



Beth Emeth Observer

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

Let's Celebrate Sukkot!



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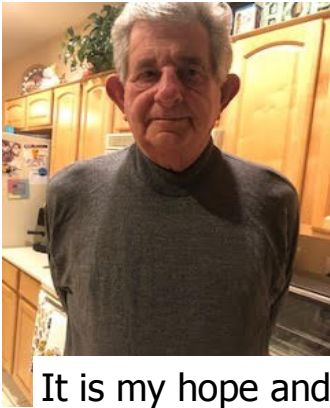
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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

October

10/ 6	5:48
10/13	5:39
10/20	5:30
10/27	5:23

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT

L'Shana Tova, G'Mar Hatima Tova, Chag Sameach Succot

It is my hope and that of Your Board that our High Holiday Services were meaningful, beautiful and inspirational for you. We hope that you will join Beth Emeth Congregation and help us sustain the momentum of the Yom Tovim. Hazzan Lev, Cantor Levy and the High Holiday Committee worked very hard to make these Services so beautiful. Kudos to the Committee.

The Arizona Rangers provided armed security and made sure we were safe. Ketzi Toney, Susan Hirsch and Dr. Iris Johnson handled the publicity and got the word out to the Jewish Community. Ketzi for the website, Susan for the Newspapers and Iris for our Facebook page. Sisterhood made a beautiful Break the Fast meal.

We will be offering B'nai Mitzvah lessons for children and adults as well as Adult Education classes. Beth Emeth is the only Synagogue in the West Valley offering these classes. We would love to have a group B'Nai Mitvah celebration.

Your generous donations for the High Holidays were greatly appreciated and personal thank you notes along with Membership information will be sent out as soon as possible Thank You for your kind generosity.

HOWEVER!!

Our biggest accomplishment this year was the Hiring of REV LEV . He has , in the short time that he has been here, immersed himself in the Jewish Community. He is teaching Adult Education classes, that are educational and interesting. He is available for counseling by calling the office. He will be teaching B'Nai Mitvah classes for children and adults.

HUMOR FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG

1. TEACHER: Bob has 36 candy bars and eats 29 of them. What does he have now?
2. TEACHER: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

(Answers on page 4)



From the Rabbi's Study

Hazzan Lev Ettelson

“Ben Azzai said: Be as quick in performing a minor mitzvah as a major mitzvah, and flee from transgression; For one mitzvah leads to another mitzvah, and a transgression leads to another transgression; For the reward for performing a mitzvah is another mitzvah and the reward for committing a transgression is a transgression.”

As I am writing these words, we have just successfully completed our first Days of Awe together. Many people have expressed appreciation for what we have to offer here at BEC and it is a good feeling to know that we are bringing the joy of Yiddishkeit back into the lives of many Jews in the West Valley.

In keeping with the teaching of Ben Azzai, it is traditional for Jews to begin working on the sukkah immediately after Yom Kippur. Putting up the *schach* (*palm fronds or other vegetable matter which provides the rooftop shade for our temporary structure*) on our sukkah at BEC is a wonderful way for all of us to take part in this special mitzvah.

Rabbi Simcha Bunim זצ"ל once said, “There is no other mitzvah like dwelling in a sukkah during Sukkot: a person enters into it with their entire body, clothes and shoes.” There’s a teaching from Rabbi Mordechai Yosef Leiner זצ"ל about Moses’ being commanded to take off his sandals because he is standing on holy ground. Sandals represent gross materiality and removing one’s sandals symbolizes a transcendent state of being. What Reb Simcha is saying is that the mitzvah of sukkah is accessible to everyone no matter our state of mind or disposition. Or as Gus Cannon wrote in his song recorded by Cannon’s Jug Stompers in 1929:

“Walk right in, sit right down; Daddy let your mind roll on. Everybody’s talking ‘bout a new way of walkin’; Do you want to lose your mind? Walk right in, sit right down; Baby, let your hair hang down.”

That is all we have to do to fulfill the mitzvah of the sukkah: just walk right in, sit right down, make a Bracha, have a bite to eat, drink a l’chaim and/or take a nap! On Yom Kippur we fast and pray for 25 hours: a great exertion of the body, mind and spirit. On Sukkot all we have to do is show up and give ourselves over to the joy of the holiday in the midst of family, friends and community in the warm embrace of the Shechinah.

The four species - lulav (palm branch), etrog, myrtle and willow - symbolize four types of Jews: those engaged in Torah and mitzvot, those with just Torah, those with just Mitzvot, and those with neither. We can, however, only fulfill the mitzvah of taking up the four species by holding them all together. This points to the mitzvah of Ahavat Yisrael, loving one’s fellow Jew. We are **אם אחד לב אחד** One People (with) One Heart. Judaism is not a religion in the usual sense of the word, we are a people, a nation, a community and an extended family. As we gather in our sukkot this holiday season, let’s remember the mitzvah of hospitality and open our doors wide to welcome everyone who is hungry for food and fellowship.

From the Editor's Desk



IT'S LEAP YEAR – WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT?? (WELCOME ADAR II)

According to the Civil calendar, a new day begins at midnight and extends for twenty-four hours. In the Jewish calendar, the day begins and ends at sunset. The Jewish calendar was put into its present form over 1,600 years ago. Until 359 C.E. the Sanhedrin was the supreme judicial body in Jewish life. It was the Sanhedrin, through a special Calendar Council, that decided when a leap year would occur and whether Cheshvan and Kislev should have twenty-nine or thirty days.

The process of adding extra days or months to the calendar was necessary to harmonize the Jewish calendar with the Civil (Gregorian) calendar. The Jewish calendar has only 354 days in its year while the Civil calendar contains approximately 365 days. There is an eleven-day discrepancy!

The Calendar Council of the Sanhedrin was concerned with synchronizing the two calendars for the simple reason that the Jewish holidays were based on the solar calendar and had to be observed at their “appointed times” as specified in the Bible. Passover, for example, had to be celebrated in the spring. If adjustments in the calendar were not made, the biblical command to observe the holiday at that time of year would be violated. If allowed to fall behind by eleven days each year, in a short time Passover would be observed in the winter months.

The annual eleven-day discrepancy between calendars was reconciled by adding an extra month (Adar II) every two or three years (seven times in nineteen years). Additionally, each year a day was added or subtracted from the months of Cheshvan and Kislev, as required. These were the “swing” months: in some years they would have twenty-nine days, in some years thirty days.

Exactly how the calendar calculations were arrived at was a closely guarded secret of the Sanhedrin, which held onto its power, which it did until the year 359, when the Jewish community in Babylonia became dominant.

(Source: The Jewish Book of Why by Alfred J. Kolatch)

ANSWERS TO MARILYN'S QUESTIONS -

1. Diabetes. 2. At the bottom

Please Join Beth Emeth for The Festival Services



Sukkot

Sat. Sept 30th & Sun. Oct 1st - 9:00am
Kiddush in the Sukkah
following services

Note: there will not be a Minyan on Thursday Oct 5th

Hashanah Rabah Friday Oct 6th 9:00am

Note: Regular Friday night on Oct. 6th - 6:30 pm service canceled and will resume on Friday Oct 13th.

Shemini Atzeret
Sat. Oct. 7th 9:30 am
Yizkor at 11:00 am



Erev Simchat Torah
Sat. Oct. 7th 7:00 pm
Sunday Oct 8th 9:30 am



Hazzan Lev Ettelson

Office Hours

Available time for meetings:

Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Call the office for appointment 623-584-7210

Sunday July 23rd, 54 individuals came together to honor Alice Mason for her years of service as our Sisterhood President and for her ongoing generosity! Alice is an original founding member and long time benefactor of the congregation! She is loved by all! Alice Celebrated her 96th Birthday on July 8th. Thank you to her son Richard for providing us with information and photos for the celebration, and for bringing Alice as she is now living in Phoenix. Betty Wasserman, who served as Alice's co-president for several years came from Phoenix to honor Alice too!





Barbara Bennett	10/ 2/2023
Andrew Heidecker	10/ 9/2023
Ann Goldfarb	10/12/2023
Marvin Wachs	10/14/2023
Dr Michael Weinberg	10/15/2023
Myron Perlmutter	10/28/2023



Michael and Judi Weinberg 10/19/2023

Don't Miss Our Rugelach Baking Class!



Sunday October 22nd at 1:00 pm
\$15.00 per person for members
\$18.00 per for non members

Make Checks payable to BE Sisterhood or pay by credit card. Please bring your own rolling pin!

RSVP by October 13th.

Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Molly Barnet and Dor Comisar
Susan Barnett

In Memory of Sol Becker
Arnold Becker

In Memory of Martha Loehman
Arthur and Barbara Bennett

In Memory of Esther and Murray Berstein, Jules Baer
Alice Bernstein

In Memory of Martin Debber
Stanley Debber

In Memory of all Paula Forster Yahrzeits
Paula Forster

In Memory of Samuel & Helen Koven
Sheldon Koven

In Memory of Donald Lehrer
Irene Lehrer

In Memory of all Rhoda Lessner's Yahrzeits
Rhoda Lessner

In Memory of Pearl Jamison
Phyllis Marcus

In Memory of Howard Marshall
Sonia Marshall

In Memory of Joel Merchant and Edith Kornheiser
Beverly Merchant

In Memory of Robert Fisher and Jeanette Fisher Roth
Shelly Moschel

In Memory of Sam Rosen
Bernard Rosen

In Memory of Murray Friedman
Saul & Sharon Rothzied

In Memory of Sybil Newman
Jim and Ketzi Toney

In Memory of Ruth Debber
Stanley Debber

In Memory of Steve Farkas
Gyorgyi Rosenthal

Yizkor Donation

Arnold Becker
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Andrew & Jan Heidecker
Morrie Hesch
Sheldon Koven
Stephen/Rachelle Lederman
Irene Lehrer
Harry & Barbara Newman
Ronald Paul
Bernard Rosen
Joan Rothfeld
Lew & Cheri Samuels

General Donations

Sylvia Choy
Rose Colbert
Marisela Erichsen
Sheila Cohen
Joe Sontag
Ketzi Toney
Natalie Morrison
Saul and Sharon Rothzied
Leah Tarnor

Reported Donations 7/28 through 9/20

Kiddush Fund

In honor of Marily Newberg
Arnold Becker
Natalie Morrison
Gyorgi Rosenthal

In honor of Alice Mason
Stanley Debber
Susan Hersch
Lew & Cheri Samuels
Ketzi and Jim Toney

In Honor of Richard Ettelson
Lev Ettelson

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Richard Ettelson

In honor of Natalie Morrison
Philip Gillenson

In honor of Ketzi/ Jim Toney
Kathryn Magedman
Gyorgyi Rosenthal
Joan Rothfeld
Saul & Sharon Rothzied
Leah & Charile Tarnor
Ketzi and Jim Toney

In honor of Michael Weinberg
Judi Weinberg

In honor of Break the Fast
Joan Rothfeld

Tom Behrendt

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Morrie Hesch

High Holiday Donations

Rochelle Bailey
Stanley Cohen
Rosie / Jordan Colbert
Sid/Wendy Engel
Marisela Erichsen
Susan Faludi
Paula Forster
Norman/Barbara Friedlander
Judith Gillis
Steve Groman
Susan Hersch
Adrienne Kirschner
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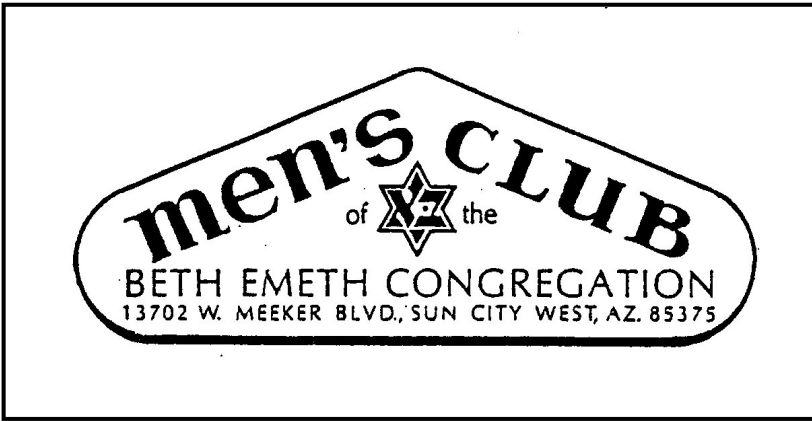
In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Tishrei—Cheshvan -5784

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 Observed</u>		<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Observant</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
10/3/2023	Tishrei 18	Nelson Magedman	Kathryn Magedman	Husband
10/4/2023	Tishrei 19	Julia Hamerschlag	Marty Hamer	Mother
10/8/2023	Tishrei 23	Ben Hamerschlag	Marty Hamer	Father
10/10/2023	Tishrei 25	Allan Segall	Owen Segall	Brother
10/11/2023	Tishrei 26	Minnie Kriss	Barbara Newman	Mother
10/12/2023	Tishrei 27	Freda Epstein	Rosemary Abrami	Mother
10/12/2023	Tishrei 27	Abraham Koven	Sheldon Koven	Uncle
10/12/2023	Tishrei 27	Jake Lessner	Rhoda Lessner	Father-In-Law
10/12/2023	Tishrei 27	Harold Wachs	Marvin Wachs	Father
10/14/2023	Tishrei 29	Rose Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Mother
10/14/2023	Tishrei 29	Leo Rothschild	Jamie Rothschild	Grandpa
10/17/2023	Cheshvan 2	Myrna Colbert	Jordan Colbert	Wife
10/17/2023	Cheshvan 2	Edith Kornheiser	Beverly Merchant	Mother
10/18/2023	Cheshvan 3	Sidney Silverman	Iris Silverman	Brother
10/19/2023	Cheshvan 4	Arthur Forster	Paula Forster	Husband
10/20/2023	Cheshvan 5	Ruth Debber	Stanley Debber	Wife
10/21/2023	Cheshvan 6	Benjamin Koshar	Louis Koshar	Father
10/22/2023	Cheshvan 7	Moses Weitzman	Irene Weitzman	Husband
10/23/2023	Cheshvan 8	Berdie Friedman	Esther Toney	Mother
10/26/2023	Cheshvan 11	Lee Stevens	Sheldon Koven	Cousin
10/27/2023	Cheshvan 12	Sarah Magedman	Kathryn Magedman	Mother in law
10/27/2023	Cheshvan 12	Claudia Sontag	Joseph Sontag	Spouse
10/27/2023	Cheshvan 12	Charlotte Wilshinsky	Francine Campbell	Mother
10/28/2023	Cheshvan 13	Louis Colbert	Jordan Colbert	Father
10/28/2023	Cheshvan 13	Leslie Heidecker	Andrew Heidecker	Brother
10/30/2023	Cheshvan 15	Fradell Dorf	Sherry Lazar	Mother
10/30/2023	Cheshvan 15	Steve Farkas	Gyorgyi Rosenthal	Father

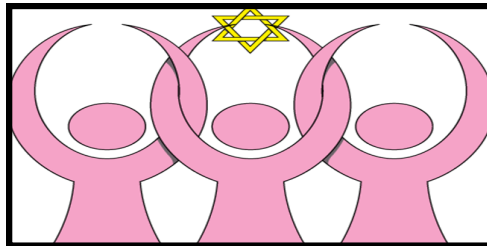


CALLING ALL MEN

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.



October 2023

Tishrei—Cheshvan 5784

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 2nd day of Sukkot 16 Tishrei	2 17 Tishrei	3 18 Tishrei	4 19 Tishrei	5 20 Tishrei	6 Light 5:48 Hoshana Rabba 21 Tishrei	7 Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor 22 Tishrei
8 Simchat Torah 23 Tishrei	9 24 Tishrei	10 25 Tishrei	11 26 Tishrei	12 27 Tishrei	13 Light 5:39 28 Tishrei	14 29 Tishrei
15 30 Tishrei	16 1 Cheshvan	17 2 Cheshvan	18 3 Cheshvan	19 4 Cheshvan	20 Light 5:30 5 Cheshvan	21 6 Cheshvan
22 7 Cheshvan	23 8 Cheshvan	24 9 Cheshvan	25 10 Cheshvan	26 11 Cheshvan	27 Light 5:23 12 Cheshvan	28 13 Cheshvan
29 14 Cheshvan	30 15 Cheshvan	31 16 Cheshvan				

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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Irene Lehrer	Financial Secretary
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Men's Club
President

DIRECTORS

Arnold Becker
Arthur Bennett
Rhoda Lessner
Leah Tarnor
Esther Toney

Sisterhood
President

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)