



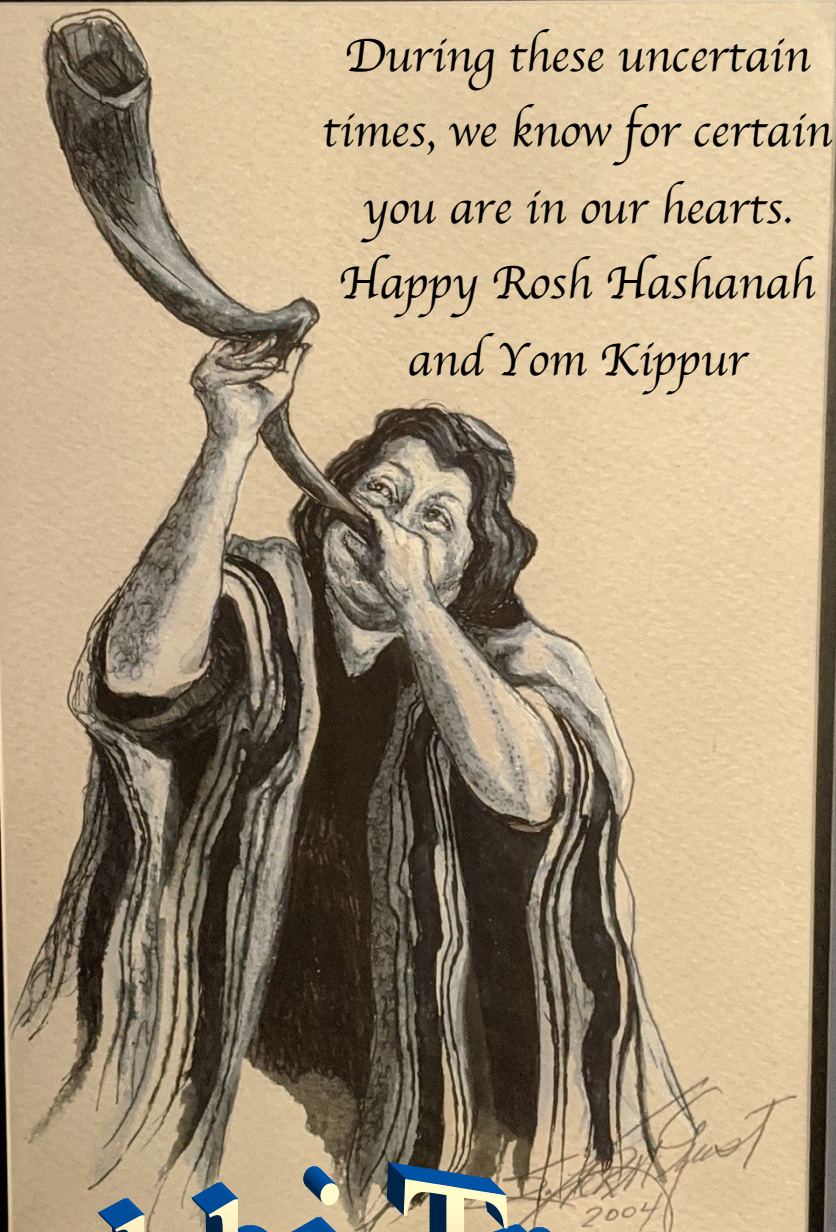
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Rabbi Tracee

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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

August

7 - 7:04

14 - 6:57

21 - 6:49

28 - 6:40

September

4 - 6:31

11 - 6:21

18 - 6:12

25 - 6:02

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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

A TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL WOMAN

I met Norma Weintraub when I came to Beth Emeth for the first time. This was 19 years ago. Our meeting was a little peculiar, there wasn't a handshake or a hello. Nope, it went something like this.

She was in the back row, I sat in front of her. She whispered to the person standing next to her, "she's so young, she's a baby"! then the conversation continued with "and she can read Hebrew." Needless to say, that our friendship lasted all those years. We played mah-jong, celebrated birthdays, and just enjoyed chatting on the phone.

A couple of facts that you should know. Since Norma was a teenager, she made all her clothes. She was very tall, and at that time the stores didn't have children/teen clothing to fit her. So her mom got her a sewing machine, and there was no stopping her. Until a couple of years ago, she was still sewing. Her needlepoint's were beautiful, I am happy to say that I am the recipient of a couple of them, when she would come over to play, she would go over to one of them, and say "how happy she was, that I had her work of art.

Norma was an elementary school teacher, so with her experience she helped Beth Emeth form a Hebrew school. She taught the older children. Norma was the first female to do a Haftorah. As brilliant as she was, she would be extremely nervous to do an English reading. She took finance classes, so she would be able to teach widows how to take care of their own finances.

Members of Beth Emeth were treated to hearing her beautiful voice during the times that our choir sang.

Norma lost her husband so many years ago, and brought up her 2 girls and 1 son by herself. Her son and 1 daughter live in NY and the other daughter in Texas. I know that they will miss her, and our hearts go out to them. She was a special part of Beth Emeth.



Marilyn Newberg
President of B.E. and her dear friend

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

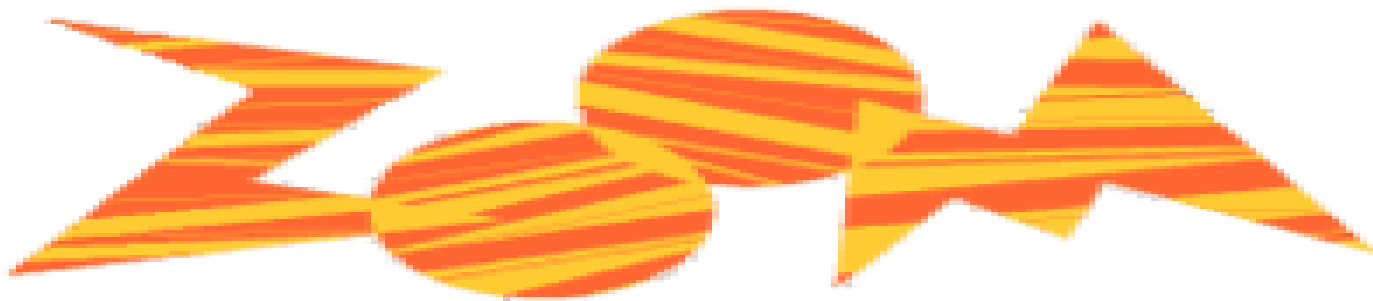
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For questions please call Tricia in the office 623-584-7210 (deadline August 15, 2020)



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN

The Rabbi is on Vacation



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ZOOM LINKS FOR ALL BETH EMETH PROGRAMS

Voice call dial in numbers (choose one)

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 301 715 8592 US

Topic: **Basic Judaism class**

Time: 10:00 AM Arizona Every week on **Wednesdays**,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/411070362?pwd=NnNOckJtUUcxVjNocjE5RER3eIZEUt09>

Meeting ID: 411 070 362

Password: 310659

Topic: **Thursday Minyan**

Time: 08:30 AM Arizona Every week on **Thursdays**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 257 949 625

Password: 471066

Topic: **Torah Study**

Time: 09:30 AM Arizona Every week on **Thursdays**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: **Friday Night Services**

Time: 06:30 PM Arizona Every week on **Fridays**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: **Shabbat Morning Services**

Time: 10:00 AM Arizona Every week on **Saturdays**

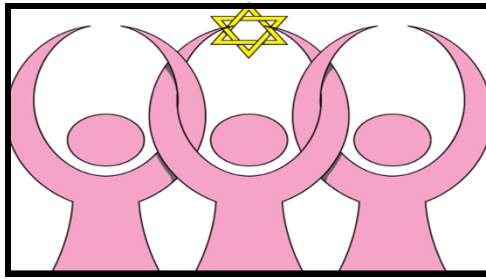
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SISTERHOOD



Beth Emeth Sisterhood is represented on the Congregation Board and is supportive of its actions.

If you wish to communicate with Sisterhood please send an e-mail to Beth Emeth with a notation for Sisterhood.

Sisterhood hopes and prays everyone is well .

Alice Mason



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.

As a member of Beth Emeth Congregation you are a member of the Men's Club, please let me know how you would like to help.

Harris Popolow
Men's Club Co-President
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**The following Yahrzeit 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 Thursday
preceding the Yahrzeit at 8:30 a.m. Minyan.**

August	Av - Elul	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
8/1/2020	Av 11, 5780	Nettie Freilich	Mother	Diane Freilich
8/2/2020	Av 12, 5780	Mike Saperstein	Husband	Sunnie Saperstein
8/4/2020	Av 14, 5780	I. Cooper	Father	Eugene Cooper
8/5/2020	Av 15, 5780	Melvin J. Silverman	Brother	A. David Silverman
8/6/2020	Av 16, 5780	Herman Kurtz	Father	Norman Kurtz
8/7/2020	Av 17, 5780	Robert Fisher	Father	Shelly Moschel
8/12/2020	Av 22, 5780	Lillian Himmelfarb	Mother	Gerald Himmelfarb
8/13/2020	Av 23, 5780	Steven Behrendt	Son	Tom Behrendt
8/13/2020	Av 23, 5780	Barbara Paul	Wife	Ronald Paul
8/16/2020	Av 26, 5780	Sam Rosen	Father	Bernard Rosen
8/18/2020	Av 28, 5780	Irwin Podbielak	Husband	Rosalyn Podbielak
8/18/2020	Av 28, 5780	Abraham Rothenberg	Grandfather	Owen Segall
8/19/2020	Av 29, 5780	Elizabeth Epstein	Mother	Cyrene Schochet
8/20/2020	Av 30, 5780	Martha Cohen	Sister	Gloria Greenberg
8/25/2020	Elul 5, 5780	Adeline Luckman	Mother	Ramona Luckman
8/26/2020	Elul 6, 5780	Gertrude Casper	Aunt	Sheldon Koven
8/26/2020	Elul 6, 5780	Martin J. Debber	Father	Stanley Debber
8/28/2020	Elul 8, 5780	Jonathan Kurtz	Son	Norman Kurtz
8/30/2020	Elul 10, 5780	Arthur Rosen	Brother	Alice Mason
8/30/2020	Elul 10, 5780	Isadore Weissbuch	Husband	Celia Weissbuch
8/30/2020	Elul 10, 5780	Alan Wolf	Husband	Marion Wolf



**The following Yahrzeit will be observed during September
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.**

September	Elul / Tishrei	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
9/1/2020	Elul 12, 5780	Brad Rich	Son	Gerald Rich
9/1/2020	Elul 12, 5780	Jack Singer	Father	Bobbi Kneitel
9/2/2020	Elul 13, 5780	Oscar Segall	Grandfather	Owen Segall
9/3/2020	Elul 14, 5780	Harry Koshar	Brother	Louis Koshar
9/4/2020	Elul 15, 5780	Joel Merchant	Husband	Beverly Merchant
9/5/2020	Elul 16, 5780	Cyla Grossman	Mother-in-law	Gail Grossman
9/10/2020	Elul 21, 5780	Roberta Silverman	Daughter	Lorraine Silverman
9/11/2020	Elul 22, 5780	Susan Federman	Daughter	Lorraine Silverman
9/11/2020	Elul 22, 5780	Lee Levine	Mother	Helaine Feldman
9/12/2020	Elul 23, 5780	Harry Caplan	Father	David Caplan
9/13/2020	Elul 24, 5780	Esther Bernstein	Mother	Irwin Bernstein
9/14/2020	Elul 25, 5780	Helen Koven	Mother	Sheldon Koven
9/14/2020	Elul 25, 5780	Rose Silverblatt	Mother	Evelyn Walter
9/15/2020	Elul 26, 5780	Marion Gould	Aunt	Iris Silverman
9/16/2020	Elul 27, 5780	Stanley Glaser	Husband	Elaine Schwartz
9/16/2020	Elul 27, 5780	Samuel Koven	Father	Sheldon Koven
9/18/2020	Elul 29, 5780	Howard Marshall	Husband	Sonia Marshall
9/22/2020	Tishrei 4, 5781	Roy Cohen	Husband	Ramona Luckman
9/22/2020	Tishrei 4, 5781	Murray Friedman	Father	Sharon Rothzeid
9/25/2020	Tishrei 7, 5781	Estelle Webber	Mother	Marion Koshar
9/29/2020	Tishrei 11, 5781	Sol Becker	Father	Arnold Becker
9/30/2020	Tishrei 12, 5781	Lillian Middleman	Aunt	Owen Segall

BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Rosalyn Podbielak
August 7	Owen Segal
August 9	Beverly Merchant
August 10	Irene Weitzman
August 16	Charlie Tarnor
August 19	Gerald Himmelfarb
August 19	Louis Koshar
August 25	Herb Leibovitz
August 29	Sharon Rothzeit
August 30	Barbara Newman
September 4	Donald Stevens
September 5	Marion Wolf
September 6	Harris Popolow
September 8	Marilyn Newberg
September 10	Efrem Schwartz
September 17	Harry Newman
September 21	Ronald Paul
September 30	Gerald Rich



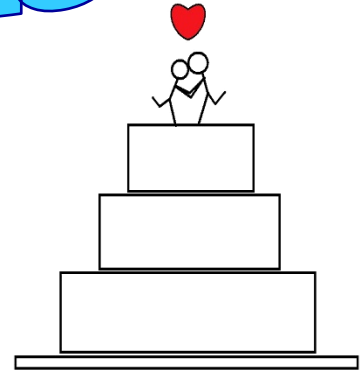
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ANNIVERSARIES

August 11	Jim & Ketzi Toney
August 17	Mark & Madelaine Friedman
August 28	Pam Weiner & Steven Malkin
September 5	Max & Sherry Lazar
September 12	Marion & Louis Koshar
September 16	Michael & Teri Maureen Goldman



Thank You

Gene & Geri Cooper

Ruth Callahan



Charlie & Mari Erichsen

Rosie Colbert

for your Kindness



A CARD OF THANKS

It really is a challenge
To tell in words that rhyme
Of just how much you helped us
Get through a trying time.

Your cards, your calls, your wishes
Help Joanie to recover
Yet there is more she must do
And more yet to discover.

Her vision was affected,
Her strength and mem'ry too.
And she and I are grateful
To have friends such as you!



OUR THANKS TO:

Cathy & Terry Ceranski; Gayle Soderstrom; Lorie Wallace; Phyllis Jacobs; Sally Hall; Marilyn Newberg; Bob & Lynn Griffith; Barbara & Bob Grossman; Ann Goldfarb Arnie & Mary Ann Becker; Natalie Morrison & Phil; Rosemary Abrami; Ketzi & Jim Toney; Chyckie Feldman; Susan Brunell; Charlotte Rubinoff; Liz Cohn; Leah & Charlie Tarnor; Roberta & Paul Tobin; Geri & Gene Cooper and anybody we may have missed.

Sincere thanks from Joanie & Morrie

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The Biblical Garden

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 enhancing our garden through your generous contributions to honor, remember, or celebrate a Simcha.

An appropriate plaque acknowledging your gift will be placed on the DONOR WALL in the lobby of the synagogue.

Right now the Garden needs much attention. Your help is appreciated, tools will be put to use. What can you donate? Call Tricia in the office with suggestions and contributions (623-584-7210)

OLIVE TREE Hosea 14:7
HIS BRANCHES SHALL SPREAD, AND
HIS BEAUTY SHALL BE AS THE
OLIVE TREE.

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



From the Editor's Desk

As the new editor of the Observer I welcome the challenge of keeping the publication relevant without making it boring.



As you know, there are articles and features which must be included, such as the President's Message, Rabbi's Message, calendar of events, you get the picture.

But I'd like to see more . . .and you can help.

Last month I included one of my favorite recipes and a bit of humor. We also included a brief Remember article, submitted by a member of that person's family.

There is a lot going on at Beth Emeth Congregation that does not get publicity, so only those directly connected to the activity are aware of those activities.

As examples, we have both a Men's Club and a Sisterhood and they run programs which benefit the synagogue financially. I would guess that both groups engage in social activities which are known only to the few members who participate in those activities and the rest of us are unaware of them.

So here's a challenge to both groups: Men's Club and Sisterhood - Tell the rest of the world what else you do. What were you created for as a temple affiliated organization. If fund raising is all you do, that's okay too, but let's raise awareness of your group's function. Give us the facts and let the Observer editorial staff include them in a future edition.

I also look forward to presenting information about various Jewish organizations. There are many, and I look forward to compiling whatever I learn so our readers know the function of each. Some examples are the Jewish National Fund, B'nai B'rith, Haddassah. You suggest an organization and maybe even look up their address online. Give it to me and I will find out as much about each as possible, then write about it in a future issue.

One more thing . . .DEADLINES. In order to present a finished product at the beginning of each month (on the secular calendar) articles are due not later than the third Wednesday of each month. This will give enough time for proofreading, layout and the actual printing (or preparation for email).

Thanks for your help.

Morrie

Knowledge is Power

Fast of Gedalia - A Minor Fast Day

- Observed the day following Rosh Hashanah, this fast day commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah, who was appointed Governor of the Jews by Nebuchadnezzar. This marked the final blow in the destruction of the First Commonwealth in 586 B.C.
- His death marked the end of any remnant of Jewish sovereignty and led to the further dispersion of the Jewish People.
- This is a Minor Fast Day and is observed only from dawn to nightfall. It is not widely observed.

From the Encyclopedia of Jewish Humor

The beloved entertainer of the Yiddish and English theatre, Molly Picon, once posed this question:

Can you imagine a woman president of the United States? The Secretary of State rushes into her office and gasps, "Madam President, the Soviets are building up their military strength in Eastern Europe, the Arabs are poised to invade Israel and two revolutions have just started in South America."

And the lady president answers: "Please, first you'll eat, then you'll talk!"



AUGUST 2020

Av - Elul 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> <i>11 Av</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10 :00 am</i>
<i>2</i> <i>12 Av</i>	<i>3</i> <i>13 Av</i>	<i>4</i> <i>14 Av</i>	<i>5</i> <i>15 Av</i>	<i>6</i> <i>16 Av</i>	<i>7</i> <i>17 Av</i> <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	<i>8</i> <i>18 Av</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10 :00 am</i>
<i>9</i> <i>19 Av</i>	<i>10</i> <i>20 Av</i>	<i>11</i> <i>21 Av</i>	<i>12</i> <i>22 Av</i>	<i>13</i> <i>23 Av</i>	<i>14</i> <i>24 Av</i> <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>25 Av</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10 :00 am</i>
<i>16</i> <i>26 Av</i>	<i>17</i> <i>27 Av</i>	<i>18</i> <i>28 Av</i>	<i>19</i> <i>29 Av</i>	<i>20</i> <i>30 Av</i>	<i>21</i> <i>1 Elul</i> <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	<i>22</i> <i>2 Elul</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10 :00 am</i>
<i>23</i> <i>3 Elul</i>	<i>24</i> <i>4 Elul</i>	<i>25</i> <i>5 Elul</i>	<i>26</i> <i>6 Elul</i>	<i>27</i> <i>7 Elul</i>	<i>28</i> <i>8 Elul</i> <i>Services</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>29</i> <i>9 Elul</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10 :00 am</i>
<i>30</i> <i>10 Elul</i>	<i>31</i> <i>11 Elul</i>					

SEPTEMBER 2020

Elul 5780 - Tishrei 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 Elul	2 13 Elul	3 14 Elul	4 15 Elul	5 16 Elul Services 10 :00 am
6 17 Elul	7 18 Elul	8 19 Elul	9 20 Elul	10 21 Elul	11 22 Elul Services 6:30pm	12 23 Elul Selichot (at night) Services 10 :00 am
13 24 Elul	14 25 Elul	15 26 Elul	16 27 Elul	17 28 Elul	18 29 Elul Av Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 6:30pm	19 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Services 10 :00 am
20 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah (2)	21 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah	22 4 Tishrei	23 5 Tishrei	24 6 Tishrei	25 7 Tishrei Services 6:30pm	26 8 Tishrei Shabbat Shuvatt Services 10 :00 am
27 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur KolNidre	28 10 Tishrei YomKippur Yizkor	29 11 Tishrei	30 12 Tishrei			

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