



BETH EMETH OBSERVER

"More Than Just The Conservative Congregation of the West Valley, We Are A Community".

BETH EMETH CONGREGATION
13702 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-584-7210 bethemethaz@gmail.com
www.bethemethaz.org
Rabbi Tracee Rosen

CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5781

November 2020



Inside this issue

President's Message	2
Rabbi Tracee Rosen	3
Zoom Services	4
Yahrzeits	6
Birthdays/Anniversaries	7
Humor	7
Men's Club	8
MahJongg Order	9
Sisterhood	10
Donations	11
Adult Education	12
Calendar	15

SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

November

6 - 5:13pm
13 - 5:09pm
20 - 5:05pm
27 - 5:03pm

**Volume 2020
Number 8**



FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

I hope that all our congregants are well, and are following the guidelines that the CDC suggested. I would like to know some of the things you are doing to keep busy. Please call or email our office, and tell us. I know that my daughter is, going hiking, kayaking, swimming, and taking walks with my granddaughter. Who can compete with that??

Our hope was to open our doors for Thursday minyan. However, with the cases of covid rising, this will have to be reconsidered.

I may sound like a broken record, but please think about being a director on our Board. We meet once a month, on Friday mornings. Surely there must be someone who can devote their time and help the existing board members. I am positive that with a few people, and a few good ideas, we can do many things to bring in outside residents. We also must think of when our doors open, what can we do to invite new members to our community.

Our by-laws state that the budget be presented to a full board, and confirmed by OUR congregation. If we don't have a quorum, this cannot be done. "if I can take the Presidents' position for the third time, no one should complain about helping "me". I hope that this is something you will consider.

I am open to any thoughts that you may have to show the West valley, that BE is alive and well.

On to a lighter side, has anyone seen the movie "The Greatest Showman"? The picture was ok, the music was terrific. I just received a picture from my 14 yr old granddaughter as one of the lead performers at a local stage performance of The Greatest Showman.

If you have some good news to share, PLEASE, let us know. We could really use some.

I wish everyone a good Thanksgiving. The world may be crashing around us, but we must be thankful for our friends, family & neighbors, and Hashem.

SHALOM,

MARILYN

ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION (Part of an ongoing series)

January 1939 marked the establishment of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. The organization combined the efforts of several groups, their founders stressing that the funds needed to support Jews in Europe and Palestine would far exceed the amount raised in the previous year.

While the organizations would raise funds together, each would assist Jews in a different locale. The Joint Distribution Committee would assist Jews in Europe, The United Palestine Appeal would aid the Jewish community in Palestine, including refugees arriving from Europe. And the National Coordinating Committee Fund would assist refugees arriving from the United States.

In 1999, the UJA merged with the Council of Jewish Federations and the United Israel Appeal, Inc. to form the United Jewish Communities. Although the organizations had been raising more than \$1 billion annually, they were concerned that the individual organizations were not as relevant as during the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel, with many donors seeking to direct their philanthropy through their own foundations. The balance of power would shift to the federations.



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN

As I write this, the end of this interminable election season is less than 50 hours away. By the time you read this, we may or may not know who will be president for the next 4 years. Regardless of whether we have the final results at this point or not, there are a number of things that we can do to help heal the rifts in our communities.

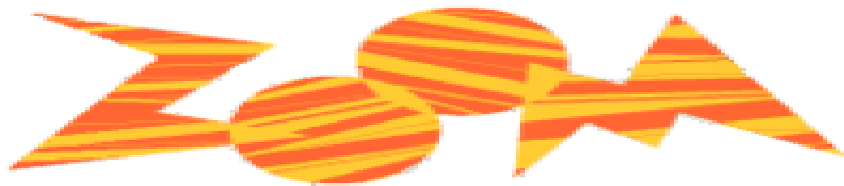
1. Let's recognize that everyone of us loves this country and is trying to make decisions that will help it to thrive.
2. We recognize that we are beset by many problems and challenges. We don't agree on the underlying causes or the symptoms.
3. Pirkei Avot teaches, *אל תשפוט אדם עד כל האדם לכף זכות*, judge every person with the benefit of the doubt. Focus more on the good deeds of our neighbors, and less on the speech that aggravates us.
4. Be patient with everyone. It may take longer than normal for all votes to be counted, and just as we want our individual ballots to be counted, we want to extend that basic right to all our citizens. Once the results are known, also be patient. Many will be celebrating the outcome, but nearly as many will be grieving. Let's make space for both sides to feel supported.
5. Continue to stay safe. The incidence of COVID-19 infection is reaching new peaks daily, and the virus doesn't care that we are soooooo tired of it and want to wish it away. Our population, especially, is too much at risk to take unnecessary chances.
6. As the isolation gets us down, the best thing we can do is to reach out to someone who may also be feeling lonely. A phone call, text, even video chat can lighten someone's spirits, and does wonderful for us as well.

Here is a prayer written by my teacher, Rabbi Dr Bradley Artson to help us focus on what's important in the days ahead.

A Prayer For Voting:

Holy One of Blessing, grant us the perspective to cast our ballots wisely.
Expand our vision to meet the needs of all, rather than to shore up our own self interest.
Grant us wisdom to steward the planet, the land, and life, rather than to perpetuate the short-term plunder that recklessly endangers humanity and Creation.
Fortify your teaching that all people reflect the Divine image, and that we are commanded to maintain one law for ourselves and for each other.
May this vote implement democracy's invitation to equality under law, with opportunity for all to thrive. May our vote advance Your vision of beloved community, flowing with your gifts of justice, compassion, and peace. May it be Your will, and let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Tracee



Zoom links for Beth Emeth programs

Effective October 14, 2020

All Services will have a single recurring link, and all classes will have a single link. If you are uncertain which link to use, please refer to the Beth Emeth website www.bethemethaz.org. Shabbat service times will remain the same: 6:30 pm on Friday nights, 10 am on Saturday mornings.

All Prayer Services:

Meeting ID: 837 9563 5986
Passcode: bec5781

All Classes:

Meeting ID: 818 6640 3856
Passcode: Learn@BEC
For current classes see page 12

By standard Telephone:

Phone Number: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
Meeting ID: 837 9563 5986
Passcode: 6812238



SHOP THE JUDAICA SHOP FOR CHANUKAH

**Sensational new jewelry, mezuzahs and
beautiful gifts galore.**

**Personal showings call Barbara Newman:
623-388-4958 or
Geri Cooper 623-214-7721
or**

Stop in anytime Mon - Fri 9 am to 12 pm.

REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT

On the night of November 9-10, 1938, the Nazis' policy of discriminating against Jews changed to wholesale violence as they carried out the largest pogrom in the history of the world. The official pretext for this action was the killing in Paris of a low-level Nazi diplomat by a seventeen-year-old Jewish boy, Herschel Grynszpan. The boy's Polish-born parents had been deported several weeks earlier from Germany back to Poland. The Poles, however, refused to accept Grynszpan's parents, along with seventeen thousand other Polish-born Jews deported by the Nazis. These unfortunate Jewish refugees were left to rot, penniless, in the no-man's land separating Germany and Poland. Cut off from contact with his parents, Grynszpan shot a German official. When the man died, the Nazis decided to punish all of German Jewry for Grynszpan's deed.

The pogrom that ensued became known as Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass. On that night, the glass windows of almost every German synagogue, and in most Jewish businesses, were shattered. Shattered, too, were the lives of almost all German Jews. Ninety-one Jews were murdered during Kristallnacht, thirty thousand more were arrested and sent to concentration camps, where hundreds of them died.

World leaders denounced the Nazi pogrom and American Jewry reacted by forming the United Jewish Appeal, which soon became the greatest fund raising organization in Jewish history.

More than any other event of the time, Kristallnacht converted large numbers of Jews into Zionists; the price of not having a Jewish state, they realized, was too, too high.

(Source: Jewish Literacy by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin)

Ed.

I'M NAMED AFTER MY DEAD GRANDFATHER . . . WHY?

Not naming a child after a living relative is common among Ashkenazic Jews, who identify the name more closely with the soul than do Sephardic Jews. Ashkenazic Jews believe it would rob a person of his full life if another member of the family were to carry his name in his lifetime. Sephardic Jews (from North Africa, Spain and the Middle East) do not share this belief and do name offspring after living relatives.

(Source: The Jewish Book of Why by Alfred Kolatch)

Ed.



**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during November
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.**

NOVEMBER	HESHVAN/KISLEV	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
11/2/2020	Heshvan 15, 5781	Fradell Dorf	Mother	Sherry Lazar
11/2/2020	Heshvan 15, 5781	Steve Farkas	Father	Gyorgyi Rosenthal
11/2/2020	Heshvan 15, 5781	Lester Shapiro	Father	Roberta Troy
11/3/2020	Heshvan 16, 5781	Harry Goldberg	Grandfather	Keren Goldberg
11/3/2020	Heshvan 16, 5781	Stanford Goldberg	Brother	Celia Weissbuch
11/4/2020	Heshvan 17, 5781	Miriam Goldberg	Mother	Celia Weissbuch
11/4/2020	Heshvan 17, 5781	Jack Kleinman	Father	Elliot Kleinman
11/5/2020	Heshvan 18, 5781	Samuel Himmelfarb	Father	Gerald Himmelfarb
11/6/2020	Heshvan 19, 5781	Joe Frank	Father	Jim Frank
11/6/2020	Heshvan 19, 5781	Steven Jack Grossman	Son	Gail Grossman
11/7/2020	Heshvan 20, 5781	Charles Miller	Father	Iris Silverman
11/9/2020	Heshvan 22, 5781	Sally Lauer	Mother	Gail Grossman
11/10/2020	Heshvan 23, 5781	Sylvia Shapiro	Mother	Roberta Troy
11/17/2020	Kislev 1, 5781	Norma Leibovitz	Wife	Herb Leibovitz
11/18/2020	Kislev 2, 5781	Bea Kaufman	Aunt	Joseph Sontag
11/19/2020	Kislev 3, 5781	Bernard Greenberg	Husband	Gloria Greenberg
11/19/2020	Kislev 3, 5781	Grace Isaacson	Mother	Sunnie (Ellen Sue) Saperstein
11/20/2020	Kislev 4, 5781	Dr. Sam Pinkes	Brother-in-law	A. David Silverman
11/21/2020	Kislev 5, 5781	Marcy Hamerschlag	Brother	Marty Hamer
11/21/2020	Kislev 5, 5781	James Miller	Brother	Iris Silverman
11/22/2020	Kislev 6, 5781	Robert Marshall	Father-in-law	Sonia Marshall
11/24/2020	Kislev 8, 5781	Anna Liskofsky	Aunt	Dr. Abraham Cohen
11/24/2020	Kislev 8, 5781	Rita Rose	Mother	Carol Madvig
11/25/2020	Kislev 9, 5781	Beatrice Kaplan	Mother	Brenda Kleinman
11/27/2020	Kislev 11, 5781	Minnie Hesck	Step Mother	Morrie Hesck
11/29/2020	Kislev 13, 5781	Sam Fox	Grandfather	Rabbi Tracee Rosen

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Jack Ezraty 11/6/2020
Lorraine Silverman 11/8/2020
Celia Weissbuch 11/11/2020
Marty Hamer 11/13/2020
Irene Lehrer 11/16/2020
Tom Behrendt 11/17/2020
Helaine Feldman 11/18/2020
Gail Grossman 11/20/2020
Shelly Moschel 11/27/2020
Paula Forster 11/28/2020

ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Barbara Newman 11/16/2020 58th
Jim & Phyllis Frank 11/24/2020 3rd

Jewish Humor

Hebrew Teacher: "That will be all for now, Rosie. I have a headache."

Little Rosie: "Oh, I know about that. Moses had headaches, too!"

Hebrew Teacher: "Moses had a headache? Where did you hear that?"

Little Rosie: "Grandpa told me. He said G-d gave Moses two tablets."



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 at a date and time to be announced. 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

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.

MAH JONGG CARDS



Now is the time to think about ordering your 2021 Mah Jongg cards. When you, your family, friends and neighbors order your cards through Beth Emeth Sisterhood, a portion of the cost of each card is remitted to the Sisterhood. It is an easy fund raiser in which to participate.

Standard Print Size \$9.00

Large Size \$10.00

Make Checks payable to: Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Send or bring orders before January 2, 2021 to:
Beth Emeth Sisterhood Attn.: Gloria Greenberg
13702 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375

The National Mah Jongg League, Inc. will mail each card, individually, to you personally, therefore an address must accompany each order.

It is imperative that the name and address be included for each card ordered. If you are sending in a list, be sure that the name and address for each person on the list is included.

• -----

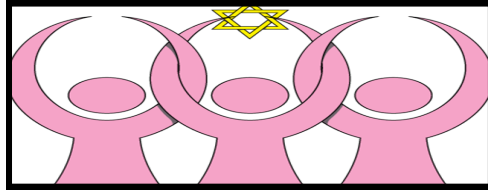
Name: Last _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Standard Size (\$9.00) _____ Large Size (\$10.00) _____

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

**The Sisterhood is taking orders
now for 2021 Mah Jongg cards.**

Regular \$9

Large \$10

See the order form on page 9

Do you shop at Amazon.com? Shop and we make money.

amazonsmile

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0553487>

CELEBRATING *Generosity*

We would like to thank the following people who have made generous contributions to keep us up and running

Alice Mason
Charlie & Mari Erichsen
Stanley Debber
Ann Goldfarb
Marty Hamer
Elliot & Phyllis Marcus
Shelly Moschel
Gerald Rich
Marion Wolf

Sylvia Choy
Rochelle Bailey
Evelyn Dolins
Michael & Teri Goldman
Louis & Marion Koshar
Sonia Marshall
Ronald Paul
Sunny Saperstein
Linda Ziegler

Rosie Colbert
Dr Abraham Cohen
Jim & Phyllis Frank
Gloria Greenberg
Norman Kurtz
Beverly Merchant
Joel & Loree Resnick
Elliot & Judith Schear

Celebrate Friends

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)



Adult Education - 5781

All classes will be held on Zoom.

**** **BRAND NEW** **** Together & Apart: The future of Jewish peoplehood.

Are you puzzled by the changing relationship between American Jews and Israelis? Curious about why non-Jewish Americans have historically displayed such strong support for Israel? Worried that our kids and grandkids don't feel the strong connection that we have always taken for granted? Thanks to the generosity of the Shalom Hartman Institute, we will tackle these issues & more through an exciting online series of study & discussion with some of Judaism's leading thinkers today.

Through video lectures, interviews, and textual sources, this 14-unit course addresses the complex features of Jewish peoplehood and the contemporary challenges to the Jewish people in an era in which we have moved from having no home to having two different, vibrant, homes in Israel and in North America.

Each session will be 90 minutes, including time for group text study & discussion. Materials not covered in each class are available for participants to access online. Rabbi Rosen will offer this class on Wednesdays both in the morning, and **as an evening class**, if there is sufficient interest. Registration is online. Please call or email the office for details.

Dates: Wednesdays, October 28 - February 3 with breaks for Thanksgiving & New Years

Time: Mornings: 10:30 am - 12 pm AND AGAIN Evenings: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cost: Free to BEC members. Suggested donation for non-members, \$200 for the series or \$15 per session.

Minimum registration is 7, and maximum is 12 to allow for everyone to participate actively.

Talmudic Stories

As an introduction to the study of Talmud, we will study 10 narrative stories, examining the way that these stories inform Jewish values and practices. We will also delve into the structure and methods of Talmudic instruction. All texts will be provided in English. No Hebrew or Aramaic knowledge needed (although it always helps!).

Dates: Thursdays, October 29 - January 14 with breaks for Thanksgiving & New Years

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: Free to BEC members, suggested donation of \$10 per session for non-members

Weekly Torah Study

Our weekly Torah study group continues. Using ***The Commentators' Bible***, edited by Michael Carasik, we have been working our way verse by verse through stories of Genesis. We are currently studying chapter 2, the story of the Garden of Eden. New students are always welcome.

Dates: Thursdays, starting October 29, with periodic breaks for holidays. Continues through the year

Time: PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME. 10:00 - 11:00 am

REALLY CLASSY RECYCLING!

DO YOU HAVE SILK TIES THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR? ARE YOUR SONS OR GRANDSONS INTERESTED IN THEM? DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM APART FROM DONATE THEM TO THE THRIFT SHOP? DO YOU WANT TO BE BOTHERED TO DO THAT?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE YES, NO, NO AND NO IN THAT ORDER . . .

THEN SIMPLY CALL ME, ROSEMARY ABRAMI, AT 623-546-8639. I NEED THEM FOR A PROJECT AND WILL COLLECT THEM FROM YOU OR ELSE YOU CAN DROP THEM AT BETH EMETH MARKED FOR MY ATTENTION.

MUST BE PURE SILK, NOTHING ELSE: IN GOOD CONDITION AND CLEAN

Thank You!

Get the Observer by mail?

The cost to mail has increased.

Consider a donation to help offset the expense.

****KEEP AN EYE OUT ****
WE WILL BE BACK

In person services continue to be suspended until the end of 2020.

Please check back to see if there are any other events happening.



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?

CC's Adult Care Inc.

13425 W. Rimrock St., Surprise, AZ

Phone: 623-544-7229

Mgr/Owner: Sylvia Choy

"YOUR FAMILY'S LOVE THROUGH US"

SOME OF OUR SERVICES AND AMENITIES

24 Hour Certified Caregivers

Alzheimer's Care

Phone, Cable TV, Internet

Housekeeping/Laundry

Beauty/Barber Service

Home Cooked Meals

Hospice and Respite Care

Doctors Visits

Restroom/Bathing Assistance - Medication Mgt.

We celebrate Holidays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

For Quality Care and Secure Comfort

Visit Our Home

MONTHLY RATE IS FIXED AT MOVE-IN AND WILL NOT INCREASE.

**ALL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES ARE
INCLUDED EXCEPT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES.**

Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) Ellie Schwartzberg, LPC

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.

Counseling addresses such issues as coping with bereavement and loss, care-giving 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 is no longer offering the Bereavement Group Counseling on site, however, she is available for individual counseling. Please call Ellie Schwartzberg at **602-828-6323** for more information or to make an appointment.

November 2020

Cheshvan - Kislev 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 14 Cheshvan <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	2 15 Cheshvan	3 16 Cheshvan	4 17 Cheshvan	5 18 Cheshvan	6 19 Cheshvan <i>Services 6:30pm</i>	7 20 Cheshvan <i>Services 10 :00 am</i>
8 21 Cheshvan	9 22 Cheshvan <i>Kristallnacht Remembrance</i>	10 23 Cheshvan	11 24 Cheshvan	12 25 Cheshvan	13 26 Cheshvan <i>Services 6:30pm</i>	14 27 Cheshvan <i>Services 10 :00 am</i>
15 28 Cheshvan	16 29 Cheshvan	17 1 Kislev	18 2 Kislev <i>Observer Deadline</i>	19 3 Kislev	20 4 Kislev <i>Board Meeting 10:30 am Services 6:30pm</i>	21 5 Kislev <i>Services 10 :00 am</i>
22 6 Kislev	23 7 Kislev	24 8 Kislev	25 9 Kislev	26 10 Kislev <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 11 Kislev <i>Services 6:30pm</i>	28 12 Kislev <i>Services 10 :00 am</i>
29 13 Kislev	30 14 Kislev					

Join Rabbi Tracee at one of her classes (see page 12 for more details)

Together & Apart: The future of Jewish Peoplehood Wed. 10:30-12:00 & 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Talmudic Stories - Thursdays 11:00 - 12:00

Weekly Torah Study - Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00

Our logo is a Shield of David made up of a calligraphic interpretation of the Hebrew initials of the Congregation, BETH EMETH, which means House of Truth.



**BETH EMETH CONGREGATION OF
THE WEST VALLEY**

**13702 W. Meeker Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
Phone: 623-584-7210**

**Website:
BethEmethAZ.org
Email:
BethEmethAZ@gmail.com**

**Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Beth Emeth Congregation Board

OFFICERS

Marilyn Newberg	President
Jordan Colbert	Vice President
Rhoda Lessner	Vice President
Tom Behrendt	Vice President

Paula Forster	Treasurer
OPEN	Financial Secretary
OPEN	Recording Secretary
Rhoda Lessner	Corresponding Secretary

DIRECTORS

Irene Lehrer
Alice Mason
Natalie Morrison

Men's Club

President
Tom Behrendt

Sisterhood

President
Alice Mason

