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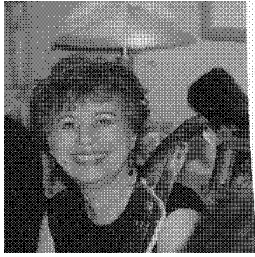
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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

March

6 6:12:
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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

March comes in like a lion...

Remember how many times it was repeated while growing up.

**Well, I have an idea. Let's use that expression to become the wind
and bring that energy to our synagogue.**

On February 16th, BE had a fabulous fashion show. The runway models were beautiful and those who attended really enjoyed the show. They shopped, we made money. The more they bought, the more we made. So! What was missing from this event?? I think you all know; it was our members. I notice that whatever we do, there seems to be low attendance. So we are inviting you NOW to our next fall fashion show on Sunday, November 8th, 2020. It's FREE! YOU have the answers, so let me in on your ideas for the future.

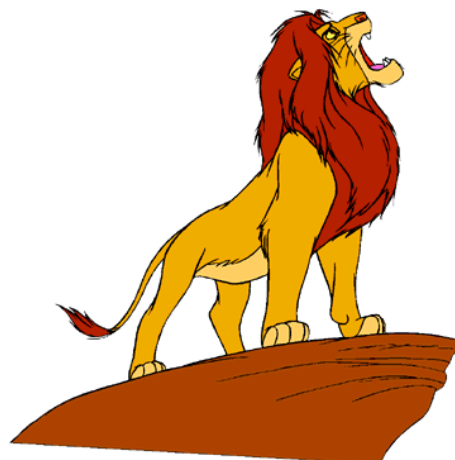
With Purim right around the corner, it's Hamantasch time. The Beth Emeth players will be presenting a new and improved Purim Spiel. They have been rehearsing night and day, without stopping to eat. The sweat is pouring down their faces, come see for yourself and make sure that you wear your costumes.

Bring in your orders, remember that 10 or more names wins you the prize of a lower price. Also, remember people you know that may not be able to enjoy the holiday with us, and place their name on the list.

Girls and Boys, do you know what time it is??? It's CACTUS HOT DOG DAY! This year, I would like to welcome as our new Men's club co-chairs. Tom Behrendt and Harris Popolow. The men's club will be alive and well, so, help them by supporting them.

SHALOM,

Marilyn





FROM THE DESK OF TRACEE ROSEN, RABBI

ONE PAGE AT A TIME

I've told the story more than once of being a young girl in day school in Denver. When we reached seventh grade, they split the classes for the Jewish studies portion of the school day into boys classes and ones for girls. In the after-school period which was mandatory for middle-school, boys began learning Mishnah then Gemara (the two main documents that make up the Jewish Talmud). We girls were assigned to Home Ec. I never really learned to sew worth a darn, but I was intensely curious about what was so special that the boys could learn it, but that it wasn't appropriate for us.

In the 1960's, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, z"l, one of the greatest thinkers and institution builders in American Orthodox Judaism began to allow young women to learn Talmud, defying centuries of rabbinic edicts saying that any father who taught his daughter Talmud was teaching her to become promiscuous. His view on this issue, unfortunately, was not widely shared in the orthodox world at the time. In Denver of the 1970's, young women did NOT learn Talmud.

Over the past 40 years much has changed. The creation of Jewish Studies programs at mainstream universities, women being admitted to the various denominations rabbinical schools, publication of 2 high quality English translations/explanations of the entire Talmud, all contribute to the increased exposure that has made learning Talmud more popular than at any time in Jewish history. And women have become an important part of this learning process.

On January 1, 2020 over 95,000 Jewish men gathered in MetLife Stadium in NJ along with hundreds of thousands in cities all over the world to celebrate the completion of the 13th cycle of studying the entire Talmud (Siyum HaShas), one folio page per day for 7 ½ years. It's a program called Daf Yomi (daily page [of Talmud]) which has been run worldwide since 1931.

What generated major attention and excitement this year was the simultaneous gathering in Jerusalem of over 3,300 **women**, who celebrated the achievement of women who had completed this long and difficult feat. Organized by Rabbanit Michelle Farber, a modern Orthodox American-born woman who lives in Ra'anana, Israel, she herself began learning Talmud at a young age & earned a PhD in Talmud from Bar Ilan University. She set out about 8 years ago to create an opportunity for women to study all over the world, culminating in the Women's Siyum HaShas celebration in January.

With the resulting publicity from this historic event, thousands of women (and men) all over the world have now taken on daily Talmud study from all streams of life. In the past month, I have been surprised and amazed at the number and variety of people who are challenging themselves to learn. I am proud to be one of them. I had often thought about committing to learn a page a day, and never thought I had the time. These days I am blessed with a 45 minute commute, which is the perfect amount of time to listen to a daily lesson in the car.

You might be wondering, "Why would I ever want to study Talmud? I study Torah, I read Jewish books, what more do I need?" In truth, the Talmud is more of a foundational document for Judaism than even the Bible itself. While certainly based on the Jewish Bible, it is the Talmud that addresses the development of Jewish life and practices that have evolved since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. To gain an understanding of Talmudic content and reasoning, is to open the doors to the ever evolving understanding of what it means to be Jewish, the way we and our ancestors lived our Judaism. Even if we don't observe every detail of every ritual, we become aware of how these rituals originated, the intent behind them and why they may or may not apply to our own lives in modern times. Learning Talmud gives us a seat at the table over which a conversation that has been going on for 2000 years is happening. It also gives us a language to speak with and understand the practices and beliefs of other Jews with whom we disagree. If we are ever going to find ways to bridge so much of what divides the Jewish people these days, starting with a common language and common points of reference will be vital. (continued on the next page)

Moreover, there are now such a wide variety of books, daily email services, podcasts & videos available, appealing to learners of all levels, and mostly accessible to those who don't know Hebrew or Aramaic. I've compiled a list of resources, mainly for more beginning learners that could help you become part of the real Jewish conversation. I hope you will take time to begin the process of learning more about your heritage and the amazing wisdom and logic of our ancestors. It's never too late, and you just need to take it one page at a time.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Ways to get started studying Talmud

MEDIUM Rabbi Tracee Recommends

PRINT

The Koren Talmud Bavli (each volume is beautifully illustrated & translated by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz). 42 volume set - can buy a single volume at a time. Also available in digital format for about 1/3 the price.

WEBSITES

Sefaria.org - the world's largest Jewish on-line library of sacred texts offers the entire Talmud, commentators, and more at the click of your mouse (or phone). Google Sefaria Daf Yomi, and it will take you to the modern translation by Rabbi Steinsaltz in English.

Hadran.co.il - The website created by Rabbanit Michelle Farber contains links to her daily podcast (for intermediate level learners) as well as other related content created by women.

Steinsaltz-center.org - click on "Today's Daf" at the top of the page. Presents a brief summary of the text, themes & lessons we can learn from the content of each day's teaching.

EMAIL SERVICES

MyJewishLearning.com - A daily dose of Talmud - a summary or highlights of a key story or concept from the day's page written by a rotating group of rabbis from different denominations.

PODCAST

Tablet Magazine - Take One - daily daf yomi podcast - Liel Liebovitz of Tablet Magazine and the Unorthodox podcast offers reflection on a single topic from the page, often with guest commentators.

Talking Talmud podcast - Anne Gordon and Yardaena Osband discuss in-depth an aspect of the daily page.

FACEBOOK GROUPS

A Daily Dose of Talmud: Daf Yomi for Everyone - from the folks at My Jewish Learning - a forum for discussion about the page of the day, as it says for everyone.

Meme Yomi - מֶמֶי יוֹמִי - Finally, a little humor here - people with waaay too much time on their hands create clever "memes" (pictures with pithy sayings printed on them) relating to topics or characters mentioned in the day's daf.



CACTUS KOSHER HOT DOG DAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

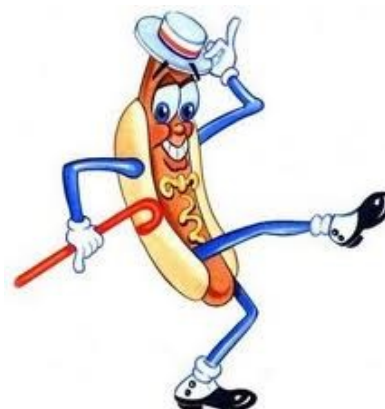
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ADULT LEARNING AT BETH EMETH CONGREGATION - 5780

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,

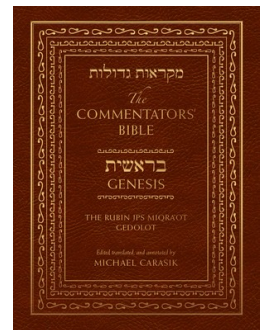
Time: 9:30-10:30 am (after minyan)

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).



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

ADULT LEARNING AT BETH EMETH CONGREGATION - 5780

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

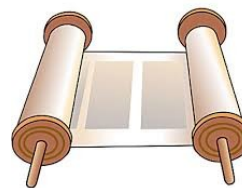
Dates: To Be Announced

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.

Beth Emeth Congregation offers Basic Judaism course

Beth Emeth Congregation in Sun City West (13702 W. Meeker Blvd) is beginning a series of classes on Basic Judaism starting February 12. This class, taught by Rabbi Tracee Rosen, is for learners who want to know more about the Jewish religion, beliefs, rituals, and history. It is open to everyone. No prior background is required.

The class will be conducted in 5 subject blocks, each covering a major topic in 3-5 weekly sessions.

- **Block 1 (February 12 - March 11):** An introduction to **Jewish ritual life**, including learning about the synagogue, Jewish prayer, the observance of the Sabbath, and the dietary laws.
- **Block 2 (March 18 - April 1, April 22 - 29):** **Basic Jewish history** from Biblical Civilization through the Emancipation/Enlightenment of the 19th century.
- **Block 3 (May 6 - June 3):** **Jewish holiday celebrations:** High Holy Days, Pilgrimage festivals of Passover, Shavuot, and Succot, other less known commemorations.
- **Block 4 (June 3 - 24):** **Jewish life cycle observances:** birth, coming-of-age, marriage, death, afterlife.
- **Block 5 (August 5 -26):** **Judaism in modernity:** Antisemitism, Holocaust, State of Israel, American Jewish varieties, Jewish ethical teachings.
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All classes will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 11:30am in the Beth Emeth library. Participants are welcome to attend any blocks of classes they desire, or chooses individual topics. A suggested donation of \$10 per session is requested for non-members of the synagogue.

For more information please contact the Beth Emeth office at 623-584-7210..



**The following Yahzeits will be observed during February
Kaddish may be said on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.
El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Thursday
preceding the Yahrzeit at 8:30 a.m. Minyan.**

MARCH	ADAR/NISSAN	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
1	5	Ruth Colbert	Mother	Jordan Colbert
1	5	H. Norman Wyatt	Father	Kathryn Magedman
2	6	Betty Caplan	Mother	David Caplan
2	6	David Stuchlak	Husband	Susan Hersch
2	6	Minnie Weber Baer	Mother	Alice Bernstein
3	7	Evelyn Yampolsky	Mother	Marion Wolf
4	8	Dr. Morris Kriss	Father	Barbara Newman
5	9	Lila Carithers	Sister	Dr. Abraham Cohen
8	12	Sylvia Kline	Aunt	Owen Segall
9	13	Bernard Casper	Uncle	Sheldon Koven
9	13	Molly Fox	Grandmother	Rabbi Tracee Rosen
10	14	Doris Lacher	Mother-in-Law	Joseph Weintraub
10	14	Anna Libman	Grandmother	Rhoda Lessner
10	14	Anna Libman	Grandmother	Marilyn Newberg
12	16	Jack Goldman	Brother	Gloria Greenberg
12	16	Ethel Segall	Grandmother	Owen Segall
13	17	Anna Newman	Mother	Harry Newman
14	18	Sylvia Wyatt	Mother	Kathryn Magedman
15	19	Jack Feldman	Husband	Helaine Feldman
15	19	Ruth Heidecker	Mother	Andrew Heidecker
15	19	Solomon Moskowitz	Grandfather	Sheldon Koven
16	20	Anne Debber	Mother	Stanley Debber
18	22	Gloria Davis	Sister	Dr. Abraham Cohen
18	22	Samuel Nulman	Father	Charlotte Rubinoff
19	23	Ruth Epstein	Mother	Joy Epstein
19	23	Allison Hesch	Wife	Morris Hesch
19	23	Joseph Tarnor	Father	Charles Tarnor
20	24	Sarah Weintraub	Mother	Joseph Weintraub
20	24	Sara Ziegler	Mother	Alvin Ziegler
22	26	Nathan Auerbach	Brother	Gloria Greenberg
23	27	Lillian Friedman	Mother	Sharon Rothzeit
23	27	Ruth Oretskin	Mother-in-Law	Irv Glorit
23	27	Milton Rothschild	Father	Jamie Rothschild
24	28	Isaac Summer	Father	Robert Summer
26	1	Fannie Cooper	Mother	Gene Cooper
26	1	Edith Hesch	Mother	Morris Hesch
27	2	Sid Schochet	Husband	Cyrene Schochet
28	3	Leo Abrami	Husband	Rosemary Abrami
28	3	Morris Sheidlower	Father	Adele Sacher
28	3	Bernard Weintraub	Father	Joseph Weintraub
29	4	Pearl Gubin	Mother-in-Law	Shirley Gubin
30	5	Edna Koshar	Mother	Louis Koshar
31	6	Beverly Casper	Cousin	Sheldon Koven

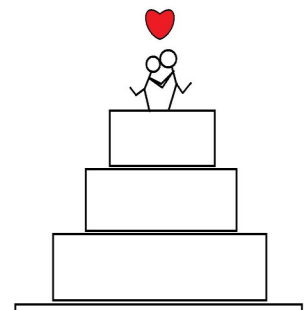
BIRTHDAYS

1	Diane Freilich
5	David Caplan
5	Madeline Friedman
6	Teri Maureen Goldman
6	Morrie Hesch
9	Cyrene Schochet
10	James May
15	Stan Debber
19	Dr. Abraham Cohen
20	Mary Ann Becker
20	Gilbert Webber
26	Rose Doyschen
31	Mary Flint
31	Sheldon Koven



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Efrem & Elaine Schwartz
4	Myron & Shoshana Perlmutter
6	Moses & Irene Weitzman
13	Sy & Sarah Klein
18	Stephen & Susan Hersch





CALLING ALL MEN

With the help of Gene Cooper, Tom Behrendt, and newcomer Bernie Harris, our MEN'S CLUB is in the process of remaking itself. On January 23 we met and reviewed our structure and the programs that worked in the past and what we could accomplish in the future.

It was agreed that we currently are going with two events that were successful, namely "HOT DOG DAY" on Sunday, March 22 and a Mothers Day Brunch on May 10th. We do have good experience in handling these events, but will need your help in various ways in order to make them a success.

Please fill out the enclosed application and return it to the office by February 29th (it is a leap year!) Our next meeting will be at the Shul on Thursday, March 20th at 10:30 a.m.. We will further seek to fill positions and identify what is needed at our upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing you there and working with you.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FULL TIME _____ PART TIME _____

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Please indicate your interests and any programs you would like to see the Men's Club adopt.



*I am borrowing this phrase from an old
friend of mine,*

HOWDY DOODY.

**OK, KIDS,
WHAT TIME IS IT???????**

It's PASSOVER TIME!

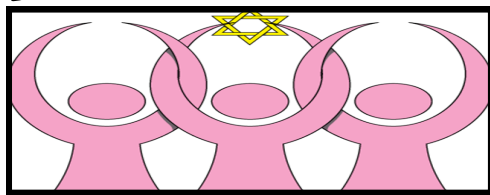
We are in the final stages of making arrangements for our

Passover Seder

Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

You will receive more information shortly.

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Stan Debber

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Shelley Moschel

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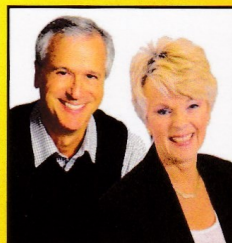
(Exceptions do happen, so please
check)

- **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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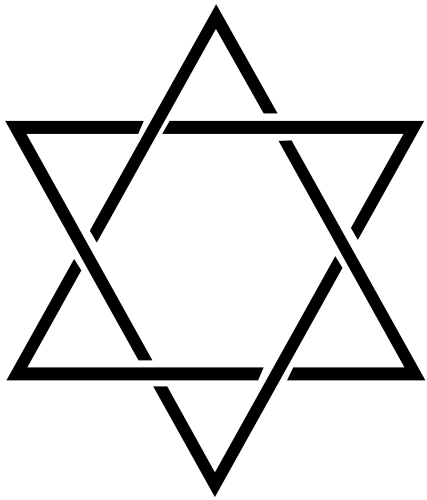
Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS)

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.

Please call Ellie Schwartzberg at **602-452-4660** for more information or to make an appointment.



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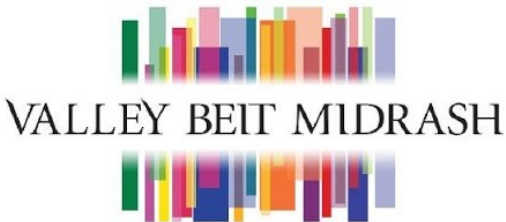
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Professor Ziony Zevit
Thursday, October 24 | 1 PM



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Professor Jeffrey Veidlinger
Monday, February 3 | 1 PM



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5 Adar	2 6 Adar	3 7 Adar	4 8 Adar Rabbi's class 10 am	5 9 Adar	6 10 Adar	7 11 Adar Services 9 am
8 12 Adar	9 13 Adar PURIM PARTY 6:30 PM	10 14 Adar PURIM SERVICES 9 a.m.	11 15 Adar Rabbi's class 10 am	12 16 Adar Rabbi's class 9:30 am Minyon 8:30am	13 17 Adar Choir Shabbat	14 18 Adar Services 9 am
15 19 Adar	16 20 Adar	17 21 Adar	18 22 Adar Rabbi's class 10 am	19 23 Adar Men's Club 10:30 Rabbi's class 9:30 am Minyon 8:30am	20 24 Adar Service 6:30	21 25 Adar Services 9 am
22 26 Adar Cactus Kosher Hot Dog Day	23 27 Adar	24 28 Adar	25 29 Adar Rabbi's class 10 am	26 1 Nissan Rabbi's class 9:30 am Minyon 8:30am	27 2 Nissan Board Meeting 10:30 Service 6:30	28 3 Nissan Services 9 am
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SAVE THESE DATES:	Wednesday April 8th 6:00 p.m. PASSOVER SEDER	Sunday April 19th 3 p.m. YOM HASHOAH.				

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