



Shavuot begins June 3, 2014

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Since the counting of this period (sefirat ha-omer) begins on the second evening of Pesach, Shavuot takes place exactly 50 days after the (first) seder. Hence, following the Greek word for “fifty,” Shavuot is also referred to sometimes as Pentecost. Although its origins are to be found in an ancient grain harvest festival, Shavuot has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.



History

Shavuot combines two major religious observances. First is the grain harvest of the early summer. Second is the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai seven weeks after the

exodus from Egypt. The first determines the ritual for the holiday, which was one of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, when Israelite males were commanded to appear before God in Jerusalem, bringing offerings of the first fruits of their harvest. The second determines the significance of the holiday for Judaism, tying it in with the seminal event of Jewish religious memory, namely the entering into a covenant between God and Israel, exemplified by Israel’s assumption of Divine law.

At Home

Since Shavuot is an ancient pilgrimage holiday, it is not surprising that its ritual focuses on the community. Nonetheless, there are a number of customs associated with personal practice. Chief among them is the eating of dairy products on Shavuot. Although the reasons for this custom are not completely clear, it has become traditional to eat milk and cheese products as part of the celebration of Shavuot.

In the Community

Much of the observance of the holiday centers on the synagogue and its rituals. The special readings for the holiday include medieval poems (piyyutim) and the Book

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from the Congregation President...



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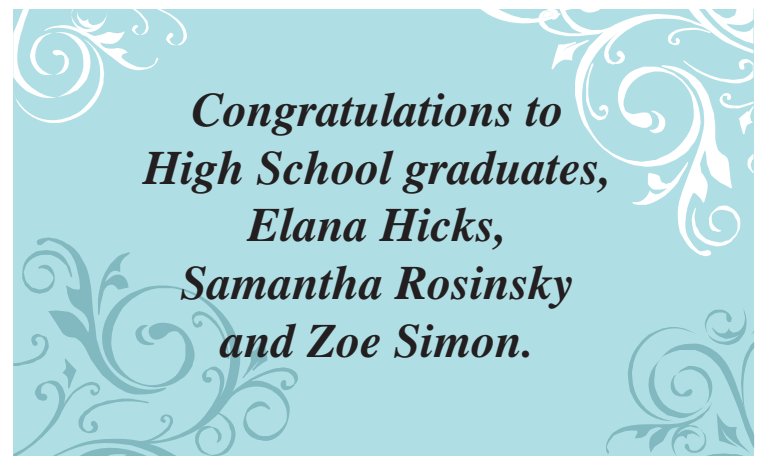
As we all know, our congregation is small.. Your Temple officers and Board members are working hard to keep our services and activities moving and improving. The fact of the matter is that often maintaining such a level is quite challenging. We need

YOU! Yes, I understand that many of us have committed our time and personal effort to sustaining our Jewish life here in Sioux Falls.

Unlike living in a big city, where it’s easy to be Jewish (several Temples to choose from, large community activities and services, ease of obtaining ritual foods when needed, etc.), here in Sioux Falls, one needs to be pro-active in order to maintain one’s Jewish beliefs and traditions.

So, what I ask is that each of you consider contributing a small amount of your time to assist with some Temple activity; for example, a family dinner, volunteer to help host an oneg; say yes when asked to help out on a committee, make suggestions for changing/improving services, etc. Our Temple, in a sense, is also our Jewish community center. We need everyone in our small Jewish community to contribute...even just a little...of their time to keep us going strong. I welcome all concerns/comments/suggestions.

*All the best,
Bernice*





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Visiting Groups to the Temple

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TIDINGS DEADLINE IS MAY 10th

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the SUMMER (June, July & August) *Tidings*.

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of Ruth. A number of reasons are given for the inclusion of the latter. Among them are that the book takes place at the time of the barley harvest, that Ruth's assumption of Naomi's religion reflects the Israelites' acceptance of the Torah at Sinai, and that King David, who is alleged to have died at this time of year according to rabbinic tradition, is mentioned at the end of Ruth. Another tradition is to participate in a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an all-night study session marking the holiday. And finally, Shavuot is one of the holidays on which both Hallel, the Psalms of Praise, is recited and Yizkor, the memorial service, is observed.

Themes and Theology

By associating an ancient holiday of the grain harvest with the exodus from Egypt, Jewish tradition has imbued Shavuot with religious significance derived from the foundational event in Jewish historical consciousness. In the specific case of Shavuot, this takes the form of the entering into a covenant or formal agreement between God and Israel at Mount Sinai. This is a joyous time, since it is the moment at which God and Israel entered into a figurative marriage with each other, the hopeful springtime of their relationship.

Dairy Foods

Why is it customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot? Some derive the practice directly from scripture, saying we eat dairy to symbolize the "land flowing with milk and honey" promised to the Israelites, or that "milk and honey are under your tongue" (Song of Songs 4:11). Try this custom out this year—Shavuot begins at sunset on June 3 and ends on the evening of June 5.

BLINTZES

Blintzes are of Hungarian origin. Pancakes of every kind with various fillings, called "palacsinta," are common in Hungary. This one was adopted as a specialty of Shavuot, when it is customary to eat dairy dishes. It is a magnificent sweet and one of my favorites.

Ingredients

For the Pancakes:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 Tablespoon oil plus more for greasing the pan

For the Filling:

- 3 egg yolks
- A few drops of vanilla extract (optional)
- 3/4 cup currants or raisins
soaked in a little rum for 1/2 hour (optional)
- 2-3 Tablespoons melted unsalted butter
- Confectioners' sugar to sprinkle on (optional)
- 1 lb curd cheese
- 1/2 lb cream cheese
- 1/2 cup or more sugar, to taste
- zest of 1 and 1/2 lemons
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon to sprinkle on (optional)
- Sour cream to pass around

YIELD: Makes 12





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated. </div>				1 Rosh Chodesh Iyar	2 (Iyar 3) 8:11 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Emor Lev 21:1-24:23 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31	3 10 am Torah Study
4	5 Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) Mitch Bernstein Bday	6 Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Henrietta Kopel Bday	7 Gretchen Hegna Bday	8	9 (Iyar 10) 8:19 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: B'har Lev 25:1-26:2 Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27	10 10 am Torah Study Tidings deadline for SUMMER bulletin
11	12	13	14	15 Larry & Anita Bierman Anniv, Sara Crosby Bday	16 (Iyar 17) 8:27 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: B'chukotai Lev 26:3-27:34 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14	17 10 am Torah Study
18 Lag B'Omer	19 Matilda Oppenheimer Bday	20	21 Bill & Barbara Pitts Anniv	22	23 (Iyar 24) 8:34 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: B;midbar Num 1:1-4:20 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22	24 10 am Torah Study Jill Storm Bday
25	26 Dawn Gutnik Bday	27 Jaina Greene Bday	28	29 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Barbara Pitts Bday	30 (Sivan 2) 8:41 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Naso Num 4:21-7:89 Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25	31 10 am Torah Study Roz Bryner Bday



Yahrzeits

All Yahrzeits that are observed Sunday through Saturday are read the Friday of that same week. If a Yahrzeit is not listed or you need information concerning Yahrzeits, please call Jan Forstein at 332-3354. A Yahrzeit card and envelope will be sent to you to notify you of upcoming Yahrzeits. (If you do not receive your notification, please contact Jan.) Also included with the notification card is a donor envelope if you wish to make a donation to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

May 2nd

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Etta Margulies
Nathan Koplow

May 9th

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Sam Robinson
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Louis A Horwitz
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Bernie Eirenbeg
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May 16th

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Edna Hiatt
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May 23rd

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Harry Sigelman
Louis Luskey
Louis Cohen
Max Stein
Erna Broder
John Agrant
Lauren Forstein

May 30th

Billie Lewis
Bernice Stern
Elsie Shapiro
Edwin Livingston
Rachel Light
Uryon Davidsohn
Mark David Kohn
Carolyn Bochnik
Mollie Aaronson

June 6th

Mamye Light
Arthur Goldstein
Ethel Kaufman



Mt. Zion Congregation ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 11th
7:00 p.m.

Temple Social Hall

One vote per family unit

All members are encouraged to attend

*Officers and Board of Directors will be elected!
Annual reports will be given!
2014 - 2015 budget to be presented!*