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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

APRIL

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**FROM THE
DESK OF MARILYN**



As we enter the second quarter of the year, I want to thank you all for the support that you have shown for our Beth Emeth. If you have a couple of hours a week, month or even year, WE COULD USE YOU! There is always something to be done. I am not asking you to climb ladders, or paint walls (oh, that was done already), or any strenuous work. I am asking that you consider sorting files, help cleaning the classroom, ETC, we have a job for you.....but we need you to call us.

If you attended any of our Shabbat dinners, then I know you enjoyed our dinner. We will continue having a special Shabbat every few months.

What about those heavenly, delicious, yummy hummies!! Every year, we will add a different filling. Let us know which ones you like the best. Thank you all for supporting the sisterhood. I want to send a special thank you to : SOLO FOODS for their donations which keep our costs down and profits up.

I hope that you consider attending our Passover Seder. Your cost for what should be a special night, has gone down. Our Seder is open to your friends and family,

LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THE EVENING WITH YOU.
SHALOM,
MARILYN

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN



Become the Liberator

Perhaps no story in all of the Bible has had so much influence on humanity as the story of the Exodus. It is the foundational story of the Jewish people who have survived millenia of tragedies and atrocities. Through it all, the Jewish people have always held out the hope that redemption, having come once, is bound to happen again. But it is not only the Jews who have pointed to this story as the source of faith that G-d has the power to rescue them from unspeakable horrors.

The African-American slaves in colonial America prayed for their own Moses to lead them out of slavery: "Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land. Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go," they sang in the familiar spiritual. Much later, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., used the story of Exodus to encourage those fighting for civil rights. Just as the children of Israel had to suffer many trials and tribulations in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land, so those who were fighting for the rights of African-Americans in the 20th century, needed to have faith that their struggles were leading to an eventual promised land of freedom and justice in the U.S.

Freedom fighters in South American countries sought to overthrow oppressive dictators through the espousal of liberation theology, which insists that G-d holds a special love for those who are poor and downtrodden, as evidenced by the events of the Exodus among other biblical proofs.

The fight for freedom in our day and age has for many taken on individual and personal meaning, as we ask ourselves the questions, what enslaves us, and what do we need to do in the future to gain our own liberation? These kind of conversations can make for very lively and spirited Passover seders.

But at its core, the story of liberation from ancient *Mitzrayim*, Egypt, has to remind us to have empathy with others who are oppressed. Thirty-six times the Torah tells us in different forms: "Do not oppress the stranger, for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt." The memory of our own national trauma, **MUST** lead us to empathy for others who are hurting and struggling.

This year, please do one action or activity to help those who are suffering, from brutal governments, from hunger and/or homelessness, from dangerous addictions, from depression or mental illness. Reach out and be the "outstretched hand of G-d," to someone in need and make your Pesach and their lives that much more liberating.

One of the four biblical names of Pesach is "*z'man cheyru'teynu* - the time of our freedom." Let us work together as a community to make greater freedom a reality of our time, and not just of our history.

Chag kasher v'sameach, a Happy & Kosher Passover to you all,

Rabbi Tracee Rosen



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*You are cordially invited to attend our
Annual Passover Seder.*

Friday, April 19th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



BREAKING NEWS: We have found a caterer who will do all the cooking, serving and cleaning up. We will still need some help preparing the seder plates and setting the tables. With your help, we can keep the cost down. Members \$36.00, Non-members \$42.00, and children under 10 \$18.00. **Paid reservations are a must by April 10th.** Please let us know if you can help when you make your reservations. Thank you, we really appreciate your help.



“BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE”

**May their names be remembered
From generation to generation**

Dear Fellow Congregants,

During the High Holidays, we publish the “Book of Remembrance”. This book commemorates the lives of those that we have loved and who have passed on. There will be a special page dedicated to the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust as well as recent victims of terrorism. In addition to honoring our loved ones, the “Book of Remembrance” is also a fund raiser for our Congregation. .

You must list the names as you want them to appear in the Book of Remembrance. **Do not use the term REPEAT**
Please bring or mail this completed form with your check to the Beth Emeth office by July 15th, 2019.

Thank you for your continuing support

Rhoda Lesser

Chairperson 623-444-6621

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Also add my/our name(s) to the Special Memorial page for the 6 millions Jews and Victims of Terrorism. (\$18.00)To add more names use a separate paper.

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Grand Total \$_____

New List

My (Our Name) _____

Phone number _____

Date_____

Check enclosed, payable to Beth Emeth Congregation

Dear Member

This is a gentle reminder that if you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please bring them to the office or mail them in. If you have paid them, thank you.

I hope to see all of you at our functions, services, and min-yans. We have so much going on at Beth Emeth, so please read your Observer. If you have any ideas for programs and classes, let me know.

I know that I ask every month but we are actively looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. The synagogue can no longer function on its own, we must work as a team. I am counting on all of us. You would be surprised how helpful just 2 hours a month is. Thank you.

Marilyn Newberg

HELP !



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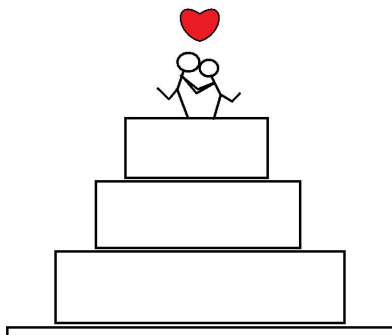
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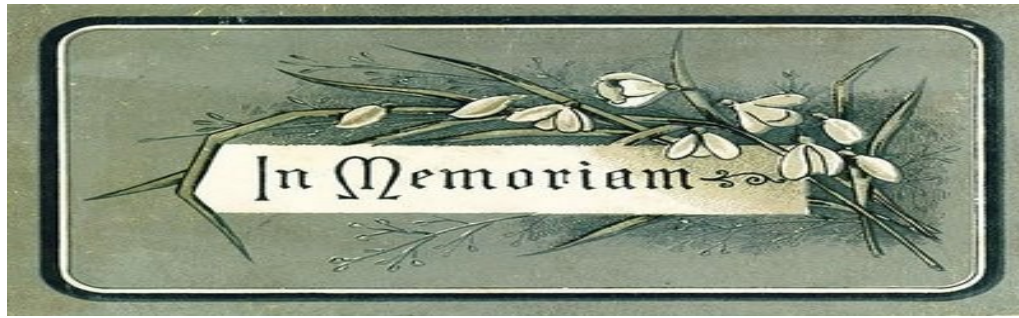
APRIL 2019

2	Norman Kurtz	13	James Toney
4	Michael Goldman	17	Saul Rothzeit
5	Elliot Kleinman	19	Fran Kauffman
5	Joe Weintraub	21	Evelyn Walter
7	Brenda Kleinman	24	Rochelle Bailey
11	Irv Glorit	28	Kat Magedman

ANNIVERSARY

9 Saul and Sharon Rothzeit





The following Yahzeits will be observed during April.
Kaddish may be said on Friday Evenings and Saturday mornings.
El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday
preceding the Yahzeit at 8:00 a.m. Minyan.

APRIL	ADAR II	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
3	27	Ruth Oretskin	Mother-in-Law	Irv Glorit
4	28	Isaac Summer	Father	Robert Summer
6	NISSAN 1	Fannie Cooper	Mother	Eugene Cooper
6	1	Markel Geller	Father	Sue Geller
6	1	Edith Hesch	Mother	Morris Hesch
8	3	Morris Sheidlower	Father	Adele Sacher
8	3	Bernard Weintraub	Father	Joe Weintraub
9	4	Pearl Gubin	Mother-in-Law	Shirley Gubin
10	5	Edna Koshar	Mother	Louis Koshar
11	6	Beverly Casper	Cousin	Sheldon Koven
12	7	Marilyn Rich	Wife	Gerald Rich
14	9	Matilda Friedman	Mother	Mark Friedman
14	9	Mildred Relkin	Sister-in-Law	Gloria Greenberg
14	9	Blanche Wolf	Mother-in-Law	Marion Wolf
17	12	Luba Goldman	Mother	Gloria Greenberg
17	12	Ida Koven	Grandmother	Sheldon Koven
17	12	Claire Naidorf	Mother	Madeline Friedman
18	13	William Leibovitz	Father	Leah Tarnor
21	16	Martin Morrison	Husband	Natalie Morrison
24	19	Herbert Mason	Husband	Alice Mason
25	20	Benjamin Sussman	Father	Florence Rothschild
26	21	Carl Sherman	Father	Rochelle Bailey
28	23	Sadie Katzman	Mother	Lorraine Silverman
29	24	Scott Schreiber	Son	Helene Schreiber
30	25	Arthur Silverman	Husband	Lorraine Silverman
30	25	Elsie Sussman	Mother	Florence Rothschild

SPECIAL DOUBLE PROGRAM, FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 10 SHABBAT DINNER AT THE SHUL



Join our community for a casual dinner at the shul on Friday night, May 10th at 5:00 pm, right before the start of our new bi-monthly Musical Friday Night service. We'll enjoy a homemade dinner prepared and served by volunteers, with a nominal cost of \$12.00 per BEC member, and \$15.00 for non-members. We will then assemble in the sanctuary for a joyous musical service, and enjoy a dessert Oneg after services.

Musical Shabbat Service

Please make plans to join us for our bi-monthly special Musical Friday Night service on May 10th at 6:30 pm. These services are designed to attract people of diverse backgrounds to experience a joyful service with special music and melodies old & new. Our guest cantorial soloist for the evening is the marvelous Susan Colin.

Here are just a few comments about Susan Colin:

"Susan sings with a clarity that is breathtaking and rare."

"The voice of an angel"

"Sings from the heart"

"Amazing recordings"

"I've never seen a cantor or soloist connect with an audience the way Susan did."

Susan is a cantorial soloist with a diverse background in pop, choral, classical, and jazz music. She has written and recorded jingles, rock operas, original customized children's songs, and brings her professional approach to Jewish and inspirational music that appeals to people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Susan is also the owner of OySongs.com, the premier website for contemporary Jewish recorded and sheet music.





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Your Health is in your hands, so call,
1-888-653-6441 or go to
www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
or text the word circle to 797979 for more information or to pre-register.





WEST VALLEY HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

**A TIME TO REMEMBER
AND A TIME TO HONOR**

**LET US PLEDGE TO FIGHT PREJUDICE AND INJUSTICE
AND STAND UNITED TO PROCLAIM**

**THE HOLOCAUST WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT IN HISTORY. IT HAPPENED BE-
CAUSE INDIVIDUALS SO CONSUMED WITH HATRED DEVISED A 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**

"NEVER AGAIN"

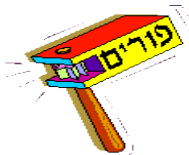
Please join Temple Beth Shalom, Beth Emeth Congregation, and
the Jewish community of the West Valley in commemoration of
Yom Ha-Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 30 Nisan 5779
3:00 pm

At
Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N. 101st Ave. Sun City AZ 85351





March means 3 things for members at Beth Emeth.



Purim, Spring Training and Cactus Koshers Hot Dog Day.

Cactus Koshers Hot Dog Day was celebrated this past Sunday in Hinden Hall and was a great success. It was a pleasure to see the happy faces as the customers left. Many said "See you in October" when we celebrate our Fall Cactus Koshers Hot Dog Day.

This year's success was mainly due to the efforts of our veteran crew; the Debbers (Stan, Max and Jack), Jim Toney, Jordan Colbert, Joe Weintraub, Herb Liebovitz and Tom Behrendt. Last but not least, we would be remiss if we didn't thank our Cactus Koshers Hot Dog Day "angel", Rosie Colbert, who always donates all the hot dogs.

We thank them all.

**Norm Kurtz & Gene Cooper
Co-presidents**



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(Exceptions do happen, so please
check)

- Executive & Board Meeting
3rd Friday of each month -
10:30 a.m.
- Minyan
Mondays & Thursdays - 8:00 a.m.
- Friday Evening Services -
6:30 p.m.
- Saturday Morning Services
9:00 a.m.

***I WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR
PHONE CALLS, AND CONCERN REGARDING
BOB'S HEATH CRISIS.***

***Your words of encouragement have meant
a lot to me. I have found that thru the
course of the many years I have been a
member of this community, you have
become my family.***

G-D bless you all.

Marilyn

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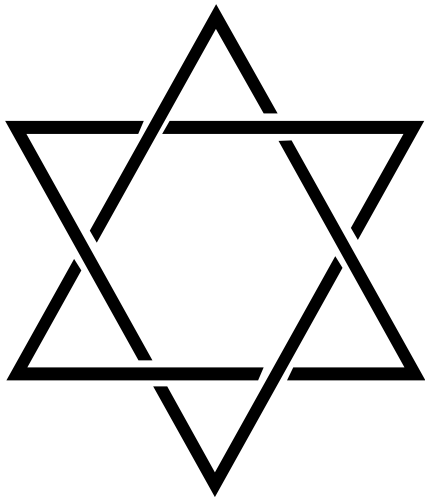
Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

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, caregiving 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.

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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 25 Adar II	2 26 Adar II	3 27 Adar II	4 28 Adar II Minyan 8 am Bereavement Group 1:00	5 29 Adar II Services 6:30pm	6 1 Nissan Services 9 am
7 2 Nissan	8 3 Nissan	9 4 Nissan	10 5 Nissan	11 6 Nissan Minyan 8 am Bereavement Group 1:00	12 7 Nissan Choir Board Mtg. 10:30 am Shabbat Service 6:30	13 8 Nissan Services 9 am
14 9 Nissan	15 10 Nissan	16 11 Nissan	17 12 Nissan	18 13 Nissan Minyan 8 am Bereavement Group 1:00	19 14 Nissan PASSOVER SEDER 6 p.m. 	20 15 Nissan Services 9 am
21 16 Nissan Services 9 am	22 17 Nissan	23 18 Nissan	24 19 Nissan	25 20 Nissan Minyan 8 am Bereavement Group 1:00	26 21 Nissan Services 9 am Services 6:30pm	27 22 Nissan Services 9 am
28 23 Nissan	29 24 Nissan	30 25 Nissan				
SAVE THESE DATES:	May 2 Yom Hashoah 	May 10 Musical Shabbat 	May 29 Life Line Screening 			

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Marilyn Newberg and Rhoda Lessner.
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Thank you, Thank you, Thank You