



Temple Beth Sholom

July 2014 5774

Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



Tisha B'Av & Vegetarianism

This year, July 15th is Tsom Tamuz, the 17th day of the Hebrew month Tamuz. On this day, approximately 2,500 years ago, and after nearly three years of siege, the Babylonian King Nebucanezer's army breached the walls of Jerusalem. Three weeks later, on the 9th of Av, (Evening of Aug. 4th through the Evening of Aug. 5th this year), the Great Temple that King Solomon had built was looted and destroyed by the Babylonian army.

To this day, the three weeks preceding the 9th of Av are observed as the saddest mourning period of the Jewish year. No Jewish weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, parties or celebrations of any kind are traditionally held during this time. Kosher caterers frequently find themselves unemployed during these weeks and take their summer vacations. Listening to music or dancing is forbidden by religiously observant Jews. No haircuts or shaving is done (the same tradition as the Shiva period of mourning after a close relative dies).

Beginning on the 1st of Av (Evening of July 27th), the mourning period becomes more intense. Observant Jews cease the eating of any meat or the drinking of wine during this time. (Meat and wine may, however, be consumed on Shabbat). These foods are symbolic of the Temple service, and are expressions of celebration.

Observant Jews: Avoid purchasing any items that bring great joy (car dealerships in Brooklyn lose business); Suspend home improvements and the planting of trees and flowers; Refrain from wearing new garments and do not swim for pleasure though showers and baths are allowed.

Then, on the 9th of Av, Jews throughout the world commemorate the destruction of the Temple with a complete fast. The rules are the same as Yom Kippur: no food or water from sundown to sundown. No leather shoes are worn, no marital relations, no perfumes or colognes, no bathing, no Torah study (learning Torah is considered a source of joy).

If the 9th of Av falls out on a Shabbat, the day of mourning is postponed and begins Saturday night until Sunday night.

In the years after the destruction of the First Temple, the rabbis of the time considered extending the ban on the eating of meat-forever! After great discourse (and, I assume, protests from carnivores) they decided that it would be impossible to ask the Jewish people to become vegetarians.

They later restricted the ban on meat to the period from the 1st to the 9th of Av.

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Newsletter editor and webmaster

Stan Coffield

President's Corner

My fellow congregants,

I was pleasantly surprised recently to receive an email from the daughter of a former congregant. It seems that her mother had included a donation to our temple in her will. Good news is always welcome, but it also caused me to reflect on the wisdom of that move. It is a way of supporting a cause that you believe in, post mortem.

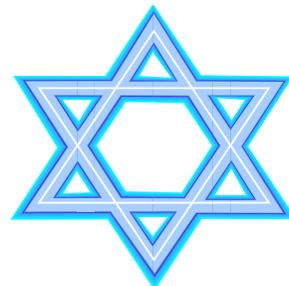
I think that it is an example that more of us should seriously consider.

Your board is preparing for the upcoming high holidays, and we look forward to celebrating with all of you again this year.

I hope that each of you is enjoying summer activities, and making the most of our proximity to the lake.

Thank you,

Shalom, Stan Coffield



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Yartzheits

July 2014

Joseph Coffield	Remembered by	Stan Coffield	on July	17
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August

Barbara Grazian	Remembered by	Laurie Feest	on August	21
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Sally Myers	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on August	30
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Jewish factoids:



Fact: In 1909, four Jews were among the 60 multi-cultural signers of the Call to the National Action, which resulted in the creation of the NAACP.

Fact: A Jew (Emile Berliner) is the man who developed the modern day phonograph. While Thomas Edison was working out a type of phonograph that used a cylinder as a record, Berliner invented a machine that would play a disc. The machine he patented was called the gramophone, and the famous RCA trademark is a picture of a dog listening to "his master's voice" on Berliner's device. The gramophone was superior to Edison's machine. In short, Emile Berliner made possible the modern record industry. His company was eventually absorbed by the Victor Talking Machine Company, now known as JVC (Japan Victor Company)



Fact: Jewish Louis B. Mayer (MGM) created the idea for the Oscar.



Fact: European Jews are the founding fathers of all the Hollywood Studios.



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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.

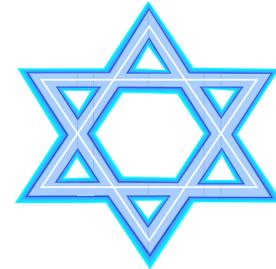
Schedule of Upcoming services

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

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

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: August 22- 7:30 PM
Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: August 23- 10 AM

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



ROSH HASHANA

(begins evening of Wednesday, September 24 and ends evening of Friday, September 26)

Rosh Hashana Evening Prayers: Wednesday, September 24- 7:30 PM

Rosh Hashana Morning Prayers: Thursday, September 25- 10 AM

SHABBAT T'SHUVA

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: September 26- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: September 27- 10 AM

YOM KIPPUR (begins Friday evening, October 3 and ends Saturday evening of , October 4)

Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur Evening Prayers: Friday, October 3- 5:45 PM

Yom Kippur Morning Prayers: Saturday, October 4- 10 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Prayers & N'illa (closing) service-Saturday, October 4- 5 PM

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

***Our Next Board Meeting will be held **MONDAY** July 28th
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