

### **BETH EMETH CONGREGATION**

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# **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**

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### FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT



L' Shana Tova. May You be sealed for a Year of Nachas, Mazel and Brachas. Reb Lev will be joined by a very talented young man for the High Holidays, Matias Naiman-Molina, who will lead Shacharit, chant Torah, and assist in other ways. There will be a Community Yizkor Service Mincha as a public service to the Community at no charge.

Tickets for Non-Members will be offered at \$180 for all Services. Break the Fast will open to all and final price will be announced.

Beth Emeth needs your help now more than ever. The Air Conditioner for the Sanctuary needs repairs (will be ready for Holidays) and the Arizona Rangers have provided armed Security for all Synagogue Services and functions. They will be here for all Services for our protection. Please consider being more generous than usual with your donations to Beth Emeth this year. Your Board is working very hard to ensure the most meaningful and safe Services for the High Holidays. Please do your part!

We have some amazing programs lined up for the Community as listed in the Observer. Please come out and enjoy these events.

The library has been organized and has a wide variety of books on many subjects that are available for your pleasure and edification. Please feel free to browse and borrow any of the books.

We have a Minyan on Thursday mornings at 9 AM and need to have more participation from You. Service is an hour and allows people to recite Kaddish for Departed Loved Ones. Jewish Law prohibits saying Kaddish if a Minyan is not available. So please consider attending services one Thursday a month or adding your name to the call list if we are short of a Minyan.

### **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



On this first anniversary of my tenure as the Spiritual Leader of Beth Emeth Congregation, I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve in such a warm, friendly and engaged congregation. Our Shabbat services and classes are well attended (considering the size of our membership) and special events are attracting people from outside our congregation. Kol Hakavod (kudos) to all those who have dedicated their time and energy to help make BEC a more vibrant and engaging community. We have many new things planned for the year ahead and together we can make it happen (with heavenly assistance)!

On July 13th our nation witnessed a shocking event: the attempted assassination of former President Trump. Fireman Corey Comperatore died sacrificing himself to save his family and several others were seriously wounded. This is a terrible reminder of where we are as a nation. Politics has a way of dividing people, yet, we must not let our differences of opinion lead to hatred and violence. We need to remember that we are "One nation under G-d" and as the Torah teaches us, all human beings are created in the Divine image.

The 9th of Av (beginning the evening of August 12) is our people's collective day of mourning the various tragedies that have befallen us throughout history, most notably the destruction of our Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The Talmud teaches us that the spiritual cause of the Temple's destruction was hatred and divisiveness. The Torah commands us to "Let them make Me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among *them*." (Exodus 25:8) In other words, religious life is about being in a harmonious and healthy relationship with Hashem, ourselves and one another. When that relationship becomes poisoned by anger and hatred that creates an opening for evil.

A week after the 9th of Av, is the full moon of the 15th of Av which the Talmud proclaims to be the most joyous of days. In ancient times, this was the day when "daughters of Jerusalem would go dance in the vineyards... whoever did not have a wife would go there" to find oneself a spouse. This juxtaposition demonstrates that it is possible to move from hatred to love. In the month of Elul which follows Av, we begin the process of teshuvah, in preparation for Rosh Hashanah. Teshuvah (which literally means return) is an opportunity to return to our true self, repair our relationships and rededicate our lives to what is essential. As we continue to build our community/sanctuary let us remember the holy purpose for which we were created: helping others, learning, growing, providing comfort and inspiring each other to be our best, most authentic selves as we participate in the process of Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place.



### From the Editor's Desk

Above Megan Minkiewicz, her sister Rochelle Bochner, and their mother Diane Shapiro with her guide dog, Henrietta.

The following is an article from the second 2024 edition of the Guide Dog News, published by Guide Dogs for the Blind. It features Diane Shapiro, who has not only brought craft programs to Beth Emeth Congregation, but who has also arranged several programs to benefit visually impaired people in our community. Story and photo reprinted with permission from Guide Dogs for the Blind. To learn more about their mission, please visit guidedogs.com.

Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) has been a big part of Megan Minkiewicz's life. She grew up in California with GDB career-changed dogs and retired guides as pets. Her older sisters were puppy-raising volunteers in the 1970s, and her mother became a guide dog client at age 80.

Megan and her husband Alex are raising their 18th guide dog puppy, a yellow Lab named Lancer. They have been donors for 20+ years and have named GDB in their estate plans. "The primary reason we support the organization is because GDB cares for the health and wellbeing of the dogs we raised for their entire lives," notes Megan. And she says GDB's unrivaled care and support for its clients is another key reason. "We chose to give to organizations that we believe in and that we know have strong reputations in their communities. We see the impact and the results of GDB's work every day. I see it with my mom—their willingness to support clients and fast response is world class."

Megan has introduced generations of nieces and nephews to the organization as well. "I'm most proud of all the people we have brought into the GDB fold because of our involvement with the organization. Friends who came to the holiday event want to become puppy raisers! I've come to realize that it's not just about the dogs, it's about the people. The people are what make GDB great."

### **August and September Birthdays**

Beverly Merchant	8/09/24
Irene Weitzman	8/10/24
Charlie Tarnor	8/16/24
Francine Campbell	8/19/24
Louis Koshar	8/19/24
Bradley Davidson	8/28/24
Sharon Rothzeid	8/29/24
Barbara Newman	8/30/24
Donald Stevens	9/04/24
Jack Katz	9/06/24
Edith A Cohen	9/08/24
Sherry Davidson	9/09/24
Phyllis Marcus	9/17/24
Ronald Paul	9/21/24
Susan Hinton	9/24/24







Martin and Judy Hamer	8/10/24
James & Ketzi Toney	8/11/24
Mark & Madelaine Friedman	8/17/24
Arthur & Barbara Bennett	8/21/24
Max & Sherry Lazar	9/05/24
Louis & Marion Koshar	9/12/24



# Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley Join us for High Holiday Services



Services will be led by Hazzan (Cantor) Lev Ettelson, our Spiritual Leader, assisted by ASU student Matias Naiman-Molina.

High Holiday Tickets will go on sale at our **Open House and Ice Cream Social September 8th 1:00-3:00 pm** or can be purchased from our office during the week. Our office is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - noon. A government issued picture ID must be presented, and a registration form completed. The cost for attending all our services is \$180.

# For Security and Safety, everyone must have a ticket for entry. Security will be provided by the Arizona Rangers for all services.

Service times are as follows:

Selichot	Sept 28th	at 7:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Eve	October 2nd	at 5:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah morning Day 1	Oct 3rd	at 9:00 am
Rosh Hashanah morning Day 2	Oct 4th	at 9:00 am
Kol Nidre: Evening	Oct 11th	at 5:45 pm
Yom Kippur: Morning	Oct 12th	at 9:00 am
Yizkor is a part of the mid-morning	service	
Mincha (followed by Neila and Ma'ariv)		at 4:00 pm
Havdalah		at 6:45 pm
Sukkot Services Day 1 and 2	Oct 17th -18th	at 9:00 am
Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor	Oct 24th	at 9:00 am
Erev Simchat Torah	Oct 24th	at 6:00 pm
Morning Simchat Torah	Oct 25th	at 9:00 am

Information regarding Sukkot, other holiday services, and upcoming programs may be found on our web site, bethemethaz.org, by calling our office 623-584-7210, or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BethEmeth Congregation/.

Active service men and women, and students can arrange for tickets at no charge. We honor reciprocity with a letter from your other congregation. Special circumstances call Ketzi Toney at 425-890-6792.



# Please Join Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley for the Festival Services & Special Family Program



### Sukkot

Thurs. Oct 17th & Friday Oct 18th Service at 9:00 am

### Kiddush in the Sukkah

following services

### **Shemini Atzeret**

Thurs. Oct. 24th 9:00 am Includes **Yizkor** 

### **Erev Simchat Torah**

Thurs Evening Oct. 24th 6:00 pm Friday Oct 25th 9:00 am



### **Sisterhood Special Event**

### Open to All!

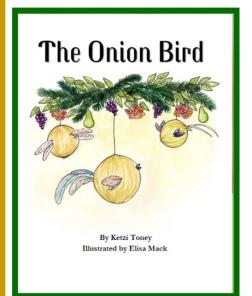
Story Telling Crafts & Book Signing
Sunday Oct. 20th at 10:30 am
Light Lunch in the Sukkah
Gift a child in your life with this charming
new book!

Books will be on hand at the event for purchase Don't Miss Getting A Copy. Proceeds go to gift shop

### Program is free!

RSVP Required 623-584-7210

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### Now More Than Ever Let's Stand Together



### **Sunday**



September 22nd at 2:00 pm

## Israeli Dancing

Come learn both circle and line dances
No prior experience necessary



Instructor Deborah Packard Rios

Cost is \$10 pp for members \$15 pp non members



Deborah Packard Rios has been an enthusiastic Israeli dancer and instructor for many years. She and James Marlow, who is currently in Israel but will be returning for our program, will teach us Zemer Atik, Harishut, Zadik Katamar, Sapri Tama and many more. It will be a fun filled hour of dance followed by refreshments and schmoozing.

So dress in blue and white, get ready to feed your Jewish soul, and have a lot of fun.... Unable to dance but want to come and watch. Cost is only \$5 to cover refreshments. Please come! Make checks payable to **Sisterhood** Beth Emeth Congregation.



# Now More Than Ever Let's Stand Together



# **Open House**

Ice Cream Social

Sunday September 8th 1:00-3:00 pm

Meet Hazzan Lev Ettelson Check Out Our Programming

Meet People - tour our Building Learn Our History - Hear our Stories

### **Become a Member**

Your High Holiday & Festival Tickets Included in Membership

### **Non-Members**

Tickets for all of our Holiday Services will go on sale for \$180 per person

Arizona Rangers will be providing security for all our services.



Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley to Host Prof. Gary Rendsburg for a week-long lecture tour across the greater Phoenix area. November 10th -18th, 2024



In an effort to share amazing learning opportunities with others, Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley will be hosting Professor Gary Rendsburg from Rutgers University, New Jersey, over the week of November 10th-18th. His lectures will occur at seven different venues in both the east and west valleys with a different topic at each location.

Each venue will handle its own registration. Individuals are invited to attend lectures at multiple locations depending on interest, building positive shared learning experiences and connections within and among communities.

Prof. Rendsburg is the author of seven books and more than 200 scholarly articles. He has produced two series for the Great Courses program, plus he lectures regularly for Smithsonian Associates, the Biblical Archaeology Society, and other adult education venues.

Prof. Rendsburg has visited all the major archaeological sites of Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, plus he has excavated at Tel For and Caesarea. He also has done extensive research on medieval Hebrew manuscripts at leading libraries and has served as visiting research scholar at prestigious universities both domestically and world wide including Israel, England, Australia, and Rome.

His expertise covers history, archaeology, ancient manuscripts, and literature.

Watch for the lecture schedule with topics, locations and registration information coming soon.

This program is partially made possible by generous funding from the Center for Jewish Philanthropy and by individual sponsors.





For more information about sponsorship or involvement contact bethemethaz@gmail.com, attention Ketzi Toney, Sisterhood President or Stacey McEnnan, Program Chair, directly at smcennan@gmail.com



### "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"

# May their names be remembered From generation to generation

Dear Fellow Congregants,

During the High Holidays, we publish the "Book of Remembrance". This book commemorates the lives of those that we have loved and who have passed on. There will be a special page dedicated to the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust as well as recent victims of terrorism. In addition to honoring our loved ones, the "Book of Remembrance" is also a fund raiser for our Congregation.

You must list the names as you want them to appear in the Book of Remembrance. <u>Do not use the term RE-PEAT</u> Please bring or mail this completed form with your check to the Beth Emeth office by September 30th, 2024.

Thank you for your continuing support Irene Lehrer Irene Lehrer 623-505-3103 or 845-430-0982

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The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Tammuz - Av – Elul 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.

Date Obse	rved	Deceased	Observer	Relationship
8/8/2024	Av 4	Murray Bernstein	Alice Bernstein	Father-in-law
8/8/2024	Av 4	Eli Witt	Natalie Morrison	Father
8/9/2024	Av 5	Hanna Behrendt	Tom Behrendt	Mother
8/9/2024	Av 5	Linda Goldmark	Gail Davis	Sister
8/9/2024	Av 5	William Rosen	Alice Mason	Father
8/9/2024	Av 5	Morris Silverman	Iris Silverman	Father
8/11/2024	Av 7	Simon Newman	Harry Newman	Father
8/12/2024	Av 8	Ida Lee	Joanie Jacobs	Mother
8/13/2024	Av 9	Gus Forster	Paula Forster	Father in law
8/13/2024	Av 9	David Herbner	Francine Campbell	Son
8/13/2024	Av 9	Isser Koven	Sheldon Koven	Grandfather
8/13/2024	Av 9	David Perlmutter	Myron Perlmutter	Father
8/15/2024	Av 11	Nettie Freilich	Diane Freilich	Mother
8/15/2024	Av 11	Philip Rothfeld	Joan Rothfeld	Father
8/16/2024	Av 12	Bertha Rothschild	Jamie Rothschild	Grandma
8/19/2024	Av 15	Hanan Ben-Yosef	Shoshana Perlmutter	Brother
8/19/2024	Av 15	Melvin J. Silverman	Iris Silverman	Brother
8/21/2024	Av 17	Robert Fisher	Shelly Moschel	Father
8/23/2024	Av 19	Jack Dorman	Paula Forster	Uncle
8/27/2024	Av 23	Steven Behrendt	Tom Behrendt	Son
8/27/2024	Av 23	Barbara Paul	Ronald Paul	Wife
8/28/2024	Av 24	Janith Davidson	Bradley Davidson	Mother
8/30/2024	Av 26	Sam Rosen	Dr. Bernard Rosen	Father
9/4/2024	Elul 1	Rose Kanter	Phyllis Frank	Mother
9/9/2024	Elul 6	Gertrude Casper	Sheldon Koven	Aunt
9/12/2024	Elul 9	Florence Samuels	Lew Samuels	Mother
9/13/2024	Elul 10	Arthur Rosen	Alice Mason	Brother
9/17/2024	Elul 14	Harry Koshar	Louis Koshar	Brother
9/18/2024	Elul 15	Joel Merchant	Beverly Merchant	Husband
9/22/2024	Elul 19	Mary Finkelstein	Marlene Friedlander	Mother
9/26/2024	Elul 23	Gerard Gariepy	Debra Gariepy	Father
9/26/2024	Elul 23	Donald Lehrer	Irene Lehrer	Husband
9/27/2024	Elul 24	Esther Bernstein	Alice Bernstein	Mother-in-law
9/28/2024	Elul 25	Helen Koven	Sheldon Koven	Mother
9/29/2024	Elul 26	Morris Zarensky	Harvey Zarensky	Father
9/30/2024	Elul 27	Samuel Koven	Sheldon Koven	Father

### Our sincere thanks for the following donations

Yahrzeit Fund	Yahrzeit Fund	<b>General Donations</b>
In Memory of Hyman Epstein Rosemary Abrami	In Memory of Nancy Bornstein Marcus  Phyllis Marcus	Rosie Colbert Jordan Colbert
In Memory of Mildred Becker	In Memory of Elsa Paul	Ronald Paul
Arnold Becker	Ronald Paul	Marisela Erichsen
In Memory of Ruth Epstein		Morrie Hesch
Joy & Peter Epstein	<u>Yizkor</u>	Sonia Marshall
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In Memory of Frances Rothzeid	<u>Kiddush Fund</u>	Ketzi Toney
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Arnie Becker	<u>Torah Fund</u>	Suzanne Shlian
In Memory of Ethel Zimmerman	In memory of Paul Winegrad	
Arnie Becker	Beverly Merchant	Received Dates:
In Memory of Abe Sills  Enid & Gary Cohen	Natalie Morrison Ketzi and Jim Toney	5/23/24 through 7/22/24
In Memory of Sam Salmirs	Linda Ziegler	
Brad & Marlene Friedlander	Launa Winegrad	
In Memory of Adele Friedlander  Brad & Marlene Friedlander	Sheldon Levenson	Whank

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**Rabbi Discretionary Fund** 

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In Memory of Seymour Hesch

In Memory of Harry Lazar

Max & Sherry Lazar

Morrie Hesch

# August 2024 Tammuz - Av 5784



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# September 2024 Av - Elul 5784



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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.





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!

# Beth Emeth Congregation Board

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Do you have a <u>tzedakah</u> <u>box</u>? 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)