

Beth Emeth Observer

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Our heartfelt TODAH RABAH to TOM BEHRENDT

For his years of service as President of
Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley



Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley is a better place because of his leadership, determination, and knowing how to find solutions when problems seemed impossible. Always around, always available, the first one in, the last one to leave. He will always remain a part of the foundation of our Synagogue and Congregation, not just a picture on the Lobby wall. We wish him all the best with all that lies ahead of him.

TODAH RABAH from the Board

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Shabbat Candle Lighting



11/7 - 5:13 pm
11/14 - 5:08 pm
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Thursday morning Minyan service in the Library at 9:00 am

Friday evening service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm

Shabbat morning service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am

Our Torah classes continue on Thursday mornings in the Library at 11:00 am. Zoom information is sent out in advance of the class.

SAVE THE DATE

**Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley
Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm**

**Presentation of 2026 Budget
Election of Officers**



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

All,

It is with a heavy heart that I must submit my resignation as President of the Board, effective immediately. Due to ongoing health challenges, I find it necessary to step back from my responsibilities in order to focus on my well-being and recovery.

This decision has not come easily, as serving this Congregation has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and the opportunity to work with all of you.

I remain committed to a smooth transition and will try to do everything to ensure continuity and stability during this time.

I have promised to remain as an active congregant of Beth Emeth and will participate where needed on the Ritual Committee.

Beth Emeth is still my Jewish home and connection.

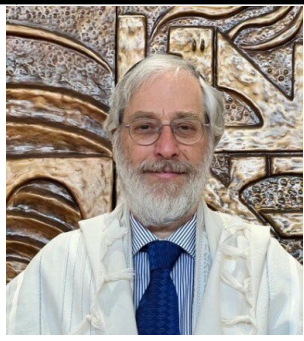
In thanking all of you for your friendship and shared commitment to Beth Emeth, I hope you give the same consideration to Marilyn Newberg as you have to me.

As you know, Marilyn has served as President of the Congregation and as 1st Vice President. She too digs deep to do whatever it takes to get things done. Her roots run deep in our synagogue.

Plus she and her committee are the “elves” in the kitchen, preparing wonderful Kiddushim on Shabbat.

We wish her well as interim President!

Sincerely,
Thomas Behrendt
President



Reflections on Torah and Tradition

Hazzan Lev Ettelson

The Sukkah has been disassembled, the shofar is back on the shelf and the Torah has been rolled back to the beginning. After all of the liturgical and ritual abundance of Tishrei, during which time we celebrate four distinct (yet interrelated) holidays, we come to the month of *Cheshvan*, the eighth month of the year, which is the only month without a festival. Formally known as *Mar-Cheshvan*, *Mar* has several meanings. One is “bitter” which alludes to the previously mentioned lack of a holiday. *Mar* can also mean “a drop of water” and in the land of Israel, this is often a time of abundant rainfall. The letter *Mem* has the numerical value of forty, which is an allusion to the forty days of the flood during the time of Noah, which in Hebrew is *Mabul*. In fact, this month had a different name assigned to it in the *Tanach* in Kings 6:38, “In the eleventh year, in the month of *Bul*, which is the eighth month, the Temple was completed.” Some commentators point out that *Bul* comes from *Mabul* and it was during this time that the flood began (on the 17th of the month according to our sages).

The story of a worldwide deluge threatening the existence of all life and the hero (or *tzaddik*) who survives is one that is found in traditions all over the world: In the ancient Mesopotamian Epic of Gilgamesh, the hero Utnapishtim is warned by Ea to build a boat to escape a flood. The Hindu story of Manu features a fish that grows to an enormous size and warns Manu of a coming flood. The fish guides Manu's boat to safety on a mountaintop. In Greek mythology, Deucalion and his wife Pyrrha, survive a flood sent by Zeus by building a chest. The Aztec myth tells of a man named Tata and his wife Nena who are warned of a flood by Tezcatlipoca. They build a boat from a cypress tree to survive the deluge. Many indigenous peoples of North America have flood myths, such as the Anishinaabe story of Manabozho, who builds a raft with the help of animals to survive a great flood. In Maori mythology, the ancestor Toi-te-huatahi is credited with surviving a great flood. These are just some of over two hundred such legends.

There are multiple theories about why this myth proliferated among different cultures. a

(cont.) One is that there was an actual cataclysmic event which occurred in prehistory which left a lasting impression on the collective consciousness. Another, perhaps more compelling theory, is that these stories point to something deep within our psyche which is terrified of annihilation. In the struggle for survival, whether personal, familial, tribal or global, there is the fear of being overwhelmed, symbolically represented by floodwaters. Many of us have experienced times in our lives when we have felt lost at sea, cast adrift and without landmarks. In times like this, we wonder if we will ever find firm footing on solid ground ever again.

Noah receives the mitzvah to build an Ark, which in Hebrew is *Tevah*. In the Ark, he was instructed to place a *Tzohar*, to illuminate the interior of the Ark. *Tevah* also means “word.” *Tzohar*, according to Rashi, means either an opening (such as a skylight) or a luminous, precious stone. There is a beautiful teaching of the Baal Shem Tov, that our words — of prayer, Torah study or even conversation — have the power to illuminate and uplift ourselves and others.

The story of humanity in the Torah begins in a garden where all life exists in balance and harmony; but then we lose our connection with the Divine voice within, and find ourselves in exile. The generation of the flood represents the deepest alienation from that all pervading Light (Or Ein Sof) and the concomitant loss of hope. Yet, within each of us is a spark of the tzaddik who knows what to do, rolls up her sleeves and builds something of value to bring others to a place of refuge. This is the act of servant-leadership which Noah embodies.

Reb Lev

From the Editor's desk!

Greetings!

In the well known verse from Pirkei Avot 1,14 Hillel states, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am for myself alone, what am I? ***And if not now, when?***"

The High Holidays now seem to be a distant memory and the end of the year is fast approaching, Windows can finally be opened, snowbirds have returned and yes, we light Shabbat candles much earlier.

During Yom Kippur services, many of us turned down the tabs on the Yizkor Appeal cards. The Yizkor Appeal is to memorialize the loved ones who have passed, even when they are still in our hearts.

We're also truly grateful for the life and health of the ones living. We remember those who perished in the Shoah, and who were killed while protecting Israel

In their merit, we give tzedakah, to ensure that their memory lives on, and to help us continue to spread Jewish light and life to the community.

Some of you put your Yizkor Appeal cards in the baskets, others took them home, many have now been misplaced. Cards are still available in the Office.

Some of you have generously honored your commitment and to you we say Todah Rabah. ***And if not now, when?***

We all make a litany of excuses, promising to do something tomorrow or by the end of the week which becomes next week, next month and on and on. It remains written with an indelible marker on our To-do lists or posted on our refrigerator as reminders. We are all very busy, too often running to doctors, engaging in social activities, getting caught up with the news, taking care of grandchildren and other love ones, and so many more.

To those who have as yet made a commitment or fulfilled your pledge..***if not now, when?***

So why not do it today? Write your check, call or stop by the office with your credit card payment or contact our Treasurer for Zelle payments.

Your donation matters!!

We look forward to thanking you in person.

B 'Shalom,
Marlene Friedlander
Editor, Observer
editor@bethemethaz.org



From your 2nd Vice President! Iris Kingma-Johnson

I have been elected as 2nd VP to the Board of Beth Emeth Congregation. I am a retired MD, PhD. After 16 years of practice as a nephrologist, I was a medical patient safety executive for 3 major pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, which has given me extensive organizational experience. I also have a wide range experience as member of academic and corporate boards and committees.

Beth Emeth Congregation is my spiritual home. We are a small congregation with a big heart. It is very important to me and I want to continue to help it to flourish. Since joining Beth Emeth Congregation, I have attempted to serve in many ways. I love to sing and spend many hours preparing to chant the Haftorah portion which is labor of love. It has always been a great honor to chant the Haftorah but, especially while we were continuing our services without a Rabbi. I led a small choir before the pandemic struck and I would love to resurrect it.

In 2021 when our pandemic restrictions were lifted and we could fill the house with members and guests in person, I was excited to work with Rabbi Robert Sternberg (z"l) and Cantor Judy Levy to organize religious services for the High Holidays. It has been an honor for me to serve for over 3 years on the Board. I am acutely aware of all our challenges. Our vision is to expand our membership and enhance our visibility in our rapidly expanding neighborhoods of the West Valley. I want to help create opportunities to reach out to friends and neighbors to come and join us at Beth Emeth Congregation.

I look forward to this opportunity to serving the Congregation again as your 2nd VP.

Ritual Committee

I want to acknowledge those outstanding people who volunteered to help make our High Holiday services memorable.

Sally Hall - for taking out all of the High Holiday books from the Library, placing them on carts in the foyer for easy access and then return them to the Library. Sally was also in charge of setting up the Livestream on our YouTube channel for those to participate from home.

Marlene Friedlander - for creating the High Holiday greeting card and labeling them, for labeling the Yizkor Appeal cards and for helping to distribute them on Yom Kippur morning.

Irene Lehrer - for coordinating and assembling this year's Book of Remembrance.

Arnold "Arnie" Becker, Joel Levine, Jordan Colbert, and all the others who performed Usher duties. Additionally, for putting up and taking down our Sukkah. Your help was very much appreciated and the Sukkah was decorated beautifully.

Tom Behrendt - for identifying Tony Minkoff to be this year's Cantorial soloist.

Marilyn Newberg and **Susan Hersch** - for the wonderful Break the Fast.

Finally, to all those who accepted and performed Aliyot during the High Holidays!

Very grateful to everyone for your participation!!

My heartfelt thanks.

Natalie Morrison

natalie.morrison@bethemethaz.org

3rdvicepresident@bethemethaz.org



Our Judaica Shop

**Do you create a special item that you would like us to sell in our Judaica Shop?
Please contact me for information!!**

**Stop by anytime Monday– Friday 9:00 am—noon! Payments accepted by cash,
Credit card, check or Zelle!**

**Susan Hersch, Judaica Shop Manager
susan.hersch@bethemethaz.org**

Treasurer's Corner - Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Due to rising costs, we are planning to increase individual dues to \$800 for 2026.

This is subject to approval by the Congregation at the annual meeting. If you have an IRA, please consider using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). A QCD counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year and is not taxable.

Please speak to your financial advisor for details.

You can include other donations besides your dues.

Our Congregation's restricted funds allow you to specify how your donation will be used.

- Biblical Garden: The donation will only be used for the Biblical Garden project. A generous donor matched to \$5,000 in new donations.
- Torah Maintenance: The donation will only be used for the inspection and repair of our Torahs. Repair assessment starts in September.
- Building Repair: Donations will only be used for costs to repair and update our building.

Don't forget to link your Fry's Rewards account to Beth Emeth Congregation. You still get all of your benefits plus a portion of your total grocery receipt comes to us!

Please contact me at treasurer@bethemethaz.org if you have any questions.

B 'shalom,

Treasurer's Financial Update

Your financial contributions enable us to provide the religious services and programs you want.

Financial Status

As of October 21st, we have had 231,822.54 in income and \$232,674.64 in expenses.

We are expecting a net shortfall of \$28,827.22 for the year.

Please pay your High Holiday pledges and remaining dues to help reduce this.

Dues

We still have \$7,909 in unpaid 2025 membership dues.

We accept payment in multiple forms, shown in order of preference.

Zelle payment to treasurer@bethemethaz.org

Check

Cash

Credit card: We pay a 2% fee per transaction, so we only get \$735 of a \$750 payment.

We are accepting early payment of 2026 dues.

Donations

Consider earmarking donations for the restricted funds that need our attention: Biblical Garden Fund, and Torah Maintenance Fund.

Your Ritual donations for Aliyot, Yahrzeits, and other life-cycle events remain a very important part of our income.

B 'shalom,

Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Etz Chaim—Our Tree of Life

I invite you to become part of the permanent legacy of our Synagogue. Through the end of the year, “leaves” on our Etz Chaim (Tree of Life) in our Lobby are just **\$99 each!**

“Apples” are only **\$150!**

Buy them for yourself or a loved one!

Or commemorating a special occasion! Let’s fill the Tree!

Happy to discuss with you how to place an order.

president@bethemethaz.org or
office@bethemethaz.org



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.

Plaques are \$350 each.

Payment by cash, check, credit card or Zelle!

Forms available in the Office.

Please reach out to me for further information.

Arnold “Arnie” Becker, Director

Arnold.becker@bethemethaz.org



Our Biblical Garden

Updates -

The New Year is a great time to make a donation to the beautification of our property.

So far we have received \$11,994.00 in donations and have spent \$6585.00, We thank everyone who has contributed.

Whereas it looks like we have a surplus, we do not have enough to accomplish our design goals.

Please contact us to discuss how your donation will make a difference!

Marilyn Newberg, president@bethemethaz.org

Arnold Becker, arnold.becker@bethemethaz.org

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley Safety and Security, A Report

Beth Emeth Congregation (BEC) offers a welcoming environment for religious services, classes and special events/programs. Ensuring the safety and security of everyone who enters our doors is of paramount importance.

Our commitment to the physical well-being of our members and guests is accomplished in many ways. Safety and security measures are essential. A secure environment fosters a sense of community, encouraging full participation and involvement. Planning ahead ensures a safe environment.

To enhance the physical security of those who participate in Beth Emeth Congregation activities, an armed security team* is present at religious services and special events. This team of highly trained professionals play a crucial role in maintaining a safe environment for all members and visitors. In addition, bollards* have been installed at our entrance to prevent a motor vehicle intrusion and enhanced Access Control* and CCTV* systems will be installed in the coming months.

Finally, recognizing that external threats and circumstances are not the only conditions which must be addressed under the heading of Safety and Security, an audible alarm system has recently been installed in the building, alerting those present, that should there be a fire or police emergency in the building, that timely action should be taken.

Please address any questions or concerns to my attention.
Arnold.becker@bethemethaz.org

*Funded by US FEMA and administered by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Happening at Hadassah!

TIKVAH WEST VALLEY



A Fashion Show by

New Image Fashions

THE COLONNADE
19116 N COLONNADE WAY
SURPRISE, AZ 85374

NOVEMBER 10TH

Doors open at 10:30 am

Cost: \$40

Please send a check payable to Hadassah by November 3rd.
Include your name, phone, email address and lunch choice:



Salad with salmon or Eggplant Parmesan

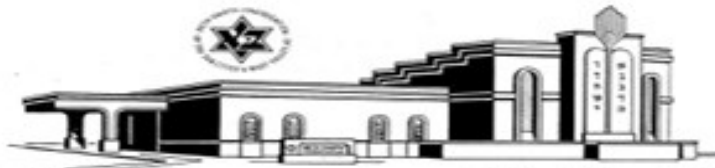


If paying for more than one person, include their name
and lunch choice and mail to:

Judy Rischall
13713 W Junipero Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

If you wish to pay by credit card, a second flyer is on its way.
Vendor will have a selection of items for purchase.

NAME		
PHONE	EMAIL	
SALMON	EGGPLANT	



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WEST VALLEY 17TH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

January 24, 25, 26, 2026

White Bird

Saturday January 24th 2026 at 7:00 pm

In "White Bird," Julien's Grandmere Sara, played by Helen Mirren, shares her personal story of survival. At the age of 13, Sara managed to escape the Holocaust in France during World War II. Her story serves as an inspiration to Julien, encouraging him to embrace courage, kindness, and compassion in his life.



The Catskills

Sunday January 25th 2026 at 6:30 pm



This film offers a fascinating revisit to the Catskill Mountains, also known as the "Borscht Belt." In the 1950s, the area was a lively Jewish and American vacation destination, renowned for its resort hotels, bungalow colonies, delicious food, comedians, entertainment, and lasting friendships.

SUNDAY ONLY: January 25th 2026, at 4:45 pm.

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BUFFET only \$36pp with the purchase of your

Sunday movie ticket. RSVP and payment a must by January 17, 2026

(Dinner can only be purchased in conjunction with Sunday movie ticket.)

Moses Ezekiel: Portrait of A Lost Artis

Monday January 26th 2026 at 6:30 pm

Moses Ezekiel (1844 - 1917) was a 19th century Jewish American world-famous sculptor. He is best known for his confederate statues which were the focus of debate. This documentary tells his story, focusing on the debate over the presence and removal of confederate statues and monuments in the United States.



Series Tickets: \$50.00 in advance

Single Tickets: \$18.00 in advance

At Door \$20.00

Dinner: \$36 pp (must be combined with Sunday's movie only)



**OUR 2026 FILM FESTIVAL IS COMING!!!
SAVE THE DATES - JANUARY 24 -26, 2026
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!!!**

There are many ways to show your support of the Seventeenth Annual West Valley Jewish Film Festival.
Please consider becoming a sponsor...and thank you!

EXECUTIVE INVESTOR: \$1000.00

Festival EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS will receive four tickets for each show.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: \$500.00

Festival EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS will receive two tickets for each show.

PRODUCER: \$400.00

Festival PRODUCERS will receive two tickets for two shows of their choice.

DIRECTOR: \$300.00

Festival DIRECTORS will receive one ticket for each show.

SCREENWRITER: \$200.00

Festival SCREENWRITERS will receive two tickets for choice of show.

ACTOR: \$100.00

Festival ACTORS will receive one ticket for choice of show.

SUPPORTER: (\$)

All Festival supporters will have their name prominently listed in the Festival Program.

YES, I WANT TO BE A SPONSOR TO THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL WEST VALLEY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL:

___ EXECUTIVE INVESTOR (\$1000.00)

___ EXECUTIVE PRODUCER (\$500.00)

___ PRODUCER (\$400.00)

___ DIRECTOR (\$300.00)

___ SCREENWRITER (\$200.00)

___ ACTOR (\$100.00)

___ SUPPORTER (\$)

In order to be acknowledged in the program, donations have to be received by January 15, 2026

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please make your check payable to Beth Emeth Congregation and mail to:

Jewish Film Festival Committee

Beth Emeth Congregation

13702 West Meeker Boulevard

Sun City West, AZ 85375

For additional information, please call Irene Lehrer (845-430-0982 or 623-584-7210).

We are a 501C3 non-profit organization and is classified as a religious institution under IRS 509(a)(1) and 170 (b)(1)(A)(i). No goods or service have been exchanged for this donation.



Sisterhood President Message 11/1/25

It was a pleasure to have served as both the Beth Emeth 2nd Vice President and as the Sisterhood President simultaneously. This summer the congregation's board voted on a new bylaw that prohibits a board member from holding two positions. The thinking was to involve additional people. As I held both the position of Sisterhood President and the congregation's 2nd Vice President position, I promptly resigned from my vice president position.

I want to thank Marlene Friedlander for stepping up and organizing the Open House and Sandra Shedroff for agreeing to head membership! There are still many tasks to cover: managing the web site, writing articles for the newspaper, and organizing programs for the congregation, specifically the Tu B'Shevat Seder, arranging for Passover Seder connections, and planning Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations. Are you interested in helping with any of these? Please let Tom know.

In addition to funding, a congregation requires volunteers! Many hands make less work for all. There are no tasks too small; every bit of help matters! To paraphrase JFK, ask not what your synagogue can do for you but what can you do for your synagogue. Together we can accomplish much!

Sisterhood will continue to open some of our programs to the congregation and to the community at large which is the case for our November 16th free showing of the film Front Line Warriors, an Aish Ha'am film about anti-semitism on college campuses, (with discussion following the film facilitated by John Belsher) and our Latkes & More Chanukah Feast on December 21st (see flier for time and cost). Both will require that you RSVP if you plan to attend. Please call 623-584-7210.

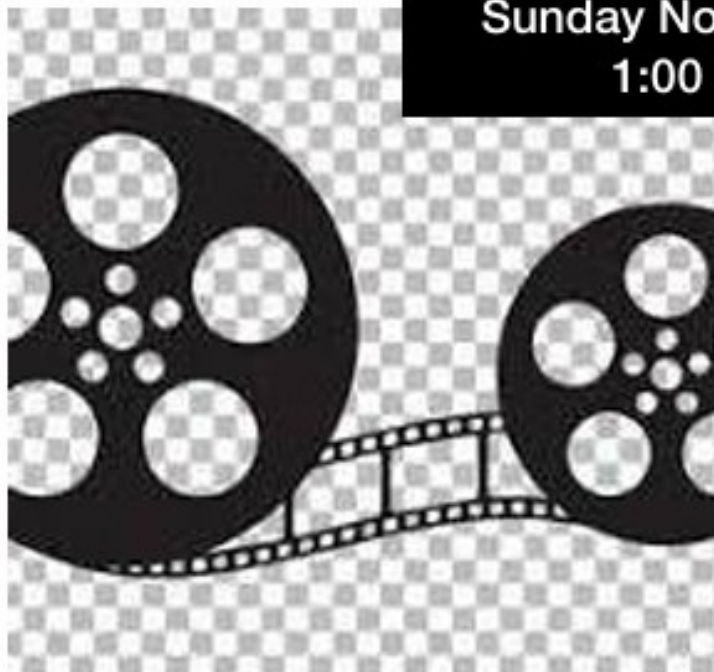
After expenses, Sisterhood's Nicole Pesce concert raised \$630 for Women's League Torah Fund. Our membership luncheon had 30 women in attendance. It was enjoyed by all and was a big success. At the meeting following the luncheon Sisterhood voted to contribute \$1,500 to the congregation towards the cost of the kitchen air conditioner unit, and a donation of \$500 was made by a very generous benefactor in honor of all Sisterhood does (which will also go to the congregation as a donation).

In closing I want to welcome our newest members to Sisterhood! We hope to see you at our planning meetings which are the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. We look forward to hearing your ideas! We will be enriched by your involvement! Our next meeting will be November 11th. Thank you to Carol Madvig for leading this meeting as my husband Jim and I will be in Israel. I will give a full report upon my return regarding our travel highlights.

L'heitraot, until I see you again,

Ketzi Toney

Join Us
Sunday November 16th, 2025
1:00 pm -3:00 pm



Sisterhood

Beth Emeth Congregation

Is Excited to Host

The viewing of

FRONTLINE WARRIORS

By Aish Ha'am

Discussion following viewing

facilitated by

John Belsher

The film deals with the antisemitism on campuses and the rising violence and hate in this country. In this film you will meet Shabbos Kestenbaum, and hear about his personal experience of antisemitism, the lack of response to what was happening on campus by the administration, and how he chose to respond.

You will also hear from Eden Yadegar a student at Columbia, both of her parents are Iranian.

This film is not political, rather it presents factual, actual footage of events as they were happening.

The program is Free and Open to All

Please RSVP

If you are planning to attend.

call 623-584-7210 M-F 9-noon

13702 W Meeker Blvd, SCW, AZ 85375

Arizona Rangers will be present



MAH JONGG CARDS



It's time to order your 2026 Mah Jongg cards!

When you, your family, friends, and neighbors order your cards through Beth Emeth Sisterhood, a portion of the proceeds of each card is given to Sisterhood programming. It is an easy fund raiser in which to participate.

Standard Print Size Card - \$14.00

Large Size Card - \$15.00

Please make checks payable to: **Sisterhood BEC**. Mail or drop off order forms **by**
January 31, 2026

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Attn: Irene Lehrer
13702 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
Any questions contact the Office – 623-584-7210

The National Mah Jongg League, Inc. will mail each card, individually, directly to you, therefore an address must accompany each order, and phone number is required in case of questions.

Please include the name and address for each card ordered! If you are sending in a list, be sure that **the name and address of each person on the list is included**.

2026 Sisterhood Mah Jongg Order Form

Name:

Last _____ **First** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone number _____

Standard Size (\$14.00) _____ **Large Size (\$15.00)** _____



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Join Us
December 21st 5:30 pm
For our
Chanukah Latke Feast
All are Welcome!



Cost \$25 for members \$30 for non members

Children ten and under \$10 children under five are free

Baked Salmon, Green Salad

Lots of Latkes

Applesauce & Sour cream

Beverages & Pastries

Payment is your RSVP Make checks payable to Sisterhood

Or Zelle to sisterhoodbec1@gmail.com

Please also call the office if you are paying by Zelle

To help consolidate attendee list for planning

623-584-7210



Songs, food, fun, and so much more!

Raffle with Proceeds to go to Israel

Tickets \$5 each or 3 Tickets for \$10

As we feast let us also feed the needy



**Sisterhood Membership Luncheon October 12th 2025
In the Sukkah... Well Attended...A big Success**





For more photos visit our web site bethemethaz.org

SISTERHOOD



we are Women's League
Engaging, Enriching and Empowering Jewish Women
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley
13702 W Meeker Blvd, SCW AZ 85375 623-584-7210 M-F 9:00am - noon

Sisterhood Now Offering Tribute Cards Minimum donation \$5 per card

Top Two Cards
Are for Donations
To Sisterhood

TRIBUTE CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

MINIMUM DONATION OF
\$5

Cash, Checks to Sisterhood or
Zelle to sisterhoodbec1@gmail.com
Office hours M-F 9-noon 623-584-7210
13702 W Meeker Blvd, SCW AZ 85275

All Other Cards
Are for Donations
To Torah Fund

Buy & Send Your Own Cards
Minimum 5 Cards for \$15

Money from Get Well and In Memoriam cards go directly to Sisterhood.

All other cards go to Women's League's Torah Fund, which provides scholarships to individuals studying to be rabbis & cantors.

Buy & send your own cards
Min. 5 cards for \$15 donation
Make checks payable to **Sisterhood**



Janice Rothschild	11/5
Jack Ezraty	11/6
Marlene Friedlander	11/9
Martin Hamer	11/13
Irene Lehrer	11/16
Tom Behrendt	11/17
Shelly Moschel	11/27
Paula Forster	11/28



Steven and Janice Rothschild	11/01
Marvin and Rita Wachs	11/12
Jim and Phyllis Frank	11/24



*May their memories be blessed.
As We remember them....*



**The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Cheshvan and Kislev.
Kaddish may be said at Friday evening services (6:00 pm), and Saturday morning
services (9:30 am)**

Date	Hebrew Date	Deceased	Observant	Relationship
2-Nov	Chesvan 11	Lee Stevens	Sheldon Koven	Cousin
3-Nov	Chesvan 12	Claudia Sontag	Joe Sontag	Spouse
4-Nov	Chesvan 13	Jack Segar	Harvey Zarensky	Brother-in-law
4-Nov	Chesvan 13	Louis Colbert	Jordan Colbert	Father
4-Nov	Chesvan 13	Leslie Heidecker	Andrew Heidecker	Brother
5-Nov	Chesvan 14	Phyllis Lewenson	Suzan Giloni	Mother
6-Nov	Chesvan 15	Fradell Dorf	Sherry Lazar	Mother
6-Nov	Chesvan 15	Steve Farkas	Gyorgyi Rosenthal	Father
7-Nov	Chesvan 16	Gilda Levitt	Lael Summer	Sister
9-Nov	Chesvan 18	Esther M Schwartz	Sandra Shedroff	Mother
9-Nov	Chesvan 18	Louis Altman	Sonia Altman	Father-in-law
10-Nov	Chesvan 19	Joe Frank	Jim Frank	Father
11-Nov	Chesvan 20	Charles Miller	Iris Silverman	Father
22-Nov	Kislev 2	Bea Kaufman	Joe Sontag	Aunt
24-Nov	Kislev 4	Dr. Sam Pinkes	Iris Silverman	Brother-in-law
25-Nov	Kislev 5	Elizabeth Fineberg	Sonia Marshall	Mother
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		4pm Grief Support Group		9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	5:19pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Parashat Lech-Lecha 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:22pm Havdalah (45 min)
2 (11)	3 (12)	4pm Grief Support Group	5 (14)	9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	5:13pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Parashat Vayera 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:16pm Havdalah (45 min)
9 (18)	10 (19)	10am Sisterhood Meeting 4pm Grief Support Group	12 (21)	9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	5:08pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev Parashat Chayei Sara 3 more
16 (25)	17 (26)	9:30am Board meeting 4pm Grief Support Group	19 (28)	Sigd 9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	Rosh Chodesh Kislev 5:05pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Parashat Toldot 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:08pm Havdalah (45 min)
23 (3)	24 (4)	4pm Grief Support Group	26 (6)	9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	5:03pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Parashat Vayetzei 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:06pm Havdalah (45 min)
30 (10)	Dec 1(11)	4pm Grief Support Group	3 (13)	9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Reb Lev	5:02pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	Parashat Vayishlach 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:06pm Havdalah (45 min)



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