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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

June 2024		July 2024	
6/7	7:19	7/5	7:24
6/14	7:22	7/12	7:22
6/21	7:23	7/19	7:19
6/28	7:24	7/26	7:14

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT

Most of the new Siddurim have been inscribed with book plates to mark a life cycle event. I believe we have 15 left plus 1 Bima copy and 2 large print editions. Please do not miss out on this wonderful way to have Your name in your Prayer Book. We are only charging the cost of the book, while other Shuls are charging up to \$180 a copy. Call the office and reserve a book before it is too late.

We are working on a Federal and State grant to help secure the building, in these very troublesome times. Results from the grant should be known in August or September. Remember; "If you see something, say something". Security is all of our jobs. Your Board has taken great steps to ensure our safety and Arnie Becker has led the effort, Kudos to Him. Yasher Koach.

I want to thank Sisterhood for all of the fantastic programming and the exciting programs that are coming up in the fall.

I wish everyone a safe Summer and look forward to our Winter visitors safe return in the Fall.

Weekly Service Schedule

- * Thursday morning Minyan begins at 9 am in the library.
- * If you are coming to say Kaddish please call the office to let us know so we can insure we have at least 10 present as attendance varies week to week. 623-584-7210.
- * Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 6:00 pm.
- * Shabbat Morning Services begin at 9:30 am on Saturday.



Words from the Heart: Reflections on Torah and Tradition by Hazzan Lev Ettelson

The Path to Sinai

A high point of prayer services on Mondays, Thursdays, *Shabbatot* and *Yomim Tovim* (Holidays), is the reading of the Torah. From the moment we open the Holy Ark we sing verses from the Tanach, most notably: “From Zion will the Torah come forth and the word of Hashem from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3) and upon its return we sing: “It’s ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace” (Proverbs 3:8). The choreography of the procession and the verses which we sing remind us of the original revelation at Sinai over 3,300 years ago and the centrality of the Torah as the life stream of the Jewish people.

Torah has sustained our people throughout the millennia and across continents. Torah is the embodiment of the will and wisdom of the Holy Blessed One and provides the teaching, guidance, inspiration, continuity, and cohesion to guide us through the peaks and valleys of life. During the 49 day period of the counting of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot we undertake a personal journey of preparation and purification. Each of the seven weeks of this period reflects a different soul quality: Lovingkindness, Discipline, Harmony, Endurance, Humility, Bonding and Nobility. On the fiftieth day, Shavuot, we once again stand together as we did at Sinai, one people with one heart, receiving the Torah anew.

Between Passover and Rosh Hashanah, there is a tradition of weekly study of each of the six chapters of *Pirkei Avot*, The Ethics of the Ancestors. This is the distillation of the wisdom tradition as passed down from teacher to student over the past one hundred and thirty (or more) generations. Perhaps the best known aphorism is this teaching of Hillel: “If I am not for myself, who am I? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” The Torah has the potential to guide us along the journey of life in such a way as to uplift the individual and to ennoble society, if we listen. The prophet Isaiah’s vision of “A new heaven and a new earth” inspires us to imagine a world in which all human beings are affirmed as being created in the Divine image and to live our lives in a way that expresses this truth in thoughts, words, and deeds (mitzvot). The Talmud teaches that “everyday a voice comes from Sinai and echoes throughout the world.” This is none other than the highest expression of the timeless wisdom and compassion of the Source of Life. This Shavuot it is my hope and prayer that we have the ears to listen to this “still small voice” and receive the transformational guidance that we need during these challenging times.

From the Editor's Desk

The name of June is from the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. And from the Latin word juvenis, "young people."

You may know that the summer solstice is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. "Longest day" refers to the day with the longest period of daylight. This year the summer solstice happens on Thursday, June 20 at 4:51 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, so adjust your time zone accordingly. The actual time for all of us, everywhere on Earth, is the same, only our clocks are different.

The word "solstice" comes from the Latin sol "Sun" and sistere "to stand still." On the summer solstice, the Sun's path stops moving northward each day and appears to "stand" still in the sky before going back the other way.

On the solstice, the Sun reaches its northernmost position, reaching the Tropic of Cancer and standing still before reversing direction to start moving south again.

On the summer solstice, you may observe that the Sun's path across the sky is curved – NOT a straight line. It appears to rise and keeps veering to the right as it passes high overhead; quite different from the laser-straight path the Sun moves along in late March and late September, near the equinoxes.

You may also observe that the midday Sun is highest up in the sky, but did you know that the Sun's highest point is getting lower and lower over time? That's because Earth's tilt is slowly decreasing.

It may be the "longest day," but it's not the latest sunset. Nor the earliest sunrise! The earliest sunrises happen before the summer solstice and the latest sunset after the summer solstice.

On this day, the Sun rises farthest left on the horizon and sets at its rightmost possible spot. Sunlight strikes places in your home that get illuminated at no other time.

(Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac (2024))



Morrie Hesch, Editor

June and July Birthdays

Rita Wachs	6/04/24
Bernard Rosen	6/06/24
Enid Cohen	6/14/24
Natalie Morrison	6/24/24
Rosemary Abrami	6/26/24
Rosie Colbert	6/27/24
Jordan Colbert	6/30/24
Elinor Goldstein	7/02/24
Alice Bernstein	7/03/24
Gyorgyi Rosenthal	7/04/24
Joe Sontag	7/06/24
Dr Mindy Beth Lipson	7/08/24
Alice Mason	7/08/24
Elaine Schwartz	7/09/24
Sherry Lazar	7/12/24
Gary Cohen	7/15/24
Reva Litt	7/16/24
Jamie Rothschild	7/19/24
Jim Frank	7/22/24
Iris Silverman	7/27/24
Lael Summer	7/27/24



Harvey and Rita Zarensky	6/12/24
Andrew and Jan Heidecker	6/14/24
Leah & Charlie Tarnor	7/04/24
Joy & Peter Epstein	7/24/24
Bradley & Sherry Davidson	7/29/24



Harry Newman, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away on Friday, April 26, 2024. Harry lived an extraordinary life, highlighted by the 62 years he shared with the love of his life, Barbara. He and Barbara raised three children, Michael Newman (Shauna), Elise Engber (Seth) and Lori Redman, and was blessed with 8 grandchildren (Annie, Allie, Maddie, Hannah, Aaron, Jeremy, Melissa, and Emily).

Harry was born on September 17, 1937 in Wilmington DE to Anna (Honey) and Simon Newman, where he lived until he attended and graduated from Temple University. He is survived by his brother Louis, also of Delaware, It is at Temple that he met Barbara Kriss and started their life together, marrying in 1962. They raised their family in Maplewood, NJ, and began their lifelong commitment to home and community. Eventually, they moved to Medford NJ and finally settled in Peoria AZ in 2005, where Barbara will still call home.

Harry loved to travel, and he and Barbara traversed the world together, including Japan, Africa, Europe and Israel. Harry was an award winning photographer, an avid bowler, recognized in the Bowling Hall of Fame for bowling a perfect game, and bridge player.

Space does not allow the listing of every extraordinary aspect of Harry Newman, so we will share that he was a man dedicated to his wife, dedicated to his family, and dedicated to Beth Emeth Congregation and any and all communities in which he lived.

May his memory be a blessing.

Note from Barbara Newman:

Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate all of the love, kindness and support shown to us during this very difficult time. It will always be remembered by the members of Harry's family.



Yom HaShoah Monday May 6th, 2024 Beth Emeth's Service

Thank you to survivors Gyorgyi Rosenthal and Susan Faludi, to Ron Paul and Tom Behrendt sons of survivors, to Rosie Colbert representing Hacienda De Sarah, to Hazzan Lev Ettelson and Ketzi Toney for making our candle lighting ceremony so meaningful! While we had to quickly switch gears when our speaker's father passed, we had 20 members and non Jewish neighbors come together.

We wish Lori Redmond and the entire Newman family our heart felt condolences! Harry Newman and wife Barbara have been long time members. Harry will be greatly missed.





Beth Emeth Celebrates Yom Ha'Atzmaut

On May 13th, 2024 Beth Emeth hosted a special service followed by an Israeli dinner to celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

In Israel Independence Day is preceded by Yom Ha'Zikaron, a day remembering the fallen soldiers, Memorial Day. There is a loud blast marking a moment of silence. When the sirens blast people stop where ever they are, even traffic on the free way comes to a stop.

We started with Mincha, the afternoon prayer service, after which we had the blowing of the shofar calling us to attention, followed by our moment of silence. Hazzan Lev gave his remarks and we concluded with the singing of Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem.

35 members and guests came together to remember, to celebrate and to feast. Pitass came from a bakery in Israel. We enjoyed felafel, hummus, tahini, Israeli salad, green salad, beets, pickle, olives, coleslaw, couscous, roasted veggies, and egg salad made with caramelized onions...dessert featured Halavah, chocolate covered strawberries, fruit and cake with beverages of choice.

1/2 of the proceeds plus donations, a total of \$327, will be sent to *Feed Israel* to fight hunger there. Thank you all for making this possible! Am Yisrael Chai

To view more photos visit our web site
bethemethaz.org





LEV SHALEM SIDDUR

Following the recommendation of the Ritual Committee, the board has approved the purchase of 75 Lev Shalom siddurim.

The cost of each siddur is \$40. The Board is asking members of the Congregation to consider donating the cost of one or more Siddurim in honor/memory of a loved one, or for a special event in their lives such as a birthday, anniversary, birth of a grandchild, etc. Each Siddur will be inscribed with a book plate with the donor's name.

We are excited about these new prayer books. They are user-friendly and easy to read. Its pages include Hebrew-English transliterations, choreography notes (when to stand, sit etc.), and other valuable information about the prayers and prayer service. These modern siddurim will meet the needs of all our congregants regardless of their knowledge of Hebrew and they will add understanding, meaning and enjoyment to the prayer service for all our members.

We hope you will want to participate. Please complete the form below and return it to the Congregation office with your payment.

Congregant's Name(s), as you wish it to appear on the Book Plate:

_____.

Number of Siddurim to be purchased _____.

Inscription for each Siddur:

Any questions should be addressed to Reb Lev, Natalie Morrison or Arnold Becker.



The Sisterhood calendar year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As our year of activities wraps up for the summer I look back with a joyful heart on the 20 events we have enjoyed together. I want to thank each and every one of you who stepped up to help plan, shop, bake, cook, advertise, set up or clean up. Programming is only possible with the efforts of many!

This year Sisterhood placed Israel at the top of our fundraising efforts. In December we raised \$1210. Sisterhood increased the total to send \$1400 to Yellow Blue Bus, an organization that solely directs its funds to feeding the soldiers. At Purim we raised \$150 which was matched by Reb Lev and \$350 was sent to Meir Panim, an organization that also feeds the hungry in Israel. In April Sisterhood raised \$265 dollars to send to Colel Chabad's efforts to raise 1,000 shekels for each of the displaced Israeli families. This token speaks volumes that they are individually and personally cared about. On Yom Ha'Atzmaut with 50% of the proceeds from our dinner and additional donations we raised \$327 to go to Feed Israel. All total Sisterhood will have sent \$2,342 to Israel this year. The need is great and ongoing. Thank you all for your generosity and your support!

We are already busy planning some fantastic programs for the fall. Beth Emeth will be hosting a week long lecture tour across the valley featuring Professor Gary Rendsburg. He holds the rank of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University, New Jersey. Mark your calendar. He will be speaking at Beth Emeth on Wednesday Nov.13th, and Saturday Nov.16th. Save the dates and watch for more information to come, he is not to be missed!

Other special programs include a photo tour of synagogues around the world, by Dan Fellner from ASU in December, a concert by Nicole Pesce in October as a thank you for membership. There is a special Family Education Series planned, Story Time followed by lunch in the Sukkah, outings and so much more in store... it will be an exciting year ahead.

As Shavuot approaches, we recall standing together at Mt. Sinai as one people. Then and now a mix multitude of individuals coming together; to live in community, support one another, celebrate and learn together, and to thank HaShem for our blessings. Togetherness is the key! Have a wonderful summer. Am Yisrael Chai!

Ketzi Toney, Sisterhood President

Shavuot

June 11th – 13th, 2024

Celebrate the giving of Torah together!

Harvest Festival of First Fruits

Candle lighting times:

Tuesday at 7:20 pm Wednesday after 8:22 from existing flame

Morning Services in our main sanctuary on both days

1st Day Shavuot: Wednesday June 12th at 9:30 am

Reading of the Ten Commandments at about 10:30

Kiddush with cheesecake and dairy delights!

2nd Day Shavuot: Thursday June 13th at 9:30 am

Torah Service at about 10:30 am

Yizkor at about 11:00 am

Holiday concludes at 8:23 pm on Thursday



In Loving Memory

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Iyar – Sivan– Tammuz 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>
6/1/2024	Iyar 24	Minnie Epstein	Gail Davis	Grandmother
6/9/2024	Sivan 3	Frances Rothzeit	Saul Rothzeit	Mother
6/11/2024	Sivan 5	Albert Barnett	Susan Barnett	Father
6/11/2024	Sivan 5	Muriel Rosenberg	Rita Beth Wachs	Mother
6/12/2024	Sivan 6	Hyman Epstein	Rosemary Abrami	Father
6/14/2024	Sivan 8	Robert Newberg	Marilyn Newberg	Husband
6/23/2024	Sivan 17	Bernerd Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Brother
6/24/2024	Sivan 18	Stephen Franek	Susan Hersch	Father
6/24/2024	Sivan 18	Abe Sills	Cohen Enid	Father
6/26/2024	Sivan 20	Phillip Dorman	Paula Forster	Father
6/27/2024	Sivan 21	Julia Sontag	Joseph Sontag	Mother
6/28/2024	Sivan 22	Bart J. Gordon	Iris Silverman	Nephew
6/28/2024	Sivan 22	Bessie Lazar	Max Lazar	Mother
7/2/2024	Sivan 26	Seymour Hesck	Morrie Hesck	Brother
7/3/2024	Sivan 27	Norman Freilich	Diane Freilich	Father
7/4/2024	Sivan 28	Nancy Marcus	Phyllis Marcus	Mother in law
7/5/2024	Sivan 29	Abe Epstein	Gail Davis	Grandfather
7/8/2024	Tammuz 2	Sean Goldmark	Gail Davis	Nephew
7/8/2024	Tammuz 2	Ruth Meyer	Cheri Samuels	Mother
7/8/2024	Tammuz 2	Sam Salmirs	Brad Friedlander	Grandfather
7/9/2024	Tammuz 3	Harry Lazar	Max Lazar	Father
7/9/2024	Tammuz 3	Elsa Paul	Ronald Paul	Mother
7/11/2024	Tammuz 5	Ethel Zimmerman	Arnold Becker	Mother in law
7/12/2024	Tammuz 6	George Tarasuk	Diane Freilich	Friend
7/17/2024	Tammuz 11	Adele Friedlander	Brad Friedlander	Mother
7/22/2024	Tammuz 16	Ben Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Father
7/25/2024	Tammuz 19	Irving Scher	Ann Goldfarb/Clapp	Father
7/26/2024	Tammuz 20	Ben-Yosef Israel	Shoshana Perlmutter	Father
7/28/2024	Tammuz 22	Molly D. Merchant	Beverly Merchant	Mother-in-law

Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Herman Rovinsky
Andrea & Bruce Cohen

In Memory of William Besselman
Irene Lehrer

In Memory of Gertrude Besselman
Irene Lehrer

In Memory of Hyman Marcus
Phyllis Marcus

In Memory of Carl Sherman
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In Memory of Joseph Schiff
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In Memory of Ruth Epstein
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Received Dates:

4/19/24 through 5/22/24

June 2024

Iyar - Sivan 5784



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 24 Iyar
2 25 Iyar	3 26 Iyar	4 27 Iyar	5 28 Iyar	6 29 Iyar	7 Light 7:19 1 Sivan	8 2 Sivan
9 3 Sivan	10 4 Sivan	11 Erev Shavuot 5 Sivan	12 1st Day of Shavuot 6 Sivan	13 2nd Day of Shavuot Yizkor Service 7 Sivan	14 Light 7:22 8 Sivan	15 9 Sivan
16 10 Sivan	17 11 Sivan	18 12 Sivan	19 13 Sivan	20 14 Sivan	21 Light 7:23 15 Sivan	22 16 Sivan
23 17 Sivan	24 18 Sivan	25 19 Sivan	26 20 Sivan	27 21 Sivan	28 Light 7:24 22 Sivan	29 23 Sivan
30 24 Sivan						

July 2024

Sivan - Tammuz 5784



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Light 7:24	6
	25 Sivan	26 Sivan	27 Sivan	28 Sivan	29 Sivan	30 Sivan
7	8	9	10	11	12 Light 7:22	13
1 Tammuz	2 Tammuz	3 Tammuz	4 Tammuz	5 Tammuz	6 Tammuz	7 Tammuz
14	15	16	17 Observer Deadline	18	19 Light 7:19	20
8 Tammuz	9 Tammuz	10 Tammuz	11 Tammuz	12 Tammuz	13 Tammuz	14 Tammuz
21	22	23 Tzom Shiva	24	25	26 Light 7:14	27
15 Tammuz	16 Tammuz	17 Tammuz	18 Tammuz	19 Tammuz	20 Tammuz	21 Tammuz
28	29	30	31			
22 Tammuz	23 Tammuz	24 Tammuz	25 Tammuz			

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.



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!

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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.

Yahrzeit Candles
\$1.50 each



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)