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Rabbi's Message

On the sixth and seventh of Sivan, which first occurred over 3000 years ago, we celebrate an event that would forever change the course of history. On that day, the entire Nation of Israel assembled at the foot of Mt. Sinai anticipating G-D's eternal gift of the Torah.

The Torah provided a blueprint for all human activity. This divine masterpiece was the first document to recognize the rights of ordinary people in both areas of civil and criminal law. It provided a priesthood to lead the Children of Israel in religious and cultural matters. According to our sages, the Torah represents eternal wisdom for generations.

The Holiday of Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, has many different names. They include "Chag Ha-Katzir," (the Harvest Feast) and "Yom Ha-Bikkurim," (the Day of the First Fruits). Along with Passover and Sukkot, Shavuot is one of the three pilgrim festivals when Jews throughout Israel traveled to Jerusalem for communal prayer and sacrifice. Shavuot begins on the sixth of Sivan, exactly 60 days after the first Pesach Seder. (Continued on page2.)

President's Message

The calendar suggests that it's nearly summer, but the weather sure isn't cooperating with that theory. Brrr, I'm still freezing, and even right now, while I'm writing this, it's cold and rainy… again!

May was very eventful. We celebrated with Josh Birndorf on April 30th (close enough to May), as he joined the men of the congregation with his Bar Mitzvah; CONGRATS Josh. We celebrated on May 28th, Benita Hulbert's birthday, three score and ten she said it was! And we celebrated the birth of Teagan Marie Penland on May 13th and her naming on May 28th. Mazel Tov to proud parents Rachel and Zachary as well as to Gail Hoss and Max Gordon. (Pictures of the newest congregant are posted on page 2).

Please note a couple of important items:

Add June 26th at 4:00 PM on your calendar for the annual meeting. We'll be talking about the planning that the board has been doing, adding an additional board member or two, reviewing the 2010/2011 year along with approving the 2011/2012 budget.

We've had a special challenge issued to us by Max and Glenn Gordon. They will match, up to $10,000, any contributions that we receive that are designated to the "Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund." We've received the first contribution to the fund, so we're on our way, but we'll need everyone's help to get there! What a great opportunity!

Thanks to all of you who responded and let us know your preferred method for receiving this newsletter. Hopefully I got them all correct. If for some reason you've received this by a method other than your preference, please let me know. Also, if someone comments that they've not received the newsletter, remind them that if they didn't communicate a preference, they can at any time. Copies of the current and past newsletters are posted on the Temple website at www.bethisraelsinai.org.

Lastly, count on a congregational picnic to happen in August. We know where, just not yet when… watch for details later!

Shalom y'all (I lived in Texas), Jeff

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Of Special Interest:

- Shavuot Services - Tuesday June 7 at 7:00 PM, then stay the night in preparation to "receive the Torah."
- Shavuot Services and Yizkor - Thursday June 9 at 9:45 AM.
- Annual Meeting - Sunday June 26, 2011 at 4:00PM.
- Congregational Picnic Coming in August.

Rabbi's Message Continued...

The most historically important name for Shavuot is "Zaman Matan Toratenu," the time of the giving of the Torah. NOTE, Shavuot is NOT referred to as the time of "receiving" the Torah. Our rabbis note that we are daily receiving the Torah into our lives. The more we study, the more we appreciate the blessings of the Torah. Our ancestors stayed up all night preparing themselves for G-D's greatest gift.

This year, the first night of Shavuot falls on Tuesday, June 7th. Following a short evening (continued on page 2) service beginning at 7:00 PM, we will begin our annual "All-Night" Torah marathon. Like our ancestors throughout time memorial, we again will prepare ourselves to receive the Torah into our daily lives.

Even if we do not endure the entire evening, the fact that we tried, renews our connection with Jews who lived and sometimes died because of their adherence to the Word of G-D. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Traditionally, on the first night of Shavuot, we eat only dairy foods. This symbolizes our connection to Israel as the land flowing with "milk and honey." Any congregant wishing to lead a study session or explore a particular topic is encouraged to do so.

On Thursday, June 9th, at 9:45 AM, we will have Shavuot and Yizkor services. The "Book of Ruth," symbolizing the imnportant position of converts to Judaism, will be read. Please try to schedule time to attend this important service. There will be no afternoon or evening classes on June 9th. Classes will resume on June 16th.

Marcia, Becky, Robyn, Lara, Sam, Greg and I wish you all Chag Same'ach.

See you in Shul,
Rabbi Martyn Adelberg

Reminder:

No Hebrew or Adult Education Classes on Thursday June 9th.

A Few Pictures of Teagan Marie - Mazel Tov Rachel and Zachary!

Born May 13

20 inches

7 lb. 9.8 oz.

Donations

In Memory of Herman, Helen and Bobby Kaplan
Anna Hessa

In Honor of their Aliyahs on Passover
Michael and Rosalie Slute

To the Evelyn Gordon Memorial Fund
Vicki Nelson

In Honor of Sara Levin's 94th Birthday on June 12.
Vera Ruffalo

In Memory of Sylvia Rosenzweig
Carol Schwartz

In Honor of Benita and Ruth Hulbert
Blanche and Diana Kahn

Yahrzeits

Week of May 28

David M. Kupperman	28
Isadore H. Solomon	28
Sonya Rozumoff Brill	28
Frieda Gellman	30
Bertha Gorsky	30
Henry Hornstein	31
Mark William Barshet	31
Phyllis (Peggy) Schuster	31
Ben Waisman	June 1
Helen Seft LeBrint	2
Harry Kushner	2
Jacob M. Weisman	2

Week of June 4

Saul Rosner	5
Charlotte Bakall	5
Max Brill	6
Laurence Feiges	6
Eva Wollman	7
Arthur Schwartz	10
Meyer Spracker	10
Vivian Rudolph	10
Sanford Sperer	10
Anna Streicher	10

Week of June 11

Harry Alperson	11
Gussie Sideman	12
Joseph Jacobson	13
Bertha Kahn	13
Louis Seft	13
Lillian Sklansky	13
Louis Tatelbaum	13
Stanley Donovitz	16
William Myron Gottlieb	17

Week of June 18

Evelyn S. Gordon	18
Frances Kaplan	19
Abraham Schaefer	19
Reuben Grosky	20
Maurice L. Fox	21
Frima Kassel	21
Ida Krasnow	21
Caroline Haskell	23
Jean Shovers Tepper	23
Charles Amber	23

Week of June 25

Frieda Dankwerth	25
Morris Gordon	26
Barney Silver	26
Jacob Gorsky	27
Oscar Waisman	27
Joseph Wilks	27
Joseph E. Seft	28
Harvey Silverman	28
Celia Frank	28
Sarah Shapiro	29
Kate Fox	30

Week of July 2

Katherine Silver	2
Gertrude Kiselow	3
Mamie Faber	5
Louis Rosenberg	5
Ruth Dingfelder	6
Minnie Grant	6
Mynette Davis	8
Frank Hoffman	8
Cherna Shovers	8
Tillie Hornstein	8

A Tidbit From Recent Israeli History
(Iyar 26 - June 4th)

Israeli Defense Forces Capture Golan Heights (1967)

Until the Six Day War, the Syrian army was deployed in strong fortifications on the Golan Heights, from which they repeatedly shelled the Israeli settlements below. On the fifth day of the war, the Israeli Army broke through the Syrian front. Facing very difficult topographical conditions, they scaled the steep and rugged Heights. The Engineering Corps cleared the way of mines, followed by bulldozers which leveled a route for the tanks on the rocky face. After a more than 24 hours of heavy fighting, the Syrian deployment collapsed and the Syrian forces fled in retreat.

June Shabbat Candle Lighting Schedule

Fri., June 3	8:06 PM	Fri., June 10	8:10 PM
Fri., June 17	8:13 PM	Fri., June 25	8:15 PM

Sisterhood

Your Sisterhood contributions are used to enrich community life at Beth Israel Sinai in many ways, such as providing food and beverages for the onegs after services, flowers during the High Holidays, and by assisting with the community Seder and other special events held at the synagogue.

You can also honor life cycle events, family birthdays or anniversaries, or any special occasions by sponsoring an oneg on the Shabbat of your choice.

For more information or to reserve your oneg date, contact Rita Collen at 262-752-0223 or via email: rcollen@soaringeagleconsulting.com.

May Contributions:
Ruth Hulbert sponsored the May 28th oneg in honor of her daughter Benita's birthday. Thank you, Ruth, and our warmest birthday wishes to Benita!

Sisterhood Chairs: Jane Brosseau & Rita Collen

Hadassah

Hadassah gratefully accepts any donations. Please remember Hadassah and its many good works and projects when considering making charitable contributions.

Thank you.
Sarah Levin 886-9331
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Cards $5
Shares $10
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Trees (JNF) Certificates $18

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Join us for the Annual Meeting

4:00 PM on Sunday June 26, 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	*2 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class*	*3*	*4 Services 9:45AM*
5	*6*	*7 Shavuot Services 7:00PM*	*8*	*9 Shavuot Services 9:45AM followed by Yizkor.* ***NO*** *Hebrew or Adult Ed.*	*10*	*11 Services 9:45AM*
12	*13*	*14*	*15*	*16 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class*	*17*	*18 Services 9:45AM*
19	*20*	*21*	*22*	*23 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class*	*24*	*25 Services 9:45AM*
26 Annual Meeting 4:00PM	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30 Hebrew & Adult Ed. Class*	*1*	*2 Services 9:45AM*