



Beth Emeth Observer

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

Celebrate the New Moon!



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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

November

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11	5:10
18	5:06
25	5:03

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



The High Holidays are once again behind us, and that is always bittersweet. It is so warm and wonderful to daven with the shul full of people, to be led by the beautiful voice of Cantor Levy and be inspired by the words of Rabbi Sternberg. So as we enter November, we know we will miss hearing Cantor Levy but we sincerely hope we will continue to see you on a regular basis.

So I want to thank Dr. Iris Johnson and Natalie Morrison for all their hard work putting the Honors--aliyot--together to make our services run smoothly. I also want to thank Marilyn Newberg, Susan Hirsch, Natalie Morrison, Irene Lehrer, Gyorgyi Rosenthal, Barbara Bennett and the unnamed one for all their hard work of putting together our scrumptious Break-the-Fast. (The unnamed one is a truly amazing person who refuses to let me use her name.) Thanks also to Morrie Hesch, Brad Davidson, McClain Hunter and Ketzi Toney for putting the Sukkah together and making it so beautiful.

Now these holidays are behind us I want to remind you to save a few dates:

Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman is a leading candidate to become our new Rabbi and he will be leading our services on Thursday, November 10th at 9 am, on Friday, November 11th at 6:30 PM and on Saturday, November 12th at 9:30 AM, after which there will be a Kiddush luncheon in his honor.

Rabbi Karz-Wagman has a long and illustrious career. As stated on his current website: He has served as the spiritual leader and Educator for Congregation Bayt Shalom, in Greenville, North Carolina, since 2016. He is the Board Secretary for the Center for Family Violence Prevention (Domestic Violence) and works with numerous interfaith groups. Previously he served Temples in Louisiana, Wyoming, North Carolina, Washington, and Arkansas, and directed Hillels (serving Jews on college campuses) at Tulane, Arizona, and Colorado.

Rabbi Karz-Wagman has founded Holocaust Education Committees; groups to celebrate diversity and fight prejudice; and Israel advocacy groups. He served as a leader for domestic violence; interfaith education; and United Way. Before seminary studies, he practiced law in Los Angeles, with a B. A. and J.D. from UCLA, rooting their team to six national basketball championships in seven years.

It is really important that we give Rabbi Karz-Wagman a warm welcome.

Another very important upcoming event is the Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday afternoon November 13th at 1 pm. We will not only be voting on our annual budget but (hopefully) will also be voting on a contract for our new Rabbi. So it is vitally important that all members attend.

Having—I hope—thanked everyone involved in organizing and arranging our High Holiday services (hopefully without leaving anyone out!) the Board and I hope that you found our Services to be meaningful and satisfying and that—if you are not already—you will become a “Regular” at Services on Thursday Mornings at 9 am, Friday Evenings at 6:30 pm and Saturday Mornings at 9:30 am.

We hope we can count on you to stay –or become more--involved so that you can help us make the best choices for the continued success of Congregation Beth Emeth in meeting the needs of your family and our community.

Thank You!!!!

A Big Special Thanks to Susan Barnett, Morrie Hesch, Ketzi Toney, McClain Hunter, Irene Lehrer, Natalie Morrison and not in the picture Brad Davidson. Without their efforts no one could have enjoyed the beautiful celebration of Sukkot.



From the Editor's Desk

When I wrote my article for the October issue of the Observer, I mentioned *Ushpizin*—symbolic guests—who were invited to join us each day in our sukkah. My reference material listed several women among them, including Abigail (in modern Hebrew—Avigayil). It was a name I had not heard previously, and most people I asked were also unfamiliar with the name with respect to Jewish study or worship.

To my surprise, two ladies who attended a Friday Erev Shabbat service had indeed heard the name and volunteered to research it for me. The following day I received a hastily scrawled note from one of them and verbal information from the other, both informing me that Abigail had been the second wife to King David, before he became king, and mother of one of his sons.

Abigail is described as intelligent and beautiful. The Talmud mentions her as being one of the “four women of surpassing beauty in the world” (the other three being Rahab, Sarah and Esther). Because she had been married to the wealthy Nabal before his death, she is also a woman of high socioeconomic status. Whether David married her because he was attracted to her, or as an astute political move, or both, is unclear.

Abigail is also listed as one of the seven Jewish women prophets, the other six being Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Sarah, Huldah and Esther.

Who was Huldah? Perhaps the subject of a future editorial. And we may also research Rahab at the same time.

(Source: Wikipedia)

Our sincere thanks for the following donations

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Kiddush Fund

In honor of kitchen volunteers

Morrie Hesch

In honor of the helpers for High Holidays

Melvyn Friedman

**This page includes donations received
from 9/21/2022 through 10/27/2022.**

**Donations received after 10/27/2022 will
be listed in the next issue of the Observer.**

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Rhea Cohen

Morrie Hesch

Ruth Kast

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Ramona Luckman

Beverly Merchant

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Happy Birthday!

Jack Ezraty	11/06/2022
Cecelia Weissbuch	11/11/2022
Marty Hamer	11/13/2022
Irene Lehrer	11/16/2022
Tom Behrendt	11/17/2022
Shelly Moschel	11/27/2022
Paula Forster	11/28/2022



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We are helping people who are having difficulties feeding their families during this time of high inflation. We continue to support St. Mary's Food Bank and are very grateful to all who donate. Please remember to keep filling the bin in the lobby.



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.

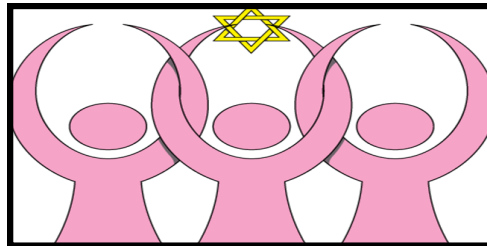


CALLING ALL MEN

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.

SISTERHOOD



Come join in the fun!!!

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.



SISTERHOOD



Beth Emeth Congregation

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In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during November, Cheshvan - Kislev 5783
 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Observant</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
11/2/2022	Cheshvan 8	Berdie Friedman	Esther Toney	Mother
11/5/2022	Cheshvan 11	Lee Stevens	Sheldon Koven	Cousin
11/6/2022	Cheshvan 12	Sarah Magedman	Kathryn Magedman	Mother
11/6/2022	Cheshvan 12	Claudia Sontag	Joseph Sontag	Spouse
11/6/2022	Cheshvan 12	Charlotte Wilshinsky	Francine Campbell	Mother
11/7/2022	Cheshvan 13	Louis Colbert	Jordan Colbert	Father
11/7/2022	Cheshvan 13	Leslie Heidecker	Andrew Heidecker	Brother
11/9/2022	Cheshvan 15	Fradell Dorf	Sherry Lazar	Mother
11/9/2022	Cheshvan 15	Steve Farkas	Gyorgyi Rosenthal	Father
11/10/2022	Cheshvan 16	Stanford Goldberg	Cecelia Weissbuch	Brother
11/11/2022	Cheshvan 17	Miriam Goldberg	Cecelia Weissbuch	Mother
11/11/2022	Cheshvan 17	Jack Kleinman	Elliot Kleinman	Father
11/12/2022	Cheshvan 18	Samuel Himmelfarb	Gerald Himmelfarb	Father
11/13/2022	Cheshvan 19	Joe Frank	Jim Frank	Father
11/14/2022	Cheshvan 20	Charles Miller	Iris Silverman	Father
11/25/2022	Kislev 1	Norma Leibovitz	Herb Leibovitz	Wife
11/26/2022	Kislev 2	Bea Kaufman	Joseph Sontag	Aunt
11/27/2022	Kislev 3	Bernard Greenberg	Gloria Greenberg	Husband
11/28/2022	Kislev 4	Dr. Sam Pinkes	Iris Silverman	Brother-in-law
11/29/2022	Kislev 5	Elizabeth Fineberg	Sonia Marshall	Mother
11/29/2022	Kislev 5	Marcy Hamerschlag	Marty Hamer	Brother
11/29/2022	Kislev 5	James Miller	Iris Silverman	Brother



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Cheshvan - Kislev 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		7 Cheshvan Yom HaAliyah	8 Cheshvan	9 Cheshvan	10 Cheshvan Light 5:15pm	11 Cheshvan
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12 Cheshvan	13 Cheshvan	14 Cheshvan	15 Cheshvan	16 Cheshvan	17 Cheshvan Light 5:10pm Veterans Day	18 Cheshvan
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19 Cheshvan	20 Cheshvan	21 Cheshvan	22 Cheshvan Observer Deadline	23 Cheshvan	24 Cheshvan Light 5:06pm	25 Cheshvan
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26 Cheshvan	27 Cheshvan	28 Cheshvan	29 Cheshvan	30 Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Thanksgiving Day	1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Light 5:03pm	2 Kislev
27	28	29	30			
3 Kislev	4 Kislev	5 Kislev	6 Kislev			

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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