

# Temple Beth Sholom

January 2015 5775

Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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

The Torah Portion for the Shabbat of January 31st is Beshallach. This portion contains the passages which describe events as the Israelites are finally being freed by the Pharaoh of Egypt. They make their way to the Red Sea which parts to let them through and then closes to destroy the Pharaoh's army. Any doubts that the Hebrews had in their belief in G-d were ended at that point as they watched the miracles take place in front of their very eyes.

Accompanied by Moses' sister Miriam's tambourine, the people joined in a joyous song at the edge of the sea which contains words also found in our prayer books. "Mi Chamocha" ("Who is like you, O G-d") is part of the song they sang. (Hebrew words from the "Song of the Sea" are featured in the Oscar winning song, "When You Believe" from the animated film "The Prince of Egypt").

The words of this song in the Torah scroll are arranged in a distinctive pattern:

אֲדִירִים	מִי כַמּוֹכָה בְּאַלֹהִים יְהוָה	מִי
כַּמּוֹכָה זָאֵר בְּקִדְשׁ	זוֹרָא תְהִלָּת עֲשֵׂה	
פֶּלֶא	זָטִית יִמִּינְךָ תִּבְלַעְמוּ אֶרֶץ	זָזִית
בְּחֹסֶדֶךָ עִם זֶה גָּאֻלְתָּ	זָהֲלָת בְּעֶזְרְךָ אֶל זֵוֶה	
קִדְשֶׁךָ	שִׁמְעוּ עַמִּים יִרְגָזוּן	חֵיל
אֲחַזֵּךְ יִשְׁבִּי פְלִישֶׁת	אֵז זָבְהֲלוּ אֶלֹפֵי	
אֲדוֹם	אֵילֵי מוֹאָב יִאֲחָזְמוּ רֵעֵךְ	זָמְנוּ

The Shabbat of January 31<sup>st</sup> is called "Shabbat Shira" ("Sabbath of Song") because of the song that is contained in the Torah Portion.

Throughout the Jewish world Shabbat Shira is the first day of "Jewish Music Season" which continues until Yom HaAtsmaute, Israel Independence Day (usually April

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or May). Many large communities hold concerts during this season or offer special classes in Jewish music.

Here at TBS, every Shabbat is “Shabbat Shira”, a Sabbath of Song, dedicated to celebrating the Day of Rest using the spiritually uplifting power of singing and music.

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## President's Corner

My fellow congregants,

I hope that each of you had a wonderful New Year. Andrea and I were in Denver visiting family, where the outside air was minus eight degrees. I shoveled snow for the first time in six years and recall why I don't like doing that. We miss the New Year's eve Havasu snow, but were sent a slew of pictures from friends in town.

The temple has secured a short term rental for our space. Unfortunately, it is only a month, possibly two, but everything helps. If anyone is aware of a potential rental client, please let me or another board member know about it.

Look forward to seeing you at services this Friday.

Shalom,

Stan Coffield

## Yartzheits

Connie Jean Peters	Remembered by	Jill Fetz	on January	12
Gloria Simpson	Remembered by	Joy Simon	on January	13
Libby Galst Bass	Remembered by	Lester Galst	on January	14
Paul Simon	Remembered by	Joy Simon	on January	19
Maxine Bond	Remembered by	Linda Dux	on January	21
Francis Silverman	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on January	22
Irwin Schneider	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on January	25
Sara Jane Galst Hunt	Remembered by	Lester Galst	on February	4
Ruth Flamm	Remembered by	Stuart Flamm	on February	6

## HUMOR

### THE PARKING SPACE

Moishe is driving in Jerusalem. He's late for a meeting, he's looking for a parking place, and can't find one. In desperation, he turns towards heaven and says: "Lord, if you find me a parking place, I promise that I'll eat only kosher, respect Shabbos, and all the holidays."

Miraculously, a place opens up just in front of him.

He turns his face up to heaven and says, "Never mind, I found one!"

### THE MEZUZAHS

A wealthy Jewish man buys a fabulous home in Beverly Hills. He brings in a local workman to decorate the place. When the job is finished, the homeowner is delighted but realizes that he's forgotten to put mezuzahs on the doors. He goes out and buys 50 mezuzahs and asks the decorator to place them on the right hand side of each door except bathrooms and kitchens.

He's really worried that the decorator will chip the paint work or won't put them up correctly. However, when he comes back a few hours later, he sees that the job has been carried out to his entire satisfaction.

He's so pleased that he gives the decorator a bonus.

As the decorator is walking out of the door he says, "Glad you're happy with the job. By the way, I took out all the warranties in the little boxes and left them on the table for you!"

### MEAL TIME ON EL-AI

It was mealtime during a flight on El-AI.

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked Moishe.

"What are my choices?" Moishe asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

## **Temple Beth Sholom**

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#### **2014 TBS Board of Directors**

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## **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.

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

To 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: January 9- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: January 10- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: January 23- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: January 24- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: February 13- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: February 14- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: February 27- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: February 28- 10 AM

PURIM (begins in the evening of Wednesday, March 4 and ends  
in the evening of Thursday, March 5

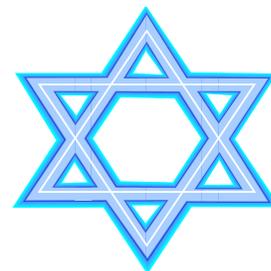
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***Our Next Board Meeting will be held January 27***

***6:30pm 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***