

**SHEVUOTH STARTS MAY 31, YIZKOR JUNE 2, 11 A.M.**

Dan Goldfarb, President of Temple Beth Shalom announced that the lovely two-day Shevuoth festival will be celebrated in traditional fashion in the Main Sanctuary, 1600 E. Oakey Boulevard. The holiday begins at sundown on Thursday, May 31st and ends at sundown, Saturday, June 2nd. Services will be held in accordance with the following schedule.

Thursday evening, May 31st - 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday morning, June 1st - 9:00 a.m.  
 Friday evening, June 1st - 8:00 p.m.  
 Saturday morning, June 2nd - 9:00 a.m.

The Yizkor Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning during the services, at approximately 11:00 a.m. In Jewish tradition, Shevuoth has its chief significance as the day of the Giving of the Law, the day on which the Jewish people received the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. The Holiday is also called Pentecost, from the Greek, meaning "50," since the holiday occurs exactly 50 days after Passover. Shevuoth is also known

as the "Festival of Harvest" and the "Festival of First Fruits." It was at this time of year, in days of old, that Jewish families went on a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing with them the offerings of their barley harvest and the first fruits of their orchards.

Services at the Temple will be conducted and officiated by Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Congregation.

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**RUSSIANS ON THE WAY TO LAS VEGAS**

By Mickey Meyers, Volunteer, JFSA

A few years ago, we saw a very funny movie with the title "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming."

Yes, a handful of Russians are coming, but by no means is this meant to be funny. The Jewish Family Service Agency, under the direction of Alan Morger, you and I, must make them feel welcome.

The Soviet Union is finally allowing Jews to leave Russia. Leave they will, all of their money and valuables. They will be allowed to take with them a few meager possessions,

crated in oversize cartons in order that the Soviets can overcharge them for shipping. Of the utmost importance is that they CAN leave.

These people, who must stand in line to select a loaf of bread, go to another line to pay for it, come back and stand in line again to pick up their bread and then repeat the same process for meat and produce, etc., are coming to a land that is entirely alien to them. We must be patient, understanding and realistic about what we may consider to be obnoxious behavior. Our community has made a commitment to house, feed, teach them English, find employment and befriend these people.

Long before the Russian immigrants arrive, the Jewish Family Service Agency will be working to pave the way for them. Apartments must be found, jobs inquired about, furniture and other necessities sought.

The Jewish Family Agency needs your help to accomplish these tasks. We have three months to help these people become Americanized and self sufficient as these are the expectations of them and our community. please call 732-0304.

**EL ARISH TO TRANSFER BACK TO EGYPT**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Preparations to transfer El Arish back to Egypt went into high gear May 13 as high level Egyptian and Israeli delegations met there to discuss further the mechanics of the transfer that is due to take place later this month.

The Israeli army will evacuate the northern Sinai town May 25 and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt will meet there May 27 to formally conclude the transfer.

Meanwhile, an Egyptian triad convoy arrived in the town May 13 carrying communications equipment and equipment for the transfer ceremonies. One of the first projects will be the installation of direct telephone lines to Cairo. Residents are painting their houses for the ceremonies and constructing 10-foot high "Victory Gates" superimposed with photographs of Sadat. Egyptian flags are flying everywhere.

Begin and Sadat are scheduled to fly from El Arish to Beer-sheba and from there to Ben Gurion Airport where they will board Sadat's plane for a flight to Cairo.



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