




# Temple Beth Sholom

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Rabbi Elliot Rosenbaum

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



## Zodiac Symbols & the Jewish Months

It is widely accepted that the zodiac signs as we know them originated in ancient Mesopotamia. The Greeks later adopted the symbols from the Babylonians and passed them on to other ancient civilizations such as the Romans, who came much later.

If the Jews received the zodiac signs from another culture, it was from the Babylonians (now Iraq).

The Zohar, the main work of the Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) correlates the 12 signs of the zodiac to the 12 Hebrew months and the 12 tribes of Israel:

<b>Nisan is Aries/Ram</b>	corresponding to Judah and the faculty of Speech.
<b>Iyar is Taurus/Bull</b>	corresponding to Issachar (Torah scholars) and the faculty of Thought.
<b>Sivan is Gemini/Twins</b>	corresponding to Zevulun (Torah supporters) and the faculty of Motion.
<b>Tamuz is Cancer/Crab</b>	corresponding to Reuven (meaning "see") and the faculty of Sight.
<b>Av is Leo/Lion</b>	corresponding to Shimon (means "hear") and the faculty of Hearing.
<b>Elul is Virgo/Virgin</b>	corresponding to Gad and the faculty of Action.
<b>Tishrei is Libra/Scales</b>	corresponding to Ephraim (fruitful) and the faculty of Marital Relations.
<b>Cheshvan is Scorpio/Scorpion</b>	corresponding to Menashe and the faculty of Smell.
<b>Kislev is Sagittarius/Archer</b>	corresponding to Benjamin (warriors) and the faculty of Sleep.
<b>Tevet is Capricorn/Goat</b>	corresponding to Dan (judge) and the faculty of Anger.
<b>Shevat is Aquarius/Water Drawer</b>	corresponding to Asher (wealth) and the faculty of Taste.
<b>Adar is Pisces/Fish</b>	corresponding to Naftali and the faculty of Laughter.

The expression "Mazel Tov" actually means "May your constellations be good". In other words: May the stars be aligned correctly so that you have good luck.

The zodiac and Judaism have a long relationship.

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## Our Torahs are in need of repair

There are repairs that must be made to our Torahs, and modifications to the rollers and covers to make them more durable and less prone to damage. The board has established a Torah Repair Fund and we would ask that you contribute what you can to this fund. Each Torah will cost approximately \$1500 to refurbish. If anyone would like to fund the repair of one or both Torahs, the cover would be embroidered with the dedication you would like.

## Presidents Corner

It is hard to imagine that the secular year is drawing to a close. Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the end of this month and it the time of the year that we get together with friends and family. As the holiday's name suggests, we give thanks for what we have and also share our good fortunes with those in need. Those abundances do not always relate to material donations, but you can give your time or your knowledge to help others. This concept of giving to others is not foreign to the Jewish religion. In fact, it is not identified with just one time during the year; it is a "mitzvah" to always give time and money to help charities. Did you plant a tree in Israel? Did you give to a charity? Did you use your knowledge or talent to assist someone needing help?

What did you do in 2012 that you can honestly say benefited others?

Would you like to start 2013 with a plan that will help others? I hope your reply is "yes"

I know a good amount of our members are retired.....which means that you do have time available.

Hopefully, the first place that comes to mind would be Temple Beth Sholom! Yes, I am asking you to step up and volunteer for one of the following committees that will need leadership or assistance.

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER LIST

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|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1.Sisterhood<br>Committee | 2. Men's Club | 3.Fund Raising Committee | 4. Welcoming |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|

Please sign up on one of the lists available at Friday Services.

Thank you for your understanding. Together we will make Temple Beth Sholom a success.

Shalom

Stuart

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#### 2012 TBS Board of Directors

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## Our thanks for donations from the following congregants

Garry Meyers for his continued generous donations  
and to Andrea Coffield for the DELICIOUS oneg

### CHANUKAH STAMPS

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards. She says to the clerk "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps please."

"What denomination?" says the clerk.

The woman says "Oy vey...my god, has it come to this?"

Okay, give me 6 orthodox, 12 conservative and 32 reform!"

### THE CITIZENSHIP TEST

Saul Epstein was taking an oral exam in his English as a Second Language class. He was asked to spell "cultivate," and he spelled it correctly.

He was then asked to use the word in a sentence, and, with a big smile, responded: "Last vinter on a very cold day, I vas waiting for a bus, but it vas too cultivate, so I took the subway home."

### THE SINKING BOAT

Two Jews, Morty and Saul, are out one afternoon on a lake when their boat starts sinking. Saul says to Morty, "So listen, Morty, you know I don't swim so well." Morty remembers how to carry another swimmer from his lifeguard class when he was just a kid, so he begins tugging Saul toward shore. After ten minutes, he begins to tire.

About 100 feet from shore, Morty asks Saul, "So Saul, do you suppose you could float alone?"

Saul replies, "Morty, this is a hell of a time to be asking for money!"



**Jewish Olympic Swimmer**



**"Now let me get this straight,  
the Arabs get the oil,  
and we have to cut off the ends of our what!"**

ROD

## **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.

Help support Temple Beth Sholom, contact David to purchase scrip that you can then  
use to purchase groceries at Smiths or Bashas supermarkets.  
David 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 David at [weisbly4@me.com](mailto:weisbly4@me.com) for more information

## **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.**

### **Schedule of services through 2012**

Friday, Nov. 9th at 7:30 PM Shabbat Service  
Friday, Nov. 23d at 7:30 PM Shabbat Service  
Friday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 PM Shabbat Service  
Friday, Dec. 28th at 7:30 PM Shabbat Service

***Our Next Board Meeting is Thursday November 8***

***6:00pm at the Temple.***

***Plan on attending, show your support of TBS***

***Everyone is welcome***