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Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Tishrei - Cheshvan

OCTOBER 2019

# L'Shanah Tovah



# PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Music, Dancing and Food

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#### FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT



L'Shana Tovato all our congregants and their families.

For some, it was a difficult year. Some moved away, others passed away, and for a lot of our members there were many health issues. My wish for all of our members, Good Health, Good Spirit, and a positive outlook for the future of Beth Emeth.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we reflect on what was and what is. What can we do to reach out not only to our community, but the communities surrounding us? In order to survive, we must make those communities aware of who we are.

Ramona Luckman, Maxine Popolow, & Bobbi Troy, have agreed to co-chair Programming. They have some great ideas. If you wish to join their committee, get their telephone numbers from the office.

The synagogue has not had a fundraising chair to work with the program chairs in quite some time. Consider helping out.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our \$10.00 Tuesday's, Book of Remembrance, Film Festival, Yizkor, birthdays, Purim, Hot Dog Days, musical Shabbats, etc.

I look forward to sharing 5780 with you.

Shalom,

Marilyn Newberg



#### FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN

#### New Readings for a New Year

First, I want to wish each of you a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. From my family to yours, we pray for a year of contentment, reconciliation, and peace.

In preparing for this year's Days of Awe, I have had to do some deep thinking and revisiting of certain ways of thinking about important topics. I look forward to sharing these thoughts with you and to opening up conversations that we can continue into the coming year.

While I will discuss these topics at services, I thought some would appreciate an opportunity for some outside reading, either ahead of time or after the fact. So here is my list of recommended books for High Holy Day reading (titles listed alphabetically by author):

**The Second Mountain** by David Brooks - The New York Times' columnist's look at how people transform adversity in their initial life's journey to a quest for greater meaning, morality, and interdependence in the second & subsequent journeys of their lives. Many inspiring examples of people who are living these kinds of lives on their "second mountains."

Religion for Atheists: A Non-believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion by Alain De Botton - A French atheist of Jewish birth explores how the non-religious can learn from the world's religions how to live and arrange our societies. From building a sense of community, creating lasting relationships, overcoming loneliness, to inspiring travel, and getting more out of art, he points out what religion does right even in the face of disbelief.

We Stand Divided: The Rift Between American Jews and Israel by Daniel Gordis - An historical look at the divisions between Israelis and American Jews, demonstrating that the divide we feel now is not new, and is fundamentally driven by the separate identities of the two largest Jewish communities in the world. Begins a conversation on what might be done to address the divide.

**Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor** by Yossi Klein Halevi - An American-born Israeli author writes letters to a fictional neighbor visible from his home across the barrier wall in Jerusalem in a Palestinian village. Explaining the historical claim and deep rooted connection of the Jewish people to the land of Israel, he also acknowledges that the Palestinians also have a claim to the same land. How can two peoples with valid claims to the same land ever come to an understanding? Only with pain and compromise on both sides.

**Antisemitism:** Here and Now by Deborah E. Lipstadt - One of the most distinguished scholars on the topic of antisemitism and the Holocaust writes a primer on the history and pervasiveness of antisemitic conspiracy theories, covering both attacks from the political right and left.

May the New Year bring blessings of peace to the Jewish people and all the nations of the world, Rabbi Tracee Rosen



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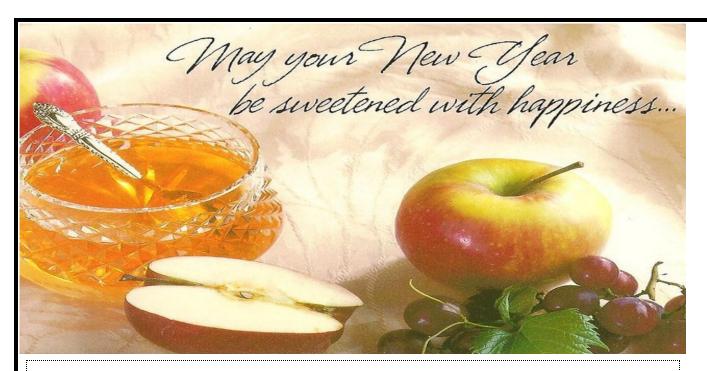
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Marilyn Newberg
Alice Mason
Sunnie Saperstein
Gloria Greenberg
Natalie Morrison
Cyrene Schochet
Jerry Rich
Stan Debber
Morrie Hesch
Arnie & Mary Ann Becker

Joanie Jacobs
Sarah & Sy Klein
Harris & Maxine Popolow
Ketzi & Jim Toney
Jordan & Rosie Colbert
Harry & Barbara Newman
Mike & Carol Madvig
Rhoda Lessner
Evelyn Walter
Shirley Gubin
Efrem & Elaine Schwartz
Rosemary Abrami

#### **ADULT LEARNING AT BETH EMETH CONGREGATION - 5780**

#### First Fridays - A New Learning Service

Dates: First Friday of each month, beginning November 1

Time: 6:30 - 8 pm

Location: Chapel/Library

For beginners and experienced members. Our traditional Friday night service with a twist. Each month we will focus on a special aspect, theme, or prayer from the Shabbat evening liturgy. We will answer your questions about the service, and Jewish prayer in general, to help each person have a more spiritual experience of connection with prayer and community. No fee, open to everyone, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. We will still include familiar songs and the traditional prayers each week.

#### **Weekly Torah Study with the Commentators**

Dates: Thursdays, resuming October 31

Time: 9-10 am (after minyan)

Location: Beth Emeth, Rabbi's office

Cost: Free to members, \$10/class suggested donation from non-members.

Instructor: Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Join a lively interfaith group which delves verse by verse into the deeper meanings of popular and lesser known Bible stories from Genesis. Students must purchase JPS' *The Commentators' Bible: Genesis (pictured here).* 

# COMMENTATORS CO

#### **Mini-Courses**

This year we are offering a series of 3-4 week classes on a variety of topics to interest everyone. No long term commitment required. Great for our winter residents. All classes meet on Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am. No charge for members, \$10/class session for non-members.

What you should know about the Israeli government - November 7-21(3 sessions). A primer on how the Knesset and the parliamentary system works. Who are the major parties, what are their main platforms & how do they decide who gets to hold what offices in the country?

**The Book of Judges: Anarchy & Activism** - January 9-30 (4 sessions). The least known of the major books of the Bible, we explore a time in Israel's history filled with unlikely heroes & disturbing stories. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

**The Lord is My Shepherd** - February 13-March 5 (4 sessions). How the most well-known psalm in the Bible can be a source of hope, strength & healing for all of us.

#### Introduction to Judaism

Dates: Weekly on Tuesdays,

November 5, 2019 - May 12, 2020

Time: 11:00 am -12:30 pm Location: Beth Emeth Library

Cost: Non-members - \$250 for 24 sessions, Members - no charge. S1

responsible for the cost of class texts.

Instructor: Rabbi Rosen

Learn the basics of Jewish beliefs, practices, holidays, prayer, and history in 24 lessons. This class is for everyone who wants a stronger foundation in what it means to be Jewish. It is open to Jewish people who want to learn more about their heritage, and to those who aren't Jewish who want to learn more or may be considering conversion. Minimum registration is 5 students.

#### Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Dates: Weekly on Thursdays, starting October 9, 2018

Time: 9 am - 10 am
Location: Beth Emeth Library

Cost: \$200 for congregation members Instructors: Keren Goldberg, Rabbi Rosen

If you have ever wished that you had a chance to celebrate a bat or bar mitzvah in the synagogue, now is your chance. Under the gentle guidance of Rebbetzin Keren Goldberg and Rabbi Rosen, you'll learn about the Shabbat morning prayer service, how to lead selected prayers, how to have an aliyah to the Torah and master a portion of Torah or Haftarah reading. The culmination will be a group celebration at services on June 6, 2020. There are no prerequisites, but the ability to read Hebrew at any level and familiarity with the Shabbat morning service are both pluses. If you can't read Hebrew, we will work with you to meet your goals. Minimum registration is 4 students.

Register for any of these classes by dropping by the Beth Emeth office, or calling the office to reserve your spot. Some classes require minimum registration in order to be held. Please register by October 23.





# The following Yahzeits will be observed during August 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.

OCTOBER	TISHREI	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
3	4	Roy Cohen	Husband	Ramona Luckman
3	4	Murray Friedman	Father	Sharon Rothzeid
6	7	Estelle Webber	Mother	Marion Koshar
9	10	Yale Margolis	Father	Norma Weintraub
10	11	Sol Becker	Father	Arnie Becker
12	12	Lillian Middleman	Aunt	Owen Segall
13	14	Rose Rosen	Mother	Alice Mason
14	15	Joseph Goldstein	Husband	Elinor Goldstein
14	15	Yetta Segall	Mother	Owen Segall
17	18	Rose Rose	Mother	Elaine Schwartz
18	19	Julia Hamerschlag	Mother	Marty Hamer
18	19	Stella Troy	Mother-in-law	Roberta Troy
20	21	Stanley Dolins	Husband	Evelyn Dolins
22	23	Ben Hamerschlag	Father	Marty Hamer
22	23	Rose Schwartz	Mother	Efrem Schwartz
24	25	Allan Segall	Brother	Owen Segall
25	26	Minnie Kriss	Mother	Barbara Newman
26	27	Freda Epstein	Mother	Rosemary Abrami
26	27	Michael Gubin	Father-in-Law	Shirley Gubin
26	27	Abraham Koven	Uncle	Sheldon Koven
26	27	Jake Lessner	Father-in-Law	Rhoda Lessner
27	28	Tillie Perlow	Mother	Allen Perlow
	Heshvan			
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31 2 Edith Kornheiser Mother Beverly Merchant

Wife

Jordan Colbert

Beth Emeth Observer

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Myrna Colbert



# OCYOBER

- 1 Linda Ziegler
- 6 Pamela Weiner
- 7 Nelson Magedman
- 8 Ramona Luckman
- 9 Andrew Heidecker
- 12 Ann Goldfarb
- 14 Sue Goldberg
- 15 Michael Weinberg

- 22 Mary Lou Callan
- 28 Myron Perlmutter
  - 31 Sy Klein



# **EDMING SOON**

# Save these dates!

NOVEMBER 3RD CACTUS KOSHER HOT DOG DAY

NOVEMBER 8TH CHOIR SHABBAT

NOVEMBER 17TH CHALLAH BAKE

**DECEMBER 5TH** FASHION SHOW TEA



# Make your Reservations Now WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 7:00 P.M.

The cost is \$10.00 for Members, \$12.00 non-members Please RSVP before October 2nd.

623-584-7210



# BETH EMETH HAVARAH APPLICATION SINGLES AND COUPLES GROUPS FORMING

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.

Name #1	
Name #2	
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Email #2	Phone #
	INTERESTS
Social	Museums
Dining Out	Holiday
<u>Theater</u>	Movies
Concerts	Shabbat Dinners
Pot Lucks	Other Ideas



# THE RABBI IS IN!

Do you have a religious question for the Rabbi?

Do you need some spiritual guidance?

Do you need some emotional support?

Do you just want to talk?

The Rabbi is in the office just for you every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to Noon

Please call the office for a phone or in-person meeting Same day appointments available, 623-584-7210

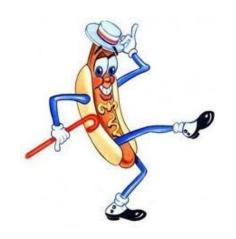


# CACTUS KOSHER HOT DOG DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2019

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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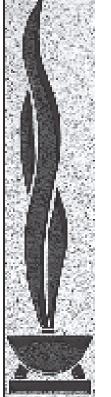
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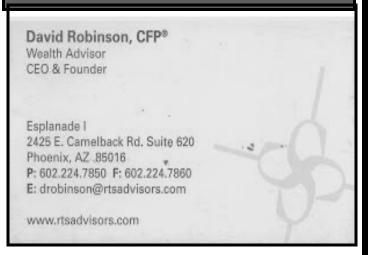
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# CALENDAR OF REGULAR EVENTS

(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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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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Professor Ziony Zevit
Thursday, October 24 | 1 PM



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Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger Monday, February 3 I 1 PM



EMERGENT JUDAISM: HOW AN ANCIENT TRADITION GETS NEW IDEAS

Rabbi Dr. Natan Margalit Thursday, March 12 | 1 PM

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# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2 Tishrei	2 3 Tishrei	3 5 Tishrei	4 5 Tishrei	5 6 Tishrei
		ROSH HASHANAH		Minyon 8 a.m	Service 6:30	Services 9 an
6 7 Tishrei	7 8 Tishrei	8 9 Tishrei	9 10 Tishrei	10 11 Tishrei	11 12 Tishrei	12 13 Tishrei
		Erev Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur	Minyon 8 a.m	Service 6:30	Services 9 am
13 14 Tishrei	14 15 Tishrei	15 16 Tishrei	16 17 Tishrei	17 18 Tishrei	18 19 Tishrei	19 20 Tishrei
Erev Sukkot	Sukkot	2nd day Sukkot		Minyon 8 a.m	Board Meeting 10:30 Service 6:30	Services 9 an
20 21 Tishrei	21 22 Tishrei	22 23 Tishrei	23 24 Tishrei	24 25 Tishrei	25 26 Tishrei	26 27 Tishrei
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Erev Simchat Torah	Simchat Torah		Minyon 8 a.m	Service 6:30	Services 9 an
27 28 Tishrei	28 29 Tishrei	29 30 Tishrei	30 1 Cheshvan	31 2 Cheshvan		

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Wishing everyone a HAPPY and HEALTHY New Year. Welcome back to our seasonal members and a special welcome to Beth Emeths new members. Hope to see everyone at the up and coming Holiday services. Friday evening services start at 6.30pm, Saturday morning services start at 9.00am, and minyan services are on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8.00am, If you have to

say Kaddish in the morning please call the office and let them know so we can make sure there are 10 people there to say the prays.

If anyone would like to do a Haftorah on Saturday morning please call the office or me.

RHODA LESSNER, Ritual chairman