

# Beth Emeth Observer

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**October 2024**

Rosh HaShanah Greetings!

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10/4	5:50pm
10/11	5:41pm
10/18	5:32pm
10/25	5:24pm

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## FROM THE DESK OF TOM BEHRENDT, PRESIDENT Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

### L 'Shana Tovah from the Board and me!

Our Open House on September 8th was a great success with many new Members joining our Family. Many thanks to the Committee for making it such a success. I know that they prefer not to be named for their hard work, so a donation to Beth Emeth Congregation in their names has been made.

Beth Emeth Congregation is joining other Conservative Synagogues across the country with Operation Isaiah, donating food to those in need.

On Kol Nidre, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. Bins will be located outside of the Synagogue. Let's fill the bins! Bins will be outside from October 4th until October 16th.

As you know, food is a beloved part of most Jewish holidays. The fast of Yom Kippur by definition, demands no special foods.

However, it's Isaiah's tirade that calls us to action. We read his words as part of the Haftarah each Yom Kippur.

Among the several explanations for why we fast is to sensitize us that there are those in our midst who experience hunger not just for one day, but every day. By doing so, we dramatically begin the new Jewish year placing the Mitzvah of hunger relief at the top of our collective agenda.

On September 15th, Sisterhood sponsored a beautiful Havdalah service!! We had a wonderful turnout for the event and I hope that we can do this on a regular basis.

Donations to Sisterhood and Beth Emeth Congregation will help ensure that it can happen. We always need Volunteers to help make every event as beautiful as this one.

As President of Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley, I love the vibes and the warmth that we are generating as a welcoming and inclusive place to pray, socialize, and be part of an extended Family. **Thank you** all for making this a dream come true!!!

G'MAR HATIMA TOVAH May you be sealed in the Book of Life for Nachas, Brachas and Mazel!



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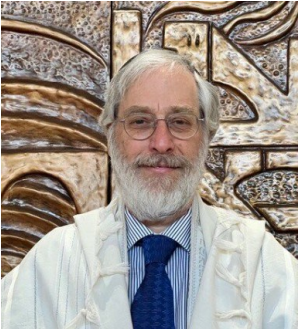


**We welcome you to join us  
at all of our services!**

### 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.

## Reflections on Torah and Tradition - Hazzan Lev Ettelson



***“Time keeps on slipping into the future. I want to fly like an eagle to the sea, fly like an eagle, let my spirit carry me.” - Steve Miller***

The Jewish conception of time is unique. Following a lunar-solar calendar, the new moon always heralds the coming month, and the holidays are always in their appropriate season. Like the moon, we wax and wane, sometimes expansive and illuminated, other times contracted and dark. Neither linear, nor circular, Jewish history moves in a spiral vortex. The prophetic visions of Isaiah and Ezekiel point to an idyllic future of universal peace, justice and satiation of all physical needs; sometimes we are closer to that reality, sometimes further. The Torah teaches us that as partners with *HaMakom (The Omnipresent)* we have the responsibility to bring this vision to fruition through engaging in *mitzvot*. The purpose of the *mitzvot*, according to *Kabbalah*, is to create a dwelling place for *HaKadosh Baruch Hu (The Holy Blessed One)* here on earth.

Rabbi Alan Lew writes in his book: ***This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared***, beginning in the month of *Elul* “suddenly you are awakened by a strange noise, a noise that feels the full field of consciousness... shaking you awake. The... shofar, the same instrument that will sound one hundred times on *Rosh Hashanah*, the same sound that filled the world when the Torah was spoken... is being blown to call you to wakefulness. You awake to confusion. Where are you? Who are you?”

A year has passed since the earth shattering and heart-rending attack on October 7, 2023 snuffed out the light of 1,200 souls in Israel in the most brutal and inhumane manner, the most devastating day of violence to afflict our people since the holocaust. From a fourteen hour old newborn to a ninety four year old woman: infants, elders, grandparents, parents, children, friends and lovers, were murdered and tortured in ways too horrible to recount.

I pray that by the time this goes to print, the remaining hostages will be returned to their families for reunion or burial. The reactivation of our collective trauma as Jews is all too real and we need to do what we can to acknowledge and heal it.

Yossi Klein Halevi, author, journalist and senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, while in conversation with an Orthodox Jewish friend in Jerusalem (who has been building bridges between Jews and Arabs for decades) asked her, “Do you still have hope?”, she replied, “No... I have faith.” One of my teachers taught me to look at faith (*emunah*) not as a thing (a noun), but as an adverb: *faithing*. That is why we speak of acts of faith or taking a leap of faith. To act “as if.” Even during times of great doubt or darkness, we can still act “as if” there is a Great Compassionate One. Even when I can’t feel God’s presence in my life, I can still wake up in the morning, give thanks and count my blessings.

*I can still put on tefillin and recite the Shema. I can still give tzedakah and light the Shabbat candle. We can still smile and speak kind words to our friends and neighbors.*

(cont.)

In Pirkei Avot, Shimon the Tzaddik (d.273 B.C.E.) says: “the world stands upon three things: the Torah, the service (prayer), and acts of kindness.” Shimon Ben Gamliel (d.70 c.e.) also said that the world stands on three things: justice, truth and peace. He was the last nasi (prince or leader of the Sanhedrin) during the Jewish-Roman war which led to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the last (and current) exile.

He was one of the ten martyrs that we recall on Yom Kippur. Seventeen days before he died, Leonard Cohen’s song, ***You Want it Darker***, was released. *It is a meditation on the fact of our mortality and the inevitability of suffering: “If you are the dealer, I’m out of the game / If you are the healer, it means I’m broken and lame / If thine is the glory, then mine must be the shame / You want it darker, We kill the flame.”*

I’ve certainly gone to some dark place during this past year, as many of us have, and yet, as the refrain in this song goes, “Hineni, hineni. I’m ready, my Lord.” This is a sigh of resignation, a prayer for compassion and an affirmation of willingness to face what is before us in this very moment. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do in the face of the enormous sorrow and suffering in the world. So during these Days of Awe, we will once again affirm, after the grim litany of Unetaneh Tokef (who shall live and who shall die which inspired Leonard Cohen to write: “Who by Fire”): Teshuvah! Tefillah! Tzedakah (remove the evil decree)!

One of my favorite lines of Leonard Cohen was written when he was in his late fifties: “Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.” The stanza before it reads, “The birds, they sang / At the break of day / Start again / I heard them say / Don’t dwell on what has passed away / Or what is yet to be.”

So after the Days of Judgement (Rosh Hashanah) and Atonement (Yom Kippur) in an act of faith, we move out of our homes into a temporary, imperfect dwelling (the Sukkah). We are invited to renew ourselves, by listening to the music of the birds, trees, sun, moon and stars. After Sukkot, comes Shemini Atzeret, the Eighth Day of Assembly; but the word Atzeret is also related to the word Atzor, which means “stop”. The joy of this Shemini Atzeret will be mixed with sorrow as it will be the first yahrzeit of those 1,200 shining souls. During the Yizkor on this day, we will allow ourselves the time and space to express our sorrow and grief as we begin to let go of this trauma so that we may be present to the ever present love and compassion which radiates from the Source of Life. The day after, on Simchat Torah we will dance and sing as we complete the annual cycle of Torah reading, which concludes with the word Yisrael, and begin again with the word Bereshit. The last letter of the Torah is Lamed and the first letter is Bet which spells, Lev, heart. In the words of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry: “It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” The Kotzker Rebbe ל'צ"ל famously taught that there is nothing so whole as a broken heart. “There is a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in.”

*Reb Lev*

## From the Editors' Desk

First, I'd like to welcome the newest additions to the Observer's editorial team. While we've tried to keep our monthly publication up-to-date and relevant, there have been times when we've omitted information because we didn't look far enough ahead, and therefore not early enough to appear in your personal calendars.

With the addition of Marlene Friedlander as Co-Editor, and Reva Litt (extra set of eyes) to our staff, we'll help you "stay ahead of the curve" with information presented far enough in advance to keep you well ahead of events and activities at Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley.

There have been a few changes to our publication, including a uniform font (typeface) and more information in individual articles to save you the task of contacting our office by telephone. Finally, if you want to reach me – here is my email address: [morriehesch@gmail.com](mailto:morriehesch@gmail.com)  
I check my emails daily.

L 'Shanah Tovah!!!  
**Morrie Hesch, Senior Editor**

Shalom and L 'Shanah Tovah!

I am so excited to be working with Morrie and Reva on the Observer! Starting with this issue and over the next few months you will see new content, ads, and information about events going on inside our Synagogue and around the Greater Phoenix Jewish community.

Additionally you will learn more about our members as well as our Board!

I hope to keep the 30 + year traditions of the Observer going strong as well as moving it forward!!

We welcome your ideas.

Do you have any questions? Comments? Feedback?  
Please reach out to me at [editor@bethemethaz.org](mailto:editor@bethemethaz.org).

Wishing you Health, Happiness, and Sweetness for 5785!!



**Marlene Friedlander, Managing Editor and Publisher**



## Happy New Year from your Kiddush Queen!

**This is my way of thanking everyone** who has contributed this past year to our Kiddush Fund.

Whether you sponsored a Kiddush, contributed to the "Kitchen" fund, In-Kind donations, or by volunteering your helping hands in the kitchen. Todah Rabah!

I have never worked with such a dedicated group of people. We discuss and share ideas on how to make each Shabbat Kiddush beautiful, and delicious. Hours are spent shopping, preparing, baking, cleaning, etc. all with great Ruach and friendship!

As we all know, the cost of living has sky-rocketed, and everyone is feeling the crunch.

**Many area Congregations have decided to serve a smaller Kiddush.**

However, we are hoping to continue with the same Kiddush tradition that we have always had...but only with your participation!

This is your opportunity to make our Kitchen Committee/ Kiddush Fund a success!

We will continue to offer generous Kiddushism, but **only when they are sponsored.**

Anyone interested in helping in the kitchen or sponsoring a Kiddush, please contact me via the Synagogue office.



All my best for a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!!

**Marasha Tikvah (Marilyn Newberg)**

1stvicepresident@bethemethaz.org

## Welcome New Members and a Happy and Healthy New Year from your 3rd VP (Ritual Committee)

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has participated in our services with accepting the honor of an Aliyah.

Whether you attended our Thursday morning Minyan service at 9:00 am, our Friday night services at 6:00 pm or our Shabbat morning services at 9:30 am, know your participation added value. For this we are grateful!

Just let me know via the Synagogue office if you would like an Aliyah at Shabbat services and we will try to accommodate you.

I look forward to greeting you at services!

L 'Shana Tovah!

**Natalie Morrison**

3rdvicepresident@bethemethaz.org



## Greetings from our JUDAICA SHOP



Do you have a Tzedakah box? We have them available at our Judaica shop!

Yahrzeit Candles - \$1.50 each

Shabbat Candles - \$8.00 for a Box of 72

We have jewelry, Kiddush cups, Seder plates, Mezuzoth, and so much more!

Everything you need for a Holiday celebration or gift!

Also showcasing several fine art pieces.

Stop in anytime Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm

(Payment accepted by check, cash, credit card or Zelle)

**Best wishes for a Happy New Year!**  
**Susan Hersch, Judaica Gift Shop Manager**

## Greetings from our Board

As past President of Beth Emeth Congregation, and presently a member of the Board, I am pleased to take this opportunity to wish the members of our Congregation a sincere L'Shanah Tovah. A Sweet, happy and Healthy New Year 5785! May our Congregation continue to grow and prosper and may we all be inscribed in the book of Life!

**Arnold "Arnie" Becker**

Shana Tovah!

Wishing you and your family a Sweet and Fruitful New Year filled with Good Health, Love, Laughter, Joy and Happiness!

Happy New Year to our Beth Emeth family!

**Leah (and Charlie) Tarnor**

Life with all its challenges is precious. Being part of a caring and supportive community especially in difficult times is priceless. To each of you Jim and I extend our heart felt appreciation for your prayers, good wishes and support. May we all be blessed with good health and much joy in the New Year!

**Ketzi Toney**

As 4th VP, I want to wish all of our members a Happy New Year! I also want to welcome our new members. Being responsible for the maintenance of our beautiful building, I would like to report that everything is currently working well! Always accepting donations and volunteers!

L'Shanah Tova,  
**Jordan Colbert**



# From your Treasurer

**We can't do it without you!**  
**It takes a "village" to keep our doors open and keep our Synagogue running!**

**Here are some of the ways you can contribute to our Synagogue**

- 1. Grocery shopping at Fry's.** Linking your Rewards card will benefit the Synagogue and not impact your rewards!
- 2. Saving on Taxes, on Your Dues and Donations.**  
If you are taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMS) from a traditional IRA or 401K plan, you can use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD counts towards your RMD and is not taxable income.  
IRS Reference: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/seniors-can-reduce-their-tax-burden-by-donating-to-charity-through-their-ira>.  
**This tax benefit works even if you can't itemize your deductions.**
- 3. Sponsoring a Kiddush**—contact Marilyn Newberg
- 4. Sponsoring an Event**—contact our President or our Sisterhood President
- 5. Sponsoring our Arizona Rangers** for Shabbat services or events—contact our President
- 6. Buying a leaf on our Etz Chaim in our Lobby**
- 7. Remembering a loved one by purchasing a Yahrzeit plaque**

We accept contributions by cash, check, credit card or Zelle.

If you have questions, please email me at [treasurer@bethemethaz.org](mailto:treasurer@bethemethaz.org).

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Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Happy to learn of other ways for contributing that you may know of!!



# We invite you to worship with us at our High Holiday Services 5785



All of our services will be led by **Hazzan Lev Ettelson**, our Spiritual Leader, assisted by ASU student **Matias Naiman-Molina**.

## Services 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
Tashlich	Oct 9th	at 4:00 pm Surprise Town Park
Kol Nidre: Evening	Oct 11th	at 5:45 pm
Yom Kippur: Morning	Oct 12th	at 9:00 am
<b>Yizkor</b>		~11:00 am
Mincha (followed by Neila and Ma'ariv)		at 4:00 pm
Havdalah		at 6:45 pm
Break Fast ( <b>\$20 pp RSVP Required 623-584-7210</b> ) Following the end of Havdalah		
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

**Everyone must have a ticket for entry.**

**Security will be provided by the Arizona Rangers for all services.**

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 the Synagogue office. 623-584-7210

# Tashlich Services

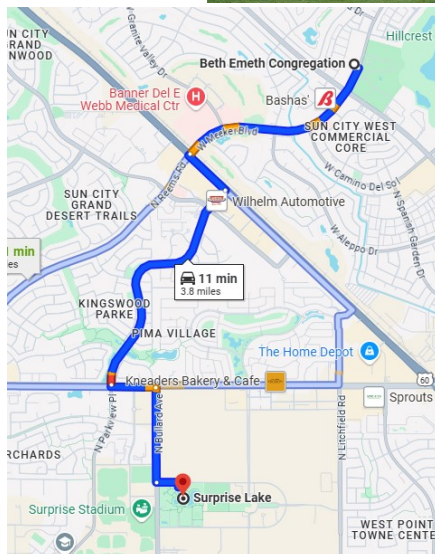
Wednesday, October 9

4:00 pm

## Surprise Community Park Bullard Ave., Surprise

Tashlich (תשליך) is a ritual that many Jews observe during **Rosh Hashanah**. Tashlich means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water. Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are sins symbolically carried away.

**We will meet between the 2 trees near the covered picnic tables and restrooms.**



## October Simchas



<b>Barbara Bennett</b>	<b>10/1</b>
<b>Andrew Heidecker</b>	<b>10/9</b>
<b>Ann Goldfarb</b>	<b>10/12</b>
<b>Marvin Wachs</b>	<b>10/14</b>
<b>Myron Perlmutter</b>	<b>10/28</b>



<b>Dr. Michael Weinberg</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>Dr Michael &amp; Judith Weinberg</b>	<b>10/19</b>

**Have an upcoming Simcha? A grandchild or great grandchild's B'nai Mitzvot? Graduation?**

**New to the Area? Special Anniversary?**

**Let us know and we will share it here!**

**Or sponsor a Kiddush for your Simcha!**

**Contact the Synagogue office with your information.**

# *Kever Avot Memorial Service*

*Join us to remember and honor your loved ones.*

**Sunday, October 6, 2024  
4 Tishrei, 5785  
10:00 A.M.**

**Mt. Sinai Cemetery**  
24210 North 68th Street, Phoenix  
(off Pinnacle Peak Road)

**Please RSVP with number attending  
[info@mtsinaicemetery.com](mailto:info@mtsinaicemetery.com)**

**(480) 585-6060**

*To visit the grave of a loved one during the High Holiday season is a Jewish custom.*



*A Jewish Cemetery that cares about the Jewish Community*



**October 7, 2024 marks one year** since Hamas launched its attacks on Israel, murdering more than 1,200 people, kidnapping more than 250 others, and dramatically changing our world.

What hasn't changed is the **undeniable strength and resilience of our Jewish community.**

This October 7, join a community commemoration to mark this moment and look towards a brighter future together.

**Monday, October 7** - Gates open at 5pm, program begins at 6pm **North Scottsdale location.** For security purposes, the exact location will be shared with registered attendees via email on Tuesday, October 1. **Please do not share information about this event on social media.**

Security is being led by CJP's **Community Security** in coordination with local, state, and federal law enforcement.



**This event is closed to the press.**

Register here  
[phoenixcjp.org/october7](https://phoenixcjp.org/october7)



#### COLLABORATING PARTNERS





**Please Join US for  
Sukkot and Simchat Torah Festival  
Services  
& a Special Family Program**



**Sukkot**

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

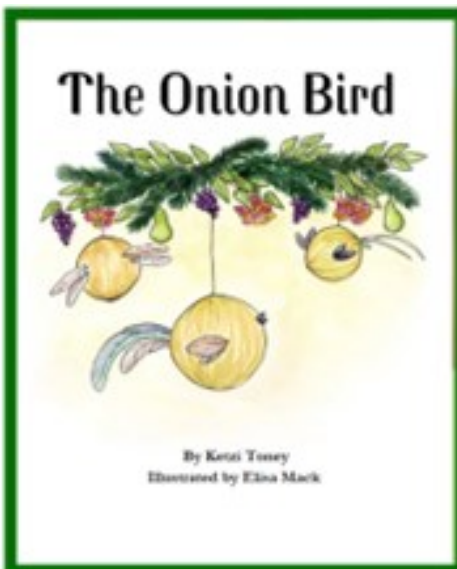
**Kiddush in the Sukkah**

**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 Family Event  
Open to All!**

Story Telling, Book Signing & Crafts  
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 available at the event for  
purchase

# Arizona Monument and Memorial Tour Sunday, October 27th, 2024



**Meet us in the Beth Emeth Congregation parking lot at 8:00 am. We will carpool to the State House.**

**Tour will be led by Launa Winegrad**

Launa will discuss 33 points of interest along our walking tour.

**Program is free!**

**RSVP is required to arrange carpool seating.**

**Call 623-584-7210 to reserve.**

If you want to meet us at the Arizona State House, we will start in the courtyard **at 9:00 am.**

Look for the big copper dome. The Arizona State House is located at **1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix.**

Note: This is an outdoor event, without restrooms. Please plan appropriately. Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Following we will have dairy brunch, on our own, at Matt's Big Breakfast. Address to follow.



**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**MONDAY OCT 28TH 4:00 pm**



**Nicole Pesce**

**Private Concert !**

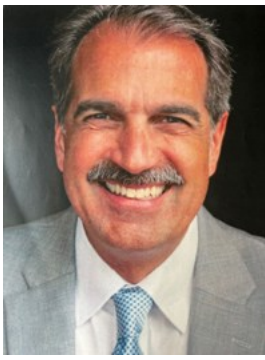
***AS A THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR MEMBER!***

**With appreciation for your support of our  
Congregation, Sisterhood invites our Members,  
old and new to this special performance.**

**Become a Member by October 20th to enjoy this  
concert!\***

*\*You may apply cost of High Holiday tickets towards your membership,  
multiple payment options available.*





Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley is pleased 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.

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

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.

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 [office@bethemethaz.org](mailto:office@bethemethaz.org), attention Ketzi Toney, Sisterhood President or Stacey McEnnan, Program Chair, directly at [smcennan@gmail.com](mailto:smcennan@gmail.com).





**Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley with  
the help of the  
Center for Jewish Philanthropy and our  
Sponsors are excited to host  
Dr. Gary Rendsburg for a week long lecture tour  
November 11th-16th, 2024**



**Mark your calendars ... Not to be Missed ... Six Venues ... Seven Different Lecture Topics**

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|--|---|
| <b>Monday 11/11/24</b>                                 | <b>7:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"in Search of Ancient Israel"</b>                   | At The Phoenix Seminary                         |
| <b>Tuesday 11/12/24</b>                                | <b>9:00 am</b>                                  |
| <b>"England as the Custodian of Jewish text"</b>       | At Church of the Advent Episcopal Church (SCW)  |
| <b>Tuesday 11/12/24.</b>                               | <b>1:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"Archaeological Discoveries in the Middle East"</b> | At Grand Learning (Surprise)                    |
| <b>Wednesday 11/13/24</b>                              | <b>3:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>Private Meet &amp; Greet for Sponsors</b>           | At Beth Emeth Congregation (SCW)                |
| <b>Wednesday 11/13/24</b>                              | <b>4:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"In Search of Ancient Israel"</b>                   | At Beth Emeth Congregation (SCW)                |
| <b>Thursday 11/14/2024</b>                             | <b>7:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"The First Diaspora"</b>                            | ASU host at Beth El Synagogue (Phoenix)         |
| <b>Friday 11/15 /24</b>                                | <b>1:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"Dead Sea Scrolls"</b>                              | At Desert Palms Presbyterian Church (SCW)       |
| <b>Saturday 11/16/24</b>                               | <b>9:30 am</b>                                  |
| <b>Shabbat Service and Kiddush</b>                     | (RSVP required for meal preparation quantities) |
| <b>Saturday 11/16/24</b>                               | <b>2:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>"The Ever-Alive Dead Sea Scrolls"</b>               | At Beth Emeth Congregation (SCW)                |

**We want to thank each venue for helping us create positive learning experiences within and among communities. Watch for registration information coming soon.**

**To learn more about Dr. Rendsburg or for information about becoming a supporter of the program refer to additional fliers on our web site.**

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13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West  
bethemethaz@gmail.com**

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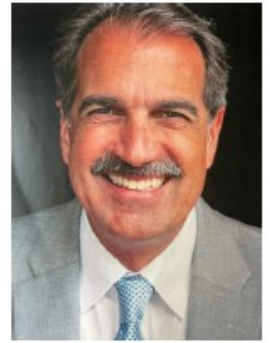
**M-F 9:00 am - Noon**

**bethemethaz.org**

<https://www.facebook.com/BethEmethCongregation/>



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**November 11th-16th, 2024**

**Tickets for the two lectures at Beth Emeth are now on sale!**

**Cost is \$20 per ticket for each lecture**

**Tickets must be picked up at our office**

**Monday - Friday 9:00 am - noon**

**Make Checks payable to *Sisterhood* Beth Emeth Congregation**

**Or pay by credit card**

**Wednesday Nov 13th at 4:00 pm "In Search of Ancient Israel"**

**Saturday Nov 16th at 2:00pm "The Ever-Alive Dead Sea Scrolls"**

**Saturday morning Services begins at 9:30 am with a luncheon following  
the service, there is no charge for the luncheon at noon**

**RSVP is required for food quantity preparations!**

**Call 623-584-7210**

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## Yahrzeit Plaques

We have many Yahrzeit plaque spaces available on our Sanctuary wall. Yahrzeit plaques can be purchased in memory of someone who has passed away or be reserved for a future use.

Multiple Yahrzeit plaques are now available at a special price through the end of November! All plaques must be purchased at the same time for the reduced rate!

- 1 plaque is \$350
- 2 plaques are \$300 each
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Please reach out to me for further information.  
Arnold “Arnie” Becker  
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*May their memories be blessed.  
As We remember them...*



The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Elul - Tishrei 5784-5785.  
Kaddish may be said at Friday evening services (6:00 pm), and Saturday morning services (9:30 am)  
El Malei Rachamim, the Memorial prayer, may also be said at the Thursday morning Minyan  
(9:00 am) preceding the Yahrzeit date .

<u>Date Observed</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Observant</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
10/2/2024	Elul 29 Charles Kram	William Kram	Brother
10/2/2024	Elul 29 Howard Marshall	Sonia Marshall	Husband
10/3/2024	Tishrei 1 Harry Freidman	Esther Toney	Father
10/3/2024	Tishrei 1 Sigrid Kram	William Kram	Wife
10/6/2024	Tishrei 4 Murray Friedman	Sharon Rothzeit	Father
10/8/2024	Tishrei 6 Mary Friedlander	Brad Friedlander	Grandmother
10/8/2024	Tishrei 6 Pearl Jamison	Phyllis Marcus	Mother
10/8/2024	Tishrei 6 Irving Wilshinsky	Francine Campbell	Father
10/9/2024	Tishrei 7 Estelle Webber	Marion Koshar	Mother
10/13/2024	Tishrei 11 Sol Becker	Arnold Becker	Father
10/16/2024	Tishrei 14 Rose Rosen	Alice Mason	Mother
10/17/2024	Tishrei 15 Judge Joseph Goldstein	Elinor Goldstein	Husband
10/17/2024	Tishrei 15 Martha Loebman	Arthur Bennett	Mother
10/18/2024	Tishrei 16 Morris Cohen	Gary Cohen	Father
10/21/2024	Tishrei 19 Julia Hamerschlag	Martin Hamer	Mother
10/25/2024	Tishrei 23 Ben Hamerschlag	Martin Hamer	Father
10/26/2024	Tishrei 24 Charles Grindstaff	Lael Summer	Son-in-law
10/28/2024	Tishrei 26 Minnie Kriss	Barbara Newman	Mother
10/29/2024	Tishrei 27 Freda Epstein	Rosemary Abrami	Mother
10/29/2024	Tishrei 27 Abraham Koven	Sheldon Koven	Uncle
10/29/2024	Tishrei 27 Jake Lessner	Marilyn Newberg	Father in law of Rhoda Lessner
10/29/2024	Tishrei 27 Harold Wachs	Marvin Wachs	Father
10/31/2024	Tishrei 29 Rose Lowenthal	Joy Epstein	Mother
10/31/2024	Tishrei 29 Leo Rothschild	Jamie Rothschild	Grandpa

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Received Dates:722/24 through 9/20/24

# October 2024

## Elul - Tishrei 5785



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 (28 Elul)	2 (29 Elul) Rosh Hashanah Eve Lighting: 5:52pm	3 (1 Tishrei) Rosh Hashanah Lighting: 6:46 pm	4 (2 Tishrei) Rosh Hashanah Lighting: 5:50pm	5 (3 Tishrei) Shabbat Shuva
6 (4 Tishrei) Fast of Gedalia	7 (5 Tishrei)	8 (6 Tishrei) Sisterhood meeting 10:00 am	9 (7 Tishrei)	10 (8 Tishrei)	11 (9 Tishrei) Yom Kippur Eve Kol Nidre Lighting: 5:41pm	12 (10 Tishrei) Yom Kippur
13 (11 Tishrei)	14 (12 Tishrei)	15 (13 Tishrei) Board Meeting 9:30 am	16 (14 Tishrei) Sukkot Eve Lighting: 5:34 pm	17 (15 Tishrei) Sukkot Lighting 6:28 pm	18 (16 Tishrei) Sukkot Lighting: 5:32 pm	19 (17 Tishrei) Sukkot
20 (18 Tishrei) Sukkot	21 (19 Tishrei) Sukkot	22 (20 Tishrei) Sukkot	23 (21 Tishrei) Sukkot Lighting 5:26 pm	24 (22 Tishrei) Shemini Atzeret Lighting 6:21 pm	25 (23 Tishrei) Simchat Torah Lighting 5:24 pm	26 (24 Tishrei) <b>Bereshit</b>
27 Arizona Memorial Tour—Meet at 8:00 am at Tem- ple Parking lot	28 Membership Concert 4:00 – 5:00 pm Social Hall	29	30	31		



**Our logo, created by our member, the late Max Gimpel (z"l), is the Shield of David made into a calligraphic Interpretation of the Hebrew letters, Beit Aleph, which signify the name of our Congregation, BETH EMETH, House of Truth.**

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