



# Beth Emeth Observer

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**AUG - SEPT 2021**

## THREE MONTHS ON THE HEBREW CALENDAR

We begin with the month of Elul. According to halakha, the observance of the High Holy Days begins with sounding the shofar every day after “shaharit” service, except Shabbat, for the entire month of Elul. We may officially extend High Holiday greetings beginning at the start of this month. Many congregations recite Psalm 27 at the end of every morning and evening service during this month and right up to Hoshana Rabbah.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur there are a number of additions to the liturgy and the words “Hamelech Hakadosh” (the Holy King) are said instead of the wording we use the rest of the year. Avinu Malkeinu is recited after the amidah except if Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat.

Of the five prohibitions of Yom Kippur the most strictly observed is the ban on eating and drinking. Unlike the minor fast days, everyone is encouraged to fast on Yom Kippur except those excused for medical reasons. Those not fasting should eat only enough to satisfy their needs. If Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat, we still fast. Havdalah is recited at the end of Yom Kippur.

Sukkot comes next. All of the construction and decoration of the sukkah should take place before the holiday begins. Once Sukkot begins we are forbidden to remove any of the decorations. It is also forbidden to use the sukkah, its roof and its ornaments for any other purpose. In this sense the decorations are like objects labeled “muktzah” on Shabbat, such as money, which cannot be used nor even moved during Shabbat.

Just as there were specific rules for the original ark of the covenant, there are regulations covering construction of a sukkah and what material may be used for “skhakh” as a roof of a temporary structure. These include the minimum size of a sukkah and spacing of “skhakh” so we are able to see the stars at night.

Our tradition requires that we eat meals in the sukkah, with certain exceptions, based on the general principle that you are exempt from ‘mitzvah when preoccupied with doing another, such as Torah study, redeeming captives or even visiting your teacher.

Regarding the Lulav and Etrog, again there are specific rules. The Etrog may not be a lemon but a citron with its “pitom” (tip) still intact. All of the four species must look fresh, not dried out and have the right color - green, not brown. Myrtles and willows should be fresh, not dried out. There are different traditions regarding shaking the four species, based on the practices of various congregations.

Hoshana Rabbah is the seventh day of Sukkot and has some special rituals and customs. In some congregations the synagogue is circled seven times while carrying the four species and reciting the hosana prayers. There is much rabbinic discussion over determining whether Shemini Atzeret is independent of Sukkot or not. The Talmud refers to six signs that Shemini Atzeret is independent and these have been interpreted in a number of ways. We will let this decision be determined by our synagogue’s leadership. Modern calendars include a Yizkor memorial service on this day’s listing.

Simchat Torah marks the conclusion of a seemingly endless period of religious observance. But this is not the end. Not only do we conclude the reading of Torah, we celebrate with “kavvanot” (circling) and dancing with the scroll... then begin again!

(Source: The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld)

Ed.

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### SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

<b>AUG</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7:04</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>6:57</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>6:49</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>6:40</b>
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6:31</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>6:22</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>6:12</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>6:02</b>

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

As we approach the new year, there are so many things that we have tried to comprehend, but find it so difficult. The Covid virus has changed our lives, the lives of others and the world. I don't know if we will ever get back to where we were, however, it's not up to me. No matter what, we still have to believe in a higher power. We were taught not to ask why, which is an extremely difficult thing to do.

I have to look to the future. The future includes all of us. Our synagogue is suffering from a lack of energy. We have to rebuild, from the ground up. I am asking all of us, to **do just one thing** that will make Beth Emeth stand tall again.

Looking forward, two things have to happen. Members, we need you plus we have to get new members. Our yearly dues are the cheapest of the entire valley, however, it's not so much the money, it's the lack of wanting to be part of the synagogue community.

Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz, will be having classes after the holidays. If you have had the chance to listen to his sermons, you will want to attend his classes. Cantor Judith Levy, will be assisting on the high holidays. Please attend, and enjoy the High Holiday services together.

In closing, I wish all of you and your loved ones, a healthy new year. I have said this every year. If I have offended anyone, I am sorry. Please forgive me.

Shalom,  
Marilyn Newberg

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### **RABBI LIPSCHULTZ CONTINUED FROM PG. 3**

Trying to understand Tzedakah one needs to search in our textual history for the meaning of giving and receiving for love. We find it in the book of Deuteronomy which states, "If there be a needy person among you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand." The Hebrew begins with "patoach tiftach", you shall "open, open" your hand. The verse continues with "naton, titayn" you shall "give, give" saying it twice and your heart shall not be grieved." Many commentators ask why the repetition of "open?"

The answer signifies the importance of this action because you must open your hand even a hundred times. This is to teach us that one cannot say; "I already gave to this person yesterday so the giving must stop. For this hungry man or women is not only hungry yesterday, they hungry today and tomorrow as well." The giving continues always thus changing us from the inside thus we give of ourselves and the holidays remind us of this need to give. Through this act of giving we learn the concepts of God and why we are deserving of a second chance.

This Rosh Hashanah will be my first for congregation Beth Emeth. I am so honored to be your rabbi and as we begin our reopening at shul I hope to see all of our congregation come together to make this a special High Holiday season. Look for classes in August as we learn the meaning of the liturgy of high holidays.

Have a good New Year and may we all be written positively in the book of life  
Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz welcomes your comments at [dvjewish@rof.net](mailto:dvjewish@rof.net)

## **FROM THE DESK OF RABBI J. LIPSCHULTZ**

*To find our values hidden in the act of giving:*

As I sit in my study and ponder the task as a new rabbi at a new congregation I often feel awe at the concept of Rosh Hashanah and the holiness that is the day. This is exciting and also rather challenging as we come to terms with our first Rosh Hashanah since opening our shul to all after Covid. We have had a tough year and a half with the isolation of the virus returning to holiday service is an essential part of reclaiming our space and our faith as we interact with one another. This is a special time when we Jews stand before God and all try to ponder the better aspects of ourselves and improve the lesser qualities of our life. The one element of the past year that has struck my mind is the concept of giving. Charity, or as we call it Tzedakah, is the core element expressed on the high holidays. Seeing how my temple and all Jewish community organizations function, the need to give both physically and financially allows our little Kehilah to survive.



Throughout the High Holy Days, both on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there is a prayer, which concludes; "Repentance, prayer, and tzedakah may avert the evil decree." Our tradition teaches that tzedakah has such an impact that the Talmud in Yurasalmi Peah tells us that tzedakah is the equal of all of the commandments of the Torah combined. That is a strong statement if one looks at all the laws, including the ones relating to God and man: it is the charity of man to man that seems to outlast everything. All seems to come down to the word Tzedakah.

Tzedakah is a difficult word to translate because the meaning of the word is often lost in the English. When we look at the root of this word we see there are some ideas that cannot be translated into another language. Every culture has its unique language but Tzedakah seems the most lost in meaning when we leave L'Shan Ha Kodesh, the holy language. Tzedakah is not charity, which comes from the Latin "caritas" referring to love, and neither is receiving it being a "schnorrer", a beggar. Tzedakah is one that helps the giver as well as the receiver. The root of Tzedakah is one of Tzedik, meaning righteousness, meaning we gain a better sense of ourselves through the act of giving. On Rosh Hashanah we stand ready to give and making requests before God, not begging, hoping to receive Tshuvah through our act of giving.

When we approach God during the holidays we appear as a beggar, a person pleading for justice and righteousness, but we are not. We stand not asking something for nothing but for a second chance, the ability to make our world and ourselves better simply through our self-motivation both as individuals and as a community. We want to change ourselves as well as the person who is affected from our gifts through the act of giving; this is how we understand the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Tzedakah is rooted in a basic Jewish principle that all people are responsible for each other. We are obligated to share our physical possessions with those who are in need. It is fascinating that most Jews overwhelmingly support major charities and social welfare and Jewish names often appear as great contributors of centers of art and education. This is not a matter of politics such as liberal or conservative, rather it is simply a matter of basic Jewish principles and ideas.

Judaism does not adhere to western individualism, which says to those who are in need "You are on your own", that you should pull yourself out of the problems by your own will and saying, "don't lean on me, work it out for yourself." Judaism says we are stronger when we are together we lean on each other we are responsible for each other especially those of us who have made success of our life. That is why a minyan is the essential element of our faith. We stand together because with one voice we stand with God and offer our supplication.

**RABBI LIPSCHULTZ CONTINUED ON PG. 2**

# In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Av - Elul 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 Yahrzeit at 9:00 a.m. Minyan. **AUGUST 2021**

DATE	OBSERVED	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
08/01/2021	AV 23	Steven Behrendt	Son	Tom Behrendt
08/01/2021	AV 23	Barbara Paul	Wife	Ronald Paul
08/04/2021	AV 26	Sam Rosen	Father	Bernard Rosen
08/06/2021	AV 28	Abraham Rothenberg	Grandfather	Owen Segall
08/07/2021	AV 29	Elizabeth Epstein	Mother	Cyrene Schochet
08/08/2021	AV 30	Martha Cohen	Sister	Gloria Greenberg
08/09/2021	Elul 1	Rose Kanter	Mother	Phyllis Frank
08/13/2021	Elul 5	Adeline Luckman	Mother	Ramona Luckman
08/14/2021	Elul 6	Gertrude Casper	Aunt	Sheldon Koven
08/14/2021	Elul 6	Martin J. Debber	Father	Stanley Debber
08/16/2021	Elul 8	Jonathan Kurtz	Son	Norman Kurtz
08/18/2021	Elul 10	Arthur Rosen	Brother	Alice Mason
08/18/2021	Elul 10	Isadore Weissbuch	Husband	Celia Weissbuch
08/18/2021	Elul 10	Alan Wolf	Husband	Marion Wolf
08/20/2021	Elul 12	Brad Rich	Son	Gerald Rich
08/21/2021	Elul 13	Oscar Segall	Grandfather	Owen Segall
08/22/2021	Elul 14	Harry Koshar	Brother	Louis Koshar
08/23/2021	Elul 15	Joel Merchant	Husband	Beverly Merchant
08/24/2021	Elul 16	Cyla Grossman	Mother-in-law	Gail Grossman
08/31/2021	Elul 23	Harry Caplan	Father	David Caplan
08/31/2021	Elul 23	Donald Lehrer	Husband	Irene Lehrer



# In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Elul-5781 - Tishri-5782.

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. **SEPTEMBER 2021**

DATE	OBSERVED	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
09/01/2021	Elul 24	Esther Bernstein	Mother	Irwin Bernstein
09/02/2021	Elul 25	Helen Koven	Mother	Sheldon Koven
09/02/2021	Elul 25	Rose Silverblatt	Mother	Evelyn Walter
09/04/2021	Elul 27	Stanley Glaser	Husband	Elaine Glaser/Schwartz
09/04/2021	Elul 27	Samuel Koven	Father	Sheldon Koven
09/06/2021	Elul 29	Howard Marshall	Husband	Sonia Marshall
09/10/2021	Tishri 4	Roy Cohen	Husband	Ramona Luckman
09/10/2021	Tishri 4	Murray Friedman	Father	Sharon Rothzeit
09/13/2021	Tishri 7	Estelle Webber	Mother	Marion Koshar
09/17/2021	Tishri 11	Sol Becker	Father	Arnold Becker
09/18/2021	Tishri 12	Lillian Middleman	Aunt	Owen Segall
09/20/2021	Tishri 14	Rose Rosen	Mother	Alice Mason
09/21/2021	Tishri 15	Judge Joseph Goldstein	Husband	Elinor Goldstein
09/21/2021	Tishri 15	Yetta Segall	Mother	Owen Segall
09/24/2021	Tishri 18	Rose Rose	Mother	Elaine Glaser/Schwartz
09/25/2021	Tishri 19	Julia Hamerschiag	Mother	Marty Hamer
09/29/2021	Tishri 23	Ben Hamerschiag	Father	Marty Hamer

## REMEMBERING

Geraldine 'Geri' Shirley Cooper

'Geri' Cooper, daughter of the late Jeanette & Sol Greenberg devoted wife to Eugene 'Gene; Cooper, and cherished companion to many, died peacefully in her home surrounded by family on July 8, 2021 at age 81.

Geri is survived by her husband Gene of 59 years, her beloved daughters Miriam, Deborah (Brian), Leah (Hassan), her granddaughters Naomi & Joelle, her grandson Levi, and sister Brenda (Larry). Her youngest daughter, Rachel, passed away on June 23, 2020.

Geri was born on February 13, 1940 and grew up in St. Jacob and Mt. Vernon, Illinois. After high school she attended Monticello Finishing School and then moved to St. Louis where she worked at The St. Louis University and attended night school.

She met Gene Cooper, the love of her life, in 1960 and was married in December 1961. She soon became a mother to four daughters whom she deeply cherished. They resided in St. Louis until 2002 when they moved to Sun City West, AZ for their retirement years.

Geri possessed a great sense of humor, extraordinary gift of gab, tremendous vivaciousness and, curiosity. Geri was a talented real estate agent, an avid swimmer and tennis player, had tremendous strength of character and boundless energy. She raised song birds throughout her life, loved to travel and, made friends wherever she went.

A memorial service was held at Beth Emeth Congregation in Sun City West on July 14, 2021.

Contributions can be made to Beth Emeth Congregation or a charity of one's choice.



## THE SUKKAH ONION



One of the disadvantages of someone dying is that you can't ask questions of that person. This arose as I prepared to build my sukkah last year and couldn't remember something Leo had taught me. He would take an onion, pull two feathers out of the feather-duster (which got so tatty I had to buy a new one) and poke them into opposite sides of said onion. He would then hang it in the sukkah and I remembered it had something to do with a play on words in certain prayers about "the shelter of your wings". But for obvious reasons obvious reasons I wanted to carry on Leo's tradition... I asked a few people, but no-one had a clue, so I thought it might have been French, or even family, in-joke.

Then some research turned up a website with this information:

"When I was a child, we expended great efforts to observe a strange custom. In our sukkah we hung up birds made out of onions. We would stick wings made of feathers, and a tail, also made of feathers, onto the onion. Those who wanted to make a special effort also added legs made of matchsticks and attached a red piece of paper as a beak. Every year we were sent out on a search for the right kind of feathers, and my father made sure to buy flattened onions with a large "tail," so that the result looked as close as possible to a real bird. This unusual tradition was passed on to all the children and then to the grandchildren. Everybody makes sure to have "wings on the onions." Our children call us to report how many birds they have in their sukkah, almost as if a sukkah without "onion birds" is halachically unacceptable.

What is the source of this idea of an onion with wings?

It seems that this custom was prevalent in the village communities in Alsace, in France. The simple Jews of the area, who were not great experts in Hebrew, read the text of the daily Maariv prayer, and made a connection between the phrase "spread out Your sukkah of peace" and what appears later, "hide us in the shadow of Your wings" ("betzeil"). The sukkah is mentioned explicitly again in the modified prayer on Shabbat eve: "And spread out Your sukkah of peace. You are blessed, G-d, He who spreads out a sukkah of peace over us and over all His nation Yisrael, and over Jerusalem."

Thus, the prayer makes a link between onion ("batzal" in Hebrew) and a sukkah... The learned men of Alsace mocked this custom and called it "shoita" – a foolish practice. But we find that this interpretation is to our liking, and we continue to pass on the practice from one generation to the next".

I was fascinated by this and sent it to my sister for her erudition and entertainment. Unbeknownst to me she forwarded it to assorted family members, in South Africa, Australia, the USA and also a cousin in London. He, in turn, sent it to a friend of his (whom I have met during my visits to London) who then added his contribution to the story:

"Having checked with a very learned lady from Alsace (aka my mother), I can confirm the "shadow of your wings" explanation.

I don't know about the "learned men" but apparently "everyone used to do it" when she was growing up. The custom however was just to hang onions, not dress them up.

In fact, in 1860, in "Scenes of Jewish Life in Alsace", Daniel Stauben wrote 'No evil spirit in Jewish Alsatian memory has ever been able to penetrate, by day or by night, into a sukkah equipped with such a precious bulb'"

And in a later message he added:

"A cousin says that the onion with feathers is called (in Jewish Alsatian) a 'chaute'. Alsatian Hebrew pronounced as it is, this is clearly from the Hebrew word shoteh".

He also sent this link which is delightful and well worth visiting. It is in French but even if one doesn't read French the pictures are amusing.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6363603706/permalink/10155807721598707/>

So that's the story of the onion in the sukkah, finally explained! When I erected the sukkah I hung all the decorations, including my onion, and thought how even after Leo's death he continues to teach and to influence not only my life but others literally worldwide.

(Submitted by Rosemary Abrami, widow of Rabbi Leo Abrami z"l)

# BIRTHDAYS



## AUG 2021

- 1 Rosalyn Podbielak
- 9 Alicia Salazar
- 10 Irene Weitzman
- 16 Charles Tarnor
- 19 Gerald Himmelfarb
- 20 Louis Koshar
- 25 Herb Leibovitz
- 29 Sharon Rothzeid

## SEPT 2021

- 4 Donald Stevens
- 5 Marion Wolf
- 8 Marilyn Newberg
- 14 Bonnie Schlossberg
- 21 Ronald Paul
- 30 Gerald Rich

# ANNIVERSARIES



## AUG 2021

- 11 James & Esther Toney
- 17 Mark & Madelaine Friedman
- 28 Pamela Weiner & Steve Malkin

## SEPT 2021

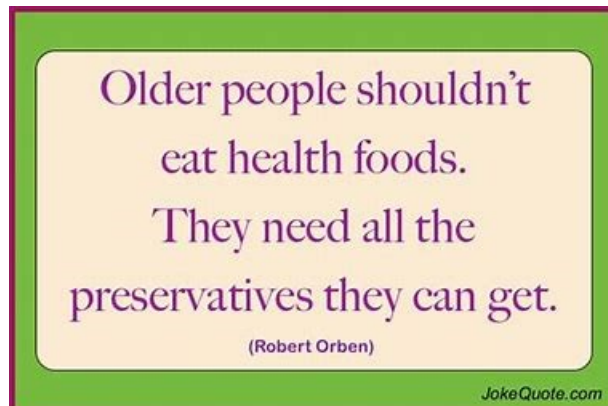
- 5 Max & Sherry Lazar
- 12 Louis & Marion Koshar
- 16 Michael & Teri Maureen Goldman



# From the big book of JEWISH HUMOR



- ◆ The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that this is due to the fact that Won Ton spelled backwards is “Not Now”.
- ◆ There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.
- ◆ Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers? They never let anyone finish a sentence!
- ◆ A man called his mother in Florida. "Mom, how are you?" "Not too good," said the mother, "I've been very weak." The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days." The son said, "That's terrible! Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?" The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

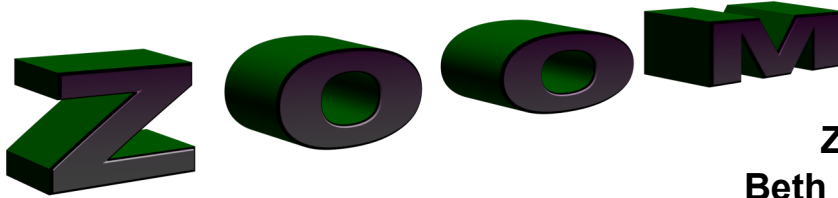


## ANOTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATION

The Workers Circle, a Jewish social justice organization, was founded in New York City in 1900 by Yiddish speaking Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. In its early years it served as a fraternal benefits society, a cultural space, and an incubator for activists and labor movement leaders. Their immigrant founders were shocked by what greeted them in American: a land of opportunity but, one of exploitive labor practices, overcrowded tenements and a daunting unfamiliar culture. The Workers Circle created a space for conversation, creativity, material support and organization. They are no longer a fraternal benefits society but function instead like a traditional 501c3 nonprofit, supported by philanthropy and running programs and events for the public.

The organization runs the largest Yiddish language instruction program in the world, with virtual classes available for students at all levels of study. They also run a network of Jewish cultural schools and offer extracurricular program for children and teens, including a signature “Youth Stand Up for Justice” teen advocacy program. They also organize events and initiatives aimed at educating and activating members of the public and Workers Circle members alike on the core social justice issues they are focused on addressing: immigrant rights, workers rights, and racial justice. Specifically last year and this year they’ve been working to repeal ‘the public charge rule’ and to strengthen voting rights.

The Workers Circle has members, supporters and activists all around the country and the world. They hold a record number of Yiddish classes and Jewish Culture events on-line. To learn more or sign up for one of the upcoming events visit: [www.circle.org](http://www.circle.org).



Zoom link for  
Beth Emeth programs

**ZOOM will not be available for the HIGH HOLIDAYS.** You can still access ZOOM for classes and special occasions such as memorials. A notice will be sent out for any changes being made.

All Classes:

Meeting ID: 818 6640 3856  
Passcode: Learn@BE



**NEW CLASSES STARTING !!!**  
***“LITURGY OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS”***  
***By: Rabbi Lipschultz***



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**THURSDAY 10:30 AM (In the Shul Library & on Zoom)**

**AUG 5TH & AUG 12TH - “THE PARSHAH”**  
**AUG 19TH, AUG 26TH & SEPT 2ND - “THE LITURGY”**



## 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.

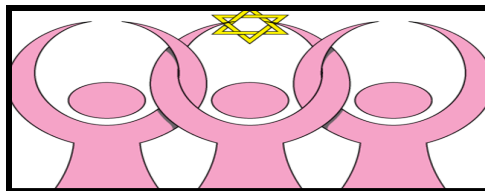
So far we will still continue with our usual activities when it is safe to do so at their normal times. We will, of course, make plans for other events which need to be identified.

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 will be out-of-town until October.

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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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ◆ Cards for Memoriam, Simcha & Refuah Shelemah must be paid in advance of mailing.**
- ◆ We no longer accept “Pay-Pal” as a payment method. Checks or cash only.**

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Thank You,  
Marilyn Newberg



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Joy NEVER ENDS  
IN A Home THAT'S  
BLESSED WITH  
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- Simcha
- Refuah Shelemah (Speedy and Complete Recovery)

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# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 23 AV	2 24 AV	3 25 AV	4 26 AV	5 27 AV	6 28 AV	7 29 AV
				<i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	<i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	<i>Services 10:00 am</i>
8 30 AV	9 1 Elul	10 2 Elul	11 3 Elul	12 4 Elul	13 5 Elul	14 6 Elul
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29 21 Elul	30 22 Elul	31 23 Elul				

***Elul*** - The 12th and final month in the Jewish calendar. It is called "the month of repentance," "the month of mercy," and "the month of forgiveness". The four letters of Elul are an acronym for the phrase in "Song of Songs" (6:3). "I am to my beloved" (we approach G-d with a desire to return and connect) and, "My beloved is to me" (G-d reciprocates with Divine expressions of mercy and forgiveness). This is the month when "the King is in the field".

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>(The office will be closed On High Holidays)</i>		1 24 Elul	2 25 Elul  <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	3 26 Elul  <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	4 27 Elul  <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
5 28 Elul 	6 29 Elul <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	7 1 Tishri <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	8 2 Tishri <i>Rosh Hashanah 2</i>	9 3 Tishri <i>Fast of Gedaliah</i>  <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	10 4 Tishri  <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	11 5 Tishri  <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
12 6 Tishri	13 7 Tishri	14 8 Tishri  <i>Observer Deadline</i>	15 9 Tishri <i>Erev Yom Kippur-Kol Nidre</i>	16 10 Tishri <i>Yom Kippur-Yizkor</i>  <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	17 11 Tishri  <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	18 12 Tishri  <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
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26 20 Tishri	27 21 Tishri <i>Hoshana Rabba</i>	28 22 Tishri <i>Shemini Atzeret-Yizkor</i>	29 23 Tishri <i>Simchat Torah</i>	30 24 Tishri  <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>		

***Tishri*** - The first month of the Jewish year is full of momentous and meaningful days of celebration. Beginning with the *High Holidays*, we celebrate "Rosh Hashanah", the "Ten days of Repentance", "Yom Kipper", "Sukkot", and "Simchat Torah". Each has its own customs and rituals. Some are for reflection and some are for happy and cheerful celebration. Tishri is considered the "head" of the year and the reservoir from which we draw strength and inspiration.

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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