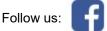
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BETH EMETH CONGREGATION OF THE WEST VALLEY







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December 2025

Activities

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm

- State of the Congregation
- By- Laws Amendments
- Election of Officers

All are welcome to attend! Only Members in Good Standing will be able to vote!

Report from the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee invites members to submit nominations. Members can be elected to any board position including those for which the committee has already received nominations. Only for the position of President the nominee must have served in a board position for at least one year. We have currently no nominees yet for 3rd VP or Financial Secretary.

Please contact the committee via the office if interested.

Marvin Wachs, nominating committee chair.

Marvin.wachs@bethemethaz.org

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Shabbat Candle Lighting

12/5 - 5:02 pm 12/12 - 5:03 pm 12/19 - 5:06 pm 12/26 - 5:10 pm

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Ongoing Activities at Beth Emeth Congregation

- **❖ Thursday morning Minyan service in the Library at 9:00 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.**
- ☆ Friday evening service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm

Upcoming classes with Reb Lev

Reb Lev is planning on offering a series of six classes based on a short book by Rabbi Arthur Green. I am thinking Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Dates: January 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4th and 11th.

It will be in person in the library and via Zoom. Below is a description:

This is a six week course based on Rabbi Arthur Green's book, *Judaism's Ten Best Ideas:* A Brief Guide for Seekers.

These ideas are: Simchah (Joy), B'Tzelem Elohim (Created in God's Image), Halakhah (Walking the Path), Shabbat (Getting Off the Treadmill), Teshuvah (Returning), Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World), Torah (The People and the Book), Talmud Torah (Teach Them to your Children), L'Chaim (To Life), and Echad (Oneness of God).

Please register in advance by emailing the <u>office@bethemethaz.org</u> with "Reb Lev's class" in the subject line.

Please purchase a copy of the book in advance. It is about 100 pages long and is available for purchase online: http://www.jewishlights.com/page/product/978-1-58023-803

This series of classes is free for members and \$36 for non-members.



Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley.



חג חנוכה שמח Chag Chanukah Sameach Happy Chanukah

Chanukah Party: Sunday, 21 December 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Social Hall (following the Congregational Meeting).

Latkes with sour cream and applesauce desserts, fresh fruit, and beverages.

Entertainment and singalong

The cost is \$10 per person.

Reservations are required and must be made by Monday,

December 15. Please call the office at (623) 584-7210

We accept cash, check, credit card and Zelle.







Please note - due to the early start time, there will not be any candle lighting at the event!



FROM THE DESK OF MARILYN NEWBERG, INTERIM PRESIDENT Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

Having stepped in as President, and as a past President, I have some thoughts to share with you.

I have some thoughts about the coming year, and what Hashem may have in store for Beth Emeth Congregation. This worries me, so I must share with you how we can become a stronger and better congregation.

It all begins with you! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- a) Remain an active, paid member of Beth Emeth Congregation
- b) Work on a committee, or chair an event
- c) Don't wait to be asked,
- d) Come up with ideas,
- e) Attend events!

f) Don't put this on the back burner, take that step!!

Recently, we did not have a Thursday Minyan. We couldn't say Kaddish for the passing of a member, relative or friend.

Our Minyan service on Thursday morning starts at 9:00 a.m. WE NEED YOU!

The same holds true for FRIDAY NIGHT & SHABBAT MORNING services. Don't wait, make a commitment. Join in!

Mmay you all have a wonderful Chanukah and a safe and healthy 2026.

Shalom, Marilyn Newberg, aka Marasha Tikvah

We are still collecting clothing thru December 4th in our Lobby for the Nourish Phoenix organization.



Our Sages taught (Babylonian Talmud Avodah Zarah 8a): "When Adam saw... the days become shorter from the autumnal equinox until the winter solstice, he did not yet know that this is a normal phenomenon, and therefore he said: Woe is me; perhaps because I sinned the world

is becoming dark around me and will ultimately return to the primordial state of chaos and disorder... He arose and spent eight days in fasting and in prayer. Once he saw that the winter solstice had arrived and the day was progressively lengthening after the solstice, he said: Clearly, the days become shorter and then longer, and this is the order of the world. He went and observed a festival for eight days."

This is the primordial origin of Hanukkah. Apart from the stories we all know of the discovery of the oil for the menorah and the victory over the forces of oppression, the essence of Hanukkah is finding light in the midst of darkness. As human beings we are influenced by the cycles of nature and the effect that sunlight has on mood is well documented. One of my favorite songs, "Eyes of the World" written by Robert Hunter and Jerry Garcia has the refrain:

Wake up to find out that you are the eyes of the world

The heart has its beaches, its homeland, and thoughts of its own

Wake now, discover that you are the song that the mornin' brings

But the heart has its seasons, its evenings and songs of its own.

The purpose of the Torah is to provide us with the inspiration and tools to wake up to the precious gift of life, express gratitude, share that gift with others and harmonize with the flow of seasons which are punctuated by our festivals.

In the Jerusalem Talmud we find a similar teaching on light and darkness (Berakhot 8:5): "When Shabbat ended, the dark began to reign, and Adam became scared and said: This is what was written: "You will bruise its head, and it will bruise your heel" (Genesis 3:15), lest something come to bite him. And he said "surely darkness will envelop me" (Psalm 139:11). Rabbi Levi says: At that moment, the Holy Blessed One prepared two stones and hit them together, and fire came out of them. And it is that which is written, "and the night shall be light for me" (139:11). And he (Adam) blessed it, "who creates fire." Shmuel says: Therefore, we recite a blessing on a flame as part of Havdalah on Motzei Shabbat, for that is when fire was created."

During Havdalah we say "For the Jews there was light and gladness, may it be so for us." Times of darkness can seem overwhelming and disheartening. Prayer and Torah study help us to receive strength and guidance. Mitzvot uplift ourselves and others, making us active partners with the Holy One in revealing the light that is ever present, making this world a better place in the process.

Red Lev

From the Editor's desk!

Greetings!

To quote hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, **"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."** At first sight, this might seem trite and obvious.

But, unless you try, you'll never know if you would be successful.

That means that rather than live in wonder, you need to take action. Take that first small step.

That first step is somewhat awkward, often difficult because you think to yourself that you might fail. Trying in itself, is the victory. More often than not, trying leads to great success.

In Marilyn Newberg's article, she asks you to attend events, to participate in what Beth Emeth Congregation has to offer. If you attend an event, that's that first small step.

Throughout the year, there are many activities to choose options to choose from...classes, movies, social events and services.

Why not start by attending services?

Are you a morning person? If so come to Thursday morning Minyan.

Not ready to make the commitment for 2-1/2 hours for Shabbat morning services?

Then perhaps our Friday night service will be a fit....they are only an hour. And as Michael Weinberg writes in his article in this issue..."you feel a sense of belonging" or "make a new friend".

You became a member of Beth Emeth Congregation for a reason...to belong. If belonging means just paying your annual dues...we say a heartfelt Todah Rabah but, really would like to see you in person!

We are only as good as our membership's participation. We are even better in great numbers.

On **Sunday**, **December 21** we will be holding our Annual Congregation Meeting followed by a Chanukah "lite" event.

Make this the event you decide to come to.

See who your Board Members are, offer your time to volunteer.

Seize the opportunity to participate. Belong.

Don't miss out on being part of our community.

B 'Shalom,

Marlene Friedlander Editor, Observer

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From the Beth Emeth Congregation Ritual Committee

Repairing our Torah Scrolls - we need your help!!

TORAH TORAH TORAH!

Our Torahs are in dire need of repair. It has come to the attention of the Board that fundraising is needed in order to repair our Torah Scrolls.

If every member donates just \$60.00 (more is always welcomed), that would cover the cost for the Sofer to make the necessary repairs.

Everyone who donates at least the \$60.00 amount would get a beautiful certificate for their contribute to the repair of our Torah Scrolls.

The certificate can be issued in Memory of a loved one, or in Honor of a Birthday, an Anniversary or any other Milestone occasion.

Our goal is to have the funds in by January 1,2026 so we can start making the arrangements for the repairs.

Please take this endeavor to heart as it is our heritage to keep our Torahs in good condition.

Donations can be made by check - payable to Beth Emeth Congregation attn: Torah Fund. Also accepting cash, Zelle and credit cards.

Please call the office with your donation. 623-584-7210

Contact me if you have any questions! Natalie Morrison

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Our Judaica Shop We are stocked and ready for Chanukah! Candles, Menorah, and all kinds of gifts!!

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

Due to rising costs, we have increased individual dues to \$800 for 2025.

This is subject to final 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 2025 year and is not taxable.
- ⇒ Please see your financial advisor for details.
- ⇒ You can include other donations besides your dues.
- ♦ Contact me for the Congregation's EIN which your IRA firm will require.
- Multiple members have taken advantage of this tax savings opportunity.
- ☼ Our Congregation's restricted funds allow you to specify how your donation will be used.

Torah Maintenance: The donation will only be used for the repair of our Torahs.

Only four of our Torahs are currently usable, but need considerable repairs.

Action depends on your donations so we can repair them.

We need to raise \$6,000 to repair two of the Torahs.

Biblical Garden: The donation will only be used for the Biblical Garden project.

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

Todah!

Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Treasurer's Financial Update

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

Financial Status

As of November 17th, we have had \$256,818.20 in income and \$280,441.48 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 \$4,484 in unpaid 2025 membership dues.

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

- Zelle payment to treasurer@bethemethaz.org
- ☆ Check

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

Todah Rabah from Irene Lehrer!

A huge Todah Rabah to the Kiddush Committee for making my birthday Kiddush extra special!

Thank you to Marilyn Newberg (center), Susan Hersch (right) and Gyorgyi Rosenthal (left) for all of their time and effort on my behalf.





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 start of 2026 is a great time to make a donation to the beautification of our property.

So far we have received \$15,057.00 in donations and have spent \$7784.38 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 December.

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.

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

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

Why I Come To Shul By Dr. Michael Weinberg

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I would like to share with you why I love coming to Shul for Shabbat services on Saturday mornings. First let me introduce myself to you. On Saturday mornings I sit in the very last row, either in the chair with armrests or on my mobility scooter. I grew up in a conservative synagogue in Philadelphia. My father was the Cantor of a large synagogue in a community that was 90 percent Jewish made up of men and women who served in WWII. In essence everyone knew their neighbors, many of which were relatives to each other.

As the son of the Cantor, I had some notoriety of which I was not always happy with. Not only going to Shul was expected but I had to sit towards the front of the sanctuary so that my dad could hear my voice and occasionally turn his head and check on me being where I was supposed to be. He needed to look over his shoulder because he stood at the Bimah facing the Ark. As I grew older, I began to love going every Saturday and feeling quite proud of being his son. By the time I was 13 years of age, I could chant the entire service, chant the Haftorahs, and recite from the Torah.

My Dad had a beautiful tenor voice that was perfect for the congregation to sing along with. At the time he had the vocal skills to do the musical runs known from the great Ashkenazic Cantors of the early 1900's. At a typical Shabbat service there were about 200 congregants and many more when there was a Bar Mitzvah. It was around this time in my life that I began having a spiritual experience, often accompanied with chills and goose bumps as I heard that special cry in his chanting in harmonization with the singing of the congregation. For me it was a life changing process of falling in love with being mentally and emotionally present.

Today I still get those emotions added with an intellectual awareness of the beauty and gifts that I accompany, just about every Shabbat. It meets many of my emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs. Let's begin with the music. As many of you know the melodies of our prayers are like those sung for hundreds of years tying us to a rich history. To know that the melodies sung to open and close the Ark as we take out and put back the torah are historic. My grandparents sang the same melodies we sing every Shabbat. It ties us to a past that is unique to the tradition of our people. I sometimes tear up when singing with Hazzan Ettelson and the congregation. The chanting transcends the past and future and keeps me in the now. It allows me for just a few minutes to not think of the stressors in my life or what troubles are in our world. It allows me to be in the present and feel the emotion of gratitude. It is in many ways a cleansing experience.

Hazzan Ettelson's sermon and the commentaries in the Chumash always seem to challenge my thinking about how the Siddur is teaching us the secrets of life. This part of the service challenges my thinking about the hurdles in life as I traverse the day to day ups and downs. And if this was not enough, the Kiddush brings me closer to the community of our tribe. After services we sit down at a round table in the Social Hall to eat some really good food and chat with others about everything you can imagine. It is the base of forming friendships and simultaneously meeting my need to feel a sense of belonging. I AM AT HOME.

So, the next time you see me feel free to say "Good Shabbas". Who knows, it may be the start of a new friendship with another lantzman.







Message from the Sisterhood President 12/1/25

It is time to order your 2026 Mah Jongg cards. This is a major Sisterhood fundraiser. Thank you for your support by ordering through us.

I want to thank Barbara Cline for suggesting showing the film Frontline Warriors. The Sisterhood Viewing was open to the community and approximately fifty people attended. We were glad to see our non-Jewish friends and neighbors in attendance. A special thank you goes to participant Michael Goldstein for sharing information about the Arizona House Bill HB2867 the Antisemitism in Education Act. This Sisterhood program was a big success and those attending expressed appreciation for an excellent program. It was a meaningful and thought provoking film.

It was with a heavy heart that I had to cancel the Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner. My husbands medical issues will require all my attention. I was glad to see that the board will host modified festivities for the congregation following the congregational meeting which will now be held on Dec. 21st.

I want to urge all Sisterhood members to attend our December 9th meeting at 10:00 am. We will be reviewing, discussing, modifying if necessary and voting on Purposed Sisterhood Bylaws. We need a minimum of 10 women present to vote, please plan to attend. We will be serving pastries and having a white elephant small gift exchange for some holiday festivities the second half of the meeting. Please bring a wrapped small gift to exchange. It doesn't have to be new.

January we are looking forward the Mystery and Munchies Program. **Space is limited** so be sure to reserve your spot. See Flier for details.

It has been an honor organizing programming these past 4 years. Carol Madvig and I now need your help! We appreciate those who frequently volunteer to help with preparations, set up and clean up for programs! We are now in need of women to step up to organize one program each month. Can you help, pick a month and let us know. Different women organizing each month will spread the work load out among us.

Chanukah means "Dedication." As Chanukah approaches, let us rededicate ourselves to serving, specifically committing to helping create meaningful programs, enriching our Sisterhood and community.

Ketzi Toney,



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.

be sure that the name and address of each person on the list is included.

Please include the name and address for each card ordered! If you are sending in a list, 2026 Sisterhood Mah Jongg Order Form Name: Last First City_____ State ____ Zip____ Phone number Standard Size (\$14.00) Large Size (\$15.00)

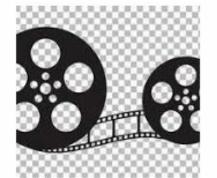
Sisterhood

Beth Emeth Congregation

Sponsored viewing of

FRONTLINE WARRIORS

By Aish Ha'am



November 16, 2025 A Big Success

The Program, suggested by Sisterhood member Barbara Cline, was an important film to view and discuss. Almost fifty people attended and Sisterhood was delighted to make the viewing possible.

A special bonus was having participant Michael Goldstein talk about the Antisemitism in Education Act. Those in attendance expressed appreciation for the excellent program.

Thank you to Hazzan Ettelson for not only facilitating discussion and comments but for also taking care of the technology needs. A big thank also goes to those that showed up early to set up, to Irene Lehrer for welcoming everyone, and to all those who helped put the chairs away after!. Thank you all.







Waiting for the program to start







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Sisterhood Presents Mystery & Munchies January 18th 1:00 pm Cost \$10



Program facilitated C.J. Eaton Mysteries

our own Ann Goldfarb & guest author Reserve your space by January 9th Check Payable to Sisterhood

Space is limited to the first 16 women



Follow the Clues

Intrigue Indulge Have Fun!





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



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



Max Lazar12/6Debra Karam12/20Martha Dalmeida12/29



Sid and Wendy Engel 12/8
Brad and Marlene Friedlander 12/22



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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

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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.



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



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

Date	Hebrew Date	Deceased	Observant	Relationship	
12/1	Kislev 11	Minnie Hesch	Morrie Hesch	Step Mother	
12/5	Kislev 15	Michael Davis	Gail Davis	Husband	
12/6	Kislev 16	Estelle Altman	Sonia Altman	Mother in law	
12/6	Kislev 16	Bessie Frank	Jim Frank	Mother	
12/6	Kislev 16	Nancy Ann Vickery	Susan Hersch	Sister	
12/6	Kislev 16	Irwin Bernstein	Alice Bernstein	husband	
12/9	Kislev 19	Lucille Ezraty	Jack Ezraty	Mother	
12/11	Kislev 21	Rose Zarensky	Harvey Zarensky	mother	
12/13	Kislev 23	William Pinkus	Marilyn Newberg	Father	
12/15	Kislev 25	Ethel Gariepy	Debra Gariepy	Mother	
12/17	Kislev 27	Sylvia Morrison	Natalie Morrison	Mother-in-law	
12/17	Kislev 27	Harry Isaacson	Arthur Bennett	Father	
12/17	Kislev 27	Ada Sherman	Shelly Bailey	Mother	
12/18	Kislev 28	Bill Wolfson	Laverne Feingold	Father	
12/19	Kislev 29	Norman Eisner	Joy Eisner	Husband	
12/22	Tevet 2	Esther Isaacson	Arthur Bennett	Mother	
12/24	Tevet 4	Sophia Franek	Susan Hersch	Mother	
12/24	Tevet 4	Nicholas Rosenthal	Gyorgyi Rosenthal	Husband	
12/25	Tevet 5	Bernard Sontag	Joe Sontag	Father	
12/26	Tevet 6	David Maultasch	Barry Maultasch	Brother	
12/28	Tevet 8	Marvin Davidson	Bradley Davidson	Father	
12/29	Tevet 9	Phyllis Sontag	Joe Sontag	Sister	
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7 (17)	8 (18)	9 (19) • 10am Sisterhood Meeting • 4pm Grief Support Group	10 (20)	11 (21) • 9am Morning minyan	12 (22) • 5:03pm Candle lighting • 6pm Friday Night Service	13 (23) Mevarchim Chodesh Tevet Parashat Vayeshev 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:07pm Havdalah (45 min)
14 (24) • 5:42pm Chanukah: 1 Candle	15 (25) • 5:43pm Chanukah: 2 Candle	16 (26) 9:30am Board meeting 4pm Grief Support Group 5:43pm Chanukah: 3 Candle	17 (27) • 5:43pm Chanukah: 4 Candle	18 (28) • 9am Morning minyan • 5:44pm Chanukah: 5 Candle	19 (29) 5:06pm Candle lighting 5:06pm Chanukah: 6 Candle 6pm Friday Night Service	20 (30) Chag HaBanot Parashat Miketz Rosh Chodesh Tevet 4 more
21 (1) Rosh Chodesh Tevet 5:45pm Chanukah: 8 Candle	22 (2) Chanukah: 8th Day	23 (3) • 4pm Grief Support Group	24 (4)	25 (5) • 9am Morning minyan	26 (6) 5:10pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Night Service	27 (7) Parashat Vayigash 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:14pm Havdalah (45 min)
28 (8)	29 (9)	30 (10) Asara B'Tevet 6:14am Fast begins 4pm Grief Support Group 6:04pm Fast ends	31 (11)	Jan 1(12) • 9am Morning minyan	2 (13) • 5:15pm Candle lighting • 6pm Friday Night Service	3 (14) Parashat Vayechi 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:19pm Havdalah (45 min)

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