



# Temple Beth Sholom

March 2014 5774

Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



## Will the Real Month of Adar Please Stand Up

The secular year and the Jewish year differ in various ways, one of which is how to deal with the fact that a year (the time for the earth to make a complete circle around the sun) is 365 and ¼ days long.

The secular calendar adds 1 day every 4 years so it all works out (Feb. 29).

The Jewish calendar adds a whole month during a leap year!

This second month is Adar II.

So... this year we have Adar I but we do not celebrate the wonderful holiday of Purim until Adar II !

Fashteyst?

What happens when a Jewish person passes away during a leap year in Adar I or II? When do we celebrate their Yartsite (Anniversary of Death) in a normal year with only one month of Adar? (Cue “Jeopardy” music).

Time’s up !!

We combine all Yartsites that fall on Adar I or II into the one month of Adar during a non leap year.

So a Yartsite falling on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Adar I is remembered on the second day of Adar, as is a Yartsite falling on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Adar II, etc.;

## Purim

**The joyous holiday of Purim will be celebrated at TBS**

**Saturday, March 15th at 7:30 pm.**

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The worship service on Purim evening consists of a short Maariv (Evening Weekday) service followed by the reading of the Megilla Esther which tells the story of Purim. The story will be read mostly in English. The whole service lasts less than an hour.

Refreshments, including Hamantashen, will follow Purim services.

## **What is Purim?**

Purim is one of two minor Jewish festivals based upon historic events that is celebrated annually. (Chanukah is the other).

## **Why do we celebrate Purim?**

We celebrate Purim to recall the story in the Book of Esther which tells of the Jews of Persia and how they were saved from extermination. The rabbis of old stated that even if all the other holidays are abolished, Purim must remain because it tells of the dangers that can befall the Jewish people when we live in the Diaspora (outside of Israel).

## **How do we celebrate Purim?**

We celebrate Purim by:

- 1) Coming to the synagogue to hear the reading of the Book of Esther.
- 2) Giving to tzedakah (a favorite charity) or giving presents to family & friends
- 3) Eating hamantashen (3 cornered filled pastry)

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**Happy  
Purim**

### ***Jewish Proverbs:***

**The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks. Yiddish Proverb**

# Hamantashen (Haman's Hats)

Prep Time: 20 minutes      Cook Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

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

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 dough into circles using the top of a drinking glass. Flour the rim of the glass if it sticks to the dough.
5. Place each cut out circle on the baking sheet.
6. Place 1 at 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 to 25 minutes or until golden.

## President's Corner

My fellow congregants,

Your board has been busy setting up for Purim and Passover. There will be a separate email concerning Passover once details are finalized.

Judy has gift cards for Smiths and Bashas, please contact her to buy cards. The temple gets a small donation when you use these cards for your food purchases

Shalom,                      Stan Coffield

## Yartzheits

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Louis Serota	Remembered by Galst	on March 8
Inge Dux	Remembered by Peter Dux	on March 27

April. 2014

Harold Galst	Remembered by Lester Galst	on April 5
Bertha Galst	Remembered by Lester Galst	on April 7
Mary Jane May	Remembered by Jill Fetz	on April 9
Arlene Bolotin	Remembered by Andrea Coffield	on April 14

## **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, March 14 at 7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, March 15-10 am

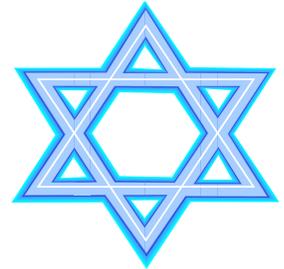
**Purim** Saturday, March 15-7:30 pm

Friday, March 28-7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, March 29-10 am

Friday, April 11-7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, April 12-10 am

Friday, April 25-7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, April 26-10 am

Friday, May 9-7:30 pm Torah study on Saturday, May 10-10 am



## **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.**

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

Garry & Pam Meyers for their continued generous donations  
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 Tuesday March 25th  
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***