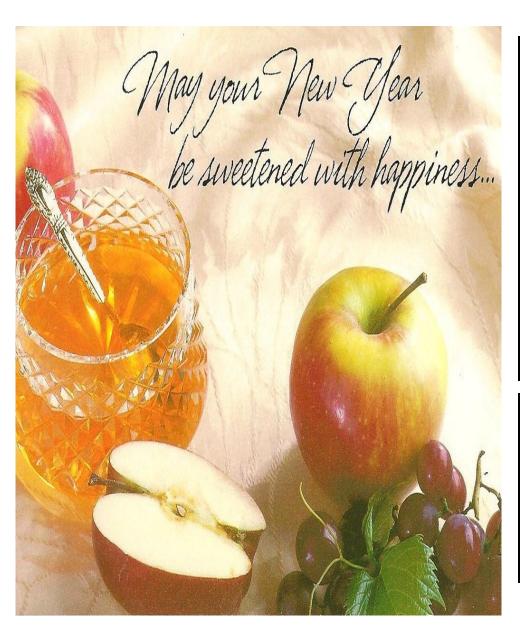


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"More Than Just The Conservative Congregation of the West Valley, We Are A Community"



Note: Shofar is sounded after Minyan every Thursday in Elul, Beginning September 1st.

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT

L'Shana Tovah, May you be inscribed for Nachas, Mazel and Brachas for 5783

Beth Emeth Congregation—the only Conservative, egalitarian synagogue in the West Valley —invites you to join us for the High Holiday.

On Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 5:30pm we will welcome Rosh Hashanah— New Year 5783— with services led by Rabbi Robert Sternberg and Cantor Judith Levy. Ticket are available at no charge by calling the Office at 623-584-7210. Tickets will be available for pickup on September 1st, from 9–12 Monday through Friday.

A Memorial Book is available for you to remember your loved ones during Yizkor on Yom Kippur. Break the Fast will be offered following N`ilah at 6:10pm at a cost of \$18 to be paid in advance. The form for placing your memorial in the Yizkor Booklet is available on our web site, at the office, and included in this observer. —Deadline for inclusion is September 5th.

Beth Emeth is also actively seeking to expand its membership and will be offering a variety of classes and programs in the Fall. This offering includes Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes for pre-teens and adults.

On a year-round basis we offer—and invite you to share with us—Shabbat services every Friday evening at 6:30pm, Saturday mornings at 9:30 am followed by Kiddush, plus a weekly Thursday morning minyan at 9:00am.

Please call 623-584-7210 to get any questions answered, or just join us at 13702 West Meeker Blvd.

Starting in September, Mishebeirach list will be for a month at a time to make the list more meaningful. Please call the office and we will add the names to be read at all the Services.

We need Volunteers to help with preparing Kiddushes for Shabbos and programs. We hope to be able to start Bingo games open to the community, but before that can happen we need to make sure we have enough help on hand to make it viable. The worst thing that can happen is not having enough people and not be able to run a game. We are also planning Casino night and again will need people to help make it a success.

I would like to remind you that membership at Beth Emeth not only supports the Synagogue but offers Members life cycle events as part of the membership. Your participation is vital to ensure that the Jewish Community has an Egalitarian, Conservative presence in the West Valley.



Words of Wisdom on High Holy Days This article was submitted by a friend of Beth Emeth, who has asked to remain anonymous.

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, also called the High Holy Days, are the spiritual New Year in the Jewish calendar. In Biblical Israel the High Holy Days marked the beginning of the transition from the dry season to the rainy season. All rain in Israel falls during the rainy season between approximately the end of October and the beginning of April and the crops are totally dependent on adequate rainfall during the rainy season. This transitional period became the time designated for the entire Jewish community to engage in repentance and to pray that G-d would grant a good rainy season that would result in a good annual crop in the coming year.

Many rituals were specially developed to assist Jews in doing appropriate repentance. It became tradition to ask forgiveness from every person one felt had been wronged or whose feelings may have been hurt during the year. In the synagogue, Jews engage in special extra penitential prayers that enable the spirit to properly frame itself for a complete repentance and a complete positive behavioral transformation in the coming year. A series of prayers called *Selikhot* was developed and incorporated into the synagogue liturgy during this period and a special prayer book called a Makhzor is used for the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. The recitation of Selikhot begins on the first Saturday night before Rosh Hashana and selikhot prayers are also incorporated into the liturgy used during synagogue services. The High Holy Day period culminates ten days after Rosh Hashana in a 24-hour fast on Yom Kippur during which special additional penitential prayers are added to the liturgy. On Yom Kippur a Jew stays in the synagogue the entire day praying for forgiveness and goes home on Yom Kippur evening only to sleep, returning in the morning for an entire day of penitential prayer. No food or drink is consumed on this day until Yom Kippur ends in the evening, when the fast is broken. The shofar is also blown during the synagogue services and is blown every day until Yom Kippur, when it is only blown at the end of the service to mark the end of the Yom Kippur fast. The end of the Yom Kippur service is joyous and celebratory, acknowledging and affirming the hope that G-d has accepted the prayers of the Jewish people and will grant a good and prosperous year in the coming year.

This year at Beth Emeth, Cantor Judy Levy will lead the services at the synagogue. Cantor Levy comes from San Diego, CA specially to serve Beth Emeth congregation on the High Holy Days. Rabbi Robert Sternberg, a member of Beth Emeth who has been leading Shabbat services at the synagogue every Saturday, will read the Torah and give the sermons on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Other members of Beth Emeth will lead the congregation in English readings. The High Holy Days are a special time of year for the entire Jewish community and all who are interested in joining us and sharing in the High Holy Day services are warmly welcomed. No tickets will be sold but donations are very welcome. Please note the dates and times of services as well as the key elements of the service, like the recitation of *Yizkor* (Memorial Prayers) and what time of day these are happening.



Bětn Emeth Obsérvěr



From the Editor's Desk Too Many Holidays

The months of August and September mark the period when I, as a youth, objected very strongly to having to dress in my finest and attend services at our synagogue. I had no choice, of course, because I was only a kid and had no voice nor vote.

This year, the secular calendar covering these two months includes holidays from Tisha B'Av through the Fast of Gedaliah. I'll try to explain each of these observances in chronological order:

Erev Tisha B'Av begins the evening of Shabbat, on the sixth of August. It is important since it marks the day when both temples were destroyed—the first temple by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. and the second by the Romans in A.D. 70. It is a fast day, beginning at sundown and continues to sundown. The midrash states that G-d marked the ninth day of Av as a day of catastrophe because 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 Promise Land because of the strength of the 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 an eternal day of mourning for you."

Tisha B'Av is marked by strict mourning practices and the reading of the book of Lamentations. Even though work is not forbidden, tradition encourages us to minimize the amount of work we do this day.

Tu B'Av (the fifteenth of Av) is of unclear origin but the daughters of Israel used to dress in white and go out to the fields to dance and the young men would follow after them.

Beginning at the start of Elul, the shofar is sounded every weekday of the month.

Fast forward to the end of September, with Erev Rosh HaShanah on the 25th.

According to the book: The Jewish Holidays, a Guide and Commentary, by Michael Strassfeld, the High Holidays are the second major cycle of festivals in the Jewish year. In its narrowest sense, the cycle is composed of Rosh HaShanah (the first two days of the month of Tishrei), observed for two days both in Israel and the Diaspora (except for Reform Jews, who observe it for one day), and Yom Kippur (Tishrei 10).

The ten days between Rosh HaShanah an Yom Kippur are known as *yamim noraim*, the days of awe. These are days of self-reflection, anxiety, trepidation, humility and soul-searching. It is when we return to the synagogue on Yom Kippur, our prayers are directed to being forgiven for the sins before G-d and our fellowman, so that we start with a clean slate during the new year.

On the first day of Rosh HaShanah, we read the story of Sarah giving birth to Isaac. For us the image of Sarah may be even more important than that of Abraham, the perfect man of faith. We recall that Sarah laughed when she overheard that she would deliver a child. She was, after all, ninety years old. But she did indeed deliver a son, whom she named Isaac, which means laughter.

I am sure we will hear more about Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac and all that transpired on that day, so let's move on to the Fast of Gedaliah, which takes place on the day following the second day of Ros HaShanah.

Who was Gedaliah? He was the last governor of Judea. Following the destruction of the first temple in 586 B.C. the Babylonians appointed Gedaliah governor over the remaining Jews. His death marked the end of any remnant of Jewish sovereignty and led to further dispersal of the Jewish people. It is one of the four fast days concerning the destruction of the temple. This fast day is not widely observed.



In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during August/September, <u>Av—Elul 5782</u>

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.

Date	Observed	Deceased	Observant	Relationship
8/1/2022	Av 4, 5782	Murray Bernstein	Irwin Bernstein	Father
8/1/2022	Av 4, 5782	Eli Witt	Natalie Morrison	Father
8/2/2022	Av 5, 5782	Hanna Behrendt	Tom Behrendt	Mother
8/2/2022	Av 5, 5782	William Rosen	Alice Mason	Father
8/2/2022	Av 5, 5782	Morris Silverman	Iris Silverman	Father
8/3/2022	Av 6, 5782	Jacob Goldberg	Cecelia Weissbuch	Father
8/4/2022	Av 7, 5782	Simon Newman	Harry Newman	Father
8/5/2022	Av 8, 5782	lda Lee	Joanie Jacobs	Mother
8/6/2022	Av 9, 5782	Isser Koven	Sheldon Koven	Grandfather
8/6/2022	Av 9, 5782	David Perlmutter	Myron Perlmutter	Father
8/8/2022	Av 11, 5782	Nettie Freilich	Diane Freilich	Mother
8/11/2022	Av 14, 5782	I. Cooper	Eugene Cooper	Father
8/12/2022	Av 15, 5782	Hanan Ben-Yosef	Shoshana Perlmutter	Brother
8/12/2022	Av 15, 5782	Melvin J. Silverman	Iris Silverman	Brother
8/14/2022	Av 17, 5782	Robert Fisher	Shelly Moschel	Father
8/19/2022	Av 22, 5782	Lillian Himmelfarb	Gerald Himmelfarb	Mother
8/20/2022	Av 23, 5782	Steven Behrendt	Tom Behrendt	Son
8/20/2022	Av 23, 5782	Barbara Paul	Ronald Paul	Wife
8/23/2022	Av 26, 5782	Max Moskowitz	Stephen & Rachelle Lederman	Father
8/23/2022	Av 26, 5782	Sam Rosen	Bernard Rosen	Father
8/25/2022	Av 28, 5782	Abraham Rothenberg	Owen Segall	Grandfather
8/27/2022	Av 30, 5782	Martha Cohen	Gloria Greenberg	Sister
8/28/2022	Elul 1, 5782	Rose Kanter	Phyllis Frank	Mother



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9/1/2022	Elul 5, 5782	Adeline Luckman	Ramona Luckman	Mother
9/2/2022	Elul 6, 5782	Gertrude Casper	Sheldon Koven	Aunt
9/2/2022	Elul 6, 5782	Martin J. Debber	Stanley Debber	Father
9/6/2022	Elul 10, 5782	Arthur Rosen	Alice Mason	Brother
9/6/2022	Elul 10, 5782	Isadore Weissbuch	Cecelia Weissbuch	Husband
9/8/2022	Elul 12, 5782	Brad Rich	Gerald Rich	Son
9/9/2022	Elul 13, 5782	Oscar Segall	Owen Segall	Grandfather
9/10/2022	Elul 14, 5782	Harry Koshar	Louis Koshar	Brother
9/11/2022	Elul 15, 5782	Joel Merchant	Beverly Merchant	Husband
9/19/2022	Elul 23, 5782	Harry Caplan	David Caplan	Father
9/19/2022	Elul 23, 5782	Donald Lehrer	Irene Lehrer	Husband
9/20/2022	Elul 24, 5782	Esther Bernstein	Irwin Bernstein	Mother
9/21/2022	Elul 25, 5782	Molly Barnett	Susan Barnett	Mother
9/21/2022	Elul 25, 5782	Helen Koven	Sheldon Koven	Mother
9/21/2022	Elul 25, 5782	Rose Silverblatt	Evelyn Walter	Mother
9/23/2022	Elul 27, 5782	Stanley Glaser	Elaine Glaser/Schwartz	Husband
9/23/2022	Elul 27, 5782	Samuel Koven	Sheldon Koven	Father
9/25/2022	Elul 29, 5782	Howard Marshall	Sonia Marshall	Husband
9/29/2022	Tishrei 4, 5783	Roy Cohen	Ramona Luckman	Husband
9/29/2022	Tishrei 4, 5783	Murray Friedman	Sharon Rothzeid	Father

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High Holy Day Schedule

Rosh Hashanah: September 25, 26 and 27, 2022 Evening service, Sunday September 25: 5:30 P.M.

Morning Services: Monday September 26 and Tuesday September 27

Services start at 9:30 A.M.

Shofar: 11:30 A.M.

Conclusion of Service: 1:45 P.M. Yom Kippur: October 4 and 5, 2022

Kol Nidre (evening service) October 4: 6:00 P.M.

Morning Service: October 5: Service starts at 9:30 A.M.

Torah Reading: 10:30 A.M. Yizkor: 11:30 A.M.

Conclusion of Morning Service: 2:15 P.M.
Rabbi's class: 2:30 P.M to 4:00 P.M.
Minkha (afternoon service): 4:00 P.M.

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Conclusion of Service and Break the Fast: 6:08 P.M.

For more information about the High Holy Day services at Beth Emeth please contact the Beth Emeth office at (623) 584-7210

Note from Marilyn Newberg

Growing up, we always had a tzedakah box. Rule was, if you had a nickel, then a penny would go into the box. Of course, now-a-days, although that rule still stands, many don't think of doing it. Please make a real effort to fill and donate to Beth Emeth. MN EVERY DIME HELPS!!



"BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"

May their names be remembered From generation to generation

Dear Fellow Congregants,

During the High Holidays, we publish the "Book of Remembrance". This book commemorates the lives of those that we have loved and who have passed on. There will be a special page dedicated to the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust as well as recent victims of terrorism. In addition to honoring our loved ones, the "Book of Remembrance" is also a fund raiser for our Congregation.

You must list the names as you want them to appear in the Book of Remembrance. <u>Do not use the term REPEAT</u> Please bring or mail this completed form with your check to the Beth Emeth office by September 1st, 2022. ******Note: No Ads will be accepted after 9-10-22.

Thank you for your continuing support

Irene Lehrer

Chairperson 623-505-3103 or 845-430-0982

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Happy Anniversary to:

Marty Hamer	8/10/2022
James & Esther Toney	8/11/2022
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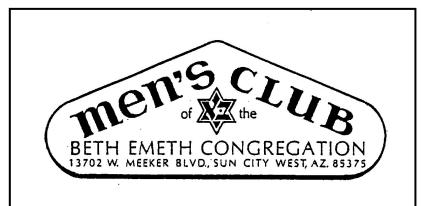
We are greatly helping families who are having difficulties feeding their families during this time of high inflation.





Kiddush Fund

What a great way to build that feeling of community for all of us. Whether you want to sponsor a full kiddush, or just contribute to the Kiddush Fund, together we can create a loving and supportive community. It is an easy way to honor someone's birthday, anniversary, or special family event. It is time to celebrate some of the goodness in the world that is right here before us.





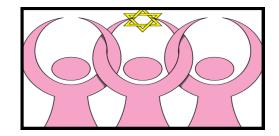
CALLING ALL MEN

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.

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Looking for interested women to serve on the Sisterhood board, come join us to plan fun events and support our synagogue...if interested call Ketzi 425-890-6792. Thanks.



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September 2022 Elul - Tishrei 5782

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			Observer Deadline	1st Day of Fall	Light 6:04	Nitzavim
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Erev Rosh Hashanah	1st Day of Rosh Hashanah	2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah	Fast of Gedaliah		Light 5:55	

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.





To all those dedicated and loving people who stepped up and committed their time to be board members, directors, and club presidents. You are so appreciated!

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