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NISAN - IYAR 5781

April 2021

There are three commemorative days during the omer period:

Yo HaShoah - the day of remembrance of the Holocaust; YomHaAtzma'ut - Israel Independence Day; and Yom HaZikaron - a solemn day of remembrance for those who died in the Israeli Wars.

Yom HaShoah is observed on the seventh day of Nisan. It serves to remind us of the atrocities committed against the Jewish people by the Nazis. In Israel there is a uniformly observed practice at Eleven A.M. on that day. All people stop whatever they are doing and stand at attention. Highway traffic pulls to the side of the road as sirens begin; drivers park and exit their cars.

The date was chosen by Israel's Knesset, not because it commemorated a particular Holocaust event, but because it falls within the time span during which the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was fought.

Yom HaZikaron - the day before Yom HaAtzma'ut is a solemn day of remembrance for the approximately fourteen thousand Israelis killed in the Israel wars. On that day at Eleven A.M. all of Israel comes to a stop to observe two minutes of silence.

The following day, Yom HaAtzma'ut is a day of celebration and rejoicing. It marks the return of the Jewish people to our homeland - Israel Independence Day.

Likrat Shabbat, the prayer book Beth Emeth has used during Erev Shabbat services (when we were still able to join together in the temple's library), has a special prayer for Israel's Independence Day. On page 61 of the book's second section there is a prayer for the State of Israel. Certainly appropriate for Yom HaAtzma'ut.

Nearer the end of April is Lag B'Omer, named for the Hebrew letters *Lamed* (which stands for the number thirty) and *Gimmel* (which stands for the number three). Lag B'Omer is so named because it falls on the thirty-third day of the counting of the omer.

The seven weeks between Pesach and Shavout are considered in Jewish Law as a period of semi-mourning during which no marriages are to be performed, but the rabbis made an exception for Lag B'Omer. Religious Jews who are Zionists also celebrate weddings on Yom HaAtzma'ut and Yom Yerushalayim - Jerusalem Day, which was declared in the aftermath of the Six Day War.

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

April

2 - 6:32pm
9 - 6:37pm
16 - 6:42pm
23 - 6:47pm
30 - 6:53pm

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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

Shalom,

Warm wishes to you all, and hoping that your Passover brings to mind the hardships that our ancestors had to endure. They overcame them, and with G-d's help, so will we.

I am waiting for the April showers to arrive; we certainly could use the precious gift from the sky above. I am looking forward to seeing my friend Dan the Quail again. When I see him, I know that the little ones can't be far away.

We have a lot planned for us this coming month. Rabbi Rosen will hold services on March 30th at 10 a.m. again at 10 a.m on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th of April.

Rabbi Lipshultz will be heading services on Friday, April 9th at 6:30, and the 10th at 10.

IN CASE YOU MISSED ANY PART OF OUR REQUIREMENTS:

It is vital that you bring your own tallit & kippah, and face masks to all services.

Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited, and set up in pods. Each person who wants to sign up, must bring in their vaccination cards, WITH BOTH SHOTS NOTED, **in advance** before the dates listed. We will make a copy for us to hold. **Please don't attend**, if any of the above items are not up to date. You will also be asked to sign a waiver not to hold Beth Emeth responsible should you come down with the virus. ONLY members in good standing will be allowed to attend. You will be checked in at the door. Anyone who has not complied with our rules will be asked to leave! We will do everything in our power to make our shul as safe as we can, YOU must do your part for all of us to be safe.

I would like to implore that you pay your dues in full. Most of you who know me, know that Beth Emeth is my second home. I want to keep its doors open for as long as we can. We can not do this without you. The excuse to not pay because we are not holding services is a poor excuse. We all should be fighting to make sure that our beloved house is there for everyone. There is no way we can do this if you refuse to help. From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Shalom,

Marilyn Newberg

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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI TRACEE ROSEN

Dear Beth Emeth family and friends,

Since the onset of COVID-19, our lives have been turned upside down. This has prevented us from doing the simplest of jobs, and dealing with it has caused personal pain for many. Thank God we have made it through till now. By now, most of you have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, and like all of us, are praying for the restoration of some semblance of normalcy. To that end, we have made the decision to return to limited in-person services. There are several important steps that must be implemented before we can do this.

What you need to do:

Register your vaccination status with the office by providing **a copy of your immunization card** or a printout of your vaccination confirmation from the AZDHS website. This may be mailed in, dropped off, sent via email or brought into the Shul and copied before service.

There will be a **"Liability Waiver"** for you to sign before you enter the Synagogue for services.

Pre-register to attend any of our on-site services. You can do this by calling or emailing the main office. Soon, we hope to be able to offer on-line registration with "Sign-Up Genius" website.

When you come to shul, please **wear a mask**, and bring your own kippah and tallit and water bottle, if applicable. Siddurim and chumashim will be provided.

Only sit next to someone in your **personal bubble**. Social distance will be maintained in the sanctuary & seating will be limited to 45 people per service.

Registration & attendance at this time is limited to **members in good standing**. Please contact Paula Forster at paulatreas@gmail.com or the office if you have any questions or to update your status.

Morning services will be abbreviated to **2 hours or less**. This means we will be shortening or eliminating parts of the rituals that are customary, but not obligatory according to Jewish Law.

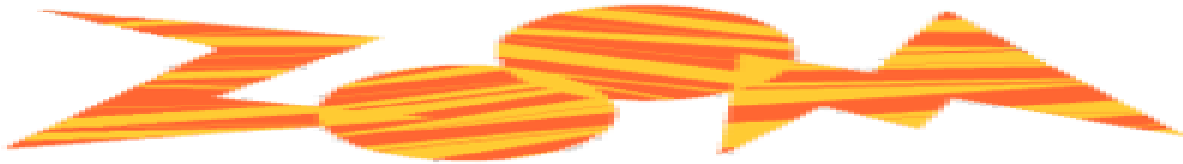
For now, if you are not eligible or able to attend in person, **our services will be broadcast on Zoom** from the sanctuary using the same links on our website. You will be able to view the service, and recite Kaddish at home, but the congregation will not see you or be able to respond to you.

Refreshments will not yet be provided.

Opening Event: Tuesday, March 30 - 5 pm. It will be a brief ceremony, commemorating the losses of the past year, celebrating our resilience, and looking forward to a renewed future. **Upcoming Service dates & times:** Here is a schedule of upcoming dates and times. Because space is limited, please sign up early as these dates may fill up quickly. All other services and classes will remain on-line for now.

BEC On-site Service Schedule

March 30	5:00pm	Opening Event
April 3	10:00am	Shabbat, Pesach 7th Day
April 4	10:00am	Pesach 8th Day - YIZKOR
April 9	6:30pm	Friday night - Rabbi Lipschultz
April 10	10:00am	Shabbat morning - Rabbi Lipschultz
April 17	10:00am	Shabbat morning
April 23	6:30pm	Friday night
May 1	10:00am	Shabbat morning
May 8	10:00am	Shabat morning
May 15	10:00am	Shabbat morning
May 17	10:00am	Shavout 1st Day
May 18	10:00am	Shavout 2nd Day - YIZKOR



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

ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, was founded before Israel became a state and before women could vote. For more than one hundred years, Hadassah has worked proactively to find and implement solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing each generation.

They are advancing women's health, supporting a strong Israel and instilling Jewish values in future generations. They are helping women find their voices to advance health equity, and fighting hate and anti-Semitism in the U.S., and modeling a shared society in Israel. Thanks to the medical system they helped create, new treatments and scientific breakthroughs are saving lives around the world.

Whether they are helping an American teen discover a passion for Israel, modeling shared society in Israel, or fighting for women's health equity in the U.S. - their vision is all about bringing more healing and justice to our world.

They have spoken out against hate and for those who couldn't speak out for themselves. They've helped bring medical breakthroughs around the globe, and been on the front lines when terror strikes.

With their support for a women-led organization, their donors and male associates demonstrate their faith in Hadassah's promise.

(Source: Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.)



**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during April
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
04/01/2021	Nissan 19, 5781	Herbert Mason	Husband	Alice Mason
04/02/2021	Nissan 20, 5781	Benjamin Sussman	Grandfather	Jamie Rothschild
04/03/2021	Nissan 21, 5781	Carl Sherman	Father	Rochelle Bailey
04/06/2021	Nissan 24, 5781	Scott Schreiber	Son	Helene Schreiber
04/07/2021	Nissan 25, 5781	Elsie Sussman	Grandmother	Jamie Rothschild
04/08/2021	Nissan 26, 5781	Dorothy Miller	Mother	Iris Silverman
04/09/2021	Nissan 27, 5781	Sol Greenberg	Father	Geri Cooper
04/13/2021	Iyar 01, 5781	Victor Ezraty	Father	Jack Ezraty
04/14/2021	Iyar 02, 5781	Max Klein	Father	Sy Klein
04/16/2021	Iyar 04, 5781	Jules Baer	Father	Alice Bernstein
04/16/2021	Iyar 04, 5781	William Besselman	Father	Irene Lehrer
04/17/2021	Iyar 05, 5781	Lorraine Weyl	Sister	Marilyn & Rhoda Newberg
04/18/2021	Iyar 06, 5781	Lily Goldberg	Grandmother	Karen Goldberg
04/20/2021	Iyar 08, 5781	Norma Rosen	Wife	Bernard Rosen
04/21/2021	Iyar 09, 5781	Meyer Libman	Grandfather	Marilyn & Rhoda Newberg
04/21/2021	Iyar 09, 5781	Mary Scher	Mother	Ann Goldfarb
04/21/2021	Iyar 09, 5781	Ruth Tarnor	Mother	Charles Tarnor
04/23/2021	Iyar 11, 5781	Arthur Dorf	Father	Sherry Lazar
04/23/2021	Iyar 11, 5781	Lous Magedman	Father	Nelson Magedman
04/25/2021	Iyar 13, 5781	Ethel Adele Dorman	Mother	Paula Forster
04/26/2021	Iyar 14, 5781	Melvin Yampolsky	Brother	Marion Wolf
04/28/2021	Iyar 16, 5781	Gertrude Besselman	Mother	Irene Lehrer
04/29/2021	Iyar 17, 5781	Arnold Rosen	Father	Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Happy Birthday to YOU...

<i>Norman Kurtz - Manny Raefsky</i>	<i>April 2</i>
<i>Michael Goldman</i>	<i>April 4</i>
<i>Elliot Kleinman - Linda-Sanger - Joseph Weintraub</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>Esther Goldberg - Daniel Spedale</i>	<i>April 6</i>
<i>Bea Altman - Cary Kaplan - Brenda Kleinman - Owen Litt - David Morel</i>	<i>April 7</i>
<i>Shirley Wilder - Elaine Winter</i>	<i>April 9</i>
<i>Jerry Murray</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Irv Glorit - Rosann Lassman - Edith Taub</i>	<i>April 11</i>
<i>Phillip Zeidman</i>	<i>April 12</i>
<i>Rachel Garcia - James Toney</i>	<i>April 13</i>
<i>Karen Overton - Ralph Rosenfeld</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>Saul Rothzeid</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>Debra Rowen - Judith Shoman - Debra Rowen</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Fran Kauffman - Esther Shubitz</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Martin Debber - Fred Friedberg</i>	<i>April 20</i>
<i>Evelyn Walter</i>	<i>April 21</i>
<i>Rochelle Bailey</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>Joseph Liebling - Stella Futterman</i>	<i>April 25</i>
<i>Arlene Keller</i>	<i>April 26</i>
<i>Charlotte Behar - Susan Laschiver Hann</i>	<i>April 27</i>
<i>Kathryn Magedman</i>	<i>April 28</i>
<i>Burton Bacher - Alfred Schreier</i>	<i>April 30</i>

Happy Anniversary

Saul & Sharon Rothzeid

April 9



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.

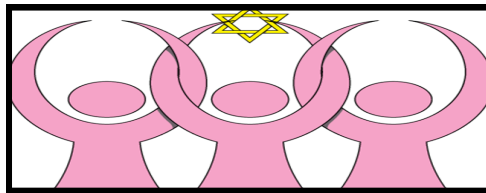
Tom Behrendt
Men's Club President

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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 .

MORE FROM THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH HUMOR:

Rabbi Mordecai Kantor was a martinet and demanded the very best of his pupils. So it was to be expected that he would blow up when little Joseph handed in a poor paper.

“This is the worst Yiddish composition it has ever been my misfortune to read,” stormed the rabbi. “It has so many errors I can’t understand how one person could have made all these mistakes.”

“One person didn’t,” muttered Joseph defensively. “My father helped me.”

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Rabbi Golden was lecturing his advanced class of biblical students when he spied a boy in the back row whose head was lowered, as though engrossed in a book.

“Young man, I don’t want to accuse you unjustly,” said the patient rabbi, “but it seems to me you are eading a book. Are you trying to improve your mind?”

“Sir, I wasn’t reading,” replied the boy guiltily, “How can I be improving my mind when I was listening to you?”

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The clerk at the Post Office window recognized the next man in line as a newly arrived immigrant. “Let me see if you addressed this envelope properly,” he said kindly.

The newcomer, grateful for his American friend’s interest, handed over the letter and the clerk read:

Will Eisenstadt,
Berlin,
U.S.

The clerk grinned. “Berlin is in Germany, not in the United States. You’ll have to change it.”

“But the U.S. doesn’t stand for United States,” protested the man.

“No? Then what does it mean?”

“It means,” explained the immigrant, “upstairs!”

*Life is
better
when you're
laughing.*



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We would like to thank all those wonderful people who gave donations to Beth Emeth, we can't thank you enough!
May you be blessed for having a heart of gold.

Thank You,
Marilyn Newberg



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.

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

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COMING SOON: JEWISH FOLKTALES

Thursdays, 11am - 12:15pm, April 1 - May 6 via ZOOM only

Most people know about Jewish sacred texts: the Torah / Jewish Bible, the Mishnah and the Talmud, etc. But we don't often get a chance to explore the storytelling that has kept Jewish culture and values alive throughout the centuries. At its core we have always been a storytelling people. This class will offer a selection of tales that are not necessarily found in the sacred texts themselves, but in literature that complements them. We will have 6 sessions each with a different theme. A source booklet will be provided via email to those who register, or a printout will be available in the office.

Class Sessions:

- April 1** Midrash - Stories of Biblical Characters
- April 8** Midrash - Stories of the early rabbis
- April 15** European Folktales of the Middle Ages
- April 22** Folktales from Near Eastern and Sephardic Tradition
- April 29** Chassidic Folktales
- May 6** Classic tales from the last century (Shalom Aleichem, I. B. Singer, etc)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. No background or Hebrew required. Invite your non-Jewish friends to participate. All stories will be in English. Come for a good time and a rousing discussion. Please RSVP to the office. Free to BEC members. Donation requested from non-members.

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April 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 19 Nisan 5th day of Pesach Minyan 9:00 am	2 20 Nisan 6th day of Pesach Services 6:30 pm	3 21 Nisan 7th day of Pesach Services 10 :00 am
4 22 Nisan 8th day of Pesach YIZKOR	5 23 Nisan	6 24 Nisan	7 25 Nisan	8 26 Nisan Yom Hashoah Minyan 9:00 am	9 27 Nisan Services 6:30 pm	10 28 Nisan Services 10 :00 am
11 29 Nisan	12 30 Nisan	13 1 Iyar	14 2 Iyar Yom Ha Zikaron	15 3 Iyar Yom HaAtzma'ut Minyan 9:00 am	16 4 Iyar Services 6:30pm	17 5 Iyar Services 10 :00 am
18 6 Iyar	19 7 Iyar	20 8 Iyar	21 9 Iyar Observer Deadline	22 10 Iyar Minyan 9:00 am	23 11 Iyar Services 6:30pm	24 12 Iyar Services 10 :00 am
25 13 Iyar	26 14 Iyar	27 15 Iyar	28 16 Iyar	29 17 Iyar Minyan 9:00 am	30 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer Services 6:30pm	

Iyar is called “The month of radiance” when the trees are bright with blossoms



Join Rabbi Tracee at one of her classes (see page 10 for more details)

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.



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