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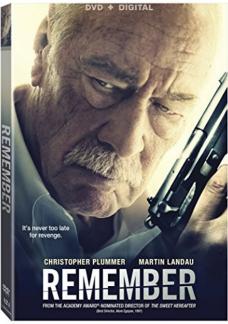
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Rabbi Tracee Rosen

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SAVE THE DATE 2018 JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL JANUARY 27, JANUARY 28, JANUARY 29 AT 6:30 P.M.

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From Our President 2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE;

"A NEW YEARS' MESSAGE TO ALL"

Don't worry. G-D is always on time, trust him.

How beautiful is it to find someone who asks for nothing but your company?

Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it. Right is right, even if no one is doing it.

When G-D gives you a new beginning, don't repeat the old mistake.

Having a soft heart in a cruel world is courage, not weakness.

Life was much easier when apple and blackberry were just fruits.

Always keep your head up, because if it's down you won't be able to see the blessings that have been placed in your life.

Be a source of joy to people, and let the critics and haters complain about the world.

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

The things you take for granted, someone else is praying for.

Let us all try to do as many of these inspirational quotes as we can.

Let's take a look back of some of the events of 2017.

Almost a year ago, Beth Emeth was so worried about how we were going to survive without a permanent rabbi. Then, we realized that there was this wonderful rabbi right under our noses. A rabbi that everyone was drawn too. A scholar, teacher, mensch, and someone who would look to the future, not back at the past.

A year ago, we were so worried that our membership had declined so much. Yes, that is correct. Many of our members left us for various reasons, and we will remember and wish them well. As of this December, we have gotten several new members who expressed their wishes to help, and we are grateful for them. We are fortunate to have some old valued members returning to our beloved Beth Emeth. I wish to welcome them back with open arms.

A year ago, our spirits were shattered, many did not know our future, neither did I. We worked hard at getting a most perfect board. They are energetic, informative, and ready to tackle anything that is thrown their way.

Let's have a positive attitude for 2018. This year, we will have at least one Sunday program a month.

Rabbi Rosen's lectures will be held every other Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30.

Sisterhood will have great programs, plus game day, paid up luncheon, join in and bring a friend.

Men's club will continue to have their semi-annual Hot Dog Day, something everyone looks forward too.

So, keep coming to services, minyans, programs, socials, lectures, holidays, and support our gift shop.

Shalom, Marilyn Newberg









From Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Chanukah is a time when we celebrate miracles. The miracle that a small band of poorly armed and poorly trained guerilla fighters could hold back the mighty Assyrian/Greek army. The miracle of the recapture and reclamation of Jerusalem, and of course, the miracle of the tiny cruse of oil lasting for 8 full days in the menorah, when they rededicated the Temple.

In fact, for all 8 days of Chanukah, we recite a special blessing of thanks for the miracles. After we say the candle-lighting blessing, I'hadlik ner shel Chanukah, we add the blessing, she -asah nisim lavoteynu bayamim haheym bazman hazeh, Praised are You God, who did miracles for our ancestors in those days at this season. Usually, under the Jewish rules of saying blessings, we ought to only recite this blessing on the first night, since we are relating to a single event (a set amount of oil burned miraculously). But the rabbis of old insisted that we recite the blessing for miracles each night, because each extra day that the oil lasted was a separate miracle in itself.

If that's the case, argued my teacher, Rabbi Harold Schulweis,z"l, then perhaps we shouldn't say the miracle blessing on the first night, because there was enough oil for one day, so it wasn't a miracle that the menorah stayed lit that first day. In his argument, the miracle of the oil only started on night two, when the menorah by rights should have flickered out.

Instead, Rabbi Schulweis explained, we say the blessing for miracles on the first night, not because of the oil, but because of the faith of the Jews, who decided against logical reasoning to light the menorah anyway. That, he said, was the greater miracle.

The Jews of the Chanukah period did their best to clean and purify the Temple after reclaiming it from the Greeks. They were ready to resume service to God, but one small (important) detail had been overlooked. The people were gathered to celebrate, and they had a choice: send everyone home and say, "come back in a week." Or make that leap of faith. They were bold, faced an uncertain future, and lit the lamps anyway. It paid off for them, and gave us, their descendants an inspirational holiday, as well.

So it is with us. We are planners and procrastinators. Before we take a bold act in our lives, we want to make sure that everything is perfectly under control, and if we can't control all the details, then we will delay, reconsider, or cancel the changes in our lives that could lead to real growth and transformation. Instead, sometimes we need to take our own leap of faith, to commit ourselves to an uncertain future, and believe with all our hearts that it will turn out alright.

As we remember the Temple of old, we are reminded that our own synagogue is in need of lights and air conditioning and a new parking lot... I respectfully ask that as you take your own leaps of faith this year, you show faith in Beth Emeth by supporting our congregation by becoming members, paying your dues in a timely way, and/or making an extra year-end tax-deductible contribution.

Wishing you and all whom you love an enlightening Chanukah and a blessed 2018.

PHOENIX CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

MAKE THE KIDS SMILE

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND SEND SOME CUTE, NEW STUFFED ANIMALS TO THE CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL. NOT TOO LARGE NO BIGGER THAN 16" PER HOSPITAL REQUEST, NOT FROM THE DOLLAR STORES, NEW, FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

I collect stuffed animals during the year, so I can give several at the holiday season. Bob & I will make a "run" down to PCH, so all you have to do is donate one, two or more. To make it more festive, wrap and put a note into the bag. I know that any child will love receiving something from us "gramma's and poppys".

Thanks, Marilyn





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Here is a fortune cookie that I recently received.

IDEAS NOT COUPLED WITH ACTION, NEVER BECOME BIGGER THAN THE BRAIN CELLS THEY OCCUPIED!!!

Marilyn



Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo tov, ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik neir shel Chan-nu-kah.

Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she -a-sa ni-sim las-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zah.

Ba-ruch ata, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-chya-nu ve-ki-ya-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu las-manha-zeh.

Hanukkah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. Although it is a late addition to the Jewish liturgical calendar, the eight-day festival of Hanukkah has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

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Historical Origins of Hanukkah

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Beginning in 167 BCE, the Jews of Judea rose up in revolt against the oppression of King Antiochus IV Epiphanes of the Seleucid Empire. The military leader of the first phase of the revolt was Judah the Maccabee, the eldest son of the priest Mattityahu (Mattathias). In the autumn of 164, Judah and his followers were able to capture the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been turned into a pagan shrine. They cleansed it and rededicated it to Israel's God. This event was observed in an eight-day celebration, which was patterned on Sukkot, the autumn festival of huts. Much later rabbinic tradition ascribes the length of the festival to a miraculous small amount of oil that burned for eight days.

How to Celebrate Hanukkah at Home

Much of the activity of Hanukkah takes place at home. Central to the holiday is the lighting of the hanukkiah or menorah, an eight-branched candelabrum to which one candle is added on each night of the holiday until it is ablaze with light on the eighth night. In commemoration of the legendary cruse of oil, it is traditional to eat foods fried in oil. The most familiar Hanukkah foods are the European (Ashkenazi) potato pancakes, or latkes, and the Israeli favorite, jelly donuts, or sufganiyot. The tradition developed in Europe to give small amounts of money as well as nuts and raisins to children at this time. Under the influence of Christmas, which takes place around the same time of year, Hanukkah has evolved into the central gift-giving holiday in the Jewish calendar in the Western world.







<u>COME ON AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS. IT COULD BE</u> <u>YOUR LUCKY DAY.</u>

The Men's Club is now planning to host a Casino Bus Trip to a local Casino. Ladies are invited to join us for a fun afternoon. We are hoping to get lots of people. Please call your friends and neighbors to

join us for a fun day.

Please call Sandy at Beth Emeth Office if you are interested. Further details coming.





WE HAVE A GOAL. OUR GOAL IS THE BETH EMETH PARKING LOT. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We have a goal to resurface the parking lot. Maybe you are a long lost cousin to Mark Zuckerberg, or Jared Kushner, or know someone who can be a part of helping us reach that goal. Hanukah is coming, presents will be exchanged.......PUT US ON YOUR LIST. We don't need an I-phone, crystal glasses, or a new car. Just a nice clean parking lot will do. Solicitation letters are available to give or send to someone whom you think might help.....Marilyn Newberg



Come Help Beth Emeth Celebrate Our 30th Anniversary and the 100th Birthday of Max Gimpel

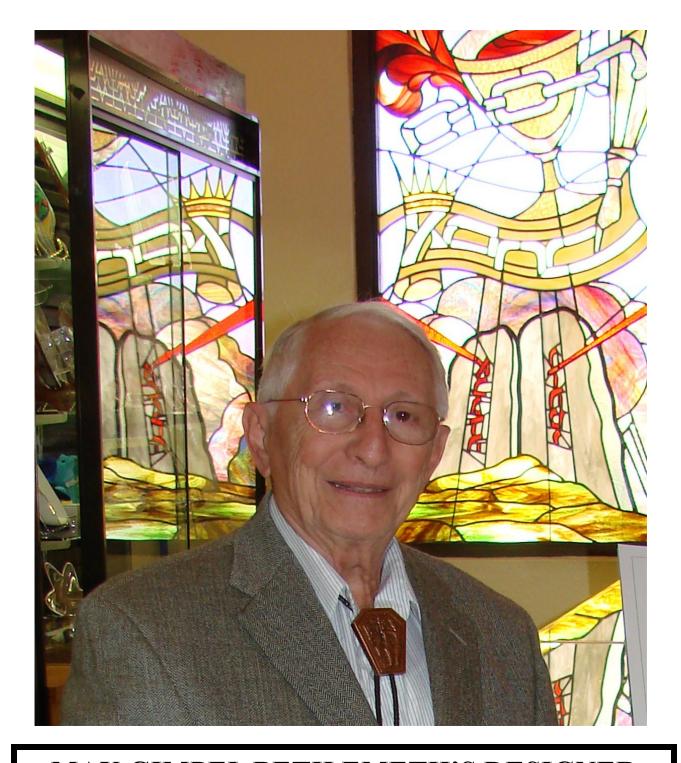


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- Ask the Rabbi your personal questions
- Hear a presentation on Max Gimpel's Life and his other Artistic accomplishments
- Lear about Beth Emeth's Story/History
- Take home a booklet keepsake with the information
- Enjoy Cake and Ice Cream in Celebration

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018 2:00 P.M

Program is free and open to the public. We hope that attendees and others not able to attend will help us keep Max's legacy to our community alive by making a donation in Max's honor in one of the following categories: Foundational \$180, Sponsor level \$ 100, Supporter level at \$ 54 or a personal tribute at amount of your choice. All donations are greatly appreciated.

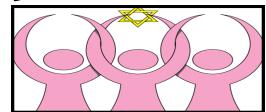


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SISTERHOOD







SISTERHOOD CALENDAR 2017—2018

Our Board Meetings will now be held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:15 AM. NOTE THIS IS A NEW TIME

All Sisterhood Membership Meetings are usually held the second <u>Thursday of the month</u> Please mark the dates of the Sisterhood Meetings. Any woman who has joined Beth Emeth Congregation since March 2017 is a member of Sisterhood until Dec. 2017.

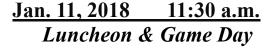
Sisterhood Board Meetings are open to all.

All Welcome

Dec. 14, 2017 1:00 p.m

Trivia Pursuit A fun day





Feb. 8 2018 1:00 p.m.
Stretch with Ketzi

Mar. 8 2018 11:30 a.m.
Paid-up Membership Luncheon Program TBA

May 10, 2018 1:00 PM
Ice Cream Social Program TBA



OH HANUKKAH! OH HANUKKAH!

Everyone come on over!!!

Be at Beth Emeth Congregation at 2 p.m.

You'll gather round the table, we'll give you a treat.

A dreidel to play with and latkes to eat..



Please join us at 2 p.m. on December 17th for our 2017 Hanukkah Party

Each person please bring a new nongendered wrapped gift (at least \$10.00 per person in value, something that you yourself would like to receive) for a holiday gift exchange.

Call the Beth







Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY December 2017

- 3 Solomon Kantor
- 4 Judith Koven
- 24 Florence Rothschild
- 28 Sarah Klein



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY & MANY MORE BLESSINGS

- 26 Nelson & Kathryn Magedman
- 30 Eugene & Geri Cooper



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A million thanks for all that you do. Thank you kindly for your donations and support for Beth Emeth Congregation and also toward the Parking Lot Fund.

Donations



Rosemary Abrami
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Celia Weissbuch

WISHING YOU ALLA VERY HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR! THIS YEAR WILL BE A GREAT YEAR WITH YOUR HELP AND PRAYERS. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER.



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Susan Burstein
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Norma Weintraub



THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL WEST VALLEY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL **JANUARY 27th, 28th & 29th, 2018**

The Thirteenth Annual West Valley Jewish Film Festival will be held on January 27th, 28th & 29th, 2018 at Beth Emeth Congregation. Tickets for each film are \$12.00 if purchased at the door. Tickets bought in advance are \$10.00 per film or three films for \$27.00. The three films to be shown are "The Pickle Recipe", "Remember" and "Arranged". There will be moments of LAUGHTER, SURPRISE AND WARMTH. We hope that these films will bring you enjoyment.



This heartwarming comedy is about Joey a well known party emcee who is a single father heavily in debt. In dire need of money for his daughter's upcoming bat mitzvah, Joey turns to Uncle Morty. Morty agrees to loan the money on one condition. Joey steals his grandmother's closely guarded pickle recipe which she vows to take to her grave. This movie shows ethnic backgrounds don't matter. It is family recipes and food past down through generations that feed our souls and connect us to each other.

"Remember" a revenge thriller tells the story of Zev a 90 year old Holocaust survivor with dementia who sets out on a crosscontinental road trip to find and bring justice to the Nazi SS guard REMEMBER who destroyed his family. He learns that immediately after the war the guard escaped Germany and has been living in the U.S. under an assumed identity. What follows is a story with surprising conseauences.





"Arranged" is a story about two young women — Rochel an Orthodox Jew, and Nasira a devout Muslim — who meet and become friends as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn. Over the course of the year they learn that they share much in common, not least of which is that they are both going through arranged marriages.

A brief commentary of each film will precede its screening, and complimentary refreshments will be served after each screening. For additional information, please call 623-584-7210.

There are many ways to show your support of the Thirteenth Annual West Valley Jewish Film Festival. Please consider becoming a DONORand thank you!
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: \$500.00 Festival EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS will receive three sets of tickets to each film. Their names will be prominently placed in all advertising and printed materials and will be announced at the beginning of each evening's screening. Their names will be highlighted in the Festival Program. Their printed materials will be available to all attendees.
PRODUCER: \$400.00 Festival PRODUCERS will receive two sets of tickets to each film. Their names will be prominently placed in all advertising, and their printed materials will be available to all attendees. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program and announced at each evening's screening.
DIRECTOR: \$300.00 Festival DIRECTORS will receive one set of tickets to each film. Their names will be listed in all advertising and in the Festival Program. Their printed materials will be available to all attendees.
SCREENWRITER: \$100.00 Festival SCREENWRITER will receive two tickets to film or films of choice. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.
ACTOR: \$50.00 Festival ACTOR will receive one ticket to film of choice. Their names will be listed under "Sponsor" in the Festival Program.
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Please make your check payable to Beth Emeth Congregation and mail to:

Jewish Film Festival Committee Beth Emeth Congregation 13702 West Meeker Boulevard Sun City West, AZ 85375

For additional information, please call Irene Lehrer (623-505-3103).

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley is a recognized 501C3 non-profit organization.

SAVE THE DATE

February 4, 2018 Vino & Canvas Painting Party
Come to a painting party. All supplies are included.

February 25, 2018 Purim Carnival

March 4, 2018 "The Children of Willesden Lane" A beautiful book. Lisa Jura, a young Jewish girl living in Vienna, dreamed that one day she would become a concert pianist.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FILM FESTIVAL ON JANUARY, 27th, 28th & 29th . PLEASE COME AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS. CALL IRENE LEHRER AT 623-505-3103.

Beth Emeth Judaica Shop

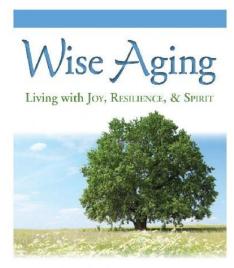
vour help

Do you like to be the first? The Judaica Shop is looking for a volunteer or two to join our team. You will be the first to see our new merchandise. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet and meet new people as they come into Beth Emeth. If you have an interest in working with us please call Sandy in the office at 623 584-7210.

Barbara Newman

"Old age is not a defeat, but a victory, not a punishment but a privilege. The test of a people is how it behaves toward the old . . . man's potential for change and growth is much greater than we are willing to admit and old age (can) be regarded not as the age of stagnation but as the age of opportunities for inner growth."

- Abraham Joshua Heschel



Rabbi Rachel Cowan & Dr. Linda Thal

We are proud to bring WISE AGING to our community!

Explore the tools and resources to age wisely through the lens of Jewish wisdom. Learn positive ways to navigate the transition to your next chapter on life's journey and find meaning and joy in a post-retirement identity.

Based on the book, "Wise Aging", by Rabbi Rachel Cowen and Dr. Linda Thal, and with trained facilitators, this series of interactive discussions offers opportunities for meaningful conversations.

Prior participant comments:

"I looked at my legacy and life with new eyes and it gives me a source of pleasure";

"I see myself as a contributor, as a whole person"

"We've know each other for 25 years, but not like this."

Wise Aging groups are forming now in the West Valley, facilitated by Rabbi Tracee Rosen.

Introductory four sessions will be held bi-weekly from November 3 through December 15. If the participants want, the group will continue meeting throughout the year. (This group is designed for full-year residents. If you are interested in forming a group for "snow birds," please contact Rabbi Rosen directly).

Dates: November 3, 17, December 1, 15 (First and third Fridays of the month), 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$60 for four sessions. Participants must also purchase the *Wise Aging* book (shown above)

ahead of the first meeting.

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For more information, contact Rabbi Tracee Rosen at rabbitracee@gmail.com or register on-line at www.bjephoenix.org

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CALENDAR OF REGULAR EVENTS

(EXCEPTIONS DO HAPPEN, SO PLEASE CHECK)

- Executive Meeting 1st Friday of each month At 9:30 am
- Board Meeting -3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am
- Sisterhood Board
 Meeting 1st Thursday
 of each month at 9:30
 am
- Minyan

Mondays & Thursdays - 8:00 am

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Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

Ellie Schwartzberg of Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) offers individual counseling, referral to appropriate resources and advocacy to Jewish people living in the Sun Cities and surrounding communities.

This is a free program underwritten by the Jewish Federation. Ellie has a Master's degree in counseling from ASU and has been at JFCS for the past 32 years working with an older population. She is currently the Vice President of Geriatric Services at JFCS. Ellie offers this program at the Sun

- Cities Community Services Building on Tuesdays (9451 N. 99th Ave. Sun City) and at Beth Emeth Synagogue (13702 W. Meeker, Sun City West) on Thursdays. Counseling addresses such issues as coping with bereavement and loss, care-giving stress, long term planning and decision making, adjustment to chronic health problems, loss of independence, depression, couples' issues, com-
- munication and problem solving with adult children, etc.

Ellie facilitates a Bereavement Support Group at Beth Emeth Congregation every Thursday from 1:00-2:00 PM. This group is open to anyone who has lost a spouse or significant other within the past two years.

Please call Ellie Schwartzberg at 602-452-4660 for more information or to make an appointment.



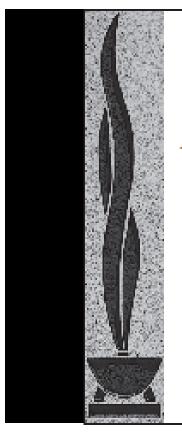
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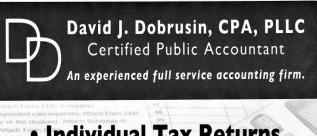


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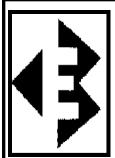
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December 2017

13 Kislev 5778 - 13 Tevet 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Executive Board 10:30 a.m. Services 6:30 p.m.	Services 9:00 a.m.
					13 Kislev	14 Kislev
3	4 Minyan 8:00 a.m.	5	Congregation Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	7 Minyan 8:00 a.m. Sisterhood Board Mtg. 9:15 a.m. Rabbi's Class 10:30 a.m.	8 Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. Services 6:30 p.m.	9 Services 9:00 a.m.
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22 Kislev	23 Kislev	24 Kislev	25 Kislev	26 Kislev	27 Kislev	28 Kislev
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