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JULY—INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th. A day earlier,

John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: “The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.” Adams prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

It is noteworthy that most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, and that both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only 2 men who signed the document and then became president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the United States.



FAMILY DAY BARBECUE

The B'nai Brith Family Day Barbecue took place on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

The evening temperature was high, however Igor persevered and barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers. Thank you Igor.

Salads were served along with a variety of condiments which enhanced the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Juicy sweet watermelon was served for dessert along with a variety of soft drinks.

I want to thank Mitch for providing us with the food, Festus for delivering the food to the building, Igor for cooking the food and all of the women who helped with the set up and clean up. Thank you Carolyn and Bryna for all your help as well.

Leona

