



Beth Emeth Observer

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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

April

07	6:35
14	6:40
21	6:45
28	6:50

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



The Board of Trustees have made arrangements with Rabbi Tracee Rosen to lead Services for Passover. She will conduct Services on the first two days and the last two days of Passover. April 6th and 7th , and April 12th and 13th. We have hired the Arizona Rangers to provide security as a safety precaution.

I am hopeful that the search for a Rabbi will be successful and we will have a new Rabbi in place for the foreseeable future of Beth Emeth Congregation.

We are hopeful that The Zaki Eye Center office complex will have closed on the back lot and construction will start as soon as possible.

We need volunteers to help sustain Beth Emeth and help us grow. We need help in the kitchen to prepare the Kiddushes. We need men to join the Men's club so we can have Hot Dog Sunday and other programs. We need women to join Sisterhood to help sustain the various programs that help keep us viable in the community.

WE NEED YOU!!!

A CARD OF THANKS...

Immediate past president Marilyn Newberg sends her thanks to everyone who included her in their Purim wishes.

From the Editor's Desk



The name Passover (Pesach) is taken from the Exodus story: During the tenth and ultimate plague inflicted on Pharaoh to break his will, G-d passed over the Israelites and struck down only the Egyptian firstborn. That night Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Israelites go; and ever since then, we gather together on that night to commemorate that time, and to contemplate the meaning of being freed by the “mighty hand and outstretched arm” of the Holy One.

The central meaning of Passover is liberation, and hence it is also called *zeman heirutinu* – the season of our liberation. Another name for Passover is *hag ha-aviv* – the holiday of spring. The Jewish calendar is set so that certain holidays always occur in a particular season of the year. Thus, the holiday of liberation is also the holiday of spring, not simply by coincidence but by design. The watchwords of both spring and Pesach are *rebirth* and *hope*. Thus, the spirit of renewed optimism aroused by the sights and smells of spring are reinforced in a Jewish context by Passover with its trumpeting of the possibilities of liberation. Passover reminds us annually that no matter how terrible our situation is, we must not lose hope.

Another name for Pesach is *hag ha-matzot* – the holiday of the unleavened bread. The matzah evokes images of that night when the Israelites ate the sacrificial lamb in fearful and eager anticipation of the future. Around them arose the wail of Egyptians mourning the deaths of their firstborn. Suddenly, the word came from Moses to hurry forth. The Israelites had no time to let the dough rise for bread, and so they carried with them this “matzah” as their only provisions.

Matzah as a symbol of liberation is meant to trigger in our minds the whole story, which began in slavery and ended in freedom.

At Passover we are commanded to tell the story of the Exodus. This command, unique to this holiday, leads us not to simply remember the Exodus but to expand upon the tale, to explore its complexities and develop its meaning. Thus, the Haggadah, the liturgy we use at the seder, states:

In every generation, each person should feel as though he or she were redeemed from Egypt, as it is said: “You shall tell your children on that day saying, ‘It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free out of Egypt.’ For the Holy One redeemed not only our ancestors; He Redeemed us with them.”

The uniqueness of Passover is encapsulated in the above passage. It teaches us that Jewish history is also a timeless present, that Passover is not simply a commemoration of an important event in our past – analogous to the Fourth of July – but an event in which **we** participated and in which we **continue** to participate. It is our own story, not just some ancient history that we retell at Passover.

(Source: The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld)

Purim Baking 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped bake this year! Our Hamantashen Shalach Monot Bake Sale was a huge success! We baked over 2300!

Hamantashen.

We raised over \$4000 !!

Not pictured, but who also

helped bake, was Carol

Madvig, The recipe for our yummy Hamantashen came from Carol!



March 12, 2023 We're off to the Races!! Great time was had by All!





Elliot Kleinman	04/05/2023
Brenda Kleinman	04/07/2023
Kathryn Magedman	04/08/2023
James Toney	04/13/2023
Arthur Bennett	04/14/2023
Diane Shapiro	04/14/2023
Saul Rothzeid	04/17/2023
Susan Barnett	04/21/2023
Rochelle Bailey	04/24/2023



Saul & Sharon Rothzeid **04/09/2023**

Workshop was a great success!

On Friday March 17th Beth Emeth Congregation was honored to host a Low Vision Workshop. The guest speaker was Dr. Dennis Siemsen. He is the founder of the Rochester Mayo Low Vision Clinic. The program was free and open to the public. The turnout was amazing, as our library was filled to capacity. Thank you to Diane Shapiro and Rob Upton for helping us set up this wonderful program for the community!





Questions and answers followed and there were lots of resources and handout/pamphlets to take as desired. We thank Dr. Siemsen for his time and expertise!

The next low vision workshop will be held April 20th from 10-11:30 am at The Heritage (in their theater room) 19303 N New Tradition Rd, SCW. For more information contact Rob Upton 302-803-0509 or Diane Shapiro 623-341-6590.



Passover Services

Rabbi Tracee Rosen will be with us for the first two days and the last two days of Passover. Thank you Rabbi Rosen!

*There will be no community Seder as Kosher Catering cost was Prohibitive.

First two days of Passover

Thursday, April 6th at 9:30am

Friday, April 7th at 9:30am

Last two days of Passover Services

Wednesday April 12th at 9:30 am

Thursday April 13th at 9:30 am

with Yizkor at approximately 10:30 am

All are Welcome to join us!

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Yom HaShoah Program

Guest Speaker

Dr. Ruth Callahan

Sunday April 16th

2:00pm

Free and open to the public



Although almost the first understanding people reach about the horrors of the Nazi regime is the appalling idea of “racial purity” — how such a concept should be defined — and who would profit by that definition and who would suffer and die for it — the origins of that concept are not necessarily so well known.

In fact, the origins were in the early 20th century concept of “eugenics” — “good genes” — and the Nazis, following and then enlarging upon the “research” they saw done in America — created institutes and facilities with nothing less than murder in mind, so that those deemed “unfit for life” could be disposed of and the “Master Race” would become and remain pure.

Such a facility was Castle Hartheim in Lower Austria, but now, Hartheim has become much more than a memorial to the dead. Instead, in its commitment to remembrance and teaching, as one of the plaques at its entrance declares, Hartheim now celebrates “the truth of the worth of all people and an inherent right to life.” We will take Hartheim’s journey together.

Dr. Ruth Callahan taught in the English and Humanities Departments at Glendale Community College for nearly 25 years.

In 2010, Ruth developed the Introduction to Holocaust Studies course for the Maricopa County Community College District, a course in which approximately 2,700 students in seven of the community colleges have since enrolled.

For several years, through the Maricopa Colleges Study Abroad Program, she taught students on a month-long course in Prague, which included visiting Theresienstadt, Auschwitz-Birkenau and other significant sites, with her students engaging in special, extended, educational tours.

In 2013 on Yom HaShoah, Dr Callahan was presented the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors’ Association’s Shofar Zachor Award. As a result of Ruth’s work with the Holocaust, she was invited to participate in seminars in Auschwitz and Yad Vashem in Israel and has spoken, beyond Maricopa, in Washington DC, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia.

Please join us as we remember, reflect and learn!

A HEALTH EMERGENCY – NOW WHAT???

Recent events regarding someone we know have prompted us to ask that very question, “If I am ill or injured at home, who will know about it? Who will respond?”

Most of our congregation lives in one of the following communities: Sun City, Sun City West or Surprise. They ALL have a service which should give us peace of mind, run by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department but administered by your local community’s police department. In Sun City and Sun City West, by the Posse. If you live in Surprise, their Citizen’s Patrol.

It is a telephone assurance program designed for individuals who live alone and would benefit from regular telephone calls regarding their well-being. The system is computerized and will call at a pre-determined time.

HERE ARE SOME DETAILS:

If you live in Sun City, the program is called RUOK. (Are You Okay?) You can sign up by calling the Sun City Posse at (623) 972– 2555. An appointment will be made for an initial interview to complete your application. If you do NOT have a Sun City Fire Department Lock Box* you will be asked to designate two ‘Keyholders’. A keyholder is a friend or neighbor in the immediate area who can provide emergency responders with access to your home should the need arise. For more information in Sun City, please call the Sun City Posse Chaplain at (623) 972-2555.

In Sun City West, the program is also called RUOK. Call the Sun City West Posse to leave a message with the RUOK coordinator. Their phone number is (623) 584-5808. The coordinator will call you and set up an appointment to fill out an application. The application will call for your name, telephone number, emergency contacts, key holder, your physician and any physical impairments. The information is used only for the express purpose of the RUOK program.

Surprise calls their program We Care and it is available to residents of the City of Surprise (which includes Sun City Grand). For more information about the We Care program, please call the Surprise Citizens Patrol at (623) 222-4277.

WHAT IS A LOCK BOX?** It is a small, sturdy and secure steel box with a locking faceplate that is mounted to the outside of the home in a location most visible to first responders. A copy of the resident’s house key is put inside the box. Only fire department personnel will have the master key that unlocks the box to access the key inside. With a lock box installed, and ***in the event of a medical emergency where every second counts, the fire department can immediately obtain the key inside the box to gain access to the home, if necessary, rather than waste valuable time trying to locate someone with a key or resorting to forceable entry and damaging the home.



Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of William and Eleanor Shapiro

Diane Shapiro

In memory of Allison and Edith Hesch

Morrie Hesch

In memory of Matilda Friedman

Mark Friedman and Madelaine Friedman

In memory of Judith Koven and Beverly Casper

Sheldon Koven

In Memory of Lillian Friedman

Saul and Sharon Rothzeit

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In Memory of Maryann Becker

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In Memory of Gloria Greenberg

Joan Rothfeld

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In Memory of Marc (Mendel) Isaacson

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In Memory of Marilyn Markin

Arthur Bennett

In Memory of GabriElla Farkas

Gyorgyi Rosenthal

In Memory of Rabbi Sternberg

Gyorgyi Rosenthal

In Memory of Madelaine Friedman

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In honor of Anniversary Bar Mitzvah

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In honor of Morrie Hesch Bar Mitsvah

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In honor of New Rabbi

Rosemary Abrami

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Marisela Erichsen

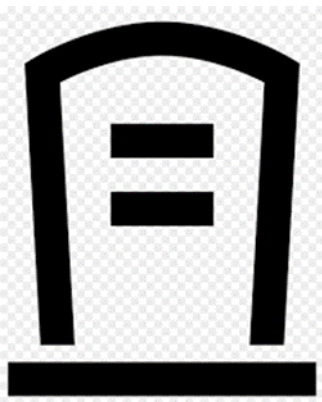
Rosie Colbert

Alice Mason

Ronald Paul

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When You Pass On Planning Ahead

**Have you prepared?
Do you have questions?**

Russell Persinger, from Sinai Mortuary

Wendy Konick, from Mt. Sinai Cemetery

Lauren Weinfuss, Community Relations Liaison for
Charter Hospice

Mark Bregman, Estate planning and Probate Attorney,
Dyer Bregman Ferris, Wong and Carter PLLC
Speakers will be here to provide free
information and answer your questions.

Date: Thursday April 27th

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Please call to RSVP

To insure adequate quantity of handouts

CC's Adult Care Inc.



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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.

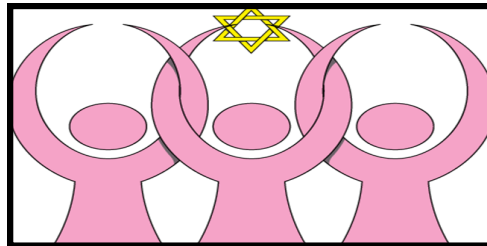


CALLING ALL MEN

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 Nissan —Iyar 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>
4/2/2023	Nissan 11	Dorothy Miller	Iris Silverman	Mother
4/3/2023	Nissan 12	Ida Koven	Sheldon Koven	Grandmother
4/3/2023	Nissan 12	Claire Naidorf	Madelaine Friedman	Mother
4/4/2023	Nissan 13	William Leibovitz	Leah Tarnor	Father
4/7/2023	Nissan 16	Martin Morrison	Natalie Morrison	Husband
4/10/2023	Nissan 19	Herbert Mason	Alice Mason	Husband
4/11/2023	Nissan 20	Benjamin Sussman	Jamie Rothschild	Grandfather
4/12/2023	Nissan 21	Carl Sherman	Rochelle Bailey	Father
4/16/2023	Nissan 25	Elsie Sussman	Jamie Rothschild	Grandmother
4/22/2023	Iyar 1	Victor Ezraty	Jack Ezraty	Father
4/25/2023	Iyar 4	Jules Baer	Alice Bernstein	Father
4/25/2023	Iyar 4	William Besselman	Irene Lehrer	Father
4/25/2023	Iyar 4	Ruth Kram	William Kram	Mother
4/29/2023	Iyar 8	Norma Rosen	Bernard Rosen	Wife
4/30/2023	Iyar 9	Meyer Libman	Marilyn Newberg/Rhoda Lessner	GrandFather
4/30/2023	Iyar 9	Mary Scher	Ann Goldfarb/Clapp	Mother
4/30/2023	Iyar 9	Ruth Tarnor	Charlie Tarnor	Mother

April 2023

Nissan - Iyar 5783

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 10 Nissan
2 11 Nissan	3 12 Nissan	4 13 Nissan	5 Erev Pesach 14 Nissan First Seder	6 Pesach –1st Day 15 Nissan Second Seder	7 Pesach –2nd Day Light 6:35 16 Nissan	8 17 Nissan
9 18 Nissan	10 19 Nissan	11 20 Nissan	12 Pesach—7th Day 21 Nissan	13 Pesach—8th Day Yizkor 22 Nissan	14 Light 6:40 23 Nissan	15 24 Nissan
16 25 Nissan	17 26 Nissan	18 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) 27 Nissan	19 Observer Dead- line 28 Nissan	20 29 Nissan	21 Light 6:45 30 Nissan	22 1 Iyar
23 2 Iyar	24 3 Iyar	25 Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) 4 Iyar	26 Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) 5 Iyar	27 6 Iyar	28 Light 6:50 7 Iyar	29 8 Iyar
30 9 Iyar						

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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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!

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)