just a once a month gathering for prayer. Social activities need to be added throughout the month that will attract more people.

So why don't we start off this secular new year with a resolution to be more active in the growth of our temple and contribute more time to make our goals a reality.

Shalom




WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Donna and Duane Smith



A Sponsor is needed for our February and April Oneg Shabat.

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



Please submit any material that you would like to see in this newsletter,
or on the TBS web site to tbshavasu@gmail.com

A Rabbi's wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the Rabbi's family expanded, so would his paycheck.

After six children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the Rabbi's expanding salary.

A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the Rabbi's additional children were costing the shul, and how much more it could potentially cost.

After listening to them for about an hour, the Rabbi rose from his chair and spoke, 'Children are a gift from God and we will take as many gifts as He gives us. Silence fell on the congregation.

In the back of the shul, little old Mrs. Goldberg struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice, 'Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers.'

The entire congregation said, 'Amen!'

**Thank you to
Rabbi Charles Briskin
(Jerremys Mentor)
for his kind donation**

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.

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January Yahrzeits

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Gloria Simpson

Friday night Shabbat Services

January 21, 7:30 PM at our Temple

Tu BiSh'vat



Tu BiSh'vat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day.

The holiday is observed on the fifteenth (*tu*) of Sh'vat. This year that falls on January 19-20. Scholars believe that Tu BiSh'vat was originally an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.C.E. this holiday was a way for Jews to symbolically bind themselves to their former homeland by eating foods that could be found in Israel. In the sixteenth and seventeenth century Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu BiSh'vat similar to the Passover seder. Today, Tu BiSh'vat has also become a tree planting festival in Israel, in which both Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend.

Our thanks for donations from the following congregants

Garry Meyers

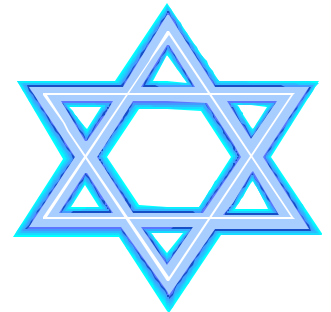
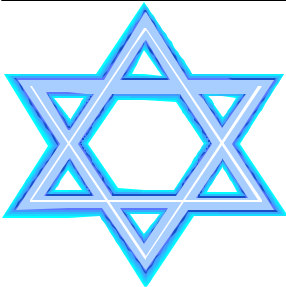
Peter and Linda Dux

Joy Simon

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 for more information



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Friday night Shabbat Services

with Rabbi Jeremy Simons
7:30 PM at our Temple

January 21

February 11 & March 11
April 8 & May 13

Our Next Board Meeting is
Thursday February 3d
6:00pm at the Temple.
Plan on attending,
show your support of TBS
Everyone is welcome