



Beth Emeth Observer

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

We love and bless the trees!



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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

February

03	5:43
10	5:50
17	5:56
24	6:02

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



I am happy to inform you that we have a firm, and very acceptable, offer to purchase our back lot, subject only to receiving zoning approval. A group of Doctors wants to build an eye surgery center on the property and we are going to ask Representative Lesko for help in expediting the zoning approval process.

I am hopeful that you have noticed a huge improvement in visibility in our parking lot now that we have changed over to LED lighting. Hopefully you have also noticed similar changes in the Sanctuary as well. In addition to the improved visibility, we are hoping this change will lead to a reduction in our electric bill as well.

As ever, we want to serve a beautiful Kiddush for Shabbat. Ketzi Toney and Marilyn Newberg will continue to be involved but they have carried the load for a long time and are asking for some help --volunteers to prepare the food on one or two Thursdays a month. I have been assured that it will not require any kind of heavy lifting and, more importantly, that the fellowship makes it fun. Obviously the more people who pitch in, the more it helps everyone. So please call or e-mail the office to let us know your availability.

Whenever You need to say Kaddish for a loved one, Beth Emeth is here for You. Please call Denise at 623-584-7210 and ask her to set up a phone tree/e-mail blast. We have Services on Thursday Morning, Friday Night and Saturday Morning. This really works!! A Congregant needed to say Kaddish , a message went out and we had 24 people at a Friday night Service.



Don't forget to order your Hamantaschen!

There is an order form included in this issue of the Observer and there will be order forms on the desk in the lobby. Make sure you print your names clearly and also make sure you write your phone number on the form in case we have any questions. Please have your payment attached to the form.

From the Editor's Desk

Another month without Jewish holidays, but one which includes a well-known secular holiday, which we Americans know as Mardi Gras. February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman *Februalia*, which was a monthlong festival of purification and atonement.

In French, Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday." (*Mardi* is the word for Tuesday and *gras* is the word for fat.)

According to an archaeologist at the University of California at Berkley, Mardi Gras "Carnival" celebrations started before Christianity as a pagan fertility festival. Some scholars believe it may have been linked to the ancient Roman pagan feast Saturnalia, which honored the god of agriculture, Saturn. Other research suggests that there is no connection, and the customs may come from much older Indo-European spring lore.

Mardi Gras was celebrated in New Orleans soon after the city's founding in 1718. The first recorded Mardi Gras street parade in New Orleans took place in 1837. Now a major metropolis, New Orleans is the city most known for its extravagant celebrations with parades, dazzling floats, masked balls, cakes, and drink.

It was American writer Mark Twain who said, "I think I may say that an American has not seen the United States until he has seen Mardi Gras in New Orleans".

Our holiday, Tu B'Shevat (the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat)- the New Year of the Trees-dates to Talmudic times. It is one of the four "new years" of the Jewish calendar. The most common explanation is that the fruit of the trees begins to form. Most of the winter rain has fallen by now, and the sap in trees has risen. Tu B'Shevat was seen by the ancient rabbis as a harbinger of spring. After the exile of the Jews from Israel, Tu B'Shevat became a day on which to commemorate our connection to Eretz Yisrael.

Tu B'Shevat is reviewed by tradition as having the same meaning for trees as Rosh Hashana does for humans. According to this tradition, on Tu B'Shevat G-d decides how bountiful the fruit of the trees will be in the coming year.





Stephen Lederman	02/03/2023
Esther Toney	02/07/2023
Gail Punyon-Kuhns	02/08/2023
Phyllis Frank	02/10/2023
Arnold Becker	02/22/2023
Iris Kingman-Johnson	02/27/2023



Iris Kingman-Johnson	02/02/2023
Iris Silverman	02/05/2023

Lots of Latkes ***Chanukah Party Dec. 21st 2022***

Arriving and setting up our Chanukah Menorahs



**Playing
Dreidel....watch it Spin**



Lighting the Candles



**Thank you Rosemary for leading
the singing of Chanukah Songs!**



This night of Chanukah was truly warm and bright, with everyone's personal Chanukah menorahs all aglow. We sang songs, ate our fill of latkes with apple sauce and sour cream...enjoyed doughnuts and cookies, beverages, and played Dreidel...

Everyone enjoyed a fun relaxing evening, what can be better?

Good Food, Good Friends and Laughter!

A special thank you to Shelly Bailey & Adrienne Kirschner for frying all the latkes! Thank you also to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up!
Todah Rabah!

We Remember.....

Gloria Greenberg



I knew Gloria for 21, maybe 22 yrs. The time does not matter when you find someone that becomes more than a friend.

Gloria was and will always be my mentor, confidant, advisor, and a perfect “aunt”. Sharing so many wonderful times together. I will always recall the many times that our conversations got out of hand, and we laughed until tears came to our eyes.

We shared Yiddish memories, words that are never really spoken in today’s world.

We shared many birthdays with other wonderful friends, while sitting around her dining room table. There were always silly stories, good food and of course Ice Cream cake from Dairy Queen. Calories never got counted.

I think that one of her favorite and most unusual phone calls, was from her very lovable friend Kali. Kali is my kitty. Every evening around 8:30 Gloria & I would speak. It was a ritual. Amazingly, Kali knew exactly when it was time to speak to her. She would come into the kitchen and tap my arm to let me know. I allowed her to come onto my lap and we called Gloria. Gloria would ask Kali how she is doing, and she would always answer her with an “eh, or meow. It gave us both so much pleasure. Kali still comes over and waits for the phone call that no longer rings.

There were so many things that she and I would discuss. She was a brilliant lady, a person that was loved by everyone.

I will certainly miss her, but having those wonderful memories, is more than anyone could want.

Shalom, Gloria. Rest in peace.

That was part of Gloria’s life that I knew, however there is more to “Golda” than our relationship.

From years as a young mother, Gloria was very involved with the PTA, and continued until Sheila and Lenny were older.

Gloria went back to school while working, to get credits to help continue college classes.

Eventually, she worked for the NYC public school system.

ORT & Hadassah were charities that she and Gladys Bersteiner (another member of Beth Emeth) volunteered and supported. Gloria continued supporting them until she passed away.

As the president of Beth Emeth during 2006-2007, Gloria was always involved with every aspect of our synagogue. When we needed a Ways & Means committee chair, Gloria was right there. I was in awe to see how she knew and remembered everything that was written in these rules, whether it was voted on that day or 5 years before. Our committee always revered how amazing she was. I had the pleasure of being part of that committee and have learned many things from her.

It was remarkable how two people could devote so much time and energy into everything that they did. Berel & Gloria Greenberg were an amazing couple. I have learned so much from both. Members of Beth Emeth ,and anyone who knew them, shall always remember them with the most respect one could get.

Shalom,
Marasha Tikvah
Marilyn Hope Newberg

SISTERHOOD



Beth Emeth Congregation

SUNDAY FEB 5TH 1:30 PM
TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAM

\$ 10 per person

** enjoy sampling fruits, nuts, grains
the 7 species of Israel as we....

Celebrate Trees

In this 16th century mystical gathering of appreciation!



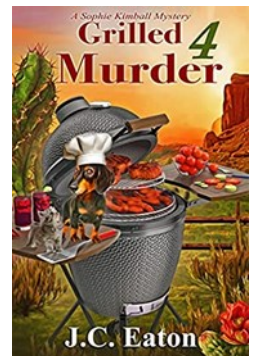
Sunday Feb 12th 1:00 pm

Light Dance Exercise with Marla

\$ 5 per person

Every level welcome! Sit, stand holding a chair

Tuesday February 21st 11:00 am in Library
Book Review.. "Grilled 4 Murder"
Free Everyone welcome



****** Please call the office to let us know if you are planning
to attend these events**

623-584-7210

Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of Ludolf Heidecker

Andrew/Jan Heidecker

In memory of Reina , Harold and Hilda Wachs

Marive/Rita Wachs

In memory of Siegmund Paul

Ronald Paul

In memory of Joseph Greenberg /Samuel Goldman

Gloria Greenberg and Sheila Cohan

In Memory Johannes Behrendt

Tom Behrendt

In Memory of Mania Boxer

Stanley Debber

In Memory of Hyman Kornheiser, Julius Merchant

Beverly Merchant

In Memory of Solomon Kaplan

Brenda Kleinman

In Memory of Alex Rothzeit

Saul/Sharon Rothzeit

In Memory of Clara Perlmutter

Myron Purlmutter

In Memory of Harriet Dubin

Brenda/Elliot Kleinman

In Memory of Milton & Florence Rothschild

Elsie & Benjamin Sussman, Leo and Bertha Rothschild

Sylvia Steinman and Judith Shane

Jamie Rothschild

In Memory of Ida Feinstein

Arnold Becker

General Fund

Cards

Ketzi Toney

Shoshana Pulmutter

Saul /Sharon Rothzeit

Irene Lehrer

Barbara Lewandrowski

Barbara Smith

Linda Margoling

Charles/Leah Tarnor

Natalie Morrison

Marilyn Newberg

Mel Friedman/Diane Freilich

Mark/Susan Sendrow

Gene Goldman

General Donations

Sylvia Choy

Marisela Erichsen

Paula Forster

Saul and Sharon Rothzeit

Denise Landes



General Fund

In Honor of Aunt Ray

Marilyn Newberg

In Honor of High Holidays

Judy Rischoll

In Memory of MaryAnn Becker

Arnold Becker

In Memory of Gloria Greenberg

Arnold Becker

Kiddush Fund

In Memory of Gloria Greenberg

Sylvia Choy

In Honor of Mel Friedman

Marilyn Nussbaum

In Honor of Susan Friedman

Mel Friedman

In Memory of Gloria Greenberg

Rosie Colbert

In Honor of Ketzi Toney

Diane Shapiro

These donations were received

12/21/22– 01/20/2023



**A Big Thank you to the
Maricopa County
Sheriff's Officers**
For the helpful information
in their Safety Program!

If you need to file a
complaint or get help see
the list below!

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Non Emergency

**Number is 602-876-1011
Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
www.ftc.gov/ or call 871-438-4338**

TDD- 202-326-2502

FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center

(IC3) www.ic3.gov

**AZ State Attorney General Office
<http://www.azag.gov/contact>
Contact Your Banking Institution**

CC's Adult Care Inc.



13425 W. Rimrock St., Surprise, AZ
Phone: 480-340-5188
www.ccsadultcarehome.com
Mgr/Owner: Hanna Thabet/Safi Ibrahim



"YOUR FAMILY'S LOVE THROUGH US" **SOME OF OUR SERVICES AND AMENITIES**

24 Hour Certified Caregivers

Alzheimer's Care

Phone, Cable TV, Internet

Home Cooked Kosher Meals

Hospice and Respite Care

Doctors Visits



Restroom/Bathing Assistance - Medication Mgt.
We celebrate Holidays, Birthdays and Anniversaries
For Quality Care and Secure Comfort
Visit Our Home



A Big Thank You to everyone who has donated to the Food Bank!



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.

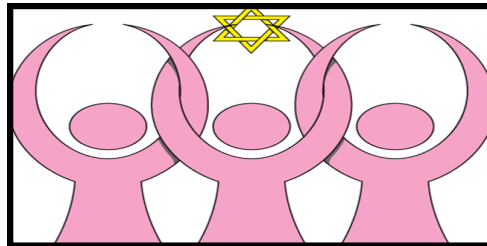


CALLING ALL MEN

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.





In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during February, Shevat—Adar 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>
2/2/2023	Shevat 11	Harriet Dubin	Elliot Kleinman	Sister
2/6/2023	Shevat 15	Yale Caplan	David Caplan	Brother
2/8/2023	Shevat 17	Joseph Fineberg	Sonia Marshall	Father
2/8/2023	Shevat 17	Irving Segall	Owen Segall	Uncle
2/8/2023	Shevat 17	Reyna Wachs	Marvin Wachs	Late Wife
2/9/2023	Shevat 18	Marty Feldman	Iris Silverman	Brother-in-law
2/9/2023	Shevat 18	Clara Perlmutter	Myron Perlmutter	Mother
2/11/2023	Shevat 20	Mary Pinkus Halperin	Marilyn Newberg/Rhoda Lessner	Mother
2/12/2023	Shevat 21	Mania Boxer	Stanley Debber	Grandmother
2/12/2023	Shevat 21	Jeanette Fisher-Roth	Shelly Moschel	Mother
2/13/2023	Shevat 22	Solomon Kaplan	Brenda Kleinman	Father
2/13/2023	Shevat 22	Melvin Luckman	Ramona Luckman	Father
2/14/2023	Shevat 23	Esther Forster	Paula Forster	Mother in law
2/15/2023	Shevat 24	Alex Rothzeit	Saul Rothzeit	Father
2/18/2023	Shevat 27	Regina Rosen	Bernard Rosen	Mother
2/24/2023	Adar 3	Edward Rosenberg	Rita Beth Wachs	Father
2/25/2023	Adar 4	Goldie Witt	Natalie Morrison	Mother
2/26/2023	Adar 5	Ruth Colbert	Jordan Colbert	Mother
2/26/2023	Adar 5	H. Norman Wyatt	Kathryn Magedman	Father
2/27/2023	Adar 6	Betty Caplan	David Caplan	Mother
2/27/2023	Adar 6	David Stuchlak	Susan Hersch	Husband
2/27/2023	Adar 6	Minnie Weber Baer	Alice Bernstein	Mother
2/28/2023	Adar 7	Abraham Cutler	Madelaine Friedman	Father

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Shevat - Adar 5783

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Light: 5:43	4
			10 Shevat	11 Shevat	12 Shevat	13 Shevat
5	6 Tu B'Shevat	7	8 Baking from 1:00 till 4:00pm	9 Baking from 1:00 till 4:00pm	10 Light: 5:50	11
14 Shevat	15 Shevat	16 Shevat	17 Shevat	18 Shevat	19 Shevat	20 Shevat
12	13 Baking from 9:30—noon	14 Baking from 9:30—noon	15 Observer Dead-line	16	17 Light: 5:56	18
21 Shevat	22 Shevat	23 Shevat Valentine's Day	24 Shevat	25 Shevat	26 Shevat	27 Shevat
19	20 Presidents Day	21 Mardi Gras Book Review	22	23 Baking from 1:00 - 4:00pm	24 Baking 1:00 - 4:00 pm Light 6:02	25
28 Shevat	29 Shevat	30 Shevat	1 Adar	2 Adar	3 Adar	4 Adar
26	27. Baking 9:30—noon	28 Banking 9:30—noon				
5 Adar	6 Adar	7 Adar				

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.



Beth Emeth Congregation **Executive Board**

Tom Behrendt	President
Marilyn Newberg	Vice President
Iris Johnson	Vice President
Natalie Morrison	Vice President
Jordan Colbert	Vice President
Paula Forster	Treasurer
Irene Lehrer	Financial Secretary
Susan Hersch	Recording Secretary

Thank You 

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!

DIRECTORS

Rhoda Lessner
Esther Toney

Men's Club

President

Sisterhood

President

Alice Mason

PICK UP A GIFT AT THE JUDAICA SHOP



Do you have a tzedakah box? Get one at the Judaica shop, fill it up and donate your savings to the Synagogue as a gesture of kindness and faith.

Big Sale!!
Yahrzeit Candles!!
\$1.00 for one
\$5.00 for six



Also Shabbat Candles on sale - Box of 72 for \$8.00

We also now have several fine art pieces for sale.

Stop in anytime Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm

(Payment accepted by check or cash or credit card)