



Beth Emeth Observer

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

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WHAT DO THEY SAY, AND HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO RESPOND?

Contributed by Rosemary Abrami

If a person does something special (e.g. after being called up for an aliyah i.e. to say the blessing over the Torah) people often say to that person "yishar kochacha" or, in the Yiddish form "yasher ko-ach".

There is a Talmudic commentary (not surprised, are you?) of why and how this came to be expected (has to do with Moses breaking the first set of Tablets), but that's not part of this little article - look it up for yourself in the library or online.

It's a form of congratulation and doesn't need to be given during a service - it might be for any worthy act, like helping someone in trouble or donating an absolutely enormous sum of money to the congregational coffers!

What do those words mean? Literally, they translate as "May your strength be made straight". The correct response to someone who has wished to you is "baruch tihiyeh", which means "May you be blessed".

If the person who did the special action is a female, the expression is "yishar kochach", and if the person offering the wish is female the correct response is "baruch tihiyee".

The changes revolve around grammar in the Hebrew language and there's no need to go into details here.

Maybe you knew all this already or maybe you've just said it without knowing why - now you do!

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October	1 5:53
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November	5 5:14
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FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, PRESIDENT



And so, we begin a new year with positive attitudes. Our High Holidays services were wonderful. Kudos to both Rabbi Lipschultz and Cantor Levy. The winners of my gratitude were the people sitting in our sanctuary. Our Torah Blowers were great, and you gave our rabbi a run for the money. Keep practicing for 5783.

You all helped with your hearts, prayers, and donations, to keep Beth Emeth's doors open. Hashem has blessed us. He has looked down upon us and he saw a community of people that care.

It was with such pleasure to see so many of our members who have not been able to attend any of our services. I wish that you remain well, and able to join us more frequently.

We should be so thankful that we had a High Holiday angel. Paula Forster has made a donation of \$10,000 to be doubled if we reach that goal. YOU have made this happen. Not only did we reach our goal, we surpassed it! May Paula be blessed for her desire to help. G-D should give her and her family a year of Nachas.

Our member and guests made this possible. What I have always said, we are a community. You all brought this synagogue together, and for that I am truly thankful. We owe Ketzi Toney our gratitude for handling the entire holiday event, and she and Jim Toney for funding break the fast. I hope that when you read my article you will say, "I want to help."

We have gained a few new members, and I hope and pray that others will realize that our doors must remain open for all. We are planning some new events in the next few months. Read our Observer for information. We will be having a congregation meeting sometime in October. You will receive notice when the date is set.

Until then, Shalom,

Marilyn Newberg

Special thanks and gratitude to Sylvia Choy, Rosie Colbert, and the amazing staff at Hacienda de Sarah. Their generous support of our congregation is inspiring!

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI J. LIPSCHULTZ

Embracing the End of the Jewish Holiday Season

The high holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have come and gone and as we begin the new year of 5782 we embrace one of the final holidays of the season, Sukkot or 'the feast of the tabernacles'. The reality is that as this newsletter comes out we are in the heights of celebrating sukkot. In preparation for Sukkot a sukkah is built. A sukkah is an outside booth that is built with natural material, and has a roof built with leaves or palms that is just incomplete enough to reveal the stars in the sky. Sukkot is a unique holiday because it celebrates the permanence of God in an unstable structure, which is the sukkah.

There are reasons why the sukkah is so powerful a symbol and has such strong emotional valence for modern Jews. The Torah dictates that for eight days of observance we Jews make the farewell of our holiday season one giant party connecting to the ancient harvest festival by celebrating the fragility of the sukkah.



The sukkah represents that which is spiritual in a world that has become heavily focused on the material. While the sukkah is not plush or fancy, it is among the most beautiful places one can find oneself, especially when it is decorated by the simplicity of children's crafts. With its roof open to the heavens to see the stars, it brings home its message of God's presence and the fragility of life in God's loving protectiveness and shelter, and the connection to God that we feel in the outdoors. Our homes are bigger, and our cars more powerful than the sukkah, but neither rival its spiritual size and power.

The sukkah is simple in a world that is increasingly more complex. Pirke Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers) teaches us: *marbeh nechasim, marbeh d'aga* -- as we multiply our possessions, we multiply our aggravation. Wealthy people today often engage full-time mechanics in their extravagant housing complexes to be available to fix and maintain their multitudinous gadgets and machines. The educated consumer will not buy anything mechanical or electronic without a long warranty on parts and labor, and perhaps a long-term service contract to go with it. I am often made fun of because I still have failed to buy the newest iPod that is connected to the internet when only fifteen years ago it was a rarity to see someone with a cell phone. We spend far too much time fixing, maintaining, and updating our fancy equipment with the pretense that our technologically filled lives just wouldn't be the same without them. And yet, the more plugged in we become the more distant our lives feel from others.

Sukkot is a non-technological holiday that bases its only richness on the connection to others in the sukkah. The idea that Sukkot is one of the most joyous holidays in our Jewish calendar, and yet so few of us commemorate it is sad and a reality in our Jewish world. It is a reality that needs to be changed. So many times we stand for our faith to commemorate the sadness of someone passing, but won't take the simple act of embracing the joy our faith can give us. The eight days of Sukkot are a joyous event that commemorate family and connection to each other and culminates in our dancing with the Torahs, expressing our love of God. At the end of the holiday season God asks us for one more day to spend with him and that day needs to be one of joy and celebration.

The final act of the sukkah is its celebration of our simplicity before God. In Genesis, we are told that humankind was created last, and it was for the following reason: if we become arrogant, we are reminded that the gnat was created before us. There is something unique about finishing the holiday season under the stars as we eat and sometimes sleep and see God for what God truly is, something intimate and connected to everything we do and live. God is in that first ray of sun, that petal of a rose, but more importantly within our families. The reason the sukkah is so impermanent is to reveal to us that the only true permanence is our family which is connected to us by God. When we close our holiday season we see the beauty in every aspect of our life by seeing God's final act of creation, us. This week we Jews close out our holiday season, let's close it with joy and love.

In loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Tishrei 5782 - Cheshvan 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
10/01/2021	Tishrei 25	Solomon Moss	Father	Ruth Moss
10/02/2021	Tishrei 26	Minnie Kriss	Mother	Barbara Newman
10/03/2021	Tishrei 27	Freda Epstein	Mother	Rosemary Abrami
10/03/2021	Tishrei 27	Michael Gubin	Father-in-law	Shirley Gubin
10/03/2021	Tishrei 27	Abraham Koven	Uncle	Sheldon Koven
10/03/2021	Tishrei 27	Jake Lessner	Father-in-law	Rhoda Lessner
10/05/2021	Tishrei 29	Rose Lowenthal	Mother	Joy Epstein
10/06/2021	Tishrei 30	Charles Breslow	Brother	Yetta Seidon
10/08/2021	Cheshvan 2	Myrna Colbert	Wife	Jordan Colbert
10/10/2021	Cheshvan 2	Edith Kornheiser	Mother	Beverly Merchant
10/09/2021	Cheshvan 3	Jonathan Cohen	Son	Dr. Abraham Cohen
10/11/2021	Cheshvan 5	Ruth Debber	Wife	Stanley Debber
10/11/2021	Cheshvan 5	Saul Zimmerman	Father	Mary Ann Becker
10/12/2021	Cheshvan 6	Benjamin Koshar	Father	Louis Koshar
10/14/2021	Cheshvan 8	Sarah Bumberg	Mother	Doris (Toby) Salant
10/14/2021	Cheshvan 8	Berdie Friedman	Mother	Esther Toney
10/19/2021	Cheshvan 13	Louis Colbert	Father	Jordan Colbert
10/19/2021	Cheshvan 13	Leslie Heidecker	Brother	Andrew Heidecker
10/19/2021	Cheshvan 13	Laura Hindin	Daughter	Mike Hindin
10/21/2021	Cheshvan 15	Fradell Dorff	Mother	Sherry Lazar
10/21/2021	Cheshvan 15	Steve Farkas	Father	Gyorgyi Rosenthal
10/28/2021	Cheshvan 22	Sally Lauer	Mother	Gail Grossman
10/22/2021	Cheshvan 16	Arthur Forster	Husband	Paula Forster
10/22/2021	Cheshvan 16	Stanford Goldberg	Brother	Cecelia Weissbuch

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

October 24th Music Concert
November 7th Tribute to Vets

CACTUS KOSHER HOT DOG DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2021
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,
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KIDDUSH FUND

Nothing was nicer than watching everyone enjoy the Break the Fast and being able to sit and relax and visit with one another once again!

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 office and let us know.



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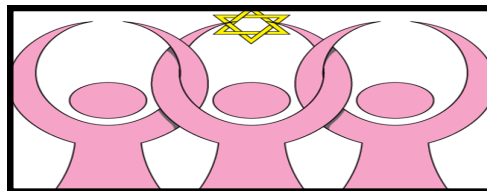
CALLING ALL MEN

Vacation's over, and it's time for Men's Club members to roll up our sleeves and start earning our keep. Tom will be back to organize our Kosher Hot Dog Day, scheduled for November 21st, but he can't do it without our help — there's just too much to do. Be ready to do your part and say "yes" when asked to 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

HIGH HOLIDAY THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank each and every person that contributed to making the High Holiday services possible. The list would be overly lengthy, and I fear I could leave someone out. So, while I may not mention you by name, please know I appreciated everyone who contributed and participated, truly. The tasks were so numerous from assigning the honors and sending out the mailings, to the cleaning, setting up and handling the books, shopping, cooking, cleaning up and setting up, the long hours logging information and managing the check-in process with the ushers and greeters; and to those who helped with the setting up and decorating the Sukkah. The synagogue could not run without your generosity of time, energy, and resources!

As Marilyn Newberg so emotionally expressed, our gratitude goes out to Paula Forster for her amazing Match Challenge. Her generosity inspired us all and we were able to more than meet the matching goal. Each donation regardless of the amount was appreciated! Together we have invested in the legacy of this beautiful synagogue that is aging and in need of our love and care.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a few without whom the High Holidays could not have been a success. First, I want to thank Tom Behrendt and his committee for securing the services of Cantor Levy. Her beautiful and powerful voice was enjoyed by all. My thanks goes out to Rabbi Lipschultz, to Morrie Hesch, and Joel Resnick for blowing the shofar; Joe Sontag and Malori Dahukey for reading Torah, to Nelson Magedman, Iris Johnson, and Cantor Levy for each doing a Haftorah. We thank Herb Leibovitz for working to learn the Haftorah, and we send him our continued wishes for a speedy recovery.

I want to thank Jordan Colbert for taking care of problems as they arose and always being there to count on. Finally, please know that the services would not be possible without the extraordinary time and help from the following individuals: Sally Hall, Stacey McEnnan, Irene Lehrer and Sonia Marshall. Todah Rabah! I am in your debt.

- Ketzi Toney

Sylvia Choy

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Sunday, October 17th 11:00 AM
Rabbi Steve Leder

The Beauty of What Remains – How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift

As the senior rabbi of one of the largest synagogues in the world, Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles, Steve Leder has learned over and over again the many ways death teaches us how to live and love more deeply by showing us not only what is gone but also the beauty of what remains.

His inspiring and comforting book (the topic of his talk) takes us on a journey through the experience of loss that is fundamental to everyone. Yet even after having sat beside thousands of deathbeds, Steve Leder the rabbi was not fully prepared for the loss of his own father. It was only then that Steve Leder the son truly learned how loss makes life beautiful by giving it meaning and touching us with love that we had not felt before.

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-

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 as the via Zoom.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 25 Tishrei <i>Candle Lighting 5:53</i> <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	2 26 Tishrei <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
3 27 Tishrei	4 28 Tishrei	5 29 Tishrei	6 30 Tishrei <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7 1 Cheshvan <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	8 2 Cheshvan <i>Candle Lighting 5:44</i> <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	9 3 Cheshvan <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
10 4 Cheshvan	11 5 Cheshvan <i>Columbus Day</i>	12 6 Cheshvan	13 7 Cheshvan <i>Yom HaAliyah</i>	14 8 Cheshvan <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	15 9 Cheshvan <i>Candle Lighting 5:35</i> <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	16 10 Cheshvan <i>Services 10:00 am</i>
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24 18 Cheshvan <i>Music Concert 2:00 pm</i>	25 19 Cheshvan	26 20 Cheshvan	27 21 Cheshvan	28 22 Cheshvan <i>Minyan 9:00 am</i>	29 23 Cheshvan <i>Candle Lighting 5:20</i> <i>Services 6:30 pm</i>	30 24 Cheshvan

Cheshvan (the bitter month)- "The message of Cheshvan is that despite the darkness, and even because of the darkness, there is future growth that awaits us. We have the opportunity to nurture that right at this moment. It is now that we gather the seeds from the holidays of the month of Tishrei, plant them, and carefully water them through the winter months. With God's help, we will soon mar-

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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