



Beth Emeth Observer

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"More Than Just The Conservative Congregation of the West Valley, We Are A Community"

IN MEMORIAM NELSON MAGEDMAN

A BOOMING VOICE REMEMBERED

Nelson Magedman was well known for his love of Judaism and his dedication to proper religious observance. What became obvious at his funeral was the deep love he had for his family, and the strong love they had for him.

A lawyer by trade, Nelson spoke endearingly of his involvement in a synagogue youth choir as its Hazzan.

He had been a member of the Civil Air Patrol and encouraged his sons to follow that path while he mentored them in that organization.

Nelson had been an active member of the Jewish War Veterans and held many offices in that organization. He had been proud of his military service and his flag draped casket served as a reminder of his dedication of that service.

What we will probably remember was his ability to chant the weekly Haftaret and his service as Gabbai during Shabbat services for as long as he was physically able. He was able to chant his Bar Mitzvah Haftaret just before his recent illness. It was his booming voice that enabled Nelson to be heard without amplification.

Morrie Hesch, Editor

Beth Emeth will always remember Nelson Magedman for the wonderful person he was. For his sense of humor, his love for reading Torah and for being a member of our board.

Many of us did not know him on a personal level. However, if you had only one conversation with him, you will have seen the qualities that made him special.

We will miss you, Nelson
Your friends at Beth Emeth.

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SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING

November

5 5:15
12 5:10
19 5:06
26 5:03

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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT

Hello to all. I am so happy to feel the chill in the air, and welcome November 2021!

I wish to welcome our newest members and snowbirds back. Start your Thanksgiving and Hanukah shopping. We have our annual sale coming up. You will be notified of the exact date.

Rabbi & Naomi Lipschultz, will be celebrating their son Ari's Bar Mitzvah early this month. Mazel tov and Simmin tov to your entire family. I am sure he will do a super job.

Do you have a couple of hours a week, or month? Why not spend them at our synagogue? We always could use a little help. One of our biggest projects is the re-shaping our Library. Are you all aware that you could browse our library and take out a book? Make your selection and let the office know. This library doesn't charge late fees; however, we would like the book back.

Our dues will remain the same as last year, \$600.00 per person. As I have said in the past, if you meet someone who may be looking for a synagogue, a conservative synagogue, please invite them to one of our services. Either Friday night, at 6:30 or Saturday morning at 9:30.

As of November 23rd, Saturday services will start at 9:30 a.m. let's fill up the seats!

We are planning a general meeting to take place during the last two weeks of November. Board elections are on the docket among others. We hope to be able to have many attendees.

Please stay in touch with us. It is so important that we know if you are going away, are not feeling well, or just need assistance. When you have a chance, please come into our office and update your files. We have so little information necessary for us in case we have to notify your family.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Stay well,
Shalom, Marilyn

New Course with Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz - Why Hanukkah

Rabbi Lipschultz will present a three part course on the origins of Hannukah the holy debate and why the oil is an essential aspect of the holiday. The courses will take place on Thursdays, from 10 to 11 AM, at Beth Emeth. 10:00AM to 11:00AM, on November 4th, 11th and 18th.

Hannukah begins November 28th.

The classes are free for the community. Please call · Phone: (623) 584-7210 if you want to attend.

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI J. LIPSCHULTZ
Happy Thanksgiving

It's November and as our minds and sprits usually prepare for turkey and yams, this unusual year we also add latkas (traditional potato pancakes) to the mix when Thanksgiving is followed only a few days later by Chanukah. Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November, meaning the latest it can be this year is November 25th. November 28th is also the earliest Chanukah can be. This year as we finish the holiday of Thanksgiving we then go out and prepare in a few days for our first candle lighting of Chanukkah on November 28th.



The simple fact is that we could call it a great miracle that we get to see how Chanukah was seen to the pilgrims as the a time to commemorate Thanksgiving. Believe it or not, Chanukah actually has a lot in common with Thanksgiving. The early pilgrims based the celebration of giving thanks on the early Jewish festival called Feast of the Tabernacle, or our holiday of Sukkot. Sukkot is declared a time of thanksgiving celebrating the bountiful harvest. The pilgrims based this celebration in the new world on this special Jewish holiday.

The Maccabees of our Chanukah are also linked to Sukkot. In the Second Book of the Maccabees, which quotes from a letter sent circa 125 BCE from the Hasmoneans to the leaders of Egyptian Jewry, Chanukah is actually called The festival of Sukkot celebrated in the month of Kislev (December), rather than Tishrei (September). Since the Jews were still in caves fighting as guerrillas in Tishrei, 164 BCE, they could not properly honor the eight-day holiday of Sukkot, hence it was postponed until after the recapture of Jerusalem and the purification of the Temple. This is the great miracle we celebrate on Chanukah: the ability to purify the Temple and celebrate with great joy that we could worship freely the great festival of thanksgiving on the holiday of Sukkot. They celebrated it for eight days with gladness like Sukkot and recalled how a little while before, during the actual Sukkot holiday they had been wandering in the mountains and caverns and now were free to celebrate their faith with such great joy. When we light those candles on Chanukah they are actually candles of thanksgiving with joy and song. The miracle of the oil was not that the light lasted for eight days but that our faith sustained us during dark times and thus brought us to this great time of joy of thanksgiving.

Today we Jews look at Chanukah and see the true miracle that the Maccabees claimed as not a military victory but the fact that our faith and tradition still carries on. The miracle of the oil takes the symbol of the longevity our Jewish tradition being sustained even in difficult times and that is the miracle we celebrate when we light the menorah this Thanksgiving.

The American holiday of Thanksgiving is a quasi miracle in its own sense because once a year all faiths connect to celebrate the ability to share the bounty of our table with all. Thanksgiving is the moment we can contemplate all the blessings we have in the world. The love and the friendship we have acquired and the special kindness we can offer to others. Chanukkah links all Jews in a celebration of our tradition and this unique year we get the chance to light the menorah as we still enjoy the leftovers our turkey dinner and offer a blessing to all who share in our bounty. Please join us for a special class starting November 4th and 11th and 18th after Thursday minion at 10 for a three part class on the origins of Chanukkah. All are welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Chanukah to all.

In loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Kislev 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. **OCTOBER 2021**

DATE	OBSERVED	DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	OBSERVANT
11/5/2021	Kislev 1	Norma Leibovitz	Wife	Herb Libovitz
11/6/2021	Kislev 2	Bea Kaufman	Aunt	Joe Sontag
11/7/2021	Kislev 3	Bernard Greenberg	Husband	Gloria Greenberg
11/7/2021	Kislev 3	Gace Isaacson	Mother	Ellen Sue Saperstein
11/8/2021	Kislev 4	Dr. Sam Pinkes	Brother in law	Iris Silverman
11/9/2021	Kislev 5	Elizabeth Fineberg	Mother	Sonia Marshall
11/9/2021	Kislev 5	Marcy Hamerschlag	Sister	Martin Hamerschlag
11/12/2021	Kislev 8	Anna Liskofsky	Aunt	Dr. Abraham Cohen
11/12/2021	Kislev 8	Rita Rose	Mother	Carol Madvig
11/13/2021	Kislev 9	Beatrice Kaplan	Mother	Brenda Kleinman
11/15/2021	Kislev 11	Minnie Hesch	Stepmother	Morrie Hesch
11/19/2021	Kislev 15	Paul Walter	Brother in law	Evelyn Walter
11/20/2021	Kislev 16	Bessie Frank	Mother	Jim Frank
11/20/2021	Kislev 16	Nancy Ann Vickory	Sister	Susan Hersch
11/23/2021	Kislev 19	Lucille Ezrati	Mother	Jack Ezrati
11/22/2021	Kislev 22	Louis Levine	Father	Helaine Feldman
11/27/2021	Kislev 23	William Pinkus	Father	Marilyn Newburg and Rhoda Lesner
11/28/2021	Kislev 24	Jean Klein	Mother	
11/29/2021	Kislev 25	Joseph Greenberg	Father in law	Gloria Greenberg
11/29/2021	Kislev 25	Lawrence Webber	Father	Marion Koshar

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

Jack Ezraty 11/07/2021

Lorraine Silverman 11/08/2021

Cecilia Weissbach 11/11/2021

Marty Hamer 11/13/2021

Irene Lehrer 11/16/2021

Tom Behrendt 11/17/2021

Helaine Feldman 11/18/2021

Gail Grossman 11/20/2021

Bobbi Kneitel 11/23/2021

Shelly Moschel 11/27/2021

Paula Forster 11/28/2021

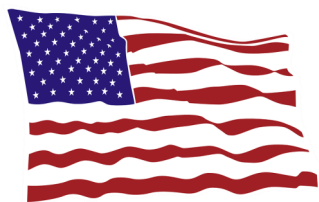


Happy Anniversary to:

Harry and Barbara Newman 11/16/2021 59th

Jim and Phyllis Frank 11/24/2021 53rd

SAVE THE DATES!



NOVEMBER 7TH AT 2 PM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2021
CACTUS KOSHER HOT DOG DAY
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

1/4 Pound Hebrew National Hot Dog
Can of Soda, Chips & Condiments
ALL FOR ONLY \$5.00

ALL ARE WELCOME,
BRING YOUR
SPOUSE, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.



KIDDUSH FUND

Help us continue to be able to provide kiddush after services. Whether you want to sponsor a full kiddush, or just contribute to the Kiddush Fund, together we can resume this tradition.

Why not make a donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or special family event?

Sharing your gratitude for the blessings in your life builds community.

Be sure to mark any checks for "Kiddush Fund".

If you are interested in helping prepare food please call the

A special word of thanks to Louis Meyer.

During Hot Dog Day we will be offering baseball memorabilia for sale. These were donated by Louis Meyer. We are very grateful for his generosity and we hope you will all be contributing.

Dan Reed and Nicole Pesce - A concert at the shul.

The concert was a big hit. Big crowd and everyone seemed to love it. Some members of the audience couldn't help themselves and sang along at times. The concert started with Gershwin and the like. They ended with thirty brief melodies we all remember from our childhood.

The pianist and trumpet player complemented each other. They played my favorite songs from "West Side Story." They played them so well, that most of us stood up and yelled afterward. The pianist played "Danny Boy" for Stacy as it was her father's favorite song, just wonderful.

They brought in a beautiful grand piano which the pianist played very well. She also brought a large accordion; she used it to compliment the trumpet player when he played the 30 melodies.

Thanks for bringing us this wonderful concert.

Sally Hall.

Note to all singers and keyboard players

After a very long gap in activities caused by the pandemic we are restarting our choir activities. Music is in our hearts. We remember fondly our Choir Kabbalat Shabbat services.

We are keeping it melodious and mostly familiar. Old favorites are on the program, liturgical and secular, and we would like nothing more than make everyone in the sanctuary sing with us. And if you have some new melodies, bring them in.

And we would like an accompanist. We have a keyboard but we need a player! Bring your finger gymnastics!

Please let Morrie Hesch, Natalie Morrison or Iris Johnson know if you would like to join.

From the Editor's desk

"The best laid plans of mice and men...". It's a line we've all heard. Well, it happened again, this time with the publication of the October issue of The Observer.

Many thanks to the people who phoned our office to let us know about forgotten anniversaries and birthdays.

When I first took over the editorial responsibility, I promised you in an article that I would get information about Jewish organizations. I did contact a number of them, all in the continental US, and provided their information. I hope you found this useful.

One of my favorite quotes is a line from a poem and it appears on my calling card: "A promise made is a debt unpaid", from The Cremation of Sam McGee by Robert W. Service.

While I cannot promise perfection, I assure you that I will do the very best I can to keep the Beth Emeth Observer up-to-date and accurate.

Morrie Hesch



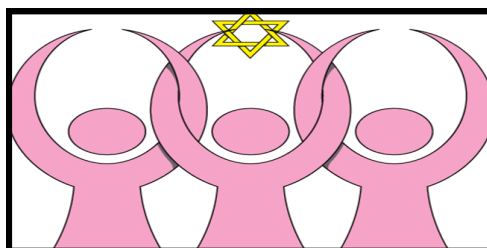
CALLING ALL MEN

Men's Club On November 21st , we will be holding our annual Hot Dog day and need volunteers to help make it a success. Please let the office know if you can help. We need servers, reception to check in our guests and kitchen help.

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

Would you like to volunteer? That would be so wonderful. Lots of things happen in the shul during the week. Those that are at work are definitely multitasking in the office and in the kitchen and other places. Here is a list of things of activities you may be interested in. Take home a form from the lobby or drop us a line at Bethemethaz@gmail.com

- Adult Education Committee
- Carpool
- Choir
- Fundraising committee
- Gift Shop
- Hospitality/Kitchen
- Membership
- Men's club
- Office
- Oneg Shabbat Committee
- Ritual Committee
- Sisterhood
- Social Action
- Special Events Committee



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The Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix presents –



Sunday, November 14th 11:00 AM

Dr. Larry Waldman

Stress, Anxiety and Aging

Dr. Waldman is a recently semi-retired certified school psychologist and licensed clinical, forensic psychologist in Phoenix, Arizona. He conducted a highly successful private practice of 45 years working with children, teens, parents, couples, and adults in a solution-focused manner. He also consulted with family, personal injury, immigration and estate planning attorneys. His BS in Education/Psychology was from the University of Wisconsin; his MS in School Psychology was from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; his Ph.D. in Educational/School Psychology was earned at Arizona State University; and his Diplomate (ABPP) was received in 2003.

Sunday, December 19th 11:00 AM

Dr. Mark Gotfried

Seniors, Let's Talk About a Good Night's Sleep – Your Way to Better Health

After graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in medicine, Dr. Gotfried completed his internship and residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Illinois. He is a recently retired board-certified physician in internal medicine, pulmonary disease and sleep disorders. Dr. Gotfried joined Pulmonary Associates in 1983 following the completion of a pulmonary fellowship at the University of Arizona.

Participants will have the option of exploring a variety of meaningful topics together in a learning community at the Ina Levine JCCampus Auditorium, or from the comfort of your own home via Zoom.

Speaker Series will be presented virtually. For those comfortable with gathering together to watch the speakers on the large screen at the ILJCCampus, we will serve coffee, tea, juice and danish.

**REGISTER FOR ONE OR ALL THREE PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNT
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 26th of Cheshvan	2 27th of Cheshvan	3 28th of Cheshvan	4 29th of Cheshvan	5 1st of Kislev	6 2nd of Kislev
					<u>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</u> 5:15pm Candle lighting	<u>Parashat Toldot</u>
7 3rd of Kislev	8 4th of Kislev	9 5th of Kislev	10 6th of Kislev	11 7th of Kislev	12 8th of Kislev	13 9th of Kislev
2:00 PM Honoring WWII Veterans`					5:10pm Candle lighting	<u>Parashat Vayetzei</u>
14 10th of Kislev	15 11th of Kislev	16 12th of Kislev	17 13th of Kislev	18 14th of Kislev	19 15th of Kislev	20 16th of Kislev
					5:06pm Candle lighting	<u>Parashat Vayishlach</u>
21 17th of Kislev	22 18th of Kislev	23 19th of Kislev	24 20th of Kislev	25 21st of Kislev	26 22nd of Kislev	27 23rd of Kislev
11AM - 2 PM Hot Dog Day					5:03pm Candle lighting	<u>Parashat Vayeshev</u>
28 24th of Kislev	29 25th of Kislev	30 26th of Kislev				
5:49pm Chanukah: 1 Candle	5:48pm Chanukah: 2 Candles	5:48pm Chanukah: 3 Candles				

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.



Thank you

A special thank you goes out to all our donors. Your support helps us to maintain our activities. The concert was well attended and we received donations from attendees and we are encouraged to keep offering activities. We are looking forward to seeing you again soon. .

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