

President's Message



Shalom Aleichem, members! I am the current president of B'nai Shalom, grateful to those who elected me and to my Heavenly Father for His love and care. This issue of The New Shofar restores a wonderful tradition of providing our members with important articles, historical remembrances and Jewish jokes! In our 47th year we endeavor to uphold the tradition that B'nai Shalom has established We offer a place where Jewish Mormons, other Mormons and interested friends can enjoy Jewish food, music and dance, and listen to a wonderful speaker in an atmosphere of fellowship and peace. Please come and partake of what we offer. We love our members and look forward to meeting them at our gathering. Marlena Tanya Muchnick-Baker, President

The Abrahamic Covenant promises...

Hebrews will be brought out of Egypt and redeemed
The Lord is the god of Abraham's seed
Eternal increase through baptism with authority
A Savior through David's lineage is their heritage
Abraham's mortal posterity will inherit the land of Israel
Descendants will be numerous as the stars and sand upon the seashore

This covenant was unconditional. In Genesis 12 the promises are laid out:

God will make Abraham a great nation. He will bless him and make his name great. He will have innumerable descendants and be a father of many nations This covenant will be established forever. Circumcision is the sign of the covenant which was established through the line of Isaac/Jacob. Abraham's seed will overcome its enemies He was given an eternal land grant from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates.

From the Hebrews...

Mary, mother of Jesus, was descended from the Hebrew people
Jesus' Hebrew name Yeshua means "One who makes free"

The Hebrew people created the writings that have become the Old Testament and the Pearl of Great Price

The ancient prophets and original quorum of Seventy were Hebrews

Many Book of Mormon prophets were Hebrews

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Jewish - Mormon Connections

Essential Contributions of the Jews

- Dead Sea Scrolls
- Line of priesthood authority/Levitical priesthood
- Solomon's temple
- Belief in one Heavenly Father/Mother
- Sacramental ceremonies
- Laying on of hands
- Torah scrolls/Oral Talmud
- Urim and Thummin
- Knowledge of a Mashiach
- Shulhan Aruch



Eternal Truths Restored by Jesus Christ—Yeshua

The Holy Ghost

The Godhead

The Plan of Salvation

Temple proxy work for living and dead

Sealing power

Marriage covenant

Personal revelation

Additional sacred scriptures

Major and minor prophets were Hebrew

They saw our day

Isaiah was quoted in Book of Mormon

Prophet Joseph deemed Book of Abraham to be holy scripture

The family is central to both religions

Torah commands us to honor our parents

Proclamation of the Family – LDS

Role of women revered as wives and mothers first

Judaism – women have deep understanding

LDS – Women commanded to live lives of personal purity, devotion

A Page From the History of B'nai Shalom

Elissa Molling's remembrance of the April 4, 1975 meeting.

She was the secretary and took the following notes:

Get together that Friday night at 7:30 pm. Ron Zeidner presiding. A table was set up for membership in the foyer and they had a guest list.

Sherm Young was president. He worked under LeGrand Richards with the Jewish people but he was not a Jewish convert. He knew he was supposed to be at the Lion House to help Elissa's husband, Al Molling and he helped convert him. The song playing: The Spirit of God. Cleon Skousen baptized Al. They were in San Jose with the Know Your Religion series. They were talking about the Six-Day war in Israel and there was a spiritual connection. Al walked up to Cleon to shake his hand and said "If any man can convert me, that man can." Cleon gave Elissa a book for Al.

Al had a dream that he was fighting to see the prophet, David O. McKay. He dreamt he went to the BYU classroom. Br. Skousen introduced him to the class. He said "Here is the instigator". They became friends and Cleon baptized him. Elissa bore her testimony.

Rose Marie Reid was also an influence. It was Conference time and they were at Reid's home. Al Molling came back from Conference and said he knew that Jesus is the Messiah. He stayed until he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and he gave his testimony at that time in front of the people at the Deseret Industries devotional. He was baptized at the Tabernacle in Salt Lake in their baptistry.

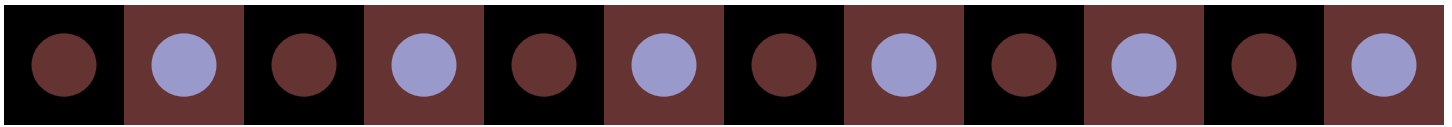
Elissa's husband was a counselor. Sherm was the president. Al spoke about the mayor of Dublin who said he was an Irishman by choice and Sherm said he was a Jew by choice.

Roger Hall spoke of Reinhold Niebuhr (American theologian, ethicist, professor). He taught the Prophet Joseph Smith Hebrew. He wrote the song "Come thou Glorious Day of Promise." His posterity extended over 6,000 people including Hugh and Reid Nibley. Ken Dyal letter: Former congressman from California. He had many experiences with the Jewish people including rabbis. He shared the Stick of Joseph with them.

Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives.

Ed Pinegar, President of the Seventy at that time, told group that President Kimball had "turned the keys for the missionary work to go forth to the house of Judah. He read Doctrine and Covenants 31. President Tuttle was First Counselor to the Seventy. He said President Kimball said it is time we did something about the Jews. Keys turned. Missionaries going forth. We Thank Thee, O God for a Prophet was the closing song. Elliott Landau gave the closing prayer.

Elections at that time: Max Yospe—first Jewish bishop in SLC. Ron Zeidner and Harry Glick elected. In cultural hall there was dancing and singing.



The Best Jewish Jokes

"Rabbi! What a Surprise"

A rabbi who's been leading a congregation for many years is upset by the fact that he's never been able to eat pork. So he devises a plan whereby he flies to a remote tropical island and checks into a hotel. He immediately gets himself a table at the finest restaurant and orders the most expensive pork dish on the menu.

As he's eagerly waiting for it to be served, he hears his name called from across the restaurant. He looks up to see 10 of his loyal congregants approaching. His luck, they'd chosen the same time to visit the same remote location.

Just at that moment the waiter comes out with a huge silver tray carrying a whole roasted pig with an apple in its mouth. The rabbi looks up sheepishly at his congregants and says, "Wow, you order an apple in this place and look how it's served!"

Jewish Food

Latkes

A pancake-like structure not to be confused with anything the House of Pancakes would put out. In a latke, the oil is in the pancake. It is made with potatoes, onion, egg and matzo meal. Latkes can be eaten with apple sauce but NEVER with maple syrup. There is a rumor that in the time of the Maccabees they lit a latke by mistake... and it burned for eight days. What is certain is you will have heartburn for the same amount of time.

Matzoh

The Egyptian's revenge for leaving slavery. It consists of a simple mix of flour and water—no eggs or flavor at all. When made well, it could actually taste like cardboard. Its redeeming value is that it does fill you up and stays with you for a long time. However, it is recommended that you eat a few prunes soon after.

Gefilte Fish

A few years ago, I had problems with my filter in my fish pond and a few of them got rather stuck and mangled. My son (5) looked at them and commented "is this why we call it 'GeFiltered Fish?'" Originally it was a carp stuffed with a minced fish and vegetable mixture. Today it usually is comprised of small fish balls eaten with horseradish (chrain) which is judged on its relative strength in bringing tears to your eyes at 100 paces.

Excerpt from: Elder Orson Hyde's Letter—His Prayer of Dedication on the Mount of Olives

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 22, 1841

DEAR BROTHER PRATT:

--- A few minutes now offer for me to write, and I improve them in writing to you.

I have only time to say that I have seen Jerusalem precisely according to the vision which I had. I saw no one with me in the vision; and although Elder Page was appointed to accompany me there, yet I found myself there alone.

The Lord knows that I have had a hard time, and suffered much, but I have great reason to thank Him that I enjoy good health at present, and have a prospect before me of soon going to a civilized country, where I shall see no more turbans or camels. The heat is most oppressive, and has been all through Syria.

I have not time to tell you how many days I have been at sea, without food, or how many snails I have eaten; but if I had had plenty of them, I should have done very well. All this is contained in a former letter to you written from Jaffa.

I have been at Cairo, on the Nile, because I could not get a passage direct. Syria is in a dreadful state - a war of extermination is going on between the Druses and Catholics. At the time I was at Beyroot, a battle was fought in the mountains of Lebanon, near that place, and about 800 killed. Robberies, thefts and murders are daily being committed. It is no uncommon thing to find persons in the streets without heads. An English officer, in going from St. Jean D'Acre to Beyroot, found ten persons murdered in the street, and was himself taken prisoner, but was rescued by the timely interference of the pasha. The particulars of all these things are contained in a former letter.

"O Thou! who art from everlasting to everlasting, eternally and unchangeably the same, even the God who rules in the heavens above, and controls the destinies of men on the earth, wilt Thou not condescend, through thine infinite goodness and royal favor, to listen to the prayer of Thy servant which he this day offers up unto Thee in the name of Thy holy child Jesus, upon this land, where the Son of Righteousness set in blood, and thine Anointed One expired...

"and grace to endure all things for Thy name's sake, until the end shall come, when all the Saints shall rest in peace.

"Now, O Lord! Thy servant has been obedient to the heavenly vision which Thou gavest him in his native land; and under the shadow of Thine outstretched arm, he has safely arrived in this place to dedicate and consecrate this land unto Thee, for the gathering together of Judah's scattered remnants, according to the predictions of the holy Prophets -- for the building up of Jerusalem again after it has been trodden down by the Gentiles so long, and for rearing a Temple in honor of Thy name. Everlasting thanks be ascribed unto Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast preserved Thy servant from the dangers of the seas, and from the plague and pestilence which have caused the land to mourn. The violence of man has also been restrained, and Thy providential care by night and by day has been exercised over Thine unworthy servant. Accept, therefore, O Lord, the

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"O Thou, Who didst covenant with Abraham, Thy friend, and who didst renew that covenant with Isaac, and confirm the same with Jacob with an oath, that Thou wouldst not only give them this land for an everlasting inheritance, but that Thou wouldst also remember their seed forever. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have long since closed their eyes in death, and made the grave their mansion. Their children are scattered and dispersed abroad among the nations of the Gentiles like sheep that have no shepherd, and are still looking forward for the fulfillment of those promises which Thou didst make concerning them; and even this land, which once poured forth nature's richest bounty, and flowed, as it were, with milk and honey, has, to a certain extent, been smitten with barrenness and sterility since it drank from murderous hands the blood of Him who never sinned.

Be pleased, O Lord, to forgive all the follies, weaknesses, vanities, and sins of Thy servant, and the evil, and a heart to choose the good; give him fortitude to bear up under trying and adverse circumstances, strengthen him to resist all future temptations. Give him prudence and discernment that he may avoid ...

"Let that nation or that people who shall take an active part in behalf of Abraham's children, and in the raising up of Jerusalem, find favor in Thy sight. Let not their enemies prevail against them, neither let pestilence or famine overcome them, but let the glory of Israel overshadow them, and the power of the Highest protect them; while that nation or kingdom that will not serve Thee in this glorious work must perish, according to Thy word --- Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

"Though Thy servant is now far from his home, and from the land bedewed with his earliest tear, yet he remembers, O Lord, his friend: who are there, and family, whom for Thy sake he has left. Though poverty and privation be our earthly lot, yet ah! do Thou richly endow us with an inheritance where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

"The hands that have fed, clothed, or shown favor unto the family of Thy servant in his absence, or that shall hereafter do so, let them not lose their reward, but let a special blessing rest upon them, and in Thy kingdom let them have an inheritance when Thou shalt come to be glorified in this society...

"Do Thou arise in the majesty of Thy strength, and make bare Thine arm in behalf of Thy

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people. Redress their wrongs, and turn their sorrow into joy. Pour the spirit of light and knowledge, grace and wisdom, into the hearts of her Prophets, and clothe her Priests with salvation. Let light and knowledge march forth through the empire of darkness, and may the honest in heart flow to their standard, and join in the march to go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

"Let a peculiar blessing rest upon the Presidency of Thy Church, for at them are the arrows of the enemy directed. Be Thou to them a sun and a shield, their strong tower and hiding place; and in the time of distress or danger be Thou near to deliver. Also the quorum of the Twelve, do Thou be pleased to stand by them for Thou knowest the obstacles which they have to encounter, the temptations to which they are exposed, and the privations which they must suffer. Give us, [the Twelve] therefore, strength according to our day, and help us to bear a faithful testimony of Jesus and His Gospel, to finish with fidelity and honor the work which Thou hast given us to do, and then give us a place in Thy glorious kingdom. And let this blessing rest upon every faithful officer and member in Thy Church. And all the glory and honor will we ascribe unto God and the Lamb forever and ever. Amen."

The Best Jewish Jokes

Son-In-Law

Mr. Shwatz goes to meet his new son-in-law to be, Sol.

He says to Sol (who is very religious), "So nu, tell me Sol my boy what do you do?"

"I study the Torah," he replies.

"But Sol, you are going to marry my daughter, how are going to feed and house her?"

"No problem," says Sol, "I study Torah and it says God will provide."

"But you will have children, how will you educate them?" asks Mr. Schwartz.

"No problem," says Sol, "I study Torah and it says God will provide."

Mr. Schwartz goes home and Mrs. Schwartz, his wife, anxiously asks what Sol is like.

"Well," says Mr. Schwartz, "he's a lovely boy, I only just met him and he already thinks I'm God."

A Yearning From Across the Veil

by **Nancy Goldberg Hilton ***

I write this message to the Jewish members of B'nai Shalom.

My name is Nancy Goldberg Hilton. I was born and raised in a Jewish home. In 1992 I experienced a miracle from God and knew in an instant that God lives and his son is Jesus Christ. After a four year search, I was led to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized on 30 May 1996.

Before I was baptized, I received a brief explanation of the purpose of a modern temple. After I joined the Church, to my wonder and delight, I learned much more about our LDS temples and their purpose. I was ready to ask for permission from my Bishop so that I could enter the House of the Lord to receive my endowments. *“The Temple ‘endowment’ gives me knowledge about my eternal journey and limitless possibilities and progress which a just and loving Father in Heaven can provide for his children whom he made in his own image – for the whole family.”*

On May 30, 1997, exactly one year after my baptism, I went to the temple and received my own Endowment. I felt like an ancient Israelite walking into a true temple of God. For me, this was the fulfillment of all the ages of what my ancestors celebrated so long ago with Moses. My mind felt at peace. I could feel the Spirit of the Lord first surround then comfort me. I was now part of his great and eternal work and knew that his temple was essential and sacred. I knew that this was truly the Lord’s house on the earth and I felt his spirit dwelling there.

I walked into the Lord’s house thinking about not only my salvation, but that of my ancestors who died long ago without the gospel. How many of them now yearned for the same opportunity that I had. How many of those precious souls had also received and understood the knowledge of Jesus Christ in the spirit world? How many had studied the same gospel that I had on the earth and accepted it? **How could I help them now?**

Why was this important to a Jewish girl and the Jewish people?

Because the modern temple is the fulfillment of God’s covenant with us, the House of Israel, the power of Elijah to seal on earth and in the heaven was given to our living Prophet who ordains special men in the Church with the authority to unite families forever in our temples. I understood that we could progress beyond this world into the Celestial Kingdom where our families would continue together for eternity. I loved this doctrine. It was more fully explained to me as follows: *“As touching Abraham and his seed, out of the world they should continue; both in the world and out of the world should they continue [giving birth to spirit children] as innumerable as the stars; or, if ye were to count the sand upon the seashore ye could not number them.” (Doctrine and Covenants 132:30).*

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The hearts of the children were turning to their fathers and the fathers to the children (Malachi 4:5-6). Our deceased ancestors' spirits still live and they reached out to us to be joined together as an eternal family. What greater joy could there be than to be sealed together as fathers, mothers and children in all our generations?

As I walked the halls of the temple I could feel not only the spirit of the Lord, I could also understand many plain and precious truths that had been lost, but now have become clear to my mind. It was like taking a university course and gaining an advanced degree in spirituality. Each time I would go to the temple, I gained more understanding. I felt a yearning for the welfare of my ancestors and knew that I was responsible for finding their names so that we could be bound together as an eternal family by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ.

I often wondered why I am so blessed to be a member of the Lord's Church and have the opportunity to do this marvelous work in his holy Temple. I found the following quote from Apostle Melvin J. Ballard. I realized that I had an eternal link to my deceased ancestors.

Missionary work on the earth. Because of Elijah's mission, missionaries are led to descendants of those who have accepted the gospel in the spirit world. Elder Melvin J. Ballard observed: "It was made known to me that it is because the righteous dead who have received the Gospel in the spirit world are exercising themselves, and in answers to their prayers, elders of the Church are sent to the homes of their posterity so that the Gospel might be taught to them, and that a descendant in the flesh is then privileged to do the work for these dead kindred. I want to say to you that it is with greater intensity that the hearts of the fathers and mothers in the spirit world are turned to their children now in the flesh than that our hearts are turned to them."

Likely through their righteous prayers and petitions to our Heavenly Father, my miracle occurred and I joined his Church to do their Temple work. They actually brought the gospel to me. In 1998, I sold my business and home and moved to Salt Lake City to do my first LDS Senior Mission in the Family History Library. I wanted to learn how to do genealogy for my ancestors then do their Temple work. I have been working in this field ever since. I hope you will allow me to teach you how to do your own ancestral work so that you can participate in this glorious future for you and your ancestors.

* Nancy Goldberg Hilton is the author of:

"My Miracle from God" her autobiography describing her conversion from Judaism to the Lord Jesus Christ

"God's Wake-Up Call", 71 short stories, each with a moral. (www.hiltonbooks.com).

Teachings of Presidents of the Church, David O McKay, pg 126.

YAHVEH – Heavenly Father’s Personal Name

The **name** of God is *YAHVEH*. That is **his personal name**. All other references to God refer to his **titles**. The word *Adonai* means *master* or *lord*. This is one of his titles, not his personal name. He is called *Elohenu*, meaning God. That is, again, another title, not his personal name. It does not fully describe his true nature.

Some of the other names for Heavenly Father: El Shaddai (God Almighty, supplier of our needs), Yahveh Sholom (God of peace), and God, our provider (Jahweh Jireh), among many others.

Heavenly Father tells us in the Hebrew bible about himself. Yahveh is the transliteration of the **Tetragrammaton**, the Hebrew characters that make up his personal, sacred name. He wants us to know who he is **as a person** – and that will lead us to the realization of what **we must become** to be like him. We need to know and understand his personal name: **YAHVEH** (a breathy sound). He gives us the information in many scriptural accounts, including these:

YAHVEH is (*savlanoo*) patient, (*leesbol*) suffering, slow to anger (Nahum 1:3, Neh 9:17)

YAHVEH (*ma kodosh*), our sanctifier. He sets us apart, makes us clean (Lev 20:7,8)

YAHVEH is (*rahoom*) compassionate, full of (*rakham*) mercy, (*emet*) truth, (*tsedek*), righteousness (Psalms 85:10, 92:2-3)

YAHVEH is (*kheseed*) or (*chanun*) full of graciousness (John 1:14)

YAHVEH is the (*gefen*) wine of (*khai*) life. (John 15:1)

YAHVEH is (*neetskhee*) one eternal god, unlimited in power, (*ahavot*) love (Ima 11:44)

Yeshua – Jesus Christ - is YAHVEH incarnate in the flesh. (D&C 93:11)

Jewish Holidays in 2014

March 15-16	Purim
April 14-22	Passover
May 18	Lag B'Omer
June 3-5	Shavuot
Sept 24-26	Rosh Ha Shonah
Oct 3-4	Yom Kippur
Oct 8-15	Sukkot
Oct 15-17	Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
Dec 16-24	Chanukah



***Harry Howard—Trailblazer in the Church
1919-74***

Jew & Mormon?

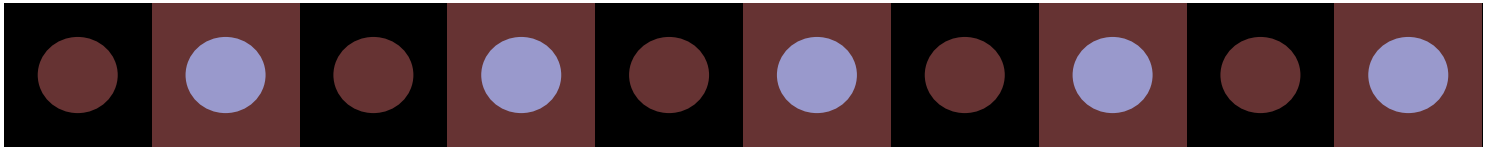
Blocky, sandy-haired Harry Howard, 40, general manager of a Los Angeles machinery company, is president of San Gabriel Valley Lodge 1710 of B'nai B'rith. the national Jewish benevolent association. Last week he filed an appeal with B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge headquarters in Phoenix. Ariz. to prevent his expulsion. The ground for the proposed ouster: Harry Howard is an elder of the Mormon Church: therefore he is not a Jew.

Mormon Howard contends that there is no reason why he cannot be both. He is still a Jew, he says, even though he practices very little orthodox Judaism. And the Mormons, who claim to be descended primarily from the tribe of Joseph. are themselves Israelites. "My tribe, the tribe of Judah, is so fraught with internal disorder that I merely decided to walk across the street and live with my in-laws — the tribe of Joseph. Mormonism is a continuation of Judaism: all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Mormons are Israelites, too. The Jews are always claiming that Moses was the greatest Jew of them all. He wasn't a Jew at all. He wasn't a member of the tribe of Judah — he was a member of the tribe of Levi."

Said Reform Rabbi Ephraim Einhorn of Temple City. Calif., who began the move for Howard's expulsion "*Even though Harry Howard may personally believe that he can be a Jew and a Mormon at the same time, the fact remains that the Mormons give Jesus Christ divine status, and this destroys the indivisible status of God in which we Jews believe.*"

From Time Magazine November 16, 1959 article





B'nai Shalom, Children of Peace, Org.

Mission Statement 2013

Affiliation with B'nai Shalom is open to all members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and others interested in promoting the objectives of the organization, whether or not such persons are of Jewish ancestry.

We believe in the gathering of Israel and the fulfillment of ancient covenants as described in the Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 29; that it is an ensign proclaiming the gospel of salvation.

Objectives of this organization shall be carried on within the framework of existing LDS programs, and are as follows:

- A. To promote the faith, activity and spirituality of Jewish members, Mormons and other interested people who hold membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- B. To encourage interest in genealogical work by members of the Church of Jewish ancestry, and to develop a program to assist with the resolution of problems of research peculiar to Jewish heritage through use of genealogical research and available Church programs and organizations.
- C. To promote assimilation and understanding of Jewish culture, traditions and attitudes between Mormons and Jews through media, educational outreach programs, firesides and other spiritual activities.
- D. To engage in other spiritually based activities appropriate to carrying out all objectives of the organization.

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This organization has no affiliation with the Church, does not represent the Church, receives no support from the Church, is not sanctioned by the Church in any way; therefore, its actions cannot be attributed to the Church.

No Officer, Director, or member shall proselytize or act in any way that may be construed as having the purpose of proselytizing of descendants of Abraham in the State of Israel.

