




# Temple Beth Sholom

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Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



## Shavuote-The “Forgotten ” Festival

The 3 Pilgrimage Festivals, The **Shalosh Regalim** (Shalosh=3 Regalim=Legs), are the 3 Jewish holidays of **Sukkot** (Huts), **Pesach** (Passover) and **Shavuote** (Weeks) described in the Torah.

It was customary in ancient times to pack up the family and make a journey to Jerusalem on at least one of these festivals during the year.

The “Big Pomegranate” swelled in population to more than double its size on these special days as the Jewish people made their way from all over ancient Israel (as well as from Babylonia, Persia, Egypt and other Middle East Countries) to the Great Temple in Jerusalem. Visitors stayed with friends and relatives or in guesthouses or inns, and, since most people back then were farmers, they took advantage of the large crowds to sell their goods, animals or produce at market on Mondays and Thursdays.

Because of this, each of the Shalosh Regalim were well known and important festivals, not only religiously, but also economically.

However, if we fast forward to current times, one of the 3 festivals has become less well known.

Because **Shavuote** always falls out at the very end of Spring, synagogue religious schools may teach about it before they break for summer, but few are still in session to celebrate it when it occurs in the same way as the other Jewish holidays during the year. Therefore, most American Jews who attended a synagogue religious school can tell you about **Sukkot** and **Passover** (they were probably enlisted to decorate the synagogue **Sukka** and participate in practice **Seders**) but many forget about the last major festival of the year: **Shavuote**, which commemorates the giving of the **Ten Commandments** and the **Torah** at Mt. Sinai.

Here at Temple Beth Sholom, we have not forgotten about **Shavuote!**

**Please join us** on Saturday Evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm.

It is traditional to eat dairy products on **Shavuote**,

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## President's Corner

My fellow congregants,

I hope that each of you had a meaningful Passover. Our communal Seder went very well, a couple of communications issues were resolved just in time to start the Seder.

The slate proposed last month ran unopposed and the results can be seen below.

As we head into the warmer weather, and the end of the Jewish year, activity at our temple will slow, but continue through the summer months.

I hope to see many of you at the last holiday we will celebrate this year, Shavout, on May 23, at our temple at 7:30 PM

Shalom,  
Stan Coffield

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## HUMOR

A Catholic Priest, a Baptist Preacher, and a Rabbi all served as chaplains to the students of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop.

One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard - a real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and they decided to do an experiment.

They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experience.

Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling, was on crutches, and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first. 'Well,' he said, 'I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of G-d, he became as gentle as a lamb. The Bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation.'

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next.. He was in a wheelchair, had one arm and both legs in casts, and had an IV drip. In his best fire-and-brimstone oratory, he claimed, 'WELL, brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from G-d's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb.. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus..Hallelujah!

The priest and the reverend both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a full body cast and traction, with IVs and monitors running in and out of him.

He was in really bad shape.

The Rabbi looked up and said: "Looking back on it, .....circumcision might not have been the best way to start."

## **Yartzheits**

Jean Schneider	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on	May 17
Edward Dean Johnson	Remembered by	Jill Fetz	on	May 20
Ilene Aron	Remembered by	Vivien Simon	on	May 26
Dora Simon	Remembered by	Joy Simon	on	May 31
Joseph Galst	Remembered by	Lester Galst	on	May 7
Howard Hunt	Remembered by	Lester Galst	on	May 14

## **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: May 8- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: May 9- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: May 22- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: May 23- 10 AM

**SHAVUOT (begins in the evening of Saturday, May 23 and ends in the evening of Monday, May 25) Shavuot Evening Prayers: Saturday, May 23rd- 7:30 PM**

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: June 12- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: June 13- 10 AM

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

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: June 27- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: July 10- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: July 11- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: August 14- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: August 15- 10 AM

Friday Evening Shabbat Prayers: August 28- 7:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Torah Class: August 29- 10 AM

***Our Next Board Meeting will be held Thursday May 21***

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

***We will attempt to have ALL board meetings***

***on the last Thursday of each month***

***(OK, it didn't work out again this month)***

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