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SIVAN-TAMUZ 5779

JUNE/JULY 2019

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 synagogue alive and vibrant.

*"If one dream should fall and break
 into a thousand pieces, never be
 afraid to pick one of those pieces up
 and begin again. "*

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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

JUNE

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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT



When I think of the month of June, I think of graduations, weddings, birthdays, vacations, camp, and of course a/c bills sky rocketing. Which leads me into this month's article.

Let's begin with the cost of heating and air conditioning. If your monthly home electric bill was over \$1000.00 per month, what would you do to decrease this cost? Personally, I would raise the temperature a couple degrees. I would make sure that I did not leave the lights on all day and night. I bet we could all think of other reasons to lower our bills. So, why can't we do the same for B.E.?

Beth Emeth is our home away from home. Let's treat it like it was a valuable asset. How about being pro-active by, taking care of it. We have a few people who are always doing everything, and that is just not right. When you walk into the building, please be aware of your surroundings. If you see a bridge table in the middle of the lobby, ask if it should be put away. Same goes for the sitting area. some of the time, the desk chair is moved, or the small table is somewhere else. Take time to find out where they go, and please move them to their proper place.

Hindin Hall is truly a lovely room, however, it bothers me that some people just don't care about keeping it nice and clean. Please clean up after yourself, by throwing away trash. Just don't leave it for the next person.

Most important is, giving your time so that we can keep our synagogue stay as beautiful as we all know it can be.

Thank you,

Marilyn



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN

Climbing our mountains

As the holiday of Shavuot approaches, we think of the images in our mind of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. At that moment of covenant making, the Israelites are warned against approaching the mountain. Only Moses may ascend. Later, Moses alone climbs Mt. Sinai and remains there for 40 days. As we observe Shavuot in modern times, we ask ourselves, when do we get to go up on the mountain?

This image of climbing a mountain is often used as a metaphor for life. We prepare in our youth for the climb during adulthood - striving for finding fulfillment in life: family, friends, spouses, children, career, financial success, material belongings. We develop a sense that once we reach the top and conquer the mountain of our own aspirations, then we can relax and enjoy the downhill stroll in the golden years of our retirement. We spend our early years on a steady uphill climb, in order to earn the right to an easy stroll as our energy wanes later in life.

Unfortunately, real life is usually way more messy than that. Most of us, at some point in our lives have to confront the fact that we have been involuntarily kicked off our initial mountain, by job loss, divorce, untimely death of a loved one, illness, or disability. Sometimes, even when all is going well, we get part way up the mountain and realize that this is not the right mountain for us, we need to switch course. Regardless of how it happens, we find ourselves down in a valley, there are a number of mountains all around us, and we face the prospect of starting over.

This is the scenario portrayed by New York Times columnist, David Brooks, in his new book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. He describes the move from the first to the second mountain as being one of moving from self-centered to other-centered. And the people who are on this journey up the second mountain, are those who live life by honoring their commitments to family, vocation, philosophy or faith, and community. These people begin living lives of great meaningfulness.

This climb up the mountain of interdependence can happen at any stage of our lives. Perhaps you have been through such a journey, of leaving behind a set of expectations, set either by you or by others, and switching to a path of following your heart. A lawyer leaves the law in order to teach high school English to inner-city kids; a salesperson decides that creating art is what fuels her passion; a retiree, gives up the weekly poker game to deliver meals to the infirm elderly. These are people who view their lives as entirely ordinary and normal, yet their stories can inspire us all to think more about the trajectory of our own lives.

If you have a story about your own journey up the second (or third or fourth) mountain, would you be willing to share it with me? I am planning my High Holy Day sermons this year around this theme. Please drop me a note at bethemethrabbi@gmail.com, or better yet, schedule a time to come in to chat.

At this holiday of the receiving of the Torah, may we all seek to acquire new wisdom to help guide us on our own and our community's path toward living a meaningful life.

Chag sameach, and have a wonderful summer.



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New Beth Emeth Member Havurah Groups will be Forming. Chavurot are small groups of Congregation members which usually meet once a month in each others homes. Members decide when to meet and select where events take place. The group runs itself and each group usually chooses a coordinator. Everyone takes turns planning events. Groups are usually 8-12 people depending on size of home.

If you are interested, please fill out application and we will start putting groups together. One application per household.

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Name #2 _____

Address _____

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Phone # _____

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Museums _____

Dining Out _____

Holiday _____

Theater _____

Movies _____

Concerts _____

Shabbat Dinners _____

Pot Lucks _____

Other Ideas _____



“BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE”

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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.

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Rhoda Lesser

Chairperson 623-444-6621

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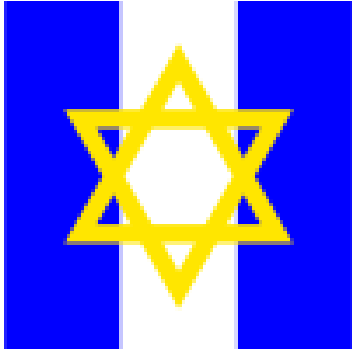
New List

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Date_____

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I know that as we move into the Jewish year of 5780, we will see new vitality, warmth, wisdom and milestones at Beth Emeth Congregation. We will have new challenges as we grow, and as the Jewish community of the West Valley grows, we will be accompanied by the dedicated leadership of our spiritual leader and teacher, Rabbi Tracee Rosen, and an improved facility (new parking lot) to accommodate our ever expanding needs.

In addition to telling you about what is going on here, I would like you to invite friends or family members to join our congregation. Dues for 2020 will be \$600 for a single membership and \$1200 for a family. As an introductory special, we are offering membership from April 2019 through December 2020, including High Holiday tickets for both 2019 and 2020. Single Membership is \$450 and Family membership is \$900. This offer expires June 30th 2019.

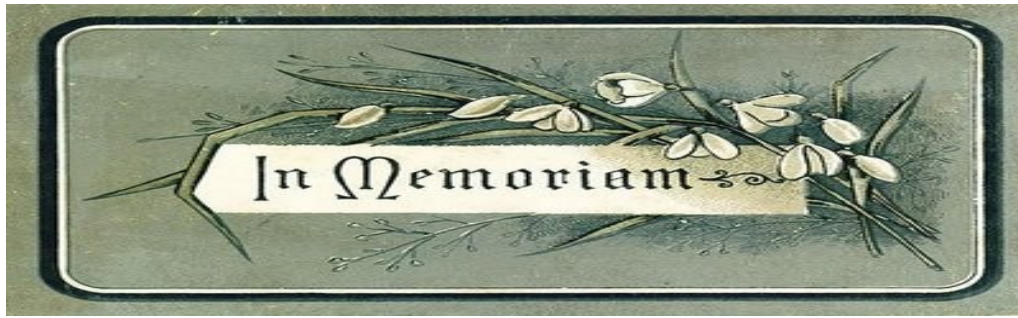
To thank you for referring a member, we are offering a \$25.00 dues reduction towards your 2020 dues. This program is a win-win situation for both the Shul and our members.

I thank you for your support and look forward to our continuing success.

Shalom

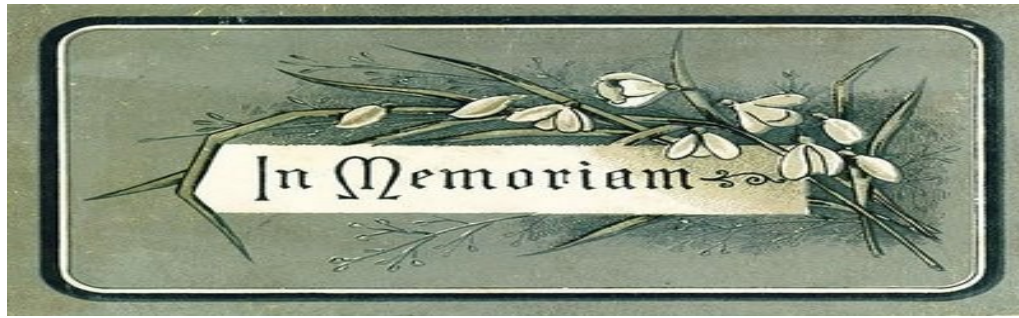
Marilyn Newberg
President





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

| JUNE | IYAR-SIVAN | Deceased | Relationship | Observant |
|------|------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 27 | Max Leibovitz | Father | Herb Leibovitz |
| 2 | 28 | Nate Segall | Father | Owen Segall |
| 6 | Sivan 1 | Jacob Isaacson | Father | Sunnie Saperstein |
| 6 | 1 | Frances Rothzeit | Mother | Saul Rothzeit |
| 7 | 4 | Phillip Katzman | Brother | Lorraine Silverman |
| 7 | 4 | Jacob Yampolsky | Father | Marion Wolf |
| 9 | 6 | Hyman Epstein | Father | Father |
| 12 | 9 | Jacob Wolf | Father-in-Law | Marion Wolf |
| 13 | 10 | Sam Boxer | Grandfather | Stanley Debber |
| 11 | 6 | Harold Rose | Father | Carol Madvig |
| 15 | 12 | Lillie Lessner | Mother-in-Law | Rhoda Lessner |
| 20 | 17 | Stephen Franek | Father | Susan Hersch |
| 20 | 17 | Annette Wolf | Mother | Bonnie Schlossberg |
| 23 | 20 | Phillip Dorman | Father | Paula Forster |
| 24 | 21 | Fred Friesner | Father-in-Law | Norm Kurtz |
| 24 | 21 | Julia Sontag | Mother | Joe Sontag |
| 25 | 22 | Bart J. Gordon | Nephew | A. David Silverman |
| 25 | 22 | Bessie Lazar | Mother | Max Lazar |
| 25 | 22 | Harry Rose | Father | Elaine Schwartz |
| 25 | 22 | Max Rothenberg | Uncle | Owen Segall |
| 25 | 22 | Abe Wolf | Father | Bonnie Schlossberg |
| 26 | 23 | Paul Rubenstein | Father | Sarah Klein |
| 29 | 26 | Seymour Hesch | Brother | Morrie Hesch |
| 30 | 27 | Norman Freilich | Father | Diane Freilich |



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| JULY | SIVAN-TAMUZ | Deceased | Relationship | Observant |
|------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 28 | Hilda Ganz | Sister-in-Law | Gloria Greenberg |
| 2 | 29 | Ella Engel | Mother | Sid Engel |
| 6 | Tammuz 3 | Jeanette Greenberg | Mother | Geri Cooper |
| 6 | 3 | Harry Lazar | Father | Max Lazar |
| 6 | 3 | Elsa Paul | Mother | Ron Paul |
| 8 | 5 | Ethel Zimmerman | Mother | Mary Ann Becker |
| 10 | 7 | George Tarasuk | Friend | Diana Freilich |
| 11 | 8 | Mary Herman | Mother | Nancy Perlow |
| 12 | 9 | Shirley Kuperman | Sister | Peggy Markowitz |
| 12 | 9 | Fred Friesner | Brother | Marion Wolf |
| 14 | 11 | Murray Doyschen | Husband | Rose Doyschen |
| 15 | 12 | Ella Freund | Sister-in-law | Gail Grossman |
| 15 | 12 | Minnie Levenshus | Mother | Cheryl Bookman |
| 15 | 12 | Irene Yampolsky | Sister | Marion Wolf |
| 18 | 15 | Morris Katzman | Brother | Lorraine Silverman |
| 21 | 18 | Harold Lessner | Husband | Rhoda Lessner |
| 22 | 19 | Irving Scher | Father | Ann Goldfarb |
| 22 | 19 | Norman Walter | Husband | Evelyn Walter |
| 23 | 20 | Ben-Yosef Israel | Father | Shoshana Perlmutter |
| 23 | 20 | Anna Leibovitz | Mother | Herb Leibovitz |
| 25 | 22 | John Callan | Husband | Mary Lou Callan |
| 25 | 22 | Molly D. Merchant | Mother-in-Law | Beverly Merchant |
| 28 | 25 | Helen Greenberg | Mother-in-Law | Gloria Greenberg |
| 29 | 26 | Mollie Sclarence | Mother | Bobbi Kneitel |
| 30 | 27 | Louis Rotherberg | Uncle | Owen Segall |

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 1 Jeffrey Harris
- 6 Bernard Rosen
- 11 Gloria Greenberg
- 11 A. David Silverman
- 20 Rhoda Lessner
- 24 Natalie Morrison
- 24 Moses Weitzman
- 26 Rosemary Abrami
- 30 Jordan Colbert

JULY

- 1 Peggy Markowitz
- 2 Elinor Goldstein
- 3 Alice Bernstein
- 6 Joe Sontag
- 8 Alice Mason
- 8 Linda Summer
- 9 Elaine Schwartz
- 10 Shirley Gubin
- 12 Sherry Lazar
- 20 Michael Madvig
- 22 Jim Frank
- 27 Iris Silverman

ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

- 3 Alvin & Linda Ziegler
- 10 Sheldon & Judith Koven
- 14 Arnold & Maryann Becker
- 14 Andrew & Jan Heidecker
- 14 Donald & Bonnie Schlossberg
- 25 Solomon & Shula Kantor

JULY

- 2 Robert & Marilyn Newberg
- 4 Charles & Leah Tarnor
- 17 Dov & Suzan Giloni



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Rabbi Tracee Rosen
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Rabbi Shelly Moss
The Torah of Social Justice

Andre Ivory
King David and the #metoo Movement: Biblical Sexual Proclivity

8:45 pm - Brief Evening Service

Dairy refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Beth Emeth Congregation (623) 584-7210



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We are pleased to welcome the following new member
Helaine Feldman



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We regretfully mourn the passing of our member, Florence Rothschild. Our prayers and wishes are with her family.



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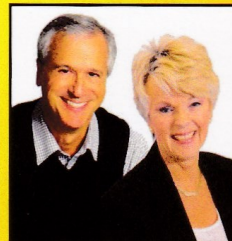
(Exceptions do happen, so please
check)

- **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.

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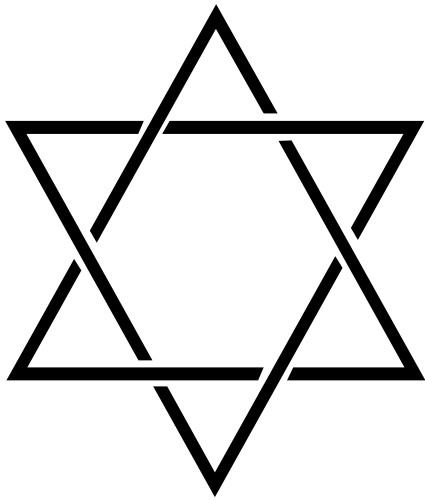
Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

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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Cost: Free for Beth Emeth members. \$10 per session donation requested for non-members, but no one will be turned away.

Book: The text we will use is *The Commentators' Bible* by Michael Carasik, Genesis volume. It is strongly suggested to purchase the text, as it is a large format, and difficult to reproduce the pages legibly. It is available for sale on Amazon or through the University of Nebraska Press websites. Also the Shul can get the book for you for \$54.00. If you are unable to purchase it, you will be able to share with another class member.

Please join us for minyan at 8:00 am, followed by class, for a great start to your day!

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JUNE 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---|---|--|
| | | | | | | 1 27 Iyar Services 9 am |
| 2 28 Iyar | 3 29 Iyar | 4 1 Sivan | 5 2 Sivan | 6 3 Sivan Minyan 8 am Summer Study Series 9:15 Bereavement Group 1:00 | 7 4 Sivan Service 6:30 | 8 5 Sivan Shavuot Study 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Services 9 am |
| 9 6 Sivan Shavuot 9 am | 10 7 Sivan Shavuot 9 am YISKOR approx. 10:30 | 11 8 Sivan | 12 9 Sivan | 13 10 Sivan Minyan 8 am Summer Study Series 9:15 Bereavement Group 1:00 | 14 11 Sivan CHOIR SHABBAT Board Meeting Service 6:30 | 15 12 Sivan Services 9 am |
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| 30 27 Sivan | 31 | | | | | |

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Congregation we once
were
and want to be!
We need your help
bringing back**

Past Members and inviting New Members

**We are asking you to help us
organize events, fundraisers and
we welcome new ideas.**