



# BETH EMETH OBSERVER

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**KISLEV - TEVET 5781**

**December 2020**



## CHANUKAH - TWO MIRACLES?

The Talmud asks - "What is Chanukah?" A strange question for the Talmud to be asking. They know, of course, what the holiday commemorated. Did they not themselves ordain Chanukah as an eight-day celebration beginning with the twenty-fifth of Kislev?

Most of us know to some degree the story of Chanukah, of the victory of the brave Maccabees against the Greeks and of the miracle of the cruse of oil that burned for eight days instead of one. If we look closely, the early history is not clear, and the story is not so simple.

The story tells us that one day the Greeks came to the village of Modi'in and set up an altar, commanding the Jews to bring a pig as a sacrifice to show obedience to Antiochus's decree. Mattathias, an old priest was so enraged when he saw a Jew about to do so that he killed him. He and his five sons then fought the Greek detachment, retreated to the mountains, and began a guerilla war against the Greeks and their Jewish allies. Before he died of old age, Mattathias passed on the leadership to his son, Judah the Maccabee and through superior strategy and bravery he defeated them all. Finally, he and his followers liberated Jerusalem and reclaimed the temple from its defilement by the Greeks.

They could find only one cruse of oil, enough to last one day, but when they lit the temple menorah with it, a miracle occurred and the menorah burned for eight days. Since then we celebrate Chanukah to remember the Maccabees and their successful fight for independence against the Greeks, and most of all, the miracle of oil.  
(Source: The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld)

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### SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

#### December

**4 - 5:02pm**  
**11 - 5:03pm**  
**18 - 5:05pm**  
**25 - 5:09pm**

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

I certainly hope that this Thanksgiving will be the last one that we are separated from our families and friends. It has been so difficult to try to make sense out of all of this.

I am extremely hopeful, that we will find a different road to walk. We must put our hopes in the hands of Hashem, but put the work necessary to heal in our hands.

Chanukah is rapidly approaching, and although I look forward to lighting our Hanukkah at Beth Emeth, I will be just as happy lighting them this year at home. We have many Chanukah items on sale. If you wish to “shop”, please call the office and let Tricia know. Someone from the Judaica shop will contact you and make an appointment. Make sure that you have your mask on, at all times.

If you want to participate giving the children at the Phoenix Children’s Hospital, by purchasing a book, or a stuffed furry, please do it soon. I will be making my annual trip down to deliver these donations. Let’s help the children and their parents, let them know that there are many who wish them well.

During 2020, I have purchased about 35 furries, roughly 25 books. Please add your gift.

You will be receiving a letter and information about your 2021 dues in early December. Please, please continue your support for our home. Your dues provide us with the ability to pay our bills, maintenance, repairs, and salaries.

I continue to ask that you contact any member, just to say HI, and to wish them well. If **you** are able to, ask if they might need something at the store.

I wish you all a wonderful Chanukah, New Year, and a super 2021.

Shalom

Marilyn Hope

president

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So too, we see a light ahead. Cargo plane loads of one brand of coronavirus vaccine have begun shipping from Germany to the US in anticipation of FDA approval. Dozens of tests of various types are being developed to provide quick, accurate, and inexpensive ways of detecting the virus, and progress continues to be made in effective therapeutic treatments for those who have gotten ill. We pray that by this time next year, at the latest, we will once again gather together in person to celebrate the triumph of the tiny bit of light over the darkness that has enveloped our world.

Chag Urim Sameach, Happy Festival of Lights,

Rabbi Tracee

## ***FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN***



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

At this season, the days have gotten shorter, the night stretches on. Imagine how the onset of winter must have affected our prehistoric ancestors. With the increasing darkness and corresponding dip in the temperatures, the obvious conclusion was that somehow the sun was being diminished and losing its power. All over the northern hemisphere, people created ceremonies to push back against the darkness, and honor the “rebirth” of the sun. They recognized that after the darkest of days, somehow the light would start to increase again, that spring and its promise of rebirth was on its way. The Feast of Juul (or Yule) in Scandinavia, the Roman celebration of Saturnalia, Chanukah, and eventually, Christmas all involved acts of bringing light back into the world by human effort.

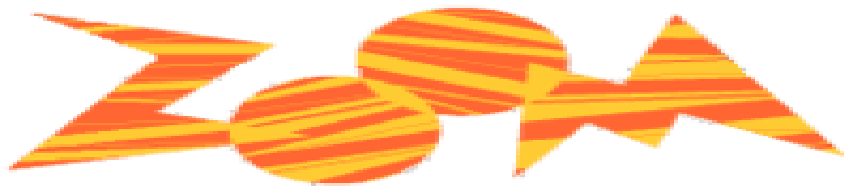
For the past 9 months, our world has been cast into a great metaphorical darkness. We suffer, remembering friends and family members lost to this horrid disease, and those who got sick and recovered slowly. We mourn the holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries spent in isolation without the reassuring presence of our loved ones. We have attended services, parties, weddings, b’nei mitzvah, and even funerals, by staring at little boxes filled with people we love on our computer or smartphone screens. This time last year, Zoom was the sound your grandkid’s toy car makes, Black Friday happened at the big box stores, and having groceries and restaurant food delivered to our homes only happened if you lived in Manhattan.

Still, we have adapted. Some of us attended Passover seders or Rosh Hashanah gatherings with dozens of family members from all over the country or even the world, putting us all in the same place in a way that never could have happened in “real life.” We have reconnected with friends and relatives who have been out of touch for years. We have learned to relax our reliance on the clock and even the calendar.

As I write this, the pandemic seems as far from being over. Infection rates in Arizona are at an all-time high. According to Banner Health, they are about one week away from their hospitals exceeding capacity. Over 1 million new cases are being diagnosed each week throughout the US. While the percentage of people dying from the disease has dropped significantly, our health systems are being overwhelmed. It’s now health care workers rather than space or equipment that are in short supply.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the founder of the Chabad branch of Hasidism, wrote, “a little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness.” As we prepare to light our Chanukah candles this year, we can remember this saying and realize that this message of Chanukah applies to many aspects of our lives. In the darkest of hours, the Jewish people have always kindled a light, favored hope over despair.

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## Zoom links for Beth Emeth programs

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](http://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**



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



While we had to close the doors of our Center for Senior Enrichment at The Palazzo during Covid-19, we've been able to open some windows to bring the CSE directly to you in the comfort and safety of your own home! All on Zoom – not familiar with Zoom? We can help – just let us know!

## Upcoming December 2020 Classes

Click on the link below each class to get more info and/or to register.

### MONDAYS

**Dance Fusion – with Michelle Dionisio – Monday, December 7 & 21 -11am-noon**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEuc-qvqz4dEtE6axceNH02m4s3n5xV3ZBX>

**3M Movement (Mind, Muscle, Merriment!) with Michelle Dionisio – Monday, December 14 & 28 – 11 am-noon**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEuc-qvqz4sEtE6axceNH02m4s3n5xV3ZBX>

**Schmooze Parlor - Host, Janet Rees -Monday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 -1-2pm: Bring info and smile to share!**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJctdOiuqTljE9zYuCP-mQ2o3lrW3eRHsyzJ>

### TUESDAYS

**The Curriculum Theatre Company – Tuesday, December 1 - 11 am-noon**  
**Shakespeare's 7 Stages of Man: Physiology and Performance**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAodOmhpj0uEtAuMNFCTJE4oWwVL2AAjdDR>

**Marshall Shore, Hip Historian – Tuesday, December 8- 11 am-noon**  
**Blast from the Past – Explore 1960!**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcoduCvrDgoG92CjGryNCRvcHJFpdVpTPkz>

**Yiddish Club: Mamaloshen – Tuesday, December 15 – 11:15 am-12:15pm**  
**Share the warmth and humor of Yiddish with Rabbi Laibel Blotner**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcsf--pqj8tG9yWZFKgvhw-zpUve7l3RKdy>

**Jane Przelica Presentation Series –Tuesday, December 22 – 11 am-noon**  
**Turquoise: Jewel of the Southwest**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAoceytqTljHtEP9kC-N2qvv693rvzKbqKF>

**Remember, Celebrate, Heal: Expressive Writing About the Self –**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29 – 11 am –noon**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJwqceugrjkjGtYt-r54CHXP1VND9F3rpXns>

### WEDNESDAYS

**Chair Yoga with Zoe: Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 11-11:45 am**  
[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYpcOiqrjkoG9YXJwdNPIC1tg1Tl1\\_Hmu8u](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYpcOiqrjkoG9YXJwdNPIC1tg1Tl1_Hmu8u)

### THURSDAYS

**Nicole Pesce Variety Show – Thursday, December 3 – 11 am-noon: Strolling Through the Great American Songbook**  
[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlkdOqprD0vGtSw5QYwnrhZam\\_DP4tHR42x](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlkdOqprD0vGtSw5QYwnrhZam_DP4tHR42x)

**Phoenix Art Museum –Thursday, December 10- 11 am-noon**  
**Visions of the Southwest: the art of Georgia O'keeffe and Ansel Adams**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJluf-uvpzMsEtH3xz8KU8YMzvHAGr2-GN3d>

**Phoenix Conservatory of Music –Thursday, December 17 - 11am-12:30pm:Jazz Melodies in the Music of Charlie Parker**  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEpduCpqiojEtLhWtNWbnevEiMcgFvEhljA>

**Book Club with Az. Jewish Historical Society - Thursday, Dec. 17 - 2-3:30 pm: *Hanukkah in America: A History* by Diane Ashton.** Book is available through Amazon.  
 For more info and/or to register, please email: [seniorcenter@jfcasaz.org](mailto:seniorcenter@jfcasaz.org)

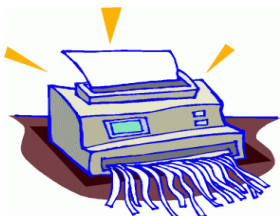
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**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during December  
Kaddish may be said on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.  
El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Thursday  
preceding the Yahrzeit at 9:00 a.m. Minyan.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Observant</b>
12/1/2020	Kislev 15, 5781	Paul Walter	Brother-in-law	Evelyn Walter
12/2/2020	Kislev 16, 5781	Bessie Frank	Mother	Jim Frank
12/5/2020	Kislev 19, 5781	Lucille Ezraty	Mother	Jack Ezraty
12/8/2020	Kislev 22, 5781	Louis Levine	Father	Helaine Feldman
12/9/2020	Kislev 23, 5781	William Pinkus	Father	Marilyn Newberg & Rhoda Lessner
12/10/2020	Kislev 24, 5781	Jean Klein	Mother	Sy Klein
12/11/2020	Kislev 25, 5781	Joseph Greenberg	Father-in-law	Gloria Greenberg
12/11/2020	Kislev 25, 5781	Lawrence Webber	Father	Marion Koshar
12/13/2020	Kislev 27, 5781	Sylvia Morrison	Mother-in-law	Natalie Morrison
12/13/2020	Kislev 27, 5781	Ada Sherman	Mother	Rochelle Bailey
12/15/2020	Kislev 29, 5781	Rebecca Gotlieb	Mother	Helene Schreiber
12/15/2020	Kislev 29, 5781	Erna Konig	Grandmother	Keren Goldberg
12/16/2020	Tevet 1, 5781	Alma Friesner	Mother-in-law	Norman Kurtz
12/16/2020	Tevet 1, 5781	Harry Katzman	Father	Lorraine Silverman
12/19/2020	Tevet 4, 5781	Sophia Franek	Mother	Susan Hersch
12/19/2020	Tevet 4, 5781	Nicholas Rosenthal	Husband	Gyorgyi Rosenthal
12/20/2020	Tevet 5, 5781	Bernard Sontag	Father	Joseph Sontag
12/22/2020	Tevet 7, 5781	Beatrice Kurtz	wife	Norman Kurtz
12/24/2020	Tevet 9, 5781	Phyllis Sontag	Sister	Joseph Sontag
12/25/2020	Tevet 10, 5781	Samuel Goldman	Father	Gloria Greenberg
12/25/2020	Tevet 10, 5781	Ethel Wodlinger	Mother	Judith Koven
12/26/2020	Tevet 11, 5781	Johannes Behrendt	Father	Tom Behrendt
12/27/2020	Tevet 12, 5781	Louis Kanter	Father	Phyllis Frank
12/28/2020	Tevet 13, 5781	Wilbur Madvig	Father	Michael Madvig
12/29/2020	Tevet 14, 5781	Chaya Ben Yosef	Mother	Shoshana Perlmutter
12/30/2020	Tevet 15, 5781	Esther Rachel Karofsky	Aunt	Marilyn Newberg & Rhoda Lessner
12/31/2020	Tevet 16, 5781	Dorothy Nulman	Mother	Ms. Charlotte Gail Rubinoff



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2/20/21  
LORD OF LIFE SHRED-A-THON**

# Happy Birthday to YOU...

Judith Koven

Thursday

12/3/2020

Max Lazar

Sunday

12/6/2020

Sarah Klein

Monday

12/28/2020

# Happy Anniversary

Nelson & Kathryn Magedman

Saturday

12/26/2020 15th anniversary

Eugene & Geri Cooper

Wednesday

12/30/2020 59th anniversary

Jewish Family & Children Services - December Classes continued from page 5

**Thursday, Dec. 24 – 11 am –noon**  
**Body Drumming with Joe Goldberger**

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUpfu2upjMtG9wHeaUTDsleS2telLf4FhZU>

**Opera: Jewish Treasures – Thursday, December 3, 10, 17 – 2-3:30 pm**

The 1st session is a celebration of Jewish opera composers. The other two feature Jewish opera singers, including video performance clips from a large array of operas. Fees apply.

**Note:** When clicking on the Eventbrite link: registrants are prompted by the question, "Through which program partner did you learn about these classes?" **Please be sure to indicate 'JFCS-AZ' as your 'program partner' when registering in Eventbrite.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-opera-jewish-treasures-tickets-120933542481?aff=JFCSAZ>

## FRIDAYS

**Welcome Shabbat – Friday, December 4, 11, 18, 25 – 11:00-11:45 am:** Special guests each week – including Cantor Seth Ettinger from Congregation Beth Israel celebrating Chanukah on December 18.

**Most above virtual classes are free to attend. Opera classes require fee. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Brauner at: [seniorcenter@jfcsaz.org](mailto:seniorcenter@jfcsaz.org) or 602-343-0192.**



## 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  
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## ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION

B'nai B'rith was formed in 1843 when Henry Jones and 11 other German-Jewish immigrants gathered in Sinsheimer's Cafe on New York's Lower East Side to confront what Isaac Rosenbourg, one of the group's founders, called "the deplorable condition of Jews in this, our newly adopted country."

B'nai B'rith International has advocated for global Jewry and championed the cause of human rights since then and is recognized as a vital voice in promoting Jewish unity and continuity, a leader in disaster relief, a tireless advocate on behalf of senior citizens and a staunch defender of the State of Israel. With a presence in countries all around the world, B'nai B'rith is the Global Voice of the Jewish Community. Their work is rooted in Human Rights and Public Policy: They monitor and combat anti-Semitism and other human rights abuses around the world. Through their office of intercommunal affairs, they play an active role cultivating religious tolerance and cooperation internationally.

**Supporting and Defending Israel:** They are a staunch supporter and defender of Israel at the United Nations and its affiliated agencies, in world capitals and in a variety of international organizations. Their World Center in Jerusalem is their connection to a wide range of Israeli governmental, academic and cultural institutions. The World Center promotes strong Israeli-Diaspora relations. It is the voice of the B'nai B'rith community to the Israeli government, national institutions and the NGO community in Israel. The World Center sponsors cultural programs and interchange. As a founding member of IsraAid, the World Center works with many other Israeli relief organizations.

**Senior Advocacy and Housing:** They are proud to be the largest national Jewish sponsor of federally subsidized housing for the elderly in the United States with homes for some 5,000 seniors across the nation. Working in partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, B'nai B'rith makes rental apartments available for senior citizens with limited incomes. B'nai B'rith senior housing is open to all qualified individuals as defined by HUD, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin. This unparalleled expertise in protecting seniors and advocating on aging issues gives them the ability to also serve as a respected voice on a wide variety of issues affecting seniors, including - but not limited to - Social Security and Medicare.

**Helping Communities:** B'nai B'rith has raised funds to help victims of disasters around the world since 1865. Their commitment to helping communities lasts long after first responders have done their vital work. In addition, B'nai B'rith volunteers are active in their local communities with a wide variety of projects ranging from distributing holiday-appropriate food for elderly Jewish residents who would not otherwise be able to celebrate the holiday to collecting and distributing day-old baked goods to shelters and schools to feed the hungry and much more.

(Source: B'nai B'rith International)

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# 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.

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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.

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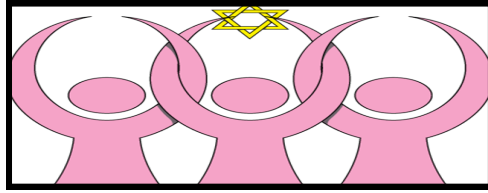
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# SISTERHOOD



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

## From The Encyclopedia of Jewish Humor

A Traveling salesman arose early after spending his first night at a run-down hotel in a small town. He went to the desk and slammed a bill on the counter. "I'm checking out," he growled.

"What's the matter, didn't you sleep well?" asked the clerk.

"No!"

"What kept you awake?"

"Frankly, I found a dead bed-bug on the sheet."

"You mean to tell me that a harmless dead bed-bug could keep you up all night?"

"Yes, that's exactly what I mean to tell you!" snarled the guest. "All his friends and relations came to the funeral."

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*Sonia Marshall*

*MaryLou Callan*

*Gyorgyi Rosenthal*

*Andrea Lucarelli*

## *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

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER  
ANOTHER MINOR FAST DAY -  
ASARA B'TEVET**

The fast of the tenth day of Tevet, which falls on December 25th this year, commemorates the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E.

It is observed only from dawn to nightfall.

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**CELEBRATING OIL**

It has become customary during Chanukah to eat foods fried in oil, such as potato *latkes* (Ashkenazic) or *sufganiyot* - a type of doughnut (Sephardic) - to remind us of the miracle of oil.

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](mailto: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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INCLUDED EXCEPT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES.**



The past couple months Morrie has been asking me for a bio - something to let you all know a little about me. I have been putting him off because I have been in limbo. Last September I set a goal and I have come close to this goal. I decided if I made this goal it would be a sign that it was time to follow my dream. (I always check with G-d first).

What is my dream? To walk across America, there is a trail, right through the middle. Before I begin my walk across America I am going to need some type of experience in backpacking and stealth camping and all those sorts of things, so to get some experience I have decided to backpack the Appalachian Trail. Starting March 13, 2021 I will make my climb from Springer mountain in Georgia to Mt. Katahdin, Baxter State Park, Maine.

My time here at Beth Emeth Congregation has been the best. Everyone is so wonderful and I have had such a great time working here. This has truly been one of my favorite jobs. I will truly miss this place and the people here. And I will send pictures of my beautiful adventure!

~ Tricia

# December 2020

## Kislev - Tevet 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 15 Kislev	2 16 Kislev	3 17 Kislev  Minyan 9:00 am	4 18 Kislev  Services 6:30 pm	5 19 Kislev  Services 10 :00 am
6 20 Kislev	7 21 Kislev	8 22 Kislev	9 23 Kislev	10 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah  Minyan 9:00 am	11 25 Kislev 1st Day Chanukah  Services 6:30pm	12 26 Kislev 2nd Day Chanukah  Services 10 :00 am
13 27 Kislev 3rd Day Chanukah	14 28 Kislev 4th Day Chanukah	15 29 Kislev 5th Day Chanukah	16 1 Tevet 6th Day Chanukah  <b>Observer Deadline</b>	17 2 Tevet 7th Day Chanukah  Minyan 9:00 am	18 3 Tevet 8th Day Chanukah Board Meeting 10:30 am Services 6:30pm	19 4 Tevet  Services 10 :00 am
20 5 Tevet	21 6 Tevet  1st Day of Winter	22 7 Tevet	23 8 Tevet	24 9 Tevet  Minyan 9:00 am	25 10 Tevet Fast of the 10th Tevet  Services 6:30pm	26 11 Tevet  Services 10 :00 am
27 12 Tevet	28 13 Tevet	29 14 Tevet	30 15 Tevet	31 16 Tevet  Minyan 9:00 am		

**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

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