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PURIM - SELF MOCKERY AND MASQUERADE

Here is a holiday that permits - no, encourages - frivolity. It is a joyful celebration during which sacredness is sacrificed and replaced by foolishness.

The name Purim means "lots," because the wicked Haman used a lot (pur) to decide when to kill the Jews.

We read the story of Esther, which is included in the bible, but is not part of the Five Books of Moses. The story is therefore only of rabbinic origin.

The Purim story revolves around the reading of the Megillah - scroll of Esther. Each time the name of the villain, Haman, is read, we make noise to drown out the name. Other rituals include sending gifts of food to friends, giving money to the poor. We also celebrate with costumes, plays, parodies, masquerades and heavy liquor consumption. These activities are designed to make Purim a day when a Mardi Gras spirit runs rampant.

As the Purim story begins, proud queen Vashti is banished and Esther is chosen in a beauty contest to be the new queen. Haman becomes Grand Visier, but Esther's protector, Mordechai refuses to bow down to him. Haman decides to take his anger out on all Jews and convinces King Abasuerus to decree the massacre of all the Jews throughout his kingdom. Mordechai and Esther go to work to counteract the decree. Ester wines and dines the king, then tells him that she is Jewish and pleads for her people. Haman is hanged and the Jews turn the tables on their enemies. Mordechai and Esther live happily ever after - and Purim becomes an annual holiday.

The story has led to much debate among scholars who question its historical accuracy. Some facts in the story are contradicted by other historical evidence and may be considered as a farce - just plain whimsy based on unanswered questions posed by the scholars. It either really happened or is pure fantasy or an exaggeration of a historical incident. (Continued on bottom of page 2)

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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

FEBRUARY

5 - 5:46pm
12 - 5:53pm
19 - 5:59pm
26 - 6:05pm

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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

Now a word from your sponsor!

2/2021

It is certainly hard to believe that we are still waiting for everyone in our country and around the world, to receive the vaccines. In the meantime, until that happens, WE must continue to **Support** the institutions that keep us going.

What does the word SUPPORT MEAN? Well, I looked it up in my handy, but hardly used Thesaurus. There is a half-page list, however, just a few will do.

Provide for, maintain, sustain, assist, fund, attend to, keep. Encourage, strengthen, advocate, help, supporter, and backbone, just to mention a few.

This is why, we are members of our synagogue. It's not, "why should I pay my dues, we can't have services at Beth Emeth", or what if Beth Emeth closes their doors? There are so many reasons NOT to join or pay your dues.

There are **even more reasons** to pay your dues. Knowing that you are part of a larger Jewish community. We are the only Conservative synagogue in the Northwest Valley. Just think, if we close our doors, how much will we as Jews lose?

So, if you haven't met your obligation, I implore you to do so. We are here to help in any way we can.

I wish you a wonderful Purim. If you have not received your order form via the email, please pop into the office and get one (or see page 10). Purim is early this year, in late February. Make out your checks to: Beth Emeth Sisterhood.

Shalom to you all,

Marilyn

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Either way, the Book of Esther and Purim have been accepted by the Jewish people as part of the festive cycle. It is a time to let loose, masquerade as somebody else and let yourself be "so drunk as not to be able to tell the difference between 'blessed be Mordechai' and 'cursed be Haman.'"

The Purim food is hamantaschen, triangular cookies (supposedly reminiscent of Haman's hat) filled with any number of things, though prune and poppy-seed fillings are most popular. Jews in Italy enjoy a similar sweet called orecchi di Haman (Haman's ear) cookies.

(Source: The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld)

Ed.

Editors Note: Rabbi Rosen has given me permission to use her page this month.

Most of us have heard of The Simon Wiesenthal Center, but know little or nothing about it. The Simon Wiesenthal Center is a Jewish global human rights organization researching the Holocaust and hate in a historic and contemporary context. The Center confronts anti-Semitism, hate and terrorism, promotes human rights and dignity, stands with Israel, defends the safety of Jews worldwide, and teaches the lessons of the Holocaust for future generations. With a constituency of over 400,000 households in the United States, it is accredited as an NGO at international organizations including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE, Organization of American States (OAS), the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO) and the Council of Europe.

Founded by Rabbi Marvin Hier, The Simon Wiesenthal Center is headquartered in Los Angeles and maintains offices in New York, Toronto, Miami, Chicago, Paris, Buenos Aires, and Jerusalem.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

Over the last year, the programs and services provided by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, including its Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles have impacted greatly on people the world over.

Moriah Films is the two-time Academy Award®-winning film division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center which has produced the most significant collection of documentaries on the epic events that have shaped modern Jewish history. Narrators for Moriah Films have included Elizabeth Taylor, Orson Welles, Sir Ben Kingsley, Michael Douglas, Dustin Hoffman, Nicole Kidman, Morgan Freeman, Christoph Waltz, Anne Bancroft, Leonard Nimoy and Sandra Bullock. Its fourteenth documentary, *The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers*, a behind-the-scenes look at the epic moments of Israel's history and its relationship to U.S. Presidents, is premiering across the United States and Canada. Tens of millions of people have seen Moriah's films in theaters, streaming through Netflix, and on cable and television around the world.

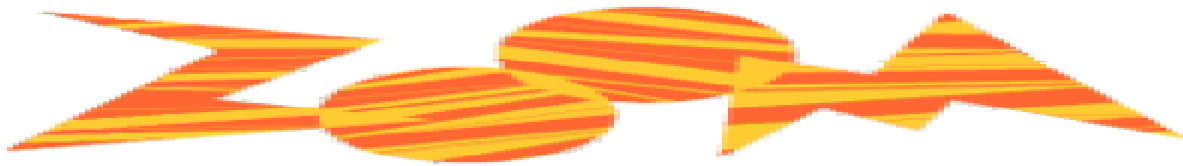
The **Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles** challenges visitors to confront bigotry and racism and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts. Since opening in 1993, the Museum has hosted over 5 million visitors. More than 2.5 million children and youth have participated in the Museum experience and its programs, and almost 200,000 adults have been trained in the Museum's customized professional development programs over the last 20 years. "Anne" - the Museum's newest exhibition has been called, "The most important exhibition about Anne Frank" by the Anne Frank Fonds in Basel, Switzerland and, "The most extensive exploration of Anne Frank in any museum outside Amsterdam," by the *New York Times*.

The **Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem**, currently under construction and scheduled open in 2022 has been praised by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as "very distinctive and elegant - a beautiful fit for the city of Jerusalem," the Museum will deal with the vital issues of the 21st century and celebrate the vibrancy of Israel's democracy.

Campus Outreach forges strategic alliances with campus leaders, faculty, staff and students to confront growing anti-Semitism on university campuses and to foster a new awareness of contemporary human rights, social justice and ethics in today's college and university students. The new nationwide tolerance training program focuses on combatting anti-Semitism, confronting hate speech, and promoting dialogue among the diverse students on campuses today.

Digital Terrorism and Hate Project, produces an annual interactive report focusing on tens of thousands of websites detailing how the Internet has become a virtual university for terrorism and has emerged as the nerve center for training, recruitment, and terrorist activities around the world. *Digital Terrorism* is available in English, French and Spanish and has been distributed to government agencies, community activists, educators, and members of the media. Source: <https://www.wiesenthal.com/>

Ed.



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. 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

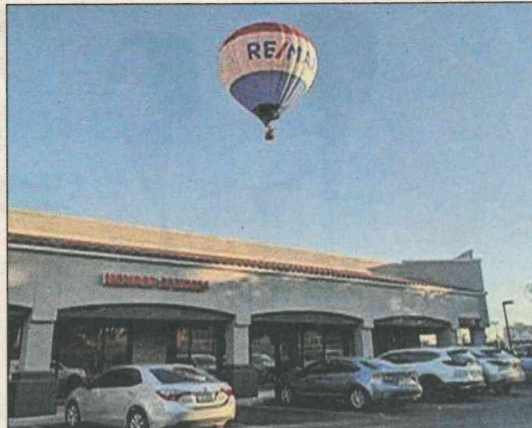
By standard Telephone:

Phone Number: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 837 9563 5986

Passcode: 6812238

TAKING FLIGHT



Balloon over Sun City West

Just when Greg Houk thought he'd seen it all, he was headed to the grocery store to pick up Powerball lottery tickets. He noticed a hot air balloon in the distance in an unusual location and decided to take photos as it moved toward him. The balloon was about 150 feet above him near Bashas', 13940 W. Meeker Blvd. At that point he became a balloon chaser. The balloon landed just more than a block away in the middle of Beth Emeth Congregation parking lot, 13702 W. Meeker Blvd., about a block from Mr. Houk's home. He was amazed the pilot, Kevin Flanagan, and his wife, Debbie, could land in a congested business residential area. [Greg Houk/submitted photos]

Thank You
Sally Hall
for the interesting
picture and
information.

This must have
happened on a
weekend because
no one here was
aware.

(taken from Sun City
West Independent
Newspaper)



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 February 2021 Classes

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

MONDAYS

Move with Michelle – Every Monday 11 am-noon Latin Fusion (NEW CLASS) Monday, February 1 & 8. Latin Fusion teaches basic Latin dances like the merengue, mambo, salsa, and cha cha for a fun dance workout. Enjoy it standing or sitting! Back by popular demand-3M Movement we will be offered on February 15 & 22.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwoc-ypzMuG9M8Na5dQoGLHm_qPe6CnPCi

Mindfulness series with Debbie Polisky, MS, MBA – Monday, February 8 – 1-2pm. A mindfulness series of interactive, practical and engaging virtual workshops. This session is called: Choose My Plate: An interactive webinar from our Kitchen to your Kitchen, where we will share healthy and simple recipes to create balanced and colorful meals.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlcuGhrDorH9AxMMC9q-cEbMv_-3fBur_

TUESDAYS

The Curriculum Theatre Company – Tuesday, February 2 - 11 am-noon Swift Shakespeare: This 3-part series is a fast paced interactive romp packed with all things Shakespeare: his life, his works, and his world. Swift is an acting and history lesson disguised as a comedic play. Come play with us!

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAodOmhpj0uEtAuMNFCTJE4oWwVL2AAjdDR>

Marshall Shore, Hip Historian – Tuesday, February 9- 11 am-noon Blast from the Past: Exploring 1957 – Nobody brings local history to life quite as well as Arizona's Hip Historian! Be sure to join us.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcoduCvrDgoG92CjGryNCRvcHJFpdVpTPkz>

Musical Instrument Museum: Ethnomusicology –Latin America – Tuesday, February 9- 1:30 pm-2:30pm Fiestas Patronales: Music in Latin America's Sacred and Secular Celebrations: Join MIM curator and ethnomusicologist Dr. Daniel Piper for an exclusive online presentation and Q&A session about four different fiesta patronal traditions in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Brazil.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkdOuurzMvHtccz5cwrAasaFjuvCb7Up9Z>

Yiddish Club: Mamaloshen – Tuesday, February 16– 11:15 am-12:15pm Share the warmth and humor of Yiddish with Rabbi Laibel Blotner

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsf--pqj8tG9yWZFKgvhw-zpUve7l3RKdy>

Jane Przelica Presentation Series –Tuesday, February 23 – 11 am-noon Chocolate: Food of the Gods The origin of the chocolate begins with the cacao bean. The cacao bean has been cultivated in the Americas for over 2000 years, resulting in the chocolate we know and love today.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAoeytqTlJHtEP9kCN2qvv693rvzKbqKF>

WEDNESDAYS

Fitness Fun with Zoe: Wednesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24-10-10:45 am

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAkcemoqTMqHd2OnaiJIQHNIDTJ9P0MTAIU>

Chair Yoga with Zoe: Wednesday, February, 3, 10, 17, 24 – 11-11:45 am

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsd-uppjwuHNw-jgMN-flXirLDyiR2jS0e>

Remember, Recreate, Heal: Expressive Writing About the Self: Wednesday, February 24 – 1:30-3:00pm Explore narrative, reflective, and poetic writing techniques that encourage the uncovering of memories, in an attempt not only to craft our unique stories, but also to find greater peace within ourselves, our family, and the world around us.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMIceuqrjspHtz_103glSwFC8KQ8W4ftRgd

THURSDAYS

Nicole Pesce Musical Variety Show – Thursday, February 4 – 11 am-noon "Romancing the Great American Songbook" - featuring classic songs about love with Nicole Pesce tickling the ivory.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkdOqprD0vGtSw5QYwnrhZam_DP4tHR42x

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**The following Yahrzeits 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 9:00 a.m. Minyan.**

Date	Observed	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
2/2/2021	Shevat 20, 5781	Mary Pinkus Halperin	Mother	Marilyn Newberg
2/2/2021	Shevat 20, 5781	Mary Pinkus Halperin	Mother	Rhoda Lessner
2/3/2021	Shevat 21, 5781	Mania Boxer	Grandmother	Stanley Debber
2/3/2021	Shevat 21, 5781	Isabel Cohen	Spouse	Dr. Abraham Cohen
2/3/2021	Shevat 21, 5781	Jeanette Fisher-Roth	Mother	Shelly Moschel
2/4/2021	Shevat 22, 5781	Nathan Glorit	Father	Irv Glorit
2/4/2021	Shevat 22, 5781	Solomon Kaplan	Father	Brenda Kleinman
2/4/2021	Shevat 22, 5781	Melvin Luckman	father	Ramona Luckman
2/6/2021	Shevat 24, 5781	Alex Rothzeid	Father	Saul Rothzeid
2/8/2021	Shevat 26, 5781	Sarah Cohen	Mother	Dr. Abraham Cohen
2/8/2021	Shevat 26, 5781	Sarah Sheidlower	Mother	Adele Sacher
2/9/2021	Shevat 27, 5781	Regina Rosen	Mother	Bernard Rosen
2/12/2021	Shevat 30, 5781	Betty Kurtz	Mother	Norman Kurtz
2/16/2021	Adar 4, 5781	Goldie Witt	Mother	Natalie Morrison
2/17/2021	Adar 5, 5781	Ruth Colbert	Mother	Jordan Colbert
2/17/2021	Adar 5, 5781	H. Norman Wyatt	Father	Kathryn Magedman
2/18/2021	Adar 6, 5781	Betty Caplan	Mother	David Caplan
2/18/2021	Adar 6, 5781	David Stuchlak	Husband	Susan Hersch
2/18/2021	Adar 6, 5781	Minnie Weber Baer	Mother	Alice Bernstein
2/19/2021	Adar 7, 5781	Evelyn Yampolsky	Mother	Marion Wolf
2/20/2021	Adar 8, 5781	Dr. Morris Kriss	Father	Barbara Newman
2/21/2021	Adar 9, 5781	Lila Carithers	Sister	Dr. Abraham Cohen
2/24/2021	Adar 12, 5781	Sylvia Kline	Aunt	Owen Segall
2/25/2021	Adar 13, 5781	Molly Fox	Grandmother	Rabbi Tracee Rosen
2/26/2021	Adar 14, 5781	Anna Libman	GrandMother	Rhoda Lessner
2/26/2021	Adar 14, 5781	Anna Libman	GrandMother	Marilyn Newberg
2/28/2021	Adar 16, 5781	Jack Goldman	Brother	Gloria Greenberg
2/28/2021	Adar 16, 5781	Ethel Segall	Grandmother	Owen Segall

Happy Birthday to YOU...

Adele Sacher	2/4/2021
Ketzi Toney	2/7/2021
Phyllis Frank	2/10/2021
Geri Cooper	2/13/2021
Arnie Becker	2/22/2021
Rabbi Tracee	2/22/2021
Gene Cooper	2/23/2021
Iris Johnson	2/27/2021

Happy Anniversary

A. David & Iris Silverman	02/05

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THURSDAYS

Time Travel to Montmartre – Thursday, February 4– 1:30-2:30 pm Join Karen Rudel, owner and founder of Sight Seekers Delight. Enjoy the dark and fascinating stories of famous artists in the hill-top community, and let yourself be transported back in time!

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYode2vrj4uGdz-Q_mEDOzvVIRxCMCr6l-7](https://zoom.us/join/join?jv=1&url=https://zoom.us/join/join?jv=1&url=https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYode2vrj4uGdz-Q_mEDOzvVIRxCMCr6l-7)

Phoenix Art Museum –Thursday, February 11- 11 am-noon The Art of the Monuments Men Presenter Doreen Weiser discusses how artworks that were taken during WWII were found and rescued. As an added bonus, it is suggested to watch the movie Monuments Men with George Clooney to give more details regarding the artwork that Doreen will be discussing.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIuf-uvpzMsEtH3xz8KU8YMzvHAGr2-GN3d>

Phoenix Conservatory of Music –Thursday, February 18 - 11am-12:30pm Sonny Rollins and the Keys to Longevity as an Artist Presenter and teaching artist, Emilio Vargas will discuss jazz saxophonist Sonny Rollins life and how these ideas helped him achieve longevity in his musical career.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpduCpqojEtLhWtNWbnevEiMcgFvEhIjA>

Book Club with Az. Jewish Historical Society - Thursday, February 18 - 2-3:30 pm Book: How to Fight Antisemitism by Bari Weiss Available on Amazon For more info and/or to register, please email: seniorcenter@jfcasaz.org

Body Drumming with Joe Goldberger- Thursday, February 25 – 11am-12 pm Did you know drumming can actually enhance your immune system and reduce anxiety? Plus, it's great fun!

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcql-irqT8uG9FD-J823peL2u8fMoe0NUgq>

FRIDAYS

Welcome Shabbat – Friday, February 5, 12, 19, 26– 11:00-11:45 am Special guests each week

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIpceqrqjwoHNU44GZn1bGe-zWMgGu_zH92

Chair Adult Ballet Class with Ballet Theatre of Phoenix – Friday, February 5, 12, 19, 26 – 12:00-12:45 pm

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsduqvrz0uHNRcYxUdDhVLSbPTq7tJh46X>

All above virtual classes are free to attend. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Questions?

Please contact Jennifer Brauner at: seniorcenter@jfcasaz.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.

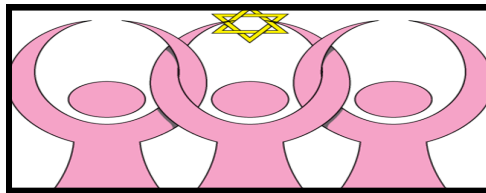
Tom Behrendt
Men's Club President

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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

ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION

ADL was founded in 1913 by Chicago attorney Sigmund Livingston. He envisioned an America where those who seemed different were not targets of discrimination and threats, but were equally worthy of shared opportunity and a place in the American dream.

The Anti Defamation League is based on Jewish values which guide the strategy and tactics of all their programs and activities globally, nationally and locally.

Among the ADL's values are the courage to speak out against anti-Semitism and bigotry, discrimination and justice - even when they stand alone. They believe in the power of inclusion and uniting people from diverse groups while always observing the highest standards of integrity.

The organization is viewed as having unquestioned credibility because its actions draw from years of experience and are grounded in research.

Today, they also fight threats to our very democracy, including cyberhate, bullying, bias in schools and in the criminal justice system, terrorism, hate crimes, coercion of religious minorities, and contempt for anyone who is different.

ADL's Israel advocacy extends from campuses to the worlds of politics and diplomacy. They also promote respect for all within Israel. Their acclaimed education programs guide youth and adults to reject biases, appreciate differences and create welcoming environments.

Ed.

Editor's note: I remember the Anti Defamation League as being a function of B'nai B'rith, but was informed by the B'nai B'rith organization that ADL has functioned as an independent organization for many years. I suppose that it is technically not considered a Jewish organization because it is certainly all-inclusive.

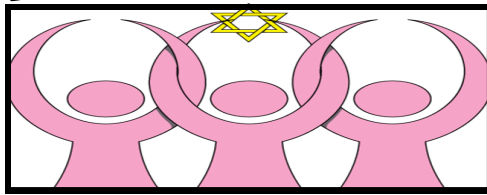
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Shapiro walks into work one day at nine, half an hour late.

The boss is furious. "You should have been here at eight-thirty!" he shouts. . .

"Why?" says Shapiro. "What happened at eight-thirty?"

SISTERHOOD



SISTERHOOD PURIM BASKET ORDER FORM

Please write YOUR name as you would like it to appear on the gift cards for the baskets you are ordering. _____

Please write the names of the families who are to RECEIVE the baskets.

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If additional space is needed - Please attach another sheet.

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

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Sally Hall

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

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
2/20/21
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SHRED-A-THON



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G-d asked Moses to choose whatever promised land he wished.

After weighing several factors, Moses settled on California.

But Moses, according to legend, had a speech impediment, and he began to answer, "Ca-Ca-" whereupon G-d said, "Canaan, that wasteland? Well, okay, Mo., If you want it, you got it."



**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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- Beauty/Barber Service

MORE ABOUT THE NAMING OF CHILDREN

There are no religious or halachic guidelines pertaining to the naming of Jewish children, although in the United States, the rabbis are asked more questions about what is and is not permissible in this area than about any other single area of ritual, moral or ethical conduct.

In the Diaspora, where children are generally given Gentile names in the civil birth records, the giving of an additional Yiddish or Hebrew name provides an important identification with the Jewish people and the Hebrew faith. It is the Hebrew or Yiddish name that is given at the brit or in the synagogue, as the case may be, which is thereafter used for all religious purposes, religious documents and prayers. It is by this name that a person is called up to the Torah and that one uses in offering prayers for one's health, in drawing up a wedding contract, etc.

(Source: To Be A Jew by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin)

Ed.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH HUMOR

A schnorrer once wrangled an appointment with Rothschild by insisting that he had a foolproof way for the banker to make half a million rubles.

"So let me hear your great idea," said the skeptical Rothschild.

"It's very simple," replied the schnorrer. "I understand that when your daughter gets married you're planning to give her a dowry of a million rubles."

"Nu?"

"So I've come to tell you that I'll marry her for half that amount!"

February 2021

Shevat - Adar 5781

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	1 19 Shevat	2 20 Shevat	3 21 Shevat	4 22 Shevat	5 23 Shevat Services 6:30 pm	6 24 Shevat Services 10 :00 am
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