



Beth Emeth Observer

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



Spring is here!!!

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING	
May	
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12	7:01
19	7:06
26	7:11

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



The Board and I thank Rabbi Rosen for her beautiful leading of Services for Pesach and the intermediate Shabbos. Her sermons were a wonderful example of why we hold her in such high esteem. She will always hold a special spot for Beth Emeth. In case you missed her Davening, She will lead Services again on Shavuot, May 26th and 27th.

Sale of the back lot has closed and the first installment has been deposited into the bank. The Zaki office complex will start construction soon.

We are still working to hire a full time Rabbi. Rabbi Cody Bahir will be here on April 21 and 22nd for audition. I feel that for Beth Emeth to remain a viable Conservative Synagogue, we must have a full time Rabbi. According to all the data available there are 30,000 unaffiliated Jews in the West Valley 1/2 of 1 % is 150 new members. We must do a better job of outreach as we had almost 200 people for the High Holiday Services. It is our intention to offer Bar and Bas Mitzvah lessons to both Children and adults as a way of bringing people into our beautiful sanctuary. As President, I hope that you will support the hiring of a full time Rabbi.

Dr. Ruth Callahan gave the most moving and erudite presentation for Yom Hashoah on April 16th. A copy of that presentation is in the office and available to be read. I highly recommend it to anyone that missed her presentation. Thank You so much Dr. Callahan.

A special thanks to Ketzi Toney for putting this moving and insightful program together.

From the Editor's Desk

Shavuot (Pentecost, Feast of Weeks) occurs on the sixth day of Sivan and celebrates the giving of the Torah, G-d's gift to the Jewish people, which is the guide for how we are to live in this world. The Torah is the spelling out of the details of the Covenant that, while initiated by the events of the Exodus, is agreed upon and sealed at Sinai. Sinai is more than the receiving of the Torah – it is the experiencing of the Divine, an experience shared by all Jews of all time, for each of us was there and heard the Voice of Sinai.

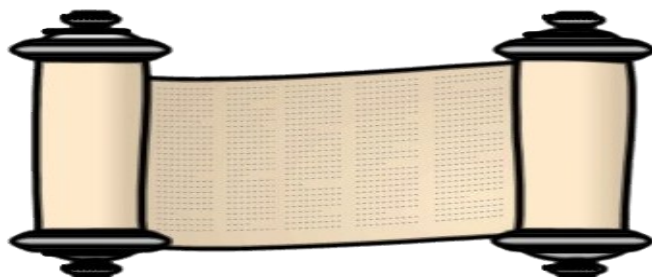
Theologians and scholars may debate what actually happened at Sinai, for the religious Jew Sinai is central to both belief and practice – to belief in a G-d who cares about this world and expects us to strive in our lives to practice that which is good and just.

The biblical references to Shavuot regard it only as a feast of the harvest (*hag ha-katzir*) or the day of the first fruits (*yom ha-bikkurim*). Nowhere in the bible is any link made between Sinai and Shavuot. Indeed, even the biblical account of the Revelation at Sinai does not connect it with Shavuot.

Shavuot marked the rite of a new agricultural season – the bringing of the first fruits of the land to the temple. Each farmer would bring his first fruits whenever they ripened – anytime that began with Shavuot and ended with Sukkot (which is the holiday that ends the harvest and the agricultural year).

A custom begun by the mystics in sixteenth century Safed is to stay up the whole first night of Shavuot studying Torah. The *tikkun* – a set order of study – was composed of selections from the Bible, rabbinic literature, and even mystic literature such as the Zohar. In this fashion the kabbalists prepared for the momentous revelation the following morning. This practice of staying up all night is in stark contrast to that of the Israelites at Sinai, who according to tradition slept late that morning and had to be awakened by Moses.

(Source:: The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld)



SISTERHOOD
Beth Emeth Congregation

May Events
Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday May 7th

2:00 pm

Afternoon Tea

Bring your own special tea cup
Enjoy learning the history of Afternoon Tea

Cost \$ 10 members

\$ 12 non members

Hats and gloves optional...but fun!



Sunday May 28th

2:00 pm

Ice Cream Social

Men & Women invited!

Cost \$ 5 members \$ 8 non members

Please RSVP by May 1st for the Tea and by May 24th for the Ice Cream Social for food preparation!

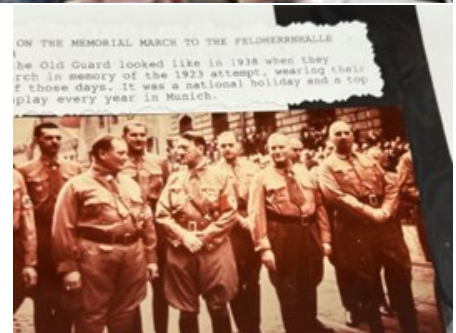
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Our thanks to Dr. Ruth Callahan

For her interesting presentation
on Hartheim Castle!

We had a large turnout for this interesting and thought provoking lecture! A candle lighting ceremony preceded the lecture which was followed by poetry from a survivor, the passing out of Yahrzeit candles to take home, and the singing of Hatikvah!



Thank you to Andrea Kaiser for sharing her amazing photo album. The photos were made from glass plates containing photographs taken from Hitler's personal photographer. Andrea's friend worked in the photo shop I Germany





Joanie Jacobs	05/16/2023
Rachelle Lederman	05/23/2023
Leah Tarnor	05/24/2023
Shoshana Perlmutter	05/25/2023
Marion Koshar	05/28/2023
Joan Rothfeld	05/30/2023



No Anniversaries

Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund

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Ketzi Toney

In memory of Yale Howard Caplan

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In memory of Betty Caplan

David Caplan

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

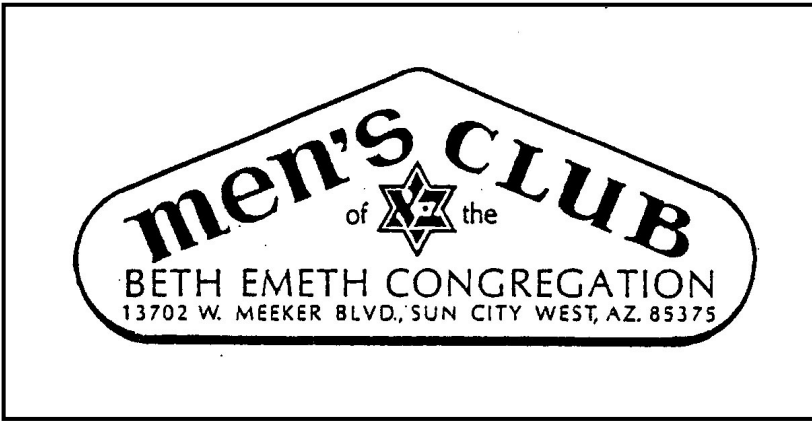


We are helping people who are having difficulties feeding their families during this time of high inflation. We continue to support St. Mary's Food Bank and are very grateful to all who donate. Please remember to keep filling the bin in the lobby.



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.

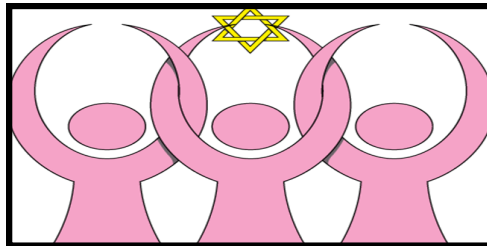


CALLING ALL MEN

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 Iyar —Sivan 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.

Date	Observed	Deceased	Observant	Relationship
5/2/2023	Iyar 11	Arthur Dorf	Sherry Lazar	Father
5/2/2023	Iyar 11	Louis Magedman	Kathryn Magedman	Father in law
5/4/2023	Iyar 13	Ethel Adele Dorman	Paula Forster	Mother
5/4/2023	Iyar 13	Asna Rifka	Sheldon Koven	Grandmother
5/7/2023	Iyar 16	Gertrude Besselman	Irene Lehrer	Mother
5/8/2023	Iyar 17	Kay Feldman	Iris Silverman	Sister
5/11/2023	Iyar 20	Betty Rothfeld	Joan Rothfeld	Mother
5/11/2023	Iyar 20	Florence Rothschild	Jamie Rothschild	Mother
5/12/2023	Iyar 21	Marc Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Brother
5/13/2023	Iyar 22	Mildred Becker	Arnold Becker	Mother
5/14/2023	Iyar 23	Libby Pinkes	Iris Silverman	Sister
5/14/2023	Iyar 23	Leonard Relin	Susan Barnett	Husband
5/15/2023	Iyar 24	Minnie Epstein	Gail Punyon-Kuhns	Grandmother
5/18/2023	Iyar 27	Max Leibovitz	Herb Leibovitz	Father
5/19/2023	Iyar 28	Nate Segall	Owen Segall	Father
5/23/2023	Sivan 3	Frances Rothzeit	Saul Rothzeit	Mother
5/25/2023	Sivan 5	Albert Barnett	Susan Barnett	Father
5/25/2023	Sivan 5	Muriel Rosenberg	Rita Beth Wachs	Mother
5/26/2023	Sivan 6	Hyman Epstein	Rosemary Abrami	Father
5/28/2023	Sivan 8	Robert Newberg	Marilyn Newberg	Husband
5/30/2023	Sivan 10	Sam Boxer	Stanley Debber	Grandfather

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10 Iyar	2 11 Iyar	3 12 Iyar	4 13 Iyar	5 Pesach Sheni Light 6:56 14 Iyar	6 15 Iyar
7 16 Iyar	8 17 Iyar	9 Lag B'Omer 18 Iyar	10 19 Iyar	11 20 Iyar	12 Light 7:01 21 Iyar	13 22 Iyar
14 23 Iyar	15 24 Iyar	16 25 Iyar	17 Observer Deadline 26 Iyar	18 27 Iyar	19 Yom Yerushalayim Light 7:06 28 Iyar	20 29 Iyar
21 1 Sivan	22 2 Sivan	23 3 Sivan	24 4 Sivan	25 Erev Shavuot 5 Sivan	26 1st Day Shavuot Light 7:11 6 Sivan	27 2nd Day Shavuot 7 Sivan
28 8 Sivan	29 Memorial Day 9 Sivan	30 10 Sivan	31 11 Sivan			

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)