



Beth Emeth Observer

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Joseph Weintraub, President

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At last! At last! Hanukkah is here!
The whole house is bursting with holiday cheer.

Pancakes are sizzling as hard as they can,
Browning delectably crisp in the pan.

The dreidels can scarcely wait to be spun;
Presents are hidden for Hanukkah fun;

And there, on the table, polished and bright,
The shining menorah gleams through the night,

Like the oil lamp in ancient history,
That burned on and on miraculously!

And each flaming candle proclaims the great story
Of the Maccabean heroes, their deeds and their glory.

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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

12/2	5:02
12/9	5:02
12/16	5:04
12/23	5:08
12/30	5:12

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From the President:

As we approach winter, such as it is here in Arizona, we are halfway through the interregnum, the period of time when the peaceful transfer of power takes place here in the United States. We all pray for a successful administration for President-Elect Trump and the Congress. I am very optimistic that the relationship between the President-Elect and Prime Minister Netanyahu will be productive and beneficial to both Israel and the United States. Early signs are encouraging.

Here at Beth Emeth we are about to elect a new president and board of directors. I wish the new president and members of the board the best of luck during their coming terms. I especially urge all to approach their new duties with enthusiasm and vigor. The new president cannot fulfill his or her responsibilities alone. Everyone must pitch in and help. It is imperative that the executive committee meets with the Rabbi on a regular basis so that everyone is on the same page and the direction of the synagogue is clearly communicated to the rest of the board whenever there is a board meeting. It is also very important to keep all the members of the congregation up-to-date. It is impossible to predict what issues will confront the new president and board but they must be addressed positively and without rancor.

I have been honored to have been your president for the past four years. It has been a roller coaster ride, but we are now in better shape than when I originally assumed office in January 2013. That, in no small measure, is due to the efforts this year of Rabbi Leo Abrami. We owe him a tremendous debt of thanks.

I also want to thank the Board of Directors, both those remaining and those leaving, for their support and guidance. Being president of a congregation is not a one person job and so many of you have pitched in at one time or another. That being said, there is always room for more volunteers and all help will be appreciated.

My wife Susan and I look forward to seeing all of you in 2017 at services, classes, and events that will be forthcoming.

Shalom!

Joseph M. Weinstein

From the Rabbi's Desk

JUDAISM BY PROXY

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a noise?

If the Yahrzeit of one of your parents falls in the next few days and you don't make an effort to attend the nearest Friday or Saturday service to recite the Kaddish in his/her memory, should the name of your dear one be read in the synagogue?

If the rabbi gives a class on the Talmud or Jewish humor, and only a few people sign up for the classes, will the congregation be known as a place of learning or ignorance?

If you attend services twice a year - on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - and stay home or play golf on Saturdays, should you keep the synagogue open the rest of the year?

And if you are not interested in learning about Jewish culture and religion, is it necessary for you to have a rabbi?

These are some of the questions I have been asking myself since I volunteered last May to help revive the congregation. Should I continue to pursue this task in the hope that the members of Beth Emeth will wake up from their somnolence, regain some vitality and manifest a new interest in everything that is Jewish from history, folklore to religion?

In order to succeed in this project, I would need the support of all of you. I would need committed volunteers who will join me in visiting or inviting all our coreligionists who bought tickets or just attended our High Holiday services. I would need more participants to our services and Adult Learning classes to justify my involvement with the congregation.

I would like Beth Emeth members to consider observing the mitzvah of "ahavat yisrael" (the love and assistance to every one of the Household of Israel) by doing what the oldest synagogue in Tucson has been doing last October. They placed ads in the newspaper and on radio to invite the entire Jewish community to participate in their High Holidays services stating: "Be our guests and join us to celebrate the Jewish New Year". And many of those who came, became members of the congregation. This is indeed a radical departure from the routine that most of you have known in the past, but our new time needs new thinking.

We are all responsible for the future of the Jewish community and no rabbi can do it by him/herself. I would need your active participation - not just a vague promise - to continue my association with Beth Emeth. I want you to make an effort and commit yourselves, beginning with the month of December, before I make the decision to stay or not to stay.

I will not count the trees that are falling in the forest; I want to feel the warm participation and involvement of the majority of the members of Beth Emeth Congregation.

Rabbi Leo M. Abrami

The Mutating Virus: Understanding Anti-semitism

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (Part II)

Anti-Semitism means denying the right of Jews to exist as Jews with the same rights as everyone else. The form this takes today is anti-Zionism. Of course, there is a difference between Zionism and Judaism, and between Jews and Israelis, but this difference does not exist for the new anti-Semites themselves. It was Jews not Israelis who were murdered in terrorist attacks in Toulouse, Paris, Brussels and Copenhagen. Anti-Zionism is The Anti-Semitism of our time.

In the Middle Ages Jews were accused of poisoning wells, spreading the plague, and killing Christian children to use their blood. In Nazi Germany they were accused of controlling both capitalist America and communist Russia. Today they are accused of running ISIS as well as America. All the old myths have been recycled, from the Blood Libel to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The cartoons that flood the Middle East are clones of those published in *Der Sturmer*, one of the primary vehicles of Nazi propaganda between 1923 and 1945.

The ultimate weapon of the new anti-semitism is dazzling in its simplicity. It goes like this. All Jews are Zionists. The Israelis are the new Nazis; the Palestinians are the new Jews; therefore the real anti-semites of our time are none other than the Jews themselves. And these are not marginal views. They are widespread throughout the Muslim world, including communities in Europe, and they are slowly infecting the far left, the far right, academic circles, unions, and even some churches. Having cured itself of the virus of anti-semitism, Europe is being re-infected by parts of the world that never went through the self-reckoning that Europe undertook, once the facts of the Holocaust became known.

How do such absurdities come to be believed? When bad things happen to a group, its members can ask one of two questions: "What did we do wrong?" or "Who did this to us?" The entire fate of the group will depend on which it chooses. If it asks, "What did we do wrong?" it has begun the self-criticism essential to a free society. If it asks "Who did this to us?" it has defined itself as a victim. It will then seek a scapegoat to blame for all its problems. Classically this has been the Jews.

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Anti-Semitism is a form of cognitive failure, and it happens when groups feel that their world is spinning out of control. It began in the Middle Ages, when Christians saw that Islam had defeated them in places they regarded as their own, especially Jerusalem. That was when, in 1096, on their way to the Holy Land, Crusaders stopped first to massacre Jewish communities in Northern Europe.

It was born in the Middle East in the 1920s with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. Anti-semitism re-emerged in Europe in the 1870s during a period of economic recession and resurgent nationalism. It is re-appearing in Europe now for the same reasons: recession, nationalism, and a backlash against immigrants and other minorities. Anti-semitism happens when the politics of hope gives way to the politics of fear, which quickly becomes the politics of hate...

Jews were hated because they were different and the most conspicuous non-Christian minority in a Christian Europe. Today they are the most conspicuous non-Muslim presence in an Islamic Middle East. Anti-Semitism has always been about the inability of a group to make space for difference. No group that adopts it, will ever, can ever, create a free society.

So I end where I began. The hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews. Anti-semitism is only secondarily about Jews. Primarily it is about the failure of groups to accept responsibility for their own failures, and to build their own future by their own endeavors. No society that has fostered anti-semitism has ever sustained liberty or human rights or religious freedom. Every society driven by hate begins by seeking to destroy its enemies, but ends by destroying itself.

Europe today has allowed anti-semitism to enter via the new electronic media. It has failed to recognize that the new anti-semitism is different from the old. We are coming close to 1879, when Wilhelm Marr founded the League of Anti-Semites in Germany; to 1886, when Édouard Drumont published *La France Juive*; and 1897, when Karl Lueger became Mayor of Vienna. These were key moments in the spread of anti-semitism, and all we have to do today is to remember that what was said then about Jews is being said today about the Jewish state.

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The history of Jews in Europe has not always been a happy one. Europe's treatment of the Jews added certain words to the human vocabulary: *disputation, forced conversion, inquisition, expulsion, auto da fe, ghetto, pogrom and Holocaust*, words written in Jewish tears and Jewish blood. Yet for all that, Jews loved Europe and contributed to it some of its greatest scientists, writers, academics, musicians, shapers of the modern mind.

If Europe lets itself be dragged down that road again, this will be the story told in times to come. "First they came for the Jews. Then for the Christians. Then for the gays. Then for the atheists. Until there was nothing left of Europe's soul but a distant, fading memory."

Today I have tried to give voice to those who have no voice. I have spoken on behalf of the murdered Roma, Sinti, gays, dissidents, the mentally and physically handicapped, and a million and a half Jewish children murdered because of their grandparents' religion. In their name, I say to you: You know where the road ends. Don't go down there again.

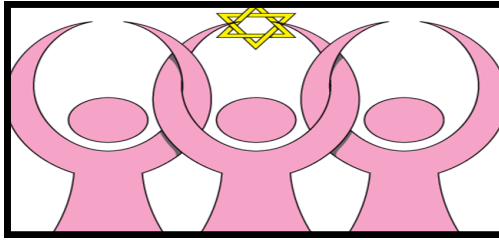
If you do nothing, Jews will leave Europe, liberty will die, and there will be a moral stain on Europe's name, that all eternity will not erase. Stop it now while there is still time.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 2016

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.	The Ages of the Patriarchs
Dec. 3, 9:00-9:45 a.m.	From Jacob to Israel
Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.	The Borders of Israel
Dec. 10, 9:00-9:45 a.m.	The Peregrinations of Father Jacob
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.	The Hanukkah Dilemma
Dec. 17, 9:00-9:45 a.m.	The Biblical Book of Obadiah
Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m.	The Books of Maccabees
Dec. 24, 9:00-9:45 a.m.	The Traditions of Hanukkah (from the Talmud)
Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.	Kindling of the 1st Light of Hanukkah (in front of the Synagogue)
Dec. 30, 6:00 p.m.	Kindling of the 7th Light of Hanukkah (in front of Synagogue)
Dec. 31, 9:00-9:45 a.m.	The Story of Joseph
Dec. 31, 7:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Celebration

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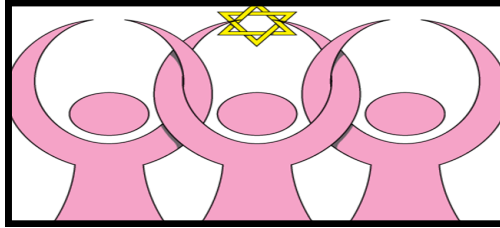
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Dec.	1	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Dec.	25	Sunday	3:00-5:30 p.m.	Hanukkah with Congregation (et al) A movie, refreshments, followed by the Outdoor Candle Lighting
Dec.	31	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	New Years Eve Party with Congregation & Men's Club, Dinner & Show
Jan.	5	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Feb.	2	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Mar.	8	Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Paid-up Luncheon "Woman of Valor" Award
May	10	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social and a Movie

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Where Has The Year Gone???

So, can anyone answer this? Wasn't Passover yesterday?

This year has been a test of our faith, and we survived. We have a great Rabbi who helped us when we were down. Plus, we received two for the price of one when Rosemary volunteered as our office manager while Sandy was away.

I am planning a New Years Eve Celebration, one which I hope everyone can attend. Dinner, entertainment, and dessert. Ring in the New York New Year with us. Let's rock the joint!! Let's make it happen. The cost for this fabulous kosher chicken dinner is a mere \$36.00 per person. No driving, no tipping, and no additional cost for the wine. Of course we will have to see an ID!

Make your reservations early and please ask your friends. This is a fun-raiser fundraiser, so please be kind and generous to Beth Emeth.

Put January 28, 29, & 30th on your calendar for our annual West Valley Film Festival. Irene Lehrer has volunteered to chair this event, and I know that she will do a great job. We may have a special surprise on one of the 3 dates. More information will be available soon.

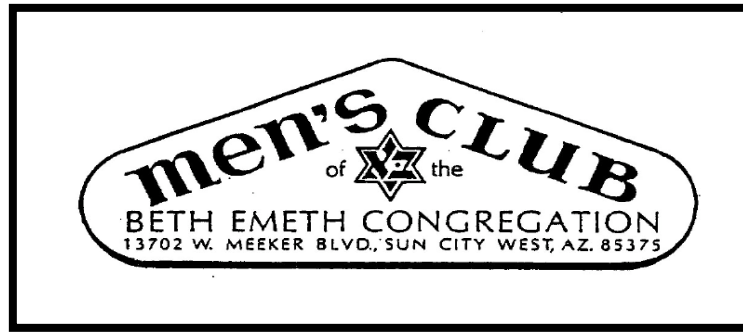
On March 5th, we will have a rummage sale. If you read the November's Observer, I noted that not only will we be selling items that BE no longer uses, we will also include items that YOU may want to contribute. Again, I will repeat: No torn, dirty, or broken items will be accepted. Ladies, I know that many of you have lovely clothes that may or may not fit any longer. Check and see if you would like to donate them to us. Men we could always use tools. Beth Emeth cannot accept your treasures until a week before the sale. We simply do not have room to store these items.

We will need at least one coat rack to hang clothing. If you have stickers or tags to put on our items, please bring them into the office. We are fortunate to have a volunteer to chair this event. Thank you Cheryl Bookman. Cheryl just joined BE and already she has stepped up to serve.

Wishing a happy and healthy New Year to our incoming congregation board members. I am sure that if we put our hearts and souls into creating a new and better Beth Emeth, it can be done.

Thank you Joe Weintraub and all our retiring board members, I just don't know what you are going to do with your Wednesday mornings!!!

Shalom, Marilyn Newberg: Ways & Means



The Beth Emeth Mens; Club held their first Kosher Hotdog Kickoff event on Sunday, Nov 6.

Thanks to the joint efforts of a dedicated crew, it was a profitable affair. Thanks to the Debbers - Max, Jack & Stan, Norm Kurtz, Irv Glorit, Jordan Colbert, Ben Rose, Sheldon Koven & Jim Toney for their help.

Respectfully,

Gene Cooper, Co-President

"ASK THE RABBI"

On the second Friday of November and December, the sermon shall be devoted to a inter-active session "Ask the Rabbi" during which any participant will be able to ask any question he/she desires and members of the audience will be allowed to intervene in the ensuing discussion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Last year we were going to have a yard sale, however, do to the lack of volunteers it was cancelled. I would like to have one on MARCH 5TH, 2017. Not only will we sell items no longer needed at Beth Emeth, we will include items in your closets that you do not need.

ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN AND IN USABLE CONDITION. When you start cleaning out, please **DO NOT** give us opened bottles, or jars of anything. Nothing that is worn out, dirty, & rusty. If you can't or won't use it, neither will anyone else.

If the items are of electrical in nature, please make sure that they are in working condition. Please don't give us anything that **WE** have to clean.

Paintings, giftware, etc... are necessary. Books, shoes, cutlery etc.

LADIES, clothing without stains, holes or zippers most likely will not sell. I know many of you have such beautiful clothing. I would we so happy to receive them.

MEN, in addition to nicely worn clothing, we probably can sell tools.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT..... WE CANNOT STORE YOUR ITEMS, THEY MUST BE BROUGHT DOWN TO BETH EMETH A WEEK AHEAD OF TIME. I WILL MAKE A TIME AND DAY SO SOMEONE WILL BE THERE TO RECEIVE THEM.

If you have hangers for the garments, bring them.

WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. PENCIL IT ON YOUR CALENDARS AND CALL ME SOON IF YOU WANT TO HELP. THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH!

Marilyn Newberg, Ways & Means

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2016



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



26 Nelson & Kathryn Magedman
30 Eugene & Geri Cooper

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Richard & Betty Wasserman
Celia Weissbuch

Torah Honor

Marion Wolf

Donations

Many thanks to a kind, generous and amazing lady that truly gives from her heart every month to Beth Emeth.

Rosie Chiavarria also paid for the Hot Dogs for our Kick - Off Kosher Hot Dog Day.

CC's Adult Care One-Rosie Chiavarria

CC's Adult Care Two - Sylvia Choy

Irv Glorit

Joseph Sontag



"IT'S COMING"

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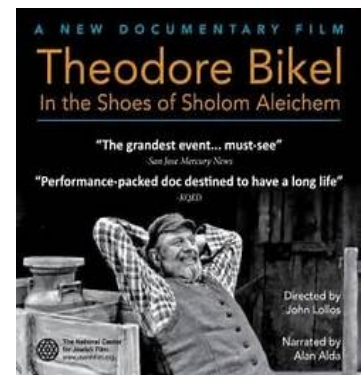
JANUARY 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH, 2017

THE WEST VALLEY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 28TH "DOUGH" 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 29TH "DELI MAN" 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, 30TH "THEODORE BIKEL IN THE
SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM"
7:00 p.m.**



Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

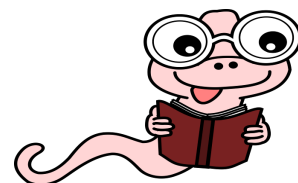
- Ellie Schwartzberg of Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) offers individual counseling, referral to appropriate resources and advocacy to Jewish people living in the Sun Cities and surrounding communities.
- This is a free program underwritten by the Jewish Federation. Ellie has a Master's 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, communication 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.

Calling All Bookworms

Calling All Bookworms to join the Book Club on the Second Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Hindin Hall. Bring your booklist of suggestions.

Call Geri Cooper to reserve a chair (623) 214-7721. Books maybe read on electronic devices or on old fashion paper books.

"Our first book is "The Marrying of Chani Kaufman" by Ene Harris



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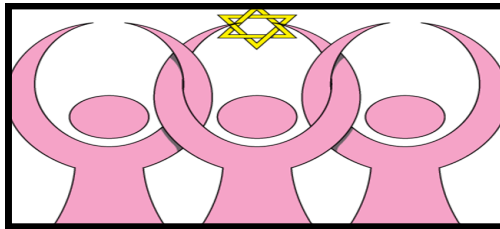
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We are hoping for your active support by joining Beth Emeth Sisterhood for 2017. Joining Sisterhood is a way to both make friends and contribute to the Beth Emeth community.

Sisterhood is important to Beth Emeth congregation. Some of the things we have done are:

- .Paying Congregation Electricity Bills
- .Donating to ARMDI in Israel
- .Helping Congregation with Kiddushes & Onegs
- .Helping with Security during the High Holidays
- .Working to save our synagogue community at Beth Emeth

We have done these things while enjoying our meetings and making new friends.

At present, Sisterhood will be coordinating most programs for 2017 with Men's Club and Congregation. At present, we are looking forward to *The Jewish Film Festival*.

Other planned Sisterhood events include:

- March 8: Paid-Up Luncheon and *Woman of Valor* presentation
- May 10: *Ice Cream Social* + a Movie

We expect to have a great year with exciting things happening, but we need your ideas, your skills, your hands and your laughter. Please join us to help make this our best year ever.

Enclosed you will find a Membership Application and Dues Statement. Please take a moment to fill it out so that we may add you to our database. Please list your birthday, just month and day, so that Sisterhood can wish you a happy birthday.

If you respond by March 3, 2017, you will be eligible to attend our Paid-up-Membership Function on March 8, 2017.

Please send or bring your form and check made out to Beth Emeth Sisterhood to the Synagogue office in an envelope marked Sisterhood Membership.

Welcome to Beth Emeth Sisterhood!

Membership dues – January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Congregation Member \$25.00

Non-Congregation Member \$36.00

Please remit this form by March 3, 2017 so that you will be eligible to attend the **PAID-UP Sisterhood Membership Functions scheduled for March 8, 2017.**

Please make checks payable to: BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

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SISTERHOOD APPLICATION FORM

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Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Birthday: Month _____ **Day** _____

Congregation Member: Full Time ____ **Part Time** ____ **Not** ____

Please check all Committees that interest you:

_____ **Ways & Means** _____ **Hospitality** _____ **Membership**

_____ **Program** _____ **Education** _____ **Help with Mailing**

2017 Mah Jongg Cards

Now is the time to think about ordering your 2017 Mah Jongg cards. When you, family, friends and neighbors order your cards through Beth Emeth Sisterhood, a portion of the cost of each card is remitted to Sisterhood. It is an easy fund-raiser in which to participate.

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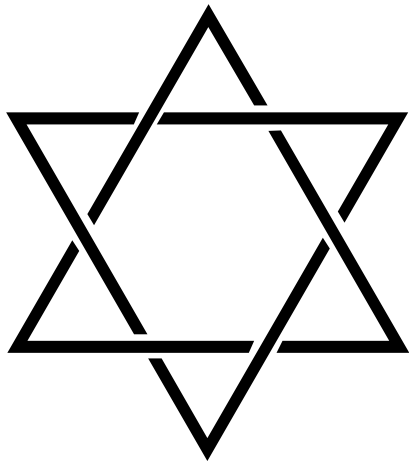
LET'S RING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER



Ring in the New Year locally at Beth Emeth Congregation, 13702 W. Meeker Blvd, Sun City West. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2016 and we will bring in the New Year, New York time. Along with a delicious 4 course kosher chicken dinner, assortment of desserts, and wine we will be entertained by the wonderful voice of tenor Barnett Plisko.

The cost is \$36.00 per person. If you reserve a table of 8, we offer a \$2.00 discount per person. Reservations are a must and your check will be your reservation. You get the added advantage of NO TIPPING, NO LONG DRIVES, AND NO WAITING AT A RESTAURANT! Call Sandy at the office at (623) 584-7210 for more information. We look forward to spending the evening with you.





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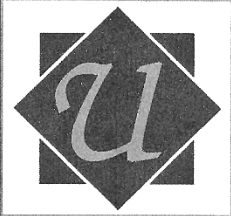
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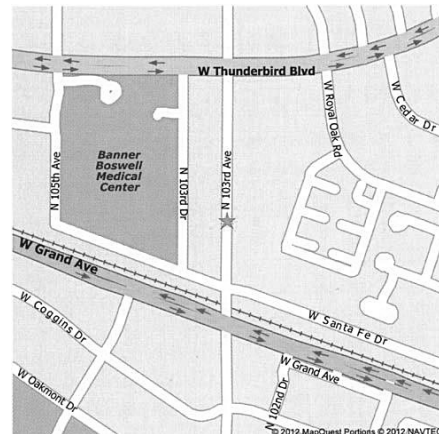


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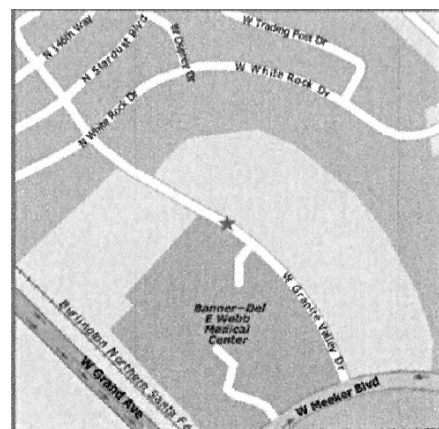
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				1 ROSH HODESH Sisterhood Board Mtg. 9:30 am Bereavement 1:00 am Minyan 8:00 am 1 Kislev	2 Services 7:30 pm 2 Kislev	3 Services 9:00 am 3 Kislev
4 4 Kislev	5 Minyan 8:00 am 5 Kislev	6 6 Kislev	7 7 Kislev	8 Gift Shop Holiday Blow Out Sale 10:00-1:00 pm Bereavement 1:00 am Minyan 8:00 am 8 Kislev	9 Services 7:30 pm 9 Kislev	10 Services 9:00 am 10 Kislev
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18 18 Kislev	19 Minyan 8:00 am 19 Kislev	20 20 Kislev	21 21 Kislev	22 Bereavement 1:00 am Minyan 8:00 am 22 Kislev	23 Services 7:30 pm 23 Kislev	24 EREV HANUKKAH Services 9:00 am Lighting of 1st Hanukkah Candle 24 Kislev
25 HANUKKAH I Hanukkah Celebration 3:00-5:30 pm 25 Kislev	26 HANUKKAH II Minyan 8:00 am 26 Kislev	27 HANUKKAH III 27 Kislev	28 HANUKKAH IV 28 Kislev	29 HANUKKAH V Bereavement 1:00 am Minyan 8:00 am 29 Kislev	30 ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VI Services 7:30 pm Lighting of the 7th Hanukkah Candle 1 Tevet	31 HANUKKAH VII Services 9:00 am New Year's Eve Party 7:00 pm 2 Tevet

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