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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

April	6	6:34
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Our President 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Quotes:

Each day, compel yourself to do something you would rather not do.

Embrace change, don't battle it.



Let's Celebrate Passover with friends and family.

Springtime brings so many changes, new born quail, bunnies, and the many different sounds that the songbirds sing.

We should all be thankful that Hashem has given all the beauty that surrounds us. Most just go about their day to day activities without even taking time to look around. Remember the saying "stop and smell the roses", well unless you have allergies, try it!.

Passover is also a time to walk in the shoes of our ancestors. As you read the Haggadah, remember the hardships that they had to overcome. Then, to end up in the most beautiful of all places, THE PROMISED LAND.

So, when you think about changing dishes, covering countertops, scrubbing the stove, doesn't seem so bad. The worst of our worries is, finding kosher for Passover products that don't cost a fortune!

With that, I want to wish everyone a Zessen Pesach.

Marilyn Newberg, President

Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Perhaps the greatest miracle of the last century has been the establishment of the modern State of Israel, 70 years ago this month. Looked at through the lens of history, the probability that a minority people, who lost the possibility of self-rule 1900 years earlier, would ever again become an autonomous nation approaches zero.



Yet, despite the odds, in 1948 an unlikely group of Zionists, secular and religious, who came to build a land, and a group of refugees who survived the unspeakable atrocities of the Shoah, who came to be rescued by that land, gathered in the city of Tel Aviv and declared:

ERETZ-ISRAEL was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom...

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL...

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations...

Seventy years on, there is much to celebrate. The State of Israel has transformed itself into the only true democracy in the Middle East, a major military power capable of defending herself from the hostile nations and terrorist groups in her neighborhood, and one of the top countries in technology and innovation in the world.

In many ways, Israel has lived up to, and exceeded the vision of its founders. In the last 70 years, Israel has opened its arms to embrace brothers and sisters who fled from hostile regimes in the Middle East during the 1940s & 50s, displaced survivors of the Shoah and World War 2, groups of Jews who had lived for centuries in isolation from the rest of the Jewish world in Yemen and Ethiopia, over 1 million people of Jewish ancestry who came to Israel to start new lives in the aftermath of the fall of the Former Soviet Union, and most recently Jews fleeing a resurgence of antisemitism in Europe (notably France).

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That's not to say that everything is perfect there. Chances for a permanent solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict continue to appear to be very remote, with a lack of willingness on both sides to move the process forward. The current government is mired in multiple charges of corruption that are playing out in the court system. The Israeli government's treatment of refugees from Africa who are seeking asylum, and of guest workers who have come to Israel to help in a time of labor shortage leaves a lot to be desired. And just like in the United States, income inequality and a grown chasm between rich and poor is affecting the quality of life for many of her citizens. In point of fact, Israel has become a regular nation, beset with problems common to every other nation on earth.

While the challenges of maintaining a unified identity with our Israeli brothers and sisters have grown in the past two decades, it is vital to the strength of both our communities that we maintain close ties with Israel. It's not merely a question of the nation's survival, but of our own identity as American Jews. The existence of the Jewish state makes our own position in the U.S. more secure. People wear their Jewish identities with pride. Actors no longer change their screen names to sound less Jewish. Being Jewish and celebrating that identity is popular even in the wider culture.

But if history has taught us anything, we know that nothing lasts forever, and that we can never take anything for granted. If we want the State of Israel to survive and thrive another 70 years and beyond, then each of us must do our part:

- Go to Israel yourself - you are never too old. As I write this, I am working with a travel company to put together an Israel tour for next year that will be tailored to our needs. We need a minimum of 15 people to sign up. Please commit to joining our community on the trip of a lifetime. If you have never been, or haven't been there in more than 10 years, you will be amazed. More details will be forthcoming shortly.
- - Encourage your grandkids and great-grandkids to go on one of the Birthright Israel trips or Honeymoon Israel trips. These are tours that are either free or of nominal cost that brings young people to create a deep connection to the land at a formative age in their lives.
- - Support Israeli causes.
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Yom Huledet Sameach - Happy 70th Birthday Israel. May you continue to grow and thrive and be a beacon to the entire world - ad meah v'esrim - till 120 and beyond.



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HEINOUS PLAN TO PERSECUTE AND MURDER THE JEWISH PEOPLE.
THERE WAS NO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS
DEPRAVED CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.**

**THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE SIMPLY CONSIDERED, BY THE NAZIS, TO
BE A SCOURGE THAT NEEDED TO BE ERADICATED.**

**THE OBSERVANCE WILL INCLUDE REFLECTIONS BY THE SON OF
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, A CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY IN
MEMORY OF THE SIX MILLION, AND SELECTED PRAYERS AND
INSPIRATIONAL READINGS.**

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**APRIL 12, 2018
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM**

A lit Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle



In 1981, members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs FJMC, a branch of the mainstream Conservative/Masorti movement, created a special memorial project specifically for Yom HaShoah. A dedicated yahrzeit candle was conceived, with yellow wax and a barbed-wire Star of David logo reminiscent of the armbands Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. This object has come to be known as the Yellow Candle (TM). Approximately 200,000 candles are distributed around the world each year, along with relevant prayers and meditations.

In 1984, Conservative Rabbi David Golinkin wrote an article in Conservative Judaism journal suggesting a program of observance for the holiday, including fasting. In his article he noted that while private fasts are indeed prohibited during the month of Nisan (a major Orthodox objection to the placement of the day), communal fasts for tragedies befalling Jewish communities had indeed been declared throughout the pre-Modern period.

Another prominent Conservative Jewish figure shared the Orthodox sentiment about not adopting Yom HaShoah. Ismar Schorsch, former Chancellor of Conservative Judaism's Jewish Theological Seminary of America held that Holocaust commemoration should take place on Tisha b'Av.

The Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel has created Megillat HaShoah, a scroll and liturgical reading for Yom HaShoah. This publication was a joint project of Jewish leaders in Israel, the United States and Canada.

In 2011, the FJMC introduced a related Yellow Candle concept for use on Kristallnacht (The Night of Shattered Glass) and other important Shoah commemoration dates. Called the Ner Katan, FJMC's new version consists of six Yellow Candles provided for communal observances and ceremonies.

More recently Conservative rabbis and lay leaders in the US, Israel and Canada collaborated to write Megillat Hashoah (The Holocaust Scroll). It contains personal recollections of Holocaust survivors. A response was written by Rabbi David Golinkin expressing the view that not only is it legitimate for the modern Jewish community to write a new scroll of mourning, it was also incumbent to do so.¹

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Sisterhood Paid-Up Luncheon Luncheon 2018



MARCH MADNESS

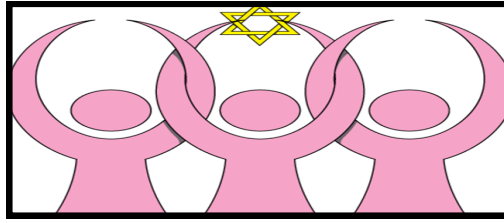
Purim, February 28th Kicked off our March Madness. We were praying with a British Accent, Beth Emeth players did their spiel with delicious Hamata Shen. March 4th brought our Cactus Kosher Hot Dog Day followed by our Book discussion and slide show - we filled every chair.

But wait, there is more on March 8th Sisterhood Paid Up Luncheon with entertainment. What a great crowd of ladies.

We also had a wonderful Yiddish show on Sunday, March 18th. That was a terrific show that was enjoyed by over sixty people.

Our May Sisterhood celebration is an Ice Cream Social. Come and share our wonderful Beth Emeth Ice Cream Sundae on May 10, 2018 - 1:00 PM - *Ice Cream*

SISTERHOOD

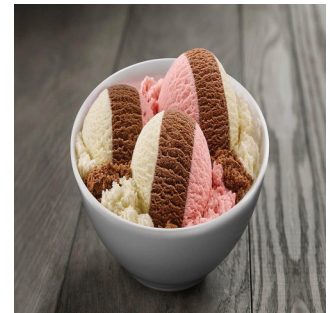


SISTERHOOD CALENDAR 2018

All Sisterhood Membership Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month. Please mark the dates of the Sisterhood Meetings. Sisterhood Board Meetings are open to all.

All Welcome

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



YES, WE DO HAVE FUN AND GREAT FOOD. THANK YOU TO ALL THE HELPERS AND TO ALL OF THE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD LADIES FOR ATTENDING THE PAID-UP LUNCHEON. THANK YOU MARILYN & RHODA FOR MAKING THIS A VERY SPECIAL AFTERNOON.



I want to thank Cheryl Bookman for her outstanding job finding wonderful entertainment that not only peaks the interests in learning, as well as enjoyable to all. Cheryl has only been a member since last year, within that year has jumped on the band wagon and has put her heart and soul into volunteering for Beth Emeth. We should all thank her hard work. Marilyn Newberg



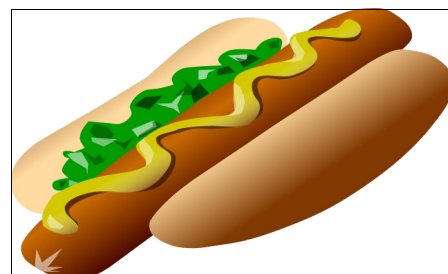


Beth Emeth Mens' Club held its Annual Spring Cactus Kosher Hotdog Day on Sunday, Mar 4th. Great publicity by Jan Heidecker and nice sunny weather led to a great crowd that enjoyed the good food and great socialization.

Many repeat visitors from around the area greeted the work crew and expressed their happiness at being able to make this an annual Spring ritual and said they look forward to returning for the Fall Kosher Kick-off.

The event was also a great financial success, serving about 225 Hot Dogs. Norm Kurtz and I appreciate the efforts of our spirited crew -- Jordan Colbert, Lou Koshar, Irv Glorit, Jim & Phyllis Frank, Stan, Max & Jack Debber, Herb Leibowitz & Bob Summer. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Hope to return in the Fall with more activities,



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2018



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

2 Norman Kurtz
4 Michael Goldman
5 Elliot Kleinman
5 Joseph Weintraub
11 Irv Glorit
13 James Toney
21 Evelyn Walter
28 Kathryn Magedman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9 *Saul & Sharon Rothzeid*



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David Caplan

Rosie Colbert
Silvia Choy



Thank you ALL for you kindness and generosity. We have wonderful people that give Beth Emeth Synagogue contributions and their time.

We wouldn't be able to keep our doors open without you. Thank you for all that you give and all that you do. Marilyn Newberg, President

Sincere thanks and deep gratitude to all who attended Leo's funeral, came to our home, telephoned, sent cards or emails and made donations in honor of Leo's memory. Losing a spouse is not a unique experience, especially in our area. There are many in our community who are sterling examples of how to walk through the swirling fog, putting one foot in front of the other, until it finally lifts.

Their example, together with the care and sympathy offered at this time of sudden shock is, I am learning, of great value as I set out on the difficult journey ahead.

Rosemary Abrami

Yahrzeits

**Stanley Debber
Mark & Madelaine Friedman
Irv Glorit
Jan & Andrew Heidecker
Solomon & Shula Kantor
Sheldon & Judith Koven
Irene Lehrer
Alice Mason
Robert & Marilyn Newberg
Saul & Sharon Rothzeid
Adele Sacher
Charlie & Leah Tarnor
Roberta Tolpen**

Aliyahs

Ronald Paul

Donations

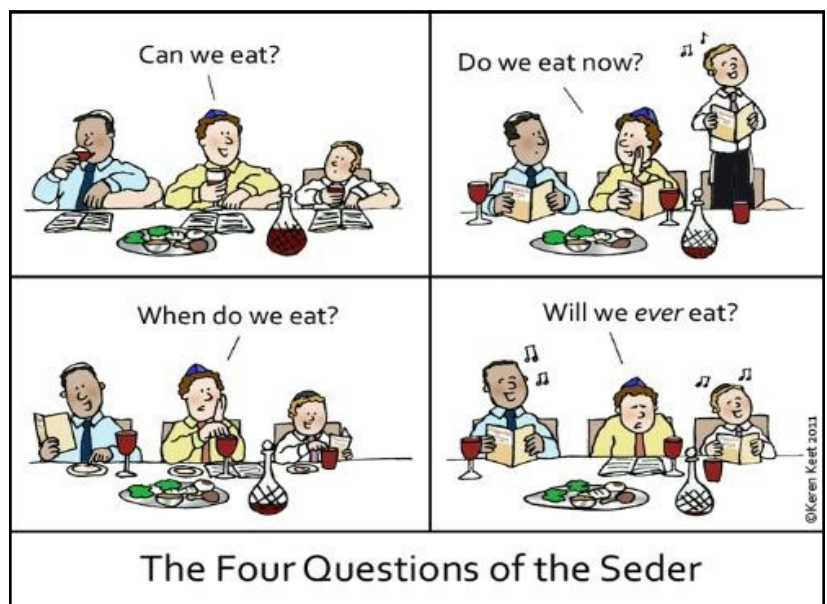
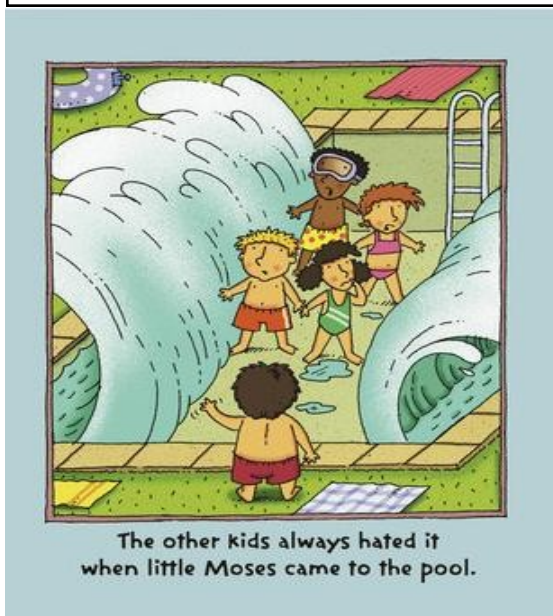
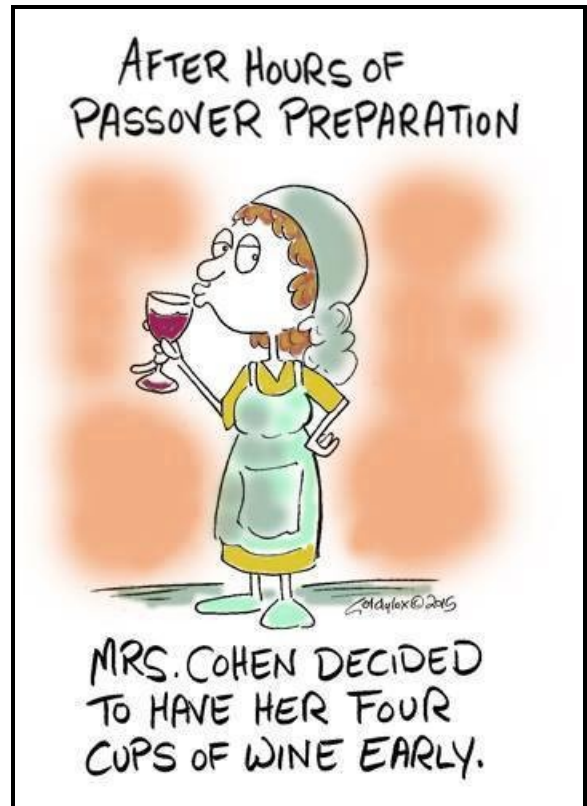
**Donations in Honor of Granddaughter's Special High School Acceptance
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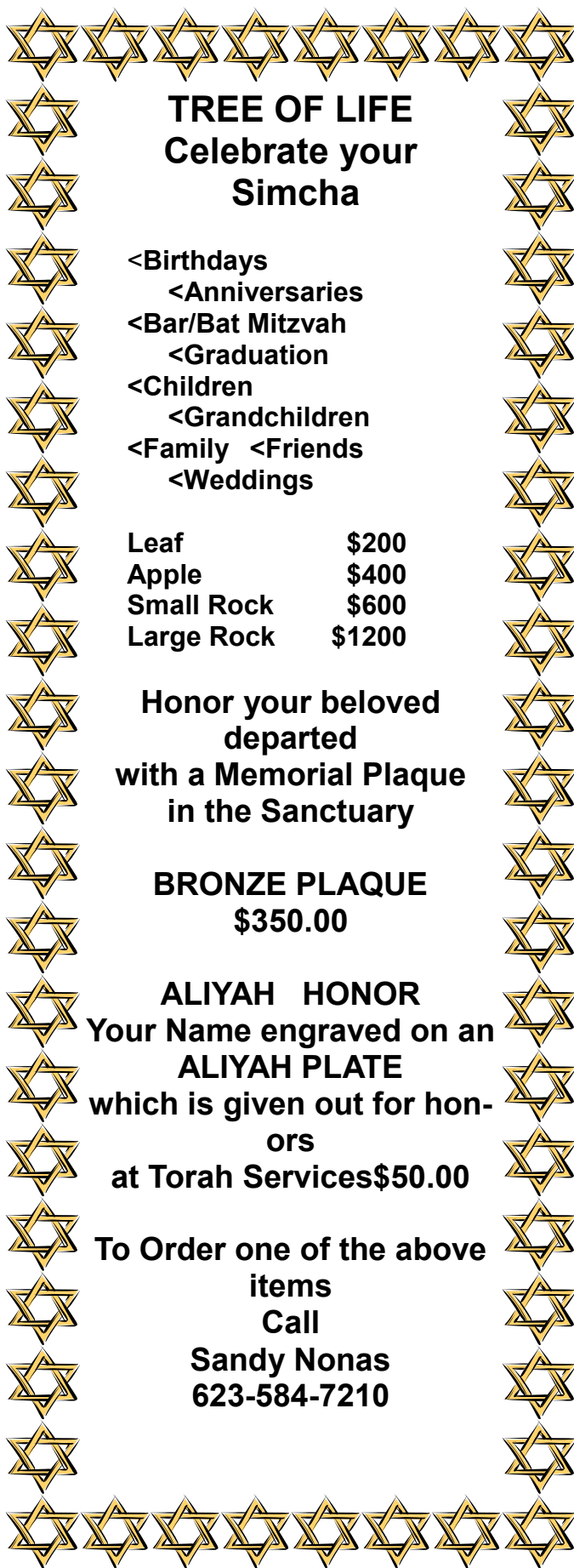
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(EXCEPTIONS DO HAPPEN, SO
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- **Executive Meeting**
1st Friday of each
month At 9:30 am
- **Board Meeting -**
3rd Thursday of each
month at 9:30 am
- **Sisterhood Board
Meeting -** 2nd Thurs-
day of each month at
11:000 a.m. Usually
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- **Minyan**
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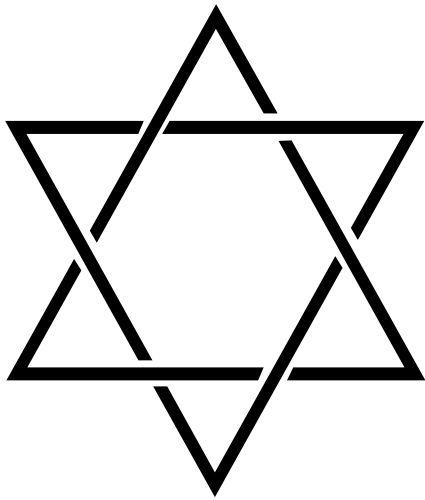
Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

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, 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.



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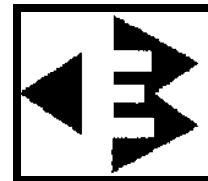
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PASSOVER II Passover Services 9:00 a.m. 16 Nisan/1 L'Omer	2 HOL HAMOED PASSOVER I Minyan 8:00 a.m. 17 Nisan/2 L'Omer	3 HOL HAMOED PASSOVER II 18 Nisan/3 L'Omer	4 HOL HAMOED PASSOVER III 19 Nisan/4 L'Omer	5 HOL HAMOED PASSOVER IV Minyan 8:00 a.m. Rabbi's Class 10:30 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. 20 Nisan/5 L'Omer	6 PASSOVER VII Services 9:00 a.m. Services 6:30 p.m. 21 Nisan/6 L'Omer	7 PASSOVER VIII (YIZKOR) Services 9:00 a.m. 22 Nisan/7 L'Omer
8 23 Nisan/8 L'Omer	9 Minyan 8:00 a.m. 24 Nisan/9 L'Omer	10 25 Nisan/10 L'Omer	11 26 Nisan/11 L'Omer	12 YOM HASHOAH Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. Yom Hashoah 6:30 p.m. 27 Nisan/12 L'Omer	13 Services 6:30 p.m. 28 Nisan/13 L'Omer	14 Services 9:00 a.m. 29 Nisan/14 L'Omer
15 ROSH HODESH I 30 Nisan/15 L'Omer	16 ROSH HODESH II Minyan 8:00 a.m. 1 Iyar/16 L'Omer	17 2 Iyar/17 L'Omer	18 YOM HAZIKARON 3 Iyar/18 L'Omer	19 YOM HA'ATZMAUT Minyan 8:00 a.m. Rabbi's Class 10:30 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. 4 Iyar/19 L'Omer	20 Services 6:30 p.m. Executive Board & Directors Mtg. 11:00 a.m. 5 Iyar/20 L'Omer	21 Services 9:00 a.m. 6 Iyar/21 L'Omer
22 7 Iyar/22 L'Omer	23 Minyan 8:00 a.m. 8 Iyar/23 L'Omer	24 9 Iyar/24 L'Omer	25 10 Iyar/25 L'Omer	26 Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. 11 Iyar/26 L'Omer	27 Services 6:30 p.m. 12 Iyar/27 L'Omer	28 Services 9:00 a.m. 13 Iyar/28 L'Omer
29 PESACH SHEINI Garage Sale 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. 14 Iyar/29 L'Omer	30 Minyan 8:00 a.m. 15 Iyar/30 L'Omer					

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