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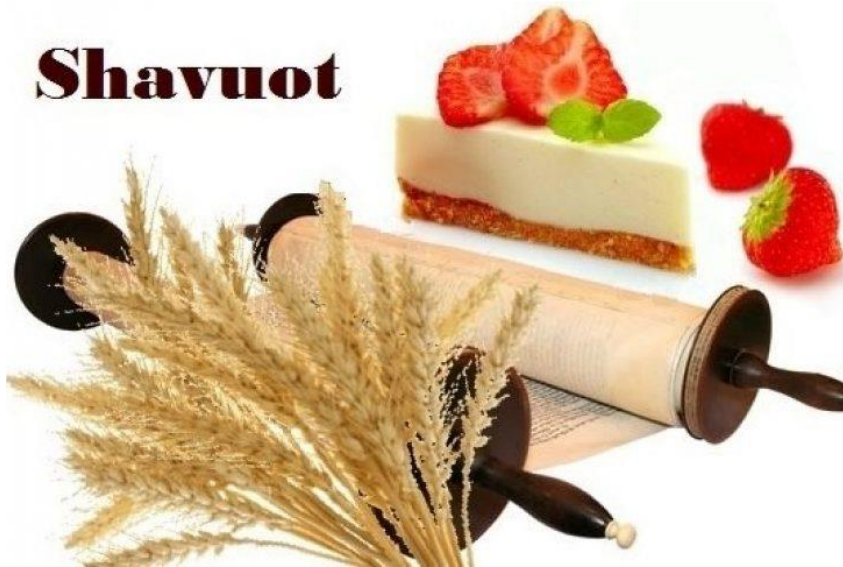
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Shavuot



25 May 2023 – 27 May 2023

From the President



President Richard

The past couple of months brought some very memorable events to Temple Beth Elohim. Our *Pesach Seder* was attended by more than 30 members. All signed up in advance and pledged to contribute a dish, bottle or dessert. The contributions were

generous. Anyone who was hoping to take a sample home was not disappointed.

Two of our *Shabbat* services were led by special guests. In March, Robin Shuler led us in prayer using her talents as a guitarist and vocalist. Her knowledge of Judaic studies were both educational and entertaining. In April, Rabbi Scott Weiner led services. That evening we also hosted our annual visit from the Confirmation Class of Belin Memorial Methodist Church (Murrells Inlet). Their studies include comparative religions. Rabbi Scott connected with these young people as they enthusiastically participated in the service and anxiously put forth questions about the rituals they were witnessing. The

photo below shows the class in the sanctuary after services. Rabbi Scott gave the students the opportunity to view the *Torah* up close while he explained how it is made and what it contains.

Temple Beth Elohim is very fortunate to have Robin and Rabbi Scott on board.

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Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen



Ritual Scholar
Suzan

The festival of *Shavuot* is observed on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of *Sivan*, which, this year, begins at sundown on Thursday, 25 May and ends at nightfall on Saturday 27 May. *Shavuot* is one of the three pilgrimage festivals that is ordained by the *Torah*. *Shavuot* is the season of the wheat harvest in Israel. In ancient times, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness (Jerimiah 5:24; Deuteronomy 16:9-11; Isaiah 9:2). It began with the harvesting of the barley during Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at *Shavuot*. *Shavuot* was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest, just as the eighth day

of *Sukkot* was the concluding festival of the fruit harvest.

The word *Shavu'ot* is the only biblically ordained holiday that has no specific laws attached to its observance other than usual festival requirements of abstaining from creative work. Because there's little specific ritual associated with the holiday, *Shavuot* doesn't get a lot of attention. While we are encouraged to eat dairy foods, the tradition of staying up all night to study *Torah* doesn't have the same allure as gathering with family and friends to share a Passover *seder*. Even the *Torah* isn't much help. The book of Exodus provides plenty of detail about the battle of wills between Moses and Pharaoh, not to mention the drama of the Ten Plagues. But the de-

scription of the journey between leaving Egypt and arriving in Sinai is a slog, with the people bemoaning their hardships and complaining about the monotony of manna.

But if the Passover was the act of leaving, *Shavu'ot* was the time arriving – not at the final destination of the land of milk and honey that was promised, but at a place of everlasting significance. It was at Sinai that the Hebrew people met their God; were given instruction by their God; and received assurances that God would lead them and protect them wherever they traveled.

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Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers.



Susan & Brian Berry

Richard Horowitz

Dick Rosen



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Rabbi Scott Weiner

The rabbi is scheduled to lead another *Shabbat* service and morning class, Friday evening, 06/02 and Saturday morning 06/03.

Arrangements for Rabbi Weiner are made possible through THE ALWYN O. GOLDSTEIN MEMORIAL SHABBAT FUND.

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Let us pray for the restoration of health of

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grandson of Carrol Sallas

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SHAVUOT

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So really, the period from Passover to *Shavu'ot* is a time of great transformation. The counting of the *Omer* reminds us of the important connection between Passover and *Shavu'ot*: Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the *Torah* on *Shavu'ot* redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality. It is noteworthy that the holiday is called the.

time of the **giving** of the *Torah*, rather than the time of the receiving of the *Torah*. The sages point out that we are constantly in the process of receiving the *Torah*, that we receive it every day, but it was first given at this time. Thus, it is the giving, not the receiving, that makes this holiday significant.

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Book of Ruth and Shavuot

The Five *Megillot* – five books from the Hebrew Bible – are traditionally read in synagogue on various Jewish holidays. Of these, the *Book of Ruth* is read on *Shavuot*.

- Shavuot is harvest time (Exodus 23:16), and the events of *Book of Ruth* occur at harvest time
- Because *Shavuot* is traditionally cited as the day of the giving of the *Torah*, the entry of the entire Jewish people into the covenant of the *Torah* is a major theme of the day. Ruth's conversion to Judaism, and consequent entry into the covenant, is described in the book. This theme accordingly resonates with other themes of the day.
- King David (Ruth's descendant, whose genealogy appears at the end of the *Book of Ruth*) was traditionally born and died on *Shavuot*.
- The *gematria* (numerical value) of Ruth is 606. Added to the *Seven Laws of Noah*, the total equals the **613 commandments** in the *Torah*.
- Another central theme of the book is *hesed* (loving-kindness), a major theme of the *Torah*.



Ruth in Boaz's Field by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld
Oil on canvas, 1828
National Gallery, London



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23 Henry L. Levkoff	uncle of Susan Berry
24 Rae Zelesnick	grandmother of Craig Lieberman
26 Louis Bodian	member Temple Beth Elohim
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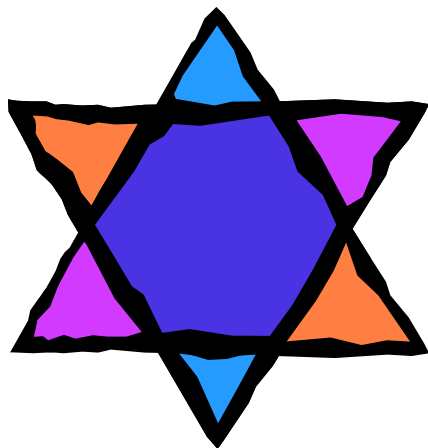
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