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# Our President 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Marilyn Newberg, President

TO SPRING, TO SPRING!!

To spring, to spring, birds are on the wing. Oh my heavens oh my word......I thought the wings were on the bird!!

What a wonderful and busy April for Beth Emeth Congregation. Spring cleaning and getting ready for Passover. Passover was a huge success, with 70 in attendance. Gary Schindler and his staff did an excellent job and our Rabbi conducted an inspiring and meaningful Seder.

Then Kiddush for Norm Kurtz, sponsored by his children. Followed by our 2<sup>nd</sup> West Valley Yom Hashoah Memorial, a special surprise 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Irv Glorit, sponsored by Irv's children. Then a lovely Kiddush sponsored by Joan & Norm Mattisinko. ALL IN THE SAME WEEK! Once again our kitchen elves did an outstanding job.

THANKS TO Cheryl Bookman and crew for having a successful Indoor Yard Sale. We appreciate everyone who donated their treasures to us. If this keeps up, I won't have anything left in my closet, which might be a good thing!

Rabbi Rosen's classes continue to be a huge success. I am sure that next fall, Rabbi will continue with her classes.

May brings the holidays of Lag Ba'omer, and Shavuot. Please attend services on Monday & Thursday morning at 8 a.m. May 21<sup>st</sup> is 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Shavuot and yiskor services, please mark your calendars.

Have a pleasant Mothers' day to

Shalom, Marilyn

all.



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# True freedom requires shared laws, values, and an educated people

Physical freedom alone, which the Israelites obtained with the release from bondage at Pesach, is not enough to render long-lasting results. Think about the various countries in the last decade that have overthrown oppressive regimes without yielding long-term freedom to their citizens. There needs to a second more enduring move in order to ensure that freedoms gained won't be lost all over again. The second stage is creating a shared vision of how the newly freed society will function via an agreed upon system of laws and values.

The Revolutionary War did not produce the United States of America. The first "constitution," The Articles of Confederacy, it could be argued, also did not give us a national identity, but rather a working arrangement between the original 13 sovereign states. Only with the ratification of the US Constitution in 1789, thirteen years after the Declaration of Independence, spelled out the values and requirements necessary to forge these states into a single country.

Seven weeks after Pesach, we commemorate the Jewish move from independence to true nation-hood. Only by accepting on ourselves the binding laws of the Torah, and the common values which we call the "Holiness Code," do we begin to forge the identity of a (somewhat) unified people. Every year we celebrate this pivotal moment in our collective history as the holiday of Shavuot.

One more element both our Jewish ancestors and founding fathers knew was crucial for the long-term success of both these enterprises was the need for an educated population, and a culture that is focused on the value of lifelong learning. Without an ability to always learn, and grow and change based on what we learn, no society can thrive in the long run. In Judaism, we see this by the development of new texts and writings in each generation for over 2 millenia. In the United States, we realized this by the radical idea at the time that all children are entitled to education as a right.

The need for quality Jewish learning is a desire that extends all through our lives, and is especially needed here in the West Valley. I have found in my first year that people are really hungering for learning opportunities. Therefore, a big part of our programming for the coming year will be to increase our educational offerings, and to be open to everyone who wishes to learn.

To that end, we are excited to announce the beginnings of what will become a fabulous year of Jewish learning for all.

. Beth Emeth Congregation in conjunction with the Jewish Worship Group of Sun City Grand will partner with Valley Beit Midrash to bring an exciting line-up of internationally renowned speakers to the West Valley in the coming year. Thanks to a very generous seed grant from Joani Frankel, a local realtor, we have raised the funds to have 4 very exciting speakers come to Beth Emeth from November - March. The lectures will be held either on Monday or Tuesday afternoons from 1-2 pm. More details will be published over the summer.

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- . Beth Emeth will once again partner with the Bureau of Jewish Education in offering Wednesday morning classes. The first set of 8-week sessions will be offered at Temple Beth Shalom in the fall, where I will be teaching one of 4 classes, and the second set in the spring will be held on location at Beth Emeth.
- . My bi-weekly Thursday class will be open to all, including a special invitation to our Christian neighbors to join us in learning "The Hidden Secrets of the 10 Commandments," which will begin in early November.
- . I am looking into the possibility of offering either an Introduction to Judaism class (for those who want to learn more, and especially for those interested in converting to Judaism), an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class or both, depending on interest. Please fill out the form below and drop it off or send it to Sandy in the office if you are interested.

Shavuot services will be held this month on Saturday evening May 19 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a discussion of "The Scandalous Story of Ruth," services, and a special cheesecake & dairy Oneg. Morning services will be on Sunday and Monday, May 20 & 21, with Yizkor services on Monday, May 21st.

I pray that this year will be a fabulous year of renewed learning for all of our community.

## Rabbi Tracee Rosen

# HELP US

Hi, I just was told that Scott Fineman, our great Optician collects beer and soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please save all of your tabs and bring it to the Synagogue so that we may bring it to Scott Fineman to help those beautiful kids and their families. Sandy

Just the tabs.

WHO NEEDS A RIDE TO COME TO BETH EMETH FOR SERVICES??? PLEASE LET SANDY KNOW. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK SOMETHING OUT FOR MEMBERS THAT DON'T OR CANNOT DRIVE.

CALL 623-584-7210



# **GET READY !!!!!!!!!!!**



Rabbi Tracee Rosen is putting together a trip to Israel. The date so far is April 7th - April 16th, 2019. Let us know if you are interested in going on this amazing trip. We wanted you know far enough in advance so that and plan this lifetime trip. Please call Sandy at 584-7210 if you would like to be on the list.

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TZEDAKAH FRENZY. We have collected over \$100.00 from the few boxes that were returned to us. Hurry up and bring your box as soon as it is full. Thank you. Every dollar counts toward helping fix up the Kitchen.

# **HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY TO OUR IRV GLORIT**







Thank you all for the beautiful Birthday Party. It was so thoughtful, kind and funny. I will remember this day forever. To the ladies that made the spectacular dessert table I say thank you for all that you do. Irv Glorit

# To The Tune of "Get Happy"

Forget your hemorrhoids, come on get happy.

Don't let sciatica make you droop.

Forget your tablets, come on, get happy.

I'll make a pot of chicken soup.

Although you live in the Sinus Valley You'll have no need of your nasal spray. Shout hallelujah, don't dilly-dally. The chicken soup is on the way.

The heating pads, the laxatives, the enemas, the gout. Corn pads and capsules, you can throw them out.

Forget your bunions and your hot flashes. Your constipation, your pains and aches. You'll say good-bye to allergic rashes. The chicken soup is what it takes.

The Jewish Penicillin makes the Mayo brothers sob. Why use doctors if soup can do the job.

Forget your kvetching and quit your kickin'.

Cholesterol is a waste of time.

Let's drink a toast to our friend, the chicken.

So here's to chicken soup -- L'Chaim!

By Barbara Park

# **DID YOU KNOW ????????????**

The association between Jews and joking has become so powerful that Jewish humor is now all too easy to detect even where it doesn't really exist. This phenomenon should perhaps be named the Mrs. Morgenbesser Effect. Once, when asked how she was faring, the mother of Sidney Morgenbesser, a New York philosopher, is reported to have replied, "Not so good — thank God." At first, this sounds like glumness mocking itself. But once you know that religious Jews of a certain vintage are apt to thank God more or less as a matter of punctuation, it is not so clear any sort of humor was intended. The potential for accidental comedy in Jewish speech is of course enhanced by the fact that Jews have often had to stumble in someone else's language.

- 1 There are 5.3 million US Jews 2.2 per cent of the population.
- 2 The oldest congregation is New York's Sephardi Shearith Israel community (1654).
- **3** The first American Haggadah was published in 1837 by S.H. Jackson.
- **4** To meet the demand from Jewish immigrants in 1911, a kosher kitchen was built at their arrival point at Ellis Island.
- **5** There are no Jewish Republicans in the Senate or the House. The Democrats have 22 Congress members and 11 Senators.
- **6** Christopher Columbus's interpreter on his voyage to the New World was Yosef Halevy, a Catholic convert.
- **7** The words "...give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..." on the Statue of Liberty were written by a Jewish woman, Emma Lazarus.
- 8 The first openly Jewish senator was Judah P. Benjamin, a slave owner representing Louisiana.
- **9** Judith Resnick was the first Jewish astronaut in space. She died in the Challenger shuttle disaster in 1986.
- **10** Baseball player Sandy Koufax refused to play in the first game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur.
- **11** In a 1934 basketball game between New York University and City College of New York, nine out of the 10 starting players were Jewish, Newsweek proclaimed it a sport "at which Jews excel".
- **12** Immigrant Julius Meyer lived with Sioux indians in Nebraska in 1867 and became known as Curly-Headed White Chief with One Tongue due to his honesty.

Wonderful gathering and prayer for West Valley Holocaust Remembrance 2018. Thank you all for attending this wonderful memorial and thank you for your generosity.







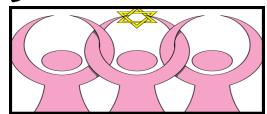






# SISTERHOOD







# SISTERHOOD CALENDAR 2018

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

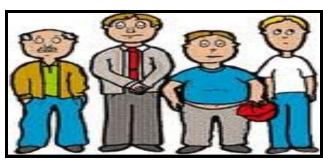
# All Welcome



May 10, 2018 1:00 PM

Ice Cream Social Program TBA





WISHING YOU ALL A HEALTHY & HAPPY SUMMER. STAY COOL AND STAY INSIDE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FALL.

HELP US COME UP WITH SOME FUN IDEAS FOR OUR WINTER MONTHS.

FONDLY,

Gene Cooper and Norman Kurtz

# Birthdays & Anniversaries May 2018

\$	MAY BIRTHDAY
1 7 8 15 16 24 25 28 30	Helene Schreiber Irma Epstein Sandra Goldman Mark Friedman Charlotte Rubinoff Leah Tarnor Shoshana Perlmutter Marion Koshar Joan Rothfeld
	Happy Birthday

# 10 Gilbert Weller and his Lovely Bride of 70 years

## **DONATIONS**

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# THIS IS YOUR FUNNY CORNER. HAVE A GOOD LAUGH. ENJOY!

- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone else was liquidating.
- Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- A. That would be Pharaoh's daughter, who went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
- A. Ruth-less.
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- A. Samson; he brought down the house.
- Q. How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden?
- A. They were really put out.
- Q. What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out of their garden?
- A. They raised Cain.
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
- A. He said, "Your mother ate us out of house and home."
- Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
- A. David; he rocked Goliath to sleep.
- Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
- A. German Shepherds.

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The Italian says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have wine.

The Scot says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have scotch

The Swede says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have aquavit.

The Russian says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have vodka.

The German says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have beer.

The Greek says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have ouzo.

The Jew says, I'm tired and thirsty. I must have diabetes.

# Continued....

Two men are waiting for a train. The younger man asks the older man for the time, but the older man ignores him. After a while, the younger man again asks for the time and again the older man ignores him. Frustrated, the younger man finally asks, "Why won't you answer me when I ask you for the time?"

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The older man sighs and explains: "Look, if I tell you the time, we'll start to talk. Then when the train comes, you might sit down next to me. Perhaps we'll get to know each other, and maybe I'll eventually invite you to my house for Shabbat dinner. Maybe then you and my daughter would really get along – why, you might even get engaged! And why would I want a son-in-law who can't even afford a watch?"

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Two men, a Jew and a Gentile, were marooned on a desert island. The Gentile immediately got to work, dragging rocks to spell out "SOS" in huge letters on the beach, gathering driftwood to build a bonfire, and thinking about ways to build a boat.

"What's the matter with you?" the Gentile exclaimed. "Don't you want to be rescued?"

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The Jew said calmly, "Look, I live in a city with a big Jewish Federation. Last year, I donated a million dollars to them. The year before, I donated a million dollars to them. This year, wherever I am, they'll find me!" The Jew, however, merely sat on the beach and waited.

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A woman called the switchboard of a hospital and asked how Mrs. Schwartz in room 102 was doing. The switchboard operator put her on hold for a minute, then came back and reported: "Mrs. Schwartz in room 102 is doing very well! Why, just this morning her lab work came back and everything is normal. Her doctor is pleased and says she will be able to go home next week." "Hurray!" shouted the caller.

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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 - 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:000 am. Usually
- MinyanMondays & Thursdays -8:00 am

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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. 99<sup>th</sup> 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.



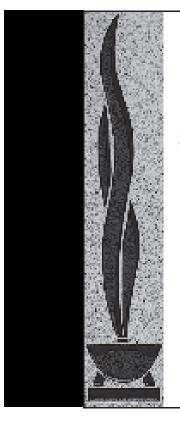
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
		1	2	LAG B'OMER Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. Rabbi's Class 10:30 a.m.	Services 6:30 pm	Services 9:00 am				
		16 lyar/31 L'Omer	17 Iyar/32 L'Omer	18 Iyar/33 L'Omer	19 lyar/34 L'Omer	20 lyar/35 L'Omer				
6	<b>7</b> Minyan 8:00 a.m.	8	9	Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Ice Cream Social 1:00 pm	Services 6:30 pm	Services 9:00 am				
21 Iyar/36 L'Omer	22 Iyar/37 L'Omer	23 Iyar/38 L'Omer	24 lyar/39 L'Omer	25 Iyar/40 L'Omer	26 Iyar/41 L'Omer	27 lyar/42 L'Omer				
13 YOM YERUSHALAYIM	14 Minyan 8:00 a.m.	15 ROSH HODESH	16	Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m. Rabbi's Class 10:30 a.m.	Services 6:30 pm Executive Board & Directors Mtg. 11:00 a.m.	EREV SHAVUOT Services 9:00 am Shavout Services 6:30 p.m.				
28 Iyar/43 L'Omer	29 Iyar/44 L'Omer	1 Sivan/45 L'Omer	2 Sivan/46 L'Omer	3 Sivan/47 L'Omer	4 Sivan/48 L'Omer	5 Sivan/49 L'Omer				
SHAVUOT Shavout Service 9:00 a.m.	21 SHAVUOT II (YIZKOR) Minyan 8:00 a.m.	22	23	24 Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m.	25 Services 6:30 pm	26 Services 9:00 am				
6 Sivan	7 Sivan	8 Sivan	9 Sivan	10 Sivan	11 Sivan	12 Sivan				
27	28 Minyan 8:00 a.m.	29	30	31 Minyan 8:00 a.m. Bereavement 1:00 p.m.						
13 Sivan	14 Sivan	15 Sivan	16 Sivan	17 Sivan						

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