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**SIVAN - TAMMUZ - AV 5781**

**JUNE/JULY 2021**

## MORE JEWISH HOLIDAYS - THE THREE WEEKS

Beginning with the seventeenth of Tammuz and culminating with Tisha B'Av is a period of mourning. The period, referred to as The Three Weeks, begins and ends with fast days.

The seventeenth of Tammuz marks the Roman's breaching the walls of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It is a minor fast day, requiring we neither eat nor drink from sunrise to sunset, and there are no prohibitions against work.

During The Three Weeks no weddings or other joyous celebrations are held and special haftarot are read on each Shabbat, relating to themes of destruction and retribution.

The mourning customs become more pronounced with the first day of the month of Av. During this period, known as The Nine Days, no meat or wine is consumed except for Shabbat meals. Authorities of the last few centuries have prohibited haircutting, shaving, bathing, swimming, washing clothes or wearing freshly laundered clothes. More generally, activities that bring joy are avoided, such as going to movies, painting a room in your house, or sewing new clothes. The Shabbat before Tisha B'Av is known as Shabbat Hazon after the first word of the haftarah from Isaiah 1:1-27.

The month of Av stands out from the other three fasts related to the destruction of the temples. Tisha B'Av is so important because it marks the day when both temples were destroyed: the first temple by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. and the second temple by the Romans in 70 A.D. It is a major fast day and therefore bears some semblance to the only other one in the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur.

The fast begins at sundown and continues until sundown. The midrash states that G-d marked the Ninth of Av as a day of catastrophe because of the incident of the spies in the desert. Moses sent spies to the land of Canaan, and they returned with a report emphasizing the impossibility of conquering the Promised Land because of the strength of its inhabitants. The people on hearing the spies' report began to weep and complain about being taken out of Egypt. G-d declared, "You wept without cause. I will therefore make this day an eternal day of mourning for you."

Other catastrophes related to Tisha B'Av are the fall of Beitar ending the Bar Kochba rebellion (135 A.D.) and the expulsion of the Jews from England (1290) and from Spain (1492).

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## SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7:17</b>
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### ***FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT***

I can't believe that we are almost half way thru 2021. It would be nice if we could all get back the year lost to all of us. However, we must move on and build a better year ahead.

I would like all our members to please take time to go into our office between the hours of 9-12, and update your membership forms. This is extremely important, should it be necessary to contact those the event of an emergency. Many of these

forms, do not include "your Hebrew name", dates that may be important, family names and telephone numbers. Think of this as "spring cleaning"

Also, we should have Yartzeit information, dates of family members who have passed away. Both English and Hebrew dates are extremely important.

On that note, believe it or not, we are working on the High Holiday Book of Remembrance. Our prices have remained the same. When making out your form, it is SO IMPORTANT, that you include your name, check number, and please DO NOT, write Same as last year! Check your information for errors. The committee working on this, does not know if there is a mistake. It is up to you to double check your information. Lastly, please print clearly. I can't thank you enough for making it easier for you and us.

Our prices are: \$136 for a full page, \$72.00 (half page), and \$36.00 (quarter page). We also have a special page for the 6 million Jews & Victims of Terrorism for \$18.00. I hope that we all do our part to remember our love ones.

Lastly, if you know someone who is either in the hospital, hospice, or rehab, Beth Emeth needs to know. This might be the only way we can inform our members.

I wish you a healthy, wonderful summer.

Shalom,

Marilyn

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film festival or directing the choir, or it can be something that only takes a few minutes, like sending a thank you note or making a call to check up on someone who's been under the weather. Try to think of one thing each month that you can do to make the synagogue a place that you and your friends are proud to be a part of.

**Be hopeful:** Every generation in human history has faced existential challenges. We worry that the next generation will look nothing like our own, and we are right. But the essence of what it means to be Jewish, and the bonds that we have forged to the generations that have come before us both endure. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l wrote, "There's always hope. You can lose everything else in the world, but Jews never lose hope."

May you, my friends, continue to thrive, to hope, to be there for one another, and be a blessing to the world.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Tracee Rosen



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

### **Looking back & looking forward**

Dear BEC members & friends,

As I write my final article for the Observer, I want to let you know how much I have enjoyed these past 4+ years.

We met a few years earlier, when I came to help lead services on Shabbat mornings during Rabbi Rosenberg's recovery from cancer. Before I set foot in the building, I had no idea that there was such a warm & *haimish Jewish home in the West Valley. Within the year, we had moved my other congregation, Temple Gan Elohim, to hold services in this building for a time. For a brief moment, we considered the possibility of merging the 2 congregations, but that did not work out.*

Once TGE closed permanently, I was approached again to come back to BEC. Together we have prayed, learned, celebrated, mourned, and, of course, eaten. We celebrated Max Gimpel's z"l 100th birthday with a community open house. We enjoyed quarterly musical Friday night services with guest musicians. We mourned the terrible attack on Tree of Life synagogue together with the whole West Valley Jewish community. We revived the choir for High Holy Days and periodic Friday nights. We filled Hindin Hall at Passover with adults making animal sounds in our singing of Chad Gadya. We joined with our Meeker Boulevard neighbors to celebrate the communal and interfaith spirit of Thanksgiving, and to enjoy LOTS of pie. We had hot dog days, rummage sales, fashion shows, game days, latke parties, and all the other activities of a normal synagogue community.

I mention these events because 14 months ago, that all came to a stop. With the Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh, the primary importance of potentially saving lives, all in-person activity came to a halt. In a matter of weeks, our lives took a dramatic turn. We quarantined within our own homes, in physical contact with only those in our immediate households. We hunted on-line, and sometimes in-person for staples like toilet paper, flour, pasta, and sanitizing wipes.*

And the word "Zoom" became both a noun and a verb. For grandparents, Zoom became the lifeline to the grandkids for more than a year. For students of all ages, Zoom became the daily classroom and the only regular contact they had with their peers. And for people of faith, Zoom became both sanctuary and classroom. For one year, daily minyans, Friday night and Shabbat morning services all happened from the privacy of our own homes, with computer screens as our holy spaces. We learned that to have a minyan meant having 10 Jewish adults who could be both seen and heard by all. To our disappointment, we learned that the only way to sing together was for all but one of us to mute our microphones. Despite all its limitations, Zooming was the way we were able to keep in contact, to check in with each other, and to hold on to the relationships which are so important to us all.

The years ahead, as we start to regain a new sense of "normal" will provide both challenges and opportunities for Beth Emeth. I want to wish Rabbi Lipschultz and all of you wisdom, strength and resiliency to navigate in the coming years. There are a few bits of wisdom that I have learned over my tenure in the pulpit, that I want to share with you, as I prepare to depart:

**Be kind:** Remember, everyone is struggling with their own shortcomings. Try to put yourself in their shoes as you think about saying or doing something that someone else might find hurtful. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel z"l said, "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people." Often it's better to leave our thoughts unsaid in order to preserve our relationships.

**Be helpful:** The only way that our congregation has survived has been through the efforts of many volunteers who bring their skills and talents as a gift to the shul. It can be something big like planning a  
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## **RABBI JEFFREY B. LIPSCHULTZ**

Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz has been active as a conservative rabbi for the last 20 years; he was raised in Tempe and Scottsdale, Arizona. He majored in political science and Psychology at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and received a Masters degree in Jewish Education from The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was ordained in 2007 by the AJR/CA (Academy for Jewish Religion, California) and privately ordained in Israel in 2002. He served as Rabbi for six years at Temple Beth Sholom in Chula Vista, California before moving to Beth Judah Temple in Wildwood, NJ where he served for seven years. He then moved to Rock Island, Illinois and was rabbi at the Tri City Jewish Center from 2015-2019. He and his wife Naomi and three children Ari 12, Alex 9 and Asher 4 moved to Phoenix, AZ to return home to be near family where Naomi works as a Physical Therapist at Banner Health in Sun City and Rabbi Lipschultz is the staff Rabbi for Madrona Hospice and Palliative Care and helped oversee as they received certification as a Jewish hospice through the NIJH.



Rabbi Lipschultz has been a columnist for the Sand Diego Jewish Heritage and the Cape May County Herald and a regular contributor to the American Rabbi Magazine.. He was the Rav HaMakshire, or head of Kashrut, for Atlantic and Cape May Counties in NJ. Rabbi Lipschultz was also involved with the Wildwood Ministerium and a guest lecturer at Wildwood Catholic High school as well as the Rock Island Interfaith alliance. He was also Hillel advisor for Augustana College in Rock Island and Kosher overseer at University of Iowa Hillel. He was a member of the San Diego Rabbinical Association (SIDRA), The South Jersey Association of Rabbis and Cantors, The Philadelphia Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Board of Rabbis and Phoenix Board of Rabbis as well as a member of OHALAH and AJR/CAA.

Rabbi Lipschultz is excited to work at Beth Emeth, a congregation he once applied to twenty years ago right after returning from Israel and now is more seasoned to begin his tenure at the shul.

Rabbi Lipschultz is a movie enthusiast and likes finding a pop culture relationship to Judaism. He enjoys jogging, tennis, and golf as well as spin classes. Rabbi Lipschultz can be reached at [DVJewish@rof.net](mailto:DVJewish@rof.net).



### **Tisha B'Av the saddest day of the year** **By Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz**

The ninth of Av is a sad day in Jewish history but also a sad day period when we look at the failure of us as a culture to stop hatred. On this day we not only mourn the tragedy that has befallen the Jewish people but we also look at the world and its incompleteness and see that we have failed to bring unity and harmony in the world. The ninth of Av is a day we Jews look at our failure to stop senseless hatred and ask how did we get this way and how we can prevent such a disaster from happening again? This is why, when looking inward as a community, we look at our relationships as Jews and human beings and how these relationships are affected by are actions and words. We learn that one act of unkindness can destroy something very important that will affect many generations.

In the Talmud they relate a story on the real reason the temple was destroyed. In the story there is an idea which relates to how individuals behaving badly towards each other can create a disaster for all. The sages understood the causes of the destruction of the Temple and our expulsion into the Diaspora through the story of Kamsa and Bar Kamsa. The story of two Jews with senseless hatred. The Talmud states that because of Kamsa and Bar Kamsa, two different people, Jerusalem was destroyed. This sounds like a lot of responsibility but we see ourselves in these individuals.

There was a man who was very good friends with Kamsa and did not get along with another person with a similar name, Bar Kamsa. One time this man made a large banquet and told his servant to invite his friend Kamsa. The servant made a mistake and invited Bar Kamsa.

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When the man came to his banquet, he was surprised to see Bar Kamsa sitting there. Not wanting to see his enemy benefiting from his meal, he ordered him to leave. Bar Kamsa, not wanting to be embarrassed offered to pay for his portion of food. The man refused to accept compensation, and ordered Bar Kamsa to leave. Still not wanting to be embarrassed, Bar Kamsa offered to pay for half of the expenses of the large banquet. Still the man refused and ordered Bar Kamsa to leave. Finally, Bar Kamsa offered to pay for the entire banquet. In anger, the man grabbed Bar Kamsa with his own hands and physically ejected Bar Kamsa from the banquet.

Bar Kamsa said that since there were many Rabbis at the meal and none of them objected to the outrageous behavior on the part of the host, it must be that the Rabbis agreed with this embarrassing episode. Bar Kamsa decided to fix them all. He went to speak with the Caesar (the king of Rome) and told him that the Jews are planning a rebellion against the Romans.

The Roman Caesar did not believe it. Bar Kamsa told him to send a sacrifice to the Temple in Jerusalem and see if the Jews will bring it on to the Altar. The Caesar agreed and sent an animal. On the way to Jerusalem, Bar Kamsa inflicted a minor wound into the lip (or eye) of the animal, so small that by almost all standards it would not be considered a blemish. When the animal arrived in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Rabbis examined the animal and saw the tiny blemish. They didn't know what to do. Although according to Jewish law it was forbidden to offer such an animal on the Altar, they reasoned that not to offer it for such a minor reason could endanger themselves and cause a breach with the Caesar. Therefore they wanted to have the animal brought up upon the Altar. Rabbi Zacharia ben Avkolus however disagreed fearing that people will learn from this those animals with blemishes may be brought upon the Altar. In the end no animal was offered and it sparked the end of our temple and the beginning of a long struggle for a return to our land and our faith.

We learn here some very important points of service in worship and our relationships to our fellow Jews. The story ends badly because what the story tries to teach us is that its not the offering that was not accepted but the individuals around were not accepting of each other. What we understand from this tragic tale is that something important was missing when looking at all the religious dictums, the connection to other human beings. In the end all the ritual there failed because it placed a higher degree of ritual over the relationships of others in the community.

The story is clearly an allegory for what Judaism lacks then and now, a respect for difference and disagreement. We are told to stand strong and be proud of our faith but we also must counter this with our love and respect for others. The term "respectfully disagree" often many focus on the disagreement and not the respect. Judaism asks us to live by our faith but we must also live with others by it or the faith shall die.

On Tisha B'Av often we turn inward with our pain and recognize our failures as Jews and human beings that led to this destruction of our temple. Let the story of Kamsa and Bar Kamsa be a clarion call for unity in the time of strife so we can build something good out of the ashes of something bad.

We are told that senseless hatred destroyed the Beit HaMikdash. Let us recognize that all hatred that causes destruction is always senseless hatred and one cannot build when they use hatred to destroy. Tisha B'Av teaches us that on the day of our temple's destruction the Messiah will be born. Let us view analogy to teach us that at a time of great destruction that love and compassion can be exhumed from the ashes of hatred. Let us turn from the ashes of our destruction to rebuild a better community and a stronger faith.

This past year has been difficult as we dealt with Covid, a difficult national election and sadly more violence in the Holy Land, its times like this we see the need to push out our hatred and anger towards others and find a way to be civil with each other and embrace tolerance and understanding so we find a way to embrace love and push away our grievances that prevent us from embracing others.

May we all learn from this chilling episode in our Jewish history and remember that our behavior is of extreme importance. May we, through the good will and cheerful help that we are able to give to another fellow Jew and all around us see the rebuilding of the Temple swiftly in our days. One person can make a difference and build or destroy something special. Take this to heart that with connections to one person we begin the foundation for our temple and a renewal to the entire world.



The following Yahzeits will be observed during ***Sivan - Tammuz 5781***.

Kaddish may be said on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Thursday preceding the  
Yahzeit at 8:00 a.m. Minyan. **JUNE 2021**

DATE	OBSERVED	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
06/01	Sivan 21	Fred Friesner	Father-in-law	Norman Kurtz
06/01	Sivan 21	Julia Sontag	Mother	Joseph Sontag
06/02	Sivan 22	Bart Gordon	Nephew	Iris Silverman
06/02	Sivan 22	Bessie Lazar	Mother	Max Lazar
06/02	Sivan 22	Harry Rose	Father	Elaine Schwartz
06/02	Sivan 22	Max Rothenberg	Uncle	Owen Segall
06/03	Sivan 23	Paul Rubenstein	Father	Sarah Klein
06/06	Sivan 26	Seymour Hesch	Brother	Morrie Hesch
06/07	Sivan 27	Norman Freilich	Father	Diane Freilich
06/08	Sivan 28	Hilda Ganz	Sister-in-law	Gloria Greenberg
06/13	Tammuz 3	Jeanette Greenberg	Mother	Geri Cooper
06/13	Tammuz 3	Harry Lazar	Father	Max Lazar
06/13	Tammuz 3	Elsa Paul	Mother	Ronald Paul
06/15	Tammuz 5	Ethel Zimmerman	Mother	Mary Ann Becker
06/17	Tammuz 7	George Tarasuk	Friend	Diane Freilich
06/19	Tammuz 9	Frederick Yampolsky	Brother	Marion Wolf
06/22	Tammuz 12	Ella Freund	Sister-in-law	Gail Grossman
06/22	Tammuz 12	Irene Yampolsky	Sister	Marion Wolf
06/26	Tammuz 16	Ben Lowenthal	Father	Joy Epstein
06/28	Tammuz 18	Harold Lessner	Husband	Rhoda Lessner
06/29	Tammuz 19	Irving Scher	Father	Ann Goldfarb
06/29	Tammuz 19	Norman Walter	Husband	Evelyn Walter
06/30	Tammuz 20	Ben-Yosef Israel	Father	Shoshana Perlmutter
06/30	Tammuz 20	Anna Leibovitz	Mother	Herb Leibovitz



The following Yahzeits will be observed during **Tammuz - Av 5781.**

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El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Thursday preceding the

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**JULY 2021**

DATE	OBSERVED	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
07/02	Tammuz 22	Molly Merchant	Mother-in-law	Beverly Merchant
07/05	Tammuz 25	Helen Greenberg	Mother-in-law	Gloria Greenberg
07/07	Tammuz 27	Louis Rothenberg	Uncle	Owen Segall
07/09	Tammuz 29	Cecile Peker	Mother	Shirley Gubin
07/10	Av 1	Phyllis Harris	Wife	Bernard Harris
07/11	Av 2	Herman Grossman	Husband	Gail Grossman
07/13	Av 4	Murray Bernstein	Father	Irwin Bernstein
07/13	Av 4	Eli Witt	Father	Natalie Morrison
07/14	Av 5	Hanna Behrendt	Mother	Tom Behrendt
07/14	Av 5	William Rosen	Father	Alice Mason
07/14	Av 5	Morris Silverman	Father	Iris Silverman
07/15	Av 6	Jacob Goldberg	Father	Celia Weissbuch
07/16	Av 7	Simon Newman	Father	Harry Newman
07/17	Av 8	Ida Lee	Mother	Joanie Jacobs
07/18	Av 9	David Perlmutter	Father	Myron Perlmutter
07/20	Av 11	Nettie Freilich	Mother	Diane Freilich
07/23	Av 14	I. Cooper	Father	Eugene Cooper
07/24	Av 15	Hanan Ben-Yosef	Brother	Shoshana Perlmutter
07/24	Av 15	Melvin Silverman	Brother	Iris Silverman
07/25	Av 16	Herman Kurtz	Father	Norman Kurtz
07/26	Av 17	Robert Fisher	Father	Shelly Moschel
07/31	Av 22	Lillian Himmelfarb	Mother	Gerald Himmelfarb

# BIRTHDAYS



## JUNE 2021

- 1 Jeffrey Harris
- 6 Bernard Rosen
- 7 Steven Malkin
- 11 Gloria Greenberg
- 20 Rhoda Lessner
- 24 Natalie Morrison
- 24 Moses Weitzman
- 26 Rosemary Abrami
- 27 Maxine Popolow
- 30 Jordan Colbert

## JULY 2021

- 3 Alice Bernstein
- 4 Gyorgyi Rosenthal
- 8 Alice Mason
- 9 Elaine Glaser/Schwartz
- 10 Shirley Gubin
- 12 Sherry Lazar
- 19 Jamie Rothschild
- 22 Jim Frank
- 27 Iris Silverman

# ANNIVERSARIES



## JUNE 2021

- 14 Arnold & Maryann Becker
- 14 Andrew & Jan Heidecker

## JULY 2021

- 4 Charles & Leah Tarnor

## ***ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION***

MERCAZ was founded in 1979 by leaders of the Conservative Movement to give Conservative/Masorti Jews a voice in the World Zionist Organization. The world Zionist Organization is the body which holds the World Zionist Congress every 4 or 5 years. Theodor Hertzl was instrumental in founding that group with its inaugural Congress being held in Basel in 1897.

MERCAZ USA is the American Conservative Movement's Zionist Organization and the official representative to the WZO, and a branch of MERCAZ Olami.

MERCAZ represents Masorti Judaism within the World Zionist Organization and Congress, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement and the Jewish National Fund. MERCAZ is the force that advocates for funding or pluralistic streams of Judaism in Israel through the World Zionist Congress, which is crucial to our Movement's growth in Israel and around the globe.

Their mission is to further the cause for true religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between, and create engagement opportunities for, the people of Israel and Jews living in the Diaspora. MERCAZ USA is proud to be a sponsor of 'Masorti on Campus,' supporting Masorti activities on College and university campuses, and 'Mercar Reads Israel,' an online book club connecting Diaspora Jews to Israeli authors.

MERCAZ USA works in cooperation with all the other arms of Conservative Movement including the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Rabbinical Assembly, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Federation of Jewish Men's clubs, Cantors Assembly, Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, Zeigler School of Rabbinic studies, National Ramah Commission, Jewish Educators Assembly, North American Association of Synagogue Executives and Solomon Schechter Day School Association; is affiliated with MERCAZ OLAMI and the other MERCAZ chapters in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chili, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, Russia, Ukraine and Uruguay; and is supported by individual and family memberships in its annual membership campaign.

(Source: MERCAZ USA)

Ed.

A tribute to our friend Irv Glorit.

Bob & I knew Binnie and Irv, since the day we joined BethEmeth. It seems that most of his time was spent at shul, either fixing things or when he wasn't busy, he would be "chit-chatting".

Irv, always had a smile, always had something nice to say. He never said, No, or I can't do that. He had this secret book of all the handy-men, companies, and I would be amazed how he would know everything that went on at the synagogue.

He sat in the back row during services, said hello to everyone who entered the sanctuary. He was a good friend to everyone. I don't think he had a bad thought about anyone. When Bob started failing, he would come over to say hello, shake his hand, and just understood.

I was very sorry to see him slowly ailing and we missed him at Thursday morning minyans.

He was part of this foundation and I am thankful that I was his friend.

Rest in peace,

Marilyn

## Adult Education - 5781

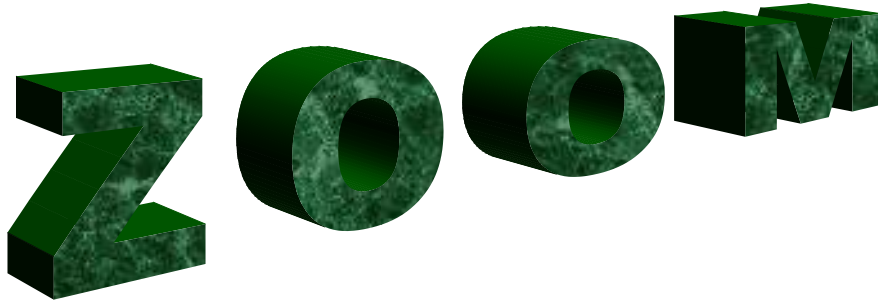
All classes will be held on Zoom.

### 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



### 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@BE

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



## CALLING ALL MEN

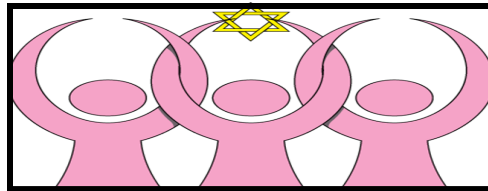
It looks like this is a case that the bug got us. Unfortunately, as you may know our activities have been shut down. As it may be our board has likewise suspended its activities.

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



## 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

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# From the big book of JEWISH HUMOR



- ◆ A woman on a train walked up to a distinguished looking gentleman across the aisle. "Excuse me," she said, "but are you Jewish?" "No," replied the man.  
A few minutes later the woman returned. "Excuse me, but are you sure you're not Jewish?"  
"I'm sure," replied the man.  
But the woman was not convinced, and a few minutes later she approached the man a third time. "Are you absolutely sure you're not Jewish?" she asked.  
"All right, all right," the man said. "You win, I'm Jewish."  
"That's funny," said the woman. "You don't look Jewish."
- ◆ A Jewish boy was failing math.  
His mother had tried everything! Special classes, private tutors and even a summer math camp. Nothing was working.  
A neighbor suggested she send the boy to a Catholic school. At the end of the semester the boy brought home his report card to show his mother.  
"Zach! You got an A! I'm so proud of you! I guess those nuns are really good at teaching!"  
"No, not really." answered Zach. "When I walked in and saw that poor man nailed to a plus sign, I new the Catholics were really serious about the whole math thing!"
- ◆ A new flood is foretold and nothing can be done to prevent it;  
In three days the waters will wipe out the world.  
The leader of Buddhism appears on television and pleads with everybody to become a Buddhist; that way they will at least find salvation in heaven.  
The Pope goes on television with a similar message; "It is still not too late to accept Jesus," he says.  
The Chief Rabbi of Israel takes a slightly different approach;  
"We have three days to learn how to live under water."
- ◆ A Jewish mother's answering machine:  
For Kugel, press 1  
For knishes, press 2  
For chicken soup, press 3  
For matzoh balls in the soup, press 4  
...If you're calling to ask how I am feeling, you have the wrong number because no one ever asks how I am feeling!



Thank You. 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 and Family***

Send out cards to your friends and loved ones letting them know they are in your thoughts and at the same time support the Beth Emeth Congregation.


Cards to make a difference . . .

- In Memoriam
- Simcha
- Refuah Shelemah (Speedy and Complete Recovery)




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# JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>21 Sivan</i>	<i>2</i> <i>22 Sivan</i>	<i>3</i> <i>23 Sivan</i>	<i>4</i> <i>24 Sivan</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>Zoom Only</i>	<i>5</i> <i>25 Sivan</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>10:00 am</i> <i>On-site</i>
<i>6</i> <i>26 Sivan</i>	<i>7</i> <i>27 Sivan</i>	<i>8</i> <i>28 Sivan</i>	<i>9</i> <i>29 Sivan</i>	<i>10</i> <i>30 Sivan</i>	<i>11</i> <i>1 Tammuz</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>Zoom Only</i>	<i>12</i> <i>2 Tammuz</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>10:00 am</i> <i>On-site</i>
<i>13</i> <i>3 Tammuz</i>	<i>14</i> <i>4 Tammuz</i>	<i>15</i> <i>5 Tammuz</i>	<i>16</i> <i>6 Tammuz</i>	<i>17</i> <i>7 Tammuz</i>	<i>18</i> <i>8 Tammuz</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>Zoom Only</i>	<i>19</i> <i>9 Tammuz</i> <i>Services</i> <i>10:00am -</i> <i>Followed by</i> <i>Kiddush for</i> <i>Rabbi Rosen</i>
<i>20</i> <i>10 Tammuz</i>  	<i>21</i> <i>11 Tammuz</i>	<i>22</i> <i>12 Tammuz</i>	<i>23</i> <i>13 Tammuz</i>	<i>24</i> <i>14 Tammuz</i>	<i>25</i> <i>15 Tammuz</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>On-site</i>	<i>26</i> <i>16 Tammuz</i>  <i>Services</i> <i>10:00 am</i> <i>Zoom Only</i>
<i>27</i> <i>17 Tammuz</i>  Minor Fast	<i>28</i> <i>18 Tammuz</i>	<i>29</i> <i>19 Tammuz</i>	<i>30</i> <i>20 Tammuz</i>			

**Tammuz** - meaning "victorious" is the 10th month of the civil year or the 4th month of the ecclesiastical year in the Jewish calendar. Tammuz was the name of a deity over whom apostate Hebrew women in Jerusalem wept. Known as "the good, young one", his beauty caught the attention of Inanna (Ishtar), who took him for her consort or lover.

# JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 21 Tammuz	2 22 Tammuz  Services 6:30pm	3 23 Tammuz  Services 10:00 am
4 24 Tammuz 	5 25 Tammuz	6 26 Tammuz	7 27 Tammuz	8 28 Tammuz	9 29 Tammuz  Services 6:30pm	10 1 Av  Services 10:00am
11 2 Av	12 3 Av	13 4 Av	14 5 Av	15 6 Av	16 7 Av  Services 6:30pm	17 8 Av  Erev Tisha B'Av Services 10:00am
18 9 Av  Tisha B'Av	19 10 Av	20 11 Av	21 12 Av  Observer Deadline	22 13 Av	23 14 Av  Services 6:30pm	24 15 Av  Services 10:00am
25 16 Av	26 17 Av	27 18 Av	28 19 Av	29 20 Av	30 21 Av  Services 6:30pm	31 22 Av  Services 10:00am

**Av** - literally meaning "Father", the One who creates the universe", is the 11th month of the civil year and the 5th month of the ecclesiastical year on the Jewish calendar. It is one of several months which are not explicitly named in the Hebrew Bible. Customarily you would add the name "Menachem" (which means "comforter") so it would appear as Menachem Av.

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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