

## BETH EMETH OBSERVER

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#### **TAMMUZ - AV 5780**

### July 2020

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

#### AT A TIME OF DISAPPOINTMENT

O G-D of love, as You renew the work of creation day by day, so now, help me find renewal in my time of sadness and disappointment.

Let Your presence be a light within to dispel the darkness. Open my eyes to see that Your nearness, Your silent speech within the heart, is a shield to me. I realize that setbacks can often bring unexpected rewards and growth.

I pray for the courage to carry on despite defeat, for the wisdom to learn from adversity and to build a new and stronger life. Your strength can transform affliction into salvation: enlighten me, therefore, that I may look to the dawn of a new day with confidence and trust, and give me hope that will rise up above the moment's loss. For You, O G-D of hope, are my sustaining power, even when I have fallen.

Though I look upon the ground where lie so many frustrated expectations, I shall yet prevail. You are with me, and I am at peace. Amen.

Words from Sacred Space Book

Shalom, Marilyn



#### FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN



Dear Beth Emeth family & friends,

I sincerely hope this message finds you healthy & safe. Events of the past 2 weeks here in Arizona are certainly teaching us that we are not out of the woods yet. I'd like to give you an update on what's going on with the shul. We will not be able to return to a complete in-person schedule for the foreseeable future. This is both unfortunate and also potentially a blessing. We prefer to be together in person - it creates more meaningful relationships. But creating an online presence means that we can include more of our community who have been unable to participate in in-person activities due to mobility or health issues.

We have created a committee comprised of Tom Behrent, Arnie Becker, Tricia Thomas (our office manager), and myself to create a set of policies and procedures for deciding when, how & to what extent to resume in-person activities at the synagogue building. I know you all miss being together for special times, and I miss seeing you all in person. Please know that we are doing everything possible to adhere to the highest guidelines for preserving everyone's safety.

While we don't have definitive answers about when the building will open (and it will open!), I can give you some general ideas about what we are planning.

General thoughts

• All of the activities that make being part of a synagogue community so enjoyable: shmoozing, kiddush & onegs, making human contact, shaking hands & offering a yasher koach to a friend, are the exact activities we have to avoid. This will be doubly hard after months of no contact.

• Regardless of when we feel we can open, a number of you may need to remain away from public spaces for your own health requirements. Any on-site activities we do we will need to be able to broadcast on-line as well. (more on this below).

• One guideline we will follow is to allow time to elapse between group gatherings. In all likelihood, we will continue to do video services in the evenings and in-person services in the mornings. Second day services will also need to be on-line, so that we can provide optimum time for any virus particles to be destroyed.

• This means that one goal we have is to get as many of our community connected to on-line access as possible in the next 2 months. This virus and its effects are with us for the long term. Senior citizens need to be especially careful in not rushing social contact as the risks are so much higher for us.

• Once we feel confident that we can safely open the building, it will only be with adequate disinfecting and social distancing procedures in place. In terms of seating capacity, that means about 40 seats in the sanctuary, and about 80-85 seats including Hindin Hall would be able to safely be set up.

• The primary drivers in spreading the coronavirus are proximity and time. Remaining 6 or more feet apart with a mask will significantly reduce aerosol droplets. But the amount of time spent in such a setting is also crucial. Indoor gatherings of more than one hour increase our risk. The days of 3-5 hour services even on the High Holy Days must become a thing of the past; we will need to shorten the length of our prayer services (I just heard your sigh of relief all the way in Phoenix - please try harder to hide your disappointment (wink emoji)). This means that some parts of the services may be omitted or available to view at home on your own.

• Prayerbooks, Machzorim for the High Holy Days, and Chumashim (Torah books) will need to be reserved & labeled for individuals. Guidelines we have received are that printed material cannot be sanitized, and should be left untouched for 7 days before being used by someone other than the last user. You are welcome to come by the synagogue any weekday between 9-12 and borrow a siddur and/or Chumash. They are yours to use at home until it is safe to return them. We will similarly make Machzorim available for your home use.

• Communal kippot and tallitot (yarmulkes & tallises) will not be available. You must bring your own.

• We hope to set-up the option to view our in-person services on-line using Facebook Live, and/or optimally, our own website. If you don't have internet access, wifi, or a computer with a camera & microphone, please seriously consider adding these to your life. See the Zoom & Online Access article elsewhere (page 4) for other options to participate.

As we learn more and evaluate the situation here in Arizona, we will keep you up to date with more detailed plans. Please know that ensuring the safety of all of us is our TOP priority. As the Talmud teaches, "The saving of a life overrides nearly all other mitzvot."

Please know, I am always available for one-on-one chats - by phone, Facetime, Zoom, whatever. Please contact me directly at 602-688-4312.

Praying for the health, safety and well-being of all of you,

Rabbi Tracee Rosen



#### **Zoom & On-line Access - Connect with your community**

Since March, we have been using Zoom to offer services, classes and face-to-face opportunities to just chat. If you haven't joined us already, please take an opportunity to do so. Friday and Saturday access codes are below.

If you aren't yet able to use Zoom, here are some options to get you started:

#### NO INTERNET?

If you don't have access to the internet, you can still listen to services by dialing in on a regular phone.

- Call +1 669 900 9128 from a land line or mobile phone
- When prompted, key in the 10-digit meeting ID and then the Passcode, and you will connect to our service. We won't be able to see each other, but you will be able to participate via audio.

#### COMPUTER, BUT NO CAMERA OR MICROPHONE?

- You can still download Zoom onto your computer and see us (go to <a href="https://zoom.us/download">https://zoom.us/download</a> to download the software you might need. If you don't have speakers, or you want to communicate with the group, you can dial in from your regular phone using the procedure above. We won't be able to see you, but you will see us.
- Starting in September, we plan to begin streaming our services via Facebook Live. When we do that, you will be able to watch on-line anonymously.

#### WANT HELP GETTING STARTED?

- In August, we plan to offer small socially distanced tutoring to help you set up your own portable device for easy access. If you don't have a tablet and want to purchase one, we can help with that, too. Please contact Tricia in the office at 623-584-7210 for more information.
- If you need to get internet access or wi-fi service, please contact your local neighborhood association. Most can help you find the service provider(s) for your community and the options available.

#### SERVICE TIMES:

Friday - 6:30 pm, Meeting ID: 206 705 893, Password: 708198 with Rosemary Abrami

Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. Meeting ID: 772 741 631, Password: 876568 with Nelson Magedman



#### Curious about all the activity at the shul . . .

Hacienda de Sarah is a Day Time Adult program for adults with developmental disabilities. The members that we serve are some of the most phenomenal, kindhearted, and unique individuals that one could possibly know. They truly are one of a kind. Everyone here at Hacienda de Sarah have been tremendously blessed with the beautiful opportunity to have our DTA program here at Beth Emeth Congregation. We have been shown nothing short of an amiable and warm

welcome from its congregation.

We offer many beneficial classes to our members that include a wide variety of life skills. Money, time, community safety, and social skills to name a few. The wonderful staff that work together to serve the members have gigantic hearts. They display a passionate desire to teach, assist one in growing in their skills, and to see one thrive. To have that in a workplace is a rare and miraculous thing, and for that we are beyond blessed.

At Hacienda de Sarah, we are committed to providing quality services to our members. We strive to see them polish skills that are already in place, to learn new things, to challenge themselves to go a step beyond what they are familiar with, and to arise to be all that they can be, what they were *meant* to be. Watching them emerge into the wondrous beings they are today has been a sight to behold.

This year has brought such a unique time for everybody, and considering the circumstances happening around us, it has brought a tidal wave of emotions. But you know what, God is in the midst of the chaos. He is always there, and he is *still* here with us. Hacienda de Sarah would like to thank Beth Emeth Congregation for not only opening the doors of their beautiful Synagogue, but for opening their hearts as well.

#### A note about the back parking lot from Jordan Colbert, 1st Vice-President . . .

I'm sure that most of you have noticed the activity on the back portion of the synagogue property. It has been leased out to a power line company. They have a contract with APS to repair and upgrade a lot of the power structures in Sun City West. The rent is \$800 per month and will go through October or November. At that time all of the fencing will be taken down at no cost to the synagogue.

Also, concerning the back portion of the property, we are deep into the rezoning process in order to be able to have a developer build apartments back there. There has been some opposition from the single-family homes on the other side of the wall. We have been meeting with the representatives of their homeowners association and have come to an agreement to do the following. The height of buildings will be limited to 30 feet and no buildings will be built within 40 feet of their property. We are currently scheduled for the July 22 board of supervisors meeting at which time we hope to get final approval. The meeting will be online. The property can then be sold and the funds be used for the benefit of the synagogue.

We hope to do some very much needed maintenance and upgrades to the building and also establish an endowment fund to ensure the future of the congregation. It has been a long trek but we are nearing the finish line.



#### The following Yahrzeit will be observed during July 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.

July	Tammuz/Av	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
7/1/2020	Tammuz 9, 5780	Frederick Yampolsky	Brother	Marion Wolf
7/4/2020	Tammuz 12, 5780	Ella Freund	Sister-in-law	Gail Grossman
7/4/2020	Tammuz 12, 5780	Irene Yampolsky	Sister	Marion Wolf
7/7/2020	Tammuz 15, 5780	Morris Katzman	Brother	Lorraine Silverman
7/8/2020	Tammuz 16, 5780	Ben Lowenthal	Father	Joy Epstein
7/10/2020	Tammuz 18, 5780	Harold Lessner	Husband	Rhoda Lessner
7/11/2020	Tammuz 19, 5780	Irving Scher	Father	Ann Goldfarb
7/11/2020	Tammuz 19, 5780	Norman Walter	Husband	Evelyn Walter
7/12/2020	Tammuz 20, 5780	Anna Leibovitz	Mother	Herb Leibovitz
7/12/2020	Tammuz 20, 5780	Ben-Yosef Israel	Father	Shoshana Perlmutter
7/14/2020	Tammuz 22, 5780	Molly D. Merchant	Mother-in-law	Beverly Merchant
7/17/2020	Tammuz 25, 5780	Helen Greenberg	Mother-in-law	Gloria Greenberg
7/18/2020	Tammuz 26, 5780	Mollie Sclarence	Mother	Bobbi Kneitel
7/19/2020	Tammuz 27, 5780	Louis Rothenberg	Uncle	Owen Segall
7/21/2020	Tammuz 29, 5780	Cecile Peker	Mother	Shirley Gubin
7/22/2020	Av 1, 5780	Phyllis Harris	Wife	Bernard Harris
7/23/2020	Av 2, 5780	Herman Grossman	Husband	Gail Grossman
7/24/2020	Av 3, 5780	Julius Kneitel	Husband	Bobbi Kneitel
7/25/2020	Av 4, 5780	Murray Bernstein	Father	Irwin Bernstein
7/25/2020	Av 4, 5780	Susan Weintraub	Wife	Joseph Weintraub
7/25/2020	Av 4, 5780	Eli Witt	Father	Natalie Morrison
7/26/2020	Av 5, 5780	Morris Silverman	Father	A. David Silverman
7/26/2020	Av 5, 5780	William Rosen	Father	Alice Mason
7/26/2020	Av 5, 5780	Hanna Behrendt	Mother	Tom Behrendt
7/27/2020	Av 6, 5780	Jacob Goldberg	Father	Celia Weissbuch
7/28/2020	Av 7, 5780	Simon Newman	Father	Harry Newman
7/29/2020	Av 8, 5780	Ida Lee	Mother	Joanie Jacobs
7/29/2020	Av 8, 5780	Esther Kaufman	Mother	Rosalyn Podbielak
7/30/2020	Av 9, 5780	Gus Forster	Father	Arthur Forster
7/30/2020	Av 9, 5780	David Perlmutter	Father	Myron Perlmutter
7/30/2020	Av 9, 5780	Isser Koven	Grandfather	Sheldon Koven



- July 2 Elinor Goldstein
- July 3 Alice Bernstein
- July 6 Joseph Sontag
- July 8 Alice Mason
- July 8 Linda Summer
- July 9 Elaine Schwartz
- July 10 Shirley Gubin
- July 12 Sherry Lazar
- July 19 Jamie Rothschild
- July 20 Michael Madvig
- July 22 Jim Frank
- July 27 Iris Silverman





July 4

Charlie & Leah Tarnor





#### CALLING ALL MEN

It looks like this is a case that the bug got us. Unfortunately, as you may know our activities have been shut down. As it may be our board has likewise suspended its activities.

So far we will still continue with our usual activities such "HOT DOG DAY" and "MOTHER'S DAY" when it is safe to do so at their normal times. We will, of course, make plans for other events which need to be identified.

Our next Board meeting will be at the shul on Thursday July 16 at 10:30 a.m. We will further seek to fill positions and identify upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing you there and working with you.

Harris Popolow Men's Club Co-president (215) 668-5670 Maxporter2004@yahoo.com

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

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From the Big Book of Jewish Humor . . .

Bernstein visits a kosher Chinese restaurant on the Lower East Side and to his great surprise the Chinese waiter addresses him in Yiddish.

On the way out, as he is paying the check, he says to the proprietor, "You run a nice restaurant. And a Chinese waiter who speaks Yiddish - what a wonderful gimmick that is."



"Not so loud," says the proprietor. "He thinks we're teaching him English."

#### **Opportunity Knocks**

Remember all the things you didn't have time for? The promises to "do it after my nap?"

Knock. Knock.

The corona virus has trapped us at home with seemingly nothing to do, and boredom sets in.

Aha! Now's your chance.

We've dusted, rearranged and dusted again. Washed the windows, the floors. Oiled the hinges on all of the doors.

But what about the clothing that no longer fits? The stuff so outdated we're ashamed to wear it in public? The tie that's so garish it stays in the closet? The jacket with a lapel that went out of style long, long ago? The sweater that aunt Bertha gave us when we were much, much thinner?

And let's look under the kitchen sink. We're not really looking for things we can drink. The old can of cleanser that's gotten quite hard. Dried out old sponge as hard as the rocks in the yard. Detergent bottles with not too much left, but we have opened and are using a new one.

Those of us with housemates of the two legged variety can spend hours with jig-saw puzzles or playing card games and Mexican Train to help pass the time. And crossword puzzles offer challenges to both our intellect and imagination because we often have to think "outside the box" to guess what the puzzle masters are looking for.

And then there are books and magazines. I read myself to sleep almost every night. That's where I discover new worlds to explore and occasionally learn about subjects that were not required reading while I was in school. I even surprise myself when I am able to answer some of the questions on Jeopardy.

Still bored? Too much to do: Too little time!

~ Morrie Hesch



# Book of Remembrance

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 and those victims of COVID 19. In addition to honoring our loved ones, the "Book of Remembrance" is also a fund raiser for our Congregation.

List the names as you want them to appear in the Book of Remembrance.

Mail your request and payment by mail to: Beth Emeth Congregation, 13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Full Page - \$136.00 Half Page - \$72.00 1/4 Page - \$36.00 Special - \$18.00

For questions please call Tricia in the office 623-584-7210 or Rhoda Lessner, Chairperson 623-444-6621

#### Thank you for your continuing support

## Remembering

Rachel Faye Cooper Klempel 1969 - 2020

Rachel grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and attended Missouri University. She and her identical twin sister were adventurous travelers. She became an organic farmer and a certified massage therapist in Big Fork, Montana. Rachel won prizes for her jellies, jams, and pickled veggies at the local fairs. She is survived by her husband, Richard; her son, Levi; three sisters, Miriam, Debra and Leah; and her parents, Gene and Geri Cooper.



We would like to thank the following people and businesses who have made generous contributions during our closure

Rosa Colbert Mari Erichson Paula Forster Marilyn Newberg Abraham Cohen Adrienne Kirschner Arnie & MaryAnn Becker Harvey Finstein Alice Mason



We here in the office can send out cards to your friends and loved ones, letting them know they are in your thoughts and supporting Beth Emeth Congregation

Cards to make a difference . . .

- In Memoriam
- Simcha
- Refuah Shelemah (Speedy and Complete Recovery)

For a small donation we will gladly mail a

card to a friend or loved one for you - call the office for details 623-584-7210



Find comfort in our garden. It is tranquil in design and in harmony with its natural surroundings. The Biblical Garden is a quiet haven in which to find solace and to rejoice in life. We welcome your participation in enhanc- ing our garden through your generous contributions to honor, remember, or cele- brate a simcha.	This is the size of a Business Card Ad for \$75 a year, ten issues of the Observer sent to Beth Emeth Congregation Members
An appropriate plaque acknowledging your gift will be placed on the DONOR WALL in the lobby of the synagogue. Suggested dedicated items Trees\$500 Shrubs\$300 Bulbs, Perennials, and seasonal flower displays\$250	One of my Favorite Recipes Larry's Chicken Preheat oven to 375 9" x 13" pan Serves 6 3 lb chicken cut up 1/4 cup ketchup
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#### <u>\*\*KEEP AN EYE OUT \*\*</u> <u>WE WILL BE BACK</u>

July Services

- Friday Evening 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m.

Do you have a suggestion or something you would like to see here in the Observer?

Email: BethEmethAZ@gmail.com with your suggestions and comments.

We want to stay connected and need your help in doing so, what are your suggestions?



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Ellie Schwartzberg of Jewish Family and Children's Service (JF to appropriate resources and advocacy to Jewish people living munities. This is a free program underwritten by the Jewish Federation.	
Ellie has a Master's degree in counseling from ASU and has bee with an older population. She is currently the Vice President of (	
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Ellie is no longer offering the Bereavement Group Counseling ovidual counseling. Please call Ellie Schwartzberg at <b>602-82</b> make an appointment.	

# JULY 2020

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12 20 Tammuz	13 21 Tammuz	14 22 Tammuz	15 23 Tammuz	16 24 Tammuz Men's Club 10:30 am	17 25 Tammuz Board Meeting 10:30 am Services 6:30pm	18 26 Tammuz Services 10 :00 am
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5 Av	6 Av	7 Av	8 Av Erev Tisha B'Av	9 Av Tisha B'Av	10 Av Services 6:30 pm	

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