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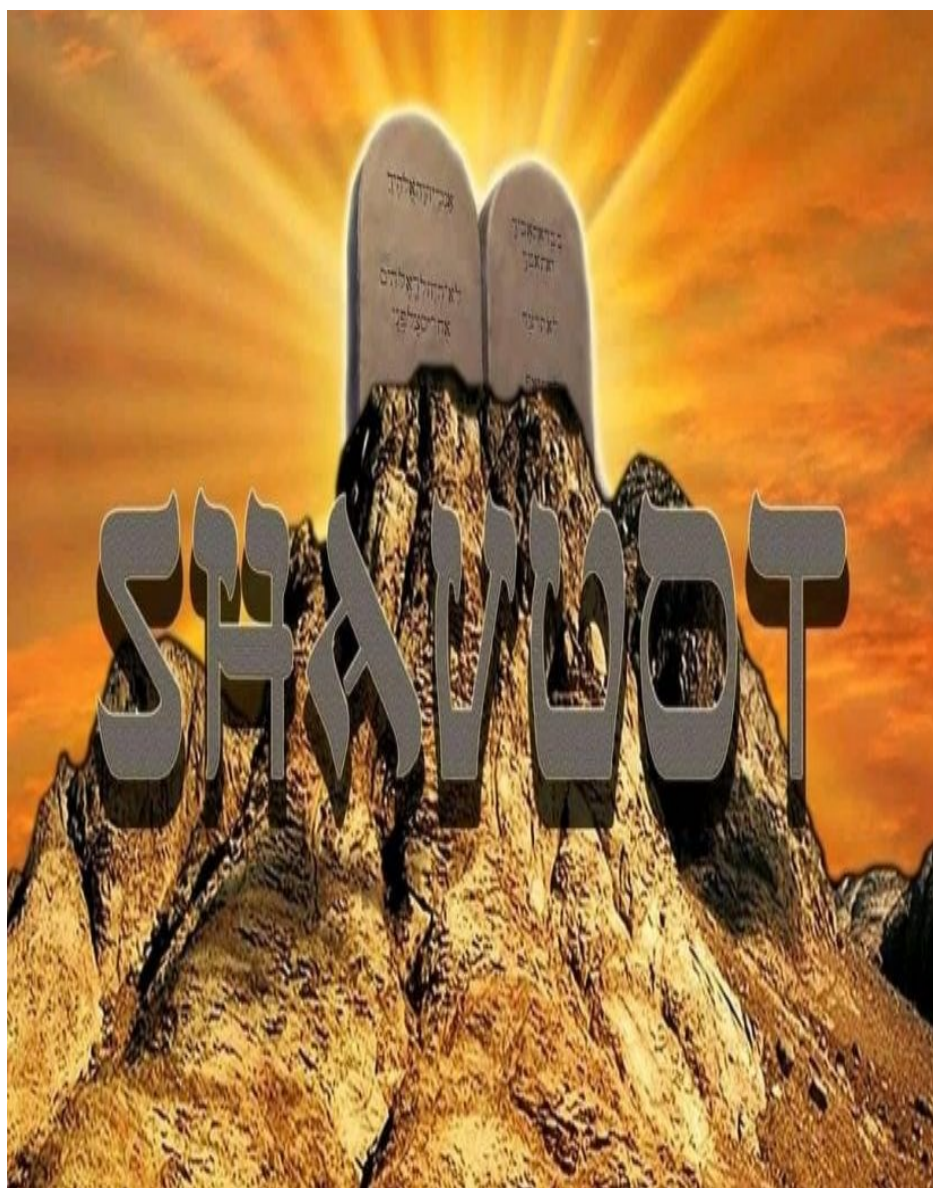
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"More Than Just The Conservative Congregation of the West Valley, We Are A Community"



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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

June		July	
03	7:16	01	7:24
10	7:20	08	7:23
17	7:22	15	7:21
24	7:24	22	7:17
		29	7:12

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



First, and of great importance to all of us: We have accepted the resignation of Rabbi Lipschultz, effective immediately. A search has begun for a replacement and we are working with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism toward that end. In the meantime, Rabbi Robert Sternberg has graciously agreed to lead our services until a replacement is found.

As you may know, Rabbi Sternberg is, and has always been, a wonderful friend of Beth Emeth. His work on the Holocaust was the basis for our joint Yom Hashoah service with Beth Shalom--a powerful reminder of "Never Again". I believe he was not thanked sufficiently at the joint service and I am glad to take this opportunity to thank him again, publicly, for both his past help and his upcoming assistance as we go through a difficult transition.

Please note that our Erev Shavuot service will be held motzei Shabbat, Saturday evening, June 4th and we will, of course, have services on Sunday and Monday, June 5th and 6th when the Book of Ruth will be read and homemade cheesecake will be served. Yizkor will be recited on Monday June 6th.

Looking forward to the High Holydays, I am pleased to let you know that Cantor Judith Levy will again lead us beautifully through the Yom Tovim.

The Board has also decided that starting in September, the Misheberach list will be posted for a month at a time. Please call the office to add someone to the list.

We will also have a Birthday/Anniversary Kiddush on one Shabbat each month and hope that those celebrating will join us on those days.

As some of you may already know, we are applying for a Bingo license and hope to run games on Sundays in partnership with the Unity Light of Grace Church. We will be looking for volunteers to help run the program and hope that you will step up to help. As you know, annual dues do not cover the cost of running Beth Emeth, and we are looking upon this as a painless way to help us grow. (Details will follow.)

We will continue to have Thursday morning Minyans, Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Services through the summer. We know a number of our members will be travelling, but if you are around, please try to attend at least one of these services so that we can be assured of a Minyan for anyone saying Kaddish.

I join with the entire Board in wishing you a safe, happy summer.



A Beautiful Day at the Races

Dateline: May 22, 2022...



It wasn't Churchill Downs. Not even Turf Paradise. There were no grandstands full of women showing off their big, fancy, ostentatious hats.

The timing was, however, perfect—falling just after the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. And the crowd, small by comparison to the other venues, but we were certainly enthusiastic.

There were no live horses, no paddock, no jockeys, no mint juleps and no betting windows and no odds-makers...just a bunch of folk spending our Sunday afternoon and learning a game that was new to most of us.

The Track Stewards (Natalie and Phil) explained the game to us, and it involved dice, playing cards and a wooden "track" with some horses lined up in a row. Betting was explained and I admit there was confusion at first. There was a huge "purse" at the table where I played, mainly because we misunderstood the betting rules at first, but eventually we knew the rules and the "purses" were a lot smaller in subsequent races.

Because of the betting confusion, and the huge purse for the first race which the confusion caused, I won an obscenely large amount of nickels after the first race, but by the end of the next race, we knew the rules well enough that it never happened again.

Needless to say, I think everyone had a fun time. Some won....some lost... but I think we all enjoyed our day at the races.

Many thanks to Sisterhood, and especially to Natalie and Phil, for an enjoyable afternoon.



Yom HaShoah Commemorated in the West Valley

On the evening of Wednesday, April 27th, Congregation Beth Emeth (Sun City West) and Temple Beth Shalom (Sun City) came together to commemorate Yom HaShoah, the Jewish Holocaust Day of Remembrance. This year's Yom HaShoah program was adapted from a Yom HaShoah program created by Rabbi Robert Sternberg many years ago when he was director of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. The words of the introduction to Yom HaShoah that were read at our program this year were also written by Rabbi Sternberg for the Yom HaShoah commemoration in St. Louis. We thank Rabbi Sternberg for his assistance with our program this year.

The candle lighting program was meaningful and informative. An additional thank you goes out to Dr. Ruth Callahan for her time in editing the program.

Cantor Baruch Koritan's musical renditions added depth and beauty, and we were pleased to have Gyorgyi Rosenthal who was a child survivor as one of our participants. Also participating in the program were Reverend Denise Landes and Jan Karns from the Unity Light of Grace Church. They represented the righteous gentiles during WWII, that risked their own lives to save Jewish lives.

After the program there was a graphic photo time line display for viewing, and Lee Shedroff provided information on the Holocaust Torah Scrolls that both synagogues are privileged to have on loan from the Westminster Synagogue Memorial Scrolls Trust, London.



Gyorgyi Rosenthal



Reverend Denise Landes



Jan Karns



Lee Shedroff



Cantor Baruch Koritan



Visitors



In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during June/July, Sivan—Tammuz 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

Date	Observed	Deceased	Observant	Relationship
6/2/2022	Sivan 3	Frances Rothzeit	Saul Rothzeit	Mother
6/4/2022	Sivan 5	Albert Barnett	Susan Barnett	Father
6/5/2022	Sivan 6	Hyman Epstein	Rosemary Abrami	Father
6/7/2022	Sivan 8	Robert Newberg	Marilyn Newberg	Husband
6/9/2022	Sivan 10	Sam Boxer	Stanley Debber	Grandfather
6/11/2022	Sivan 12	Lessner Lillie	Rhoda Lessner	Mother in Law
6/17/2022	Sivan 18	Stephen Franek	Susan Hersch	Father
6/19/2022	Sivan 20	Phillip Dorman	Paula Forster	Father
6/20/2022	Sivan 21	Julia Sontag	Joseph Sontag	Mother
6/21/2022	Sivan 22	Bart J. Gordon	Iris Silverman	Nephew
6/21/2022	Sivan 22	Bessie Lazar	Max Lazar	Mother
6/21/2022	Sivan 22	Harry Rose	Elaine Glaser/Schwartz	Father
6/21/2022	Sivan 22	Max Rothenberg	Owen Segall	Uncle
6/25/2022	Sivan 26	Seymour Hesch	Morrie Hesch	Brother
6/26/2022	Sivan 27	Norman Freilich	Diane Freilich	Father
6/27/2022	Sivan 28	Hilda Ganz	Gloria Greenberg	Sister-in-law
7/2/2022	Tammuz 3	Jeanette Greenberg	Eugene Cooper	Mother
7/2/2022	Tammuz 3	Harry Lazar	Max Lazar	Father
7/2/2022	Tammuz 3	Elsa Paul	Ronald Paul	Mother
7/4/2022	Tammuz 5	Ethel Zimmerman	Mary Ann Becker	Mother
7/6/2022	Tammuz 7	George Tarasuk	Diane Freilich	Friend
7/10/2022	Tammuz 11	Marion Lederman	Stephen Lederman	Mother
7/15/2022	Tammuz 16	Ben Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Father
7/17/2022	Tammuz 18	Harold Lessner	Rhoda Lessner	Husband
7/18/2022	Tammuz 19	Irving Scher	Ann Goldfarb/Clapp	Father
7/18/2022	Tammuz 19	Norman Walter	Evelyn Walter	Husband
7/19/2022	Tammuz 20	Ben-Yosef Israel	Shoshana Perlmutter	Father
7/19/2022	Tammuz 20	Anna Leibovitz	Herb Leibovitz	Mother
7/21/2022	Tammuz 22	Molly D. Merchant	Beverly Merchant	Mother-in-law
7/24/2022	Tammuz 25	Helen Greenberg	Gloria Greenberg	Mother-in-law
7/26/2022	Tammuz 27	Louis Rothenberg	Owen Segall	Uncle
7/27/2022	Tammuz 28	Geri Cooper	Eugene Cooper	Wife



Happy Birthday to:

Rita Beth Wach	06/04/2022
Bernard Rosen	06/06/2022
Gloria Greenberg	06/11/2022
Rhoda Lessner	06/20/2022
Natalie Morrison	06/24/2022
Moses Weitzman	06/24/2022
Rosemary Abrami	06/26/2022
Jordan Colbert	06/30/2022
Elinor Goldstein	07/02/2022
Alice Bernstein	07/03/2022
Gyorgyi Rosenthal	07/04/2022
Joseph Sontag	07/06/2022
Alice Mason	07/08/2022
Elaine Glaser/Schwartz	07/09/2022
Sherry Lazar	07/12/2022
Jamie Rothschild	07/19/2022
Jim Frank	07/22/2022
Iris Silverman	07/27/2022



Arnold & Mary Ann Becker	06/14/2022
Andrew & Jan Heidecker	06/14/2022
Charlie & Leah Tarnor	07/04/2022

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Yes, It really happened.

The recent events in Buffalo, New York brought back memories for more than one reason. First, because Buffalo was where I was born and raised. Second, because my family's business was near Jefferson Avenue, where a young man took the lives of many people because their skin was Black.

Yes, our auto parts store was less than a quarter mile from Jefferson Avenue and many of my customers were my neighbors, who lived and worked in what was once called the Genesee-Jefferson section.

But I digress.

In what seems like a lifetime ago, I was active in an organization called an Optimist Club. If you know me at all, you are aware that when I get involved in anything, I give it my full attention, and pour my heart and soul into it. Such was my involvement in the Optimist Club, and I climbed the ladder of leadership in the organization until I found myself as Governor of the New York District of Optimist International.

The theme that our International President selected for that year, 1993-1994, was "Soar With Optimism," and each of the incoming District Governors was given the task of building a new club during his or her term of office.

According to the training offered, the task of building a new club should have taken only a couple months, as each club was built around the needs of their community, and I knew that some of the youth in the neighborhood were locked out of what should have been an outdoor sports venue because of insurance issues. I also knew that Optimist Clubs carried the needed liability insurance.

It began with my contacting a neighbor, who operated a barber shop directly across the street from our store. Not only had I been his customer, he had also been a customer of mine and I knew also that he was the minister of his church, he was Black, and he knew many people in the community.

He invited me to attend a Sunday service in his church, and gave me the opportunity to tell his congregation about the Optimists.

I thought convincing his friends and congregation about what the organization could do in the community would be an easy sell, but it took me eleven months to finally charter what became the Inner City Optimist Club of Buffalo. As part of the package, I joined their club and was the only member who was not Black.

Members and leadership of all the clubs should have been able to attend meetings within the geographic zone of their clubs, and each zone was presided over by a Lieutenant Governor, an overseer who helped each club meet its goals and submit necessary paperwork.

Quite often, I was the only member of the Inner City Optimist Club who attended zone meetings, and it was at one of the zone meetings that I represented the club. Each club present was asked to report on the club's activities and the Lieutenant Governor, who knew I was the only White member, asked, me, "Are you a minority in the club?"

"Yes," I answered, "I am the only Jewish member."



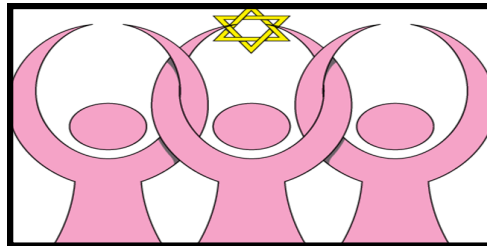


CALLING ALL MEN

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.

The office of Men's Club president is currently vacant. Please let Tom know if you are interested.

SISTERHOOD



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JUNE 2022

SIVAN - TAMMUZ 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2 Sivan	1 3 Sivan	2 4 Sivan Light 7:16	3 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot
5 6 Sivan 1st day of Shavuot	6 7 Sivan 2nd day of Shavuot	7 8 Sivan	8 9 Sivan	9 10 Sivan	10 11 Sivan Light 7:20	11 12 Sivan Nasso
12 13 Sivan	13 14 Sivan	14 15 Sivan	15 16 Sivan	16 17 Sivan	17 18 Sivan Light 7:22	18 19 Sivan Beha'alotecha
19 20 Sivan	20 21 Sivan	21 22 Sivan	22 23 Sivan	23 24 Sivan	24 25 Sivan Light 7:24	25 26 Sivan Sh'lach
26 27 Sivan	27 28 Sivan	28 29 Sivan	29 30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh	30 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh		

JULY 2022

TAMMUZ - AV 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2 Tammuz Light 7:24	2 3 Tammuz Korach
3 4 Tammuz	4 5 Tammuz Independence Day	5 6 Tammuz	6 7 Tammuz	7 8 Tammuz	8 9 Tammuz Light 7:23	9 10 Tammuz Chukat
10 11 Tammuz	11 12 Tammuz	12 13 Tammuz	13 14 Tammuz	14 15 Tammuz	15 16 Tammuz Light 7:21	16 17 Tammuz Balak
17 18 Tammuz	18 19 Tammuz	19 20 Tammuz	20 21 Tammuz Observer Deadline	21 22 Tammuz	22 23 Tammuz Light 7:17	23 24 Tammuz Pinchas
24 25 Tammuz	25 26 Tammuz	26 27 Tammuz	27 28 Tammuz	28 29 Tammuz	29 1 Av Rosh Chodesh Light 7:12	30 2Av Matot/ Masei
31 3Av						

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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President

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President

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Thank You 

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