

Beth Emeth Observer

BETH EMETH CONGREGATION OF THE WEST VALLEY



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Shabbat Candle Lighting - August 2026



8/7 — 7:06pm
 8/14 — 6:59 pm
 8/21 — 6:51 pm
 8/28 — 6:42 pm

From the Editor's desk!

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that the High Holidays are just a little over a month away! There is a lot of activity going on at Beth Emeth Congregation in preparation for the High Holidays, it never stops!

The Solar system has been installed, the sewer system is being fixed, 4 Torot have been repaired, a new Federal Grant Application has been submitted to help offset the cost of Armed Security, and the Ritual Committee is busy preparing for all of the upcoming High Holiday services.

As Summer becomes a distant memory and cooler days (hopefully) return we will be depending upon you to donate to your Beth Emeth Congregation. We (the Board, the Officers, the Committee chairs) count on your support now and throughout the upcoming New Year 5787. The donation amounts are as little as \$18 to include your name in the High Holiday greeting card, or as great as paying your annual dues in full. You can always make a contribution to our General Fund, Restricted Funds, or Torah Maintenance Fund. Every donation is truly appreciated.

I recently finished reading a book by author Allegra Goodman, "***This Is Not About Us***". It's a story of 3 "later in life" sisters raising their Conservative Jewish families in the Boston area. The premise is about a lifelong feud that started during the Shiva of the middle sister, over an Apple Cake. The recipe of the oldest sister and brought to the Shiva, and another version made by the youngest sister. Which one was better? One recipe, 2 cakes, 3 families, many differences and hurt feelings. Even though the sisters shared in the lives and lifecycle events of each other's families, they never came to terms with each other, nor spoke to each other directly, over the course of 20+ years.

Sound familiar?

The family portrayed in this book could have been anyone's family, Jewish or not. We've all been there; held a grudge over something petty, a family feud that should never have been, or had our feelings hurt over a misspoken word or even argued over a recipe.

As we approach the High Holidays, we remember it's never too late...to change your mind, to start again, to forgive, to learn something new, to dream bigger dreams or to be open to someone else's version of your recipe. No matter what our age, it's still not too late.

Marlene Friedlander, Managing Editor and Publisher

Please reach out to me at editor@bethemethaz.org.



FROM THE DESKS OF YOUR
CO-PRESIDENTS
ARNOLD BECKER
AND
NATALIE MORRISON



We waited for this moment, and this moment has arrived!

MAZEL TOV

RABBI Lev Ettelson!!

Over the coming months there will be two major events which members of Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley will have the pleasure of witnessing. The first, will be the ordination of Hazzan Lev Ettelson to become Rabbi Lev Ettelson. The second event, which is being planned for after the High Holy Days, will be the official installation of Rabbi Ettelson as the Rabbi of Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley.

Reb Lev has been with us for almost three years, but most of the Congregation has no idea of his varied and interesting background.

Did you know that Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi granted him a "Certificate of Empowerment" in 2014, recognizing him as a Ba'al Tefillah (master prayer leader and Congregational Leader), as a Maggid (Torah teacher and storyteller) and as a Life Cycle Pastor, granting him the title of "Reverend".

Did you know that before the Reb Lev came to Beth Emeth, he was a Jewish Day School teacher, conducted Life Cycle events, was a Mashgiach, a B'nai Mitzvah tutor, a Massage Therapist and Peer Counselor. He frequently led Shabbat and Holiday services at Congregation Bet Shalom in Tucson.

Did you know that his earlier careers included bookseller, and Executive Assistant for non-profit organizations.

Did you know that he became interested in Asian religion and philosophy, especially Buddhism, and Taoism. He began practicing meditation in his early twenties studying with various (Jewish) Zen Masters such as Philip Kapleau, Norman Fischer, Bernie Glassman, and most recently, Henry Shukman.

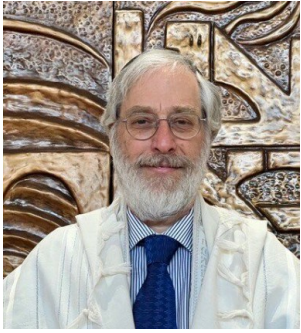
And Now He Is Our Rabbi

We wish him good health and every success as he moves forward as the Rabbi of Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley.

Arnold "Arnie" Becker and Natalie Morrison

Reflections on Torah and Tradition

Rabbi Lev Ettelson



What could be a first cause that will motivate a person to inspect his actions and to study Mussar during the month of Elul? There is no natural desire for this as there is in worldly matters. Our ancient Rabbis, may they rest in peace, greatly worried about this, so they... instituted blowing the shofar in Elul. This was to be the primary cause that awakens a person from their slumber and from their vain occupations to inspect their actions, as the Scripture says (Amos 3:6): "Shall the shofar be blown in the city, and the people not tremble?" Ohr Yisrael - Rabbi Yisrael Salanter

This practice of sounding the shofar in the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah is intended to rouse us to be mindful of the transient nature of our lives and to encourage ourselves to make an honest accounting of how we are conducting our daily affairs. This is the act of Teshuvah — returning to who we really are and to what really matters. Rabbi Alan Lew in his book, ***This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared***, writes, "Suddenly you are awakened by a strange noise...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 into being on Mount Sinai, is being blown to call you to wakefulness. You awake to confusion. Where are you? Who are you?"

He continues, "Then you remember. In exactly one month... you will stand before God. What will God see on that day? What will you see? This encounter can carry you significantly closer to the truth of your life. Standing in the light of God, you can see a great deal more than you ordinarily might, but only to the degree that you are already awake, only in proportion to the time and energy that you have devoted to preparing for this encounter." There are many ways that we can prepare ourselves for this encounter: meditation, prayer, journaling, spending time in nature, increasing acts of kindness and writing to those from whom we seek forgiveness.

There are many distractions which cause us to forget what is essential in life. When we become confused or lost, we can seek clarity from our ancient wisdom tradition. In the Talmud (Shabbat 127a) we learn of ten precepts which our sages singled out as being especially precious: Honoring one's parents, acts of kindness, early attendance at the house of study, hospitality to guests, visiting the sick, providing for a (poor) bride, escorting the dead, absorption in prayer, bringing peace among people — and the study of Torah is equivalent to them all.

(Continued on the next page)

Our sages envisioned a well-lived life as harmonizing the concern for self and others as summed up in the axiom of Hillel: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? If not now, when?" Honoring our parents is an expression of gratitude for the gift of life. Engaging in acts of kindness helps us to connect to others by opening our hearts and hands. Visiting the sick, comforting mourners and offering hospitality are important mitzvot which uplift those who are experiencing deep loss or loneliness. Engaging in regular times of prayer and contemplation allows us to connect with our soul essence and the Shechinah (Divine Presence). Torah study is equivalent to them all: by engaging with sacred text, not only do we enter into the heart of our wisdom tradition which can inspire and uplift us, it also gives us practical advice for how to uplift others.

This path of awakening and returning, Teshuvah, is always available to us, but the month of Elul is a particularly propitious time. In Pirkei Avot it says, "a person must judge everyone favorably." Rebbe Nachman of Breslov expands upon this teaching by recommending the practice of searching out the good points in oneself and others. This can be challenging at times, as sometimes we can be hard on ourselves or others. Yet, Rebbe Nachman encourages us to keep at it until we can find at least one positive trait or mitzvah. From that one ray of goodness, we can illuminate other points. There are two types of Teshuvah: m'yirah (from fear/awe) and m'yirah (from love). Returning through love (and longing for connection) is considered the higher approach. The time to seek forgiveness and reconciliation is now, in this very moment.



Reb Lev's office hours for meetings:

Wednesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and Thursdays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Please call the office to schedule a meeting.

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS 5787

SELICHOT NIGHT	SATURDAY	9/5	7:30 pm
EREV ROSH HASHANAH	FRIDAY	9/11	6:00 pm
ROSH HASHANAH 1 ST DAY	SATURDAY	9/12	9:00 am
ROSH HASHANAH 2 ND DAY	SUNDAY	9/13	9:00 am
SHABBAT SHUVA	SATURDAY	9/19	9:30 am
EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDRE	SUNDAY	9/20	6:00 pm
YOM KIPPUR	MONDAY	9/21	9:00 am
• YIZKOR	MONDAY	9/21	11:00 am
• MINCHA	MONDAY	9/21	4:45 pm
• NEILAH	MONDAY	9/21	5:45 pm
• HAVADALAH, END OF FAST	MONDAY	9/21	7:00 pm
EREV SUKKOT	FRIDAY	9/25	5:45 pm
SUKKOT 1 ^{sr} day	SATURDAY	9/26	9:00 am
SUKKOT 2 nd day	SUNDAY	9/27	9:00 am
SHEMINI ATZERET	SATURDAY	10/3	9:00 am
YIZKOR	SATURDAY	10/3	11:00 am
EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	SATURDAY	10/3	6:30 pm
SIMCHAT TORAH	SUNDAY	10/4	9:00am

PLEASE NOTE: YIZKOR TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

***Again this year, Tony Minkoff will be our Baal Koreh.
Please note that Active Military and Students with ID are always welcome to our services.
Tickets for the High Holidays are available for pickup during office hours.***



Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley
5787 High Holiday Greeting Card

————→ We need your name included! ←————

We will be sending out a High Holiday Greeting Card to all our
Congregation members

For a donation of \$18 you can have your name included to
wish everyone a Happy Holiday!

Please make your check for \$18 payable to:

Beth Emeth Congregation

Send via mail or bring to:

13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375 Also

Payable via credit card or Zelle.

Call the office 623-584-7210 for credit card
treasurer@bethemethaz.org for Zelle payment

Office hours are Monday — Friday 9:00 am - noon

Deadline is August 20th



Lulav and Etrog Sets for Sukkot



If you are interested in having your own **Lulav and Etrog set** for this Sukkot, please let us know.

Each set consists of an Israeli Etrog, Lulav (palm branch) with its palm holder, Hadassim (myrtle branches), and Aravot (willow branches).

There is a basic guide that lists all the Brachot (blessings) and Halachot (laws) of the four species.

Each set is separately packed with the Lulav assembled in the pouch.

Please make checks payable to: Beth Emeth Congregation

Regular set - \$45.00 Check or Zelle(treasurer@bethemethaz.org)

Regular set - \$48.00 Credit card

Prime set (upgraded) - \$50.00 Check or Zelle

Deadline for ordering is Monday, August 31.

Contact the office to order or Susan Hersch in the Judaica Shop. 623-584-7210 or susan.hersch@bethemethaz.org



"BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"

May their names be remembered - L'Dor Vador

Dear Fellow Congregants,

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

List the names as you want them to appear in the Book of Remembrance. **Do not use the term REPEAT**. Please bring or mail this completed form with your check payment to the Beth Emeth office by **September 10, 2026**.

Paying by Zelle - information is below.

Thank you for your continuing support!
Irene Lehrer, Corresponding Secretary

Questions? Call me at 623-505-3103 or 845-430-0982

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETE & CLEARLY PRINTED

My (Our) Name as it is to appear

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Also add my/our name(s) to the Special Memorial page for the 6 million Jews and Victims of Terrorism. (\$18.00) To add more names use separate paper.

Full Page	\$136.00	_____
Half Page	\$ 72.00	_____
1/4 Page	\$ 36.00	_____

Special Page—6 Million Jews & Victims of Terrorism \$ 18.00 _____

Grand Total \$ _____

New List

My (Our Name) _____

Phone number _____ Date: _____

Payable by check to: Beth Emeth Congregation or pay by Zelle (treasurer@bethemethaz.org)
13702 W Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375 623-584-7210

A New Year A New Beginning:

We are building from the ground up to renew our faith in Beth Emeth Congregation. With open arms, we invite former members to return and welcome new ones to join our community.

We are committed to working together as equals, bringing in fresh ideas to strengthen our congregation. We ask for your presence at Minyans, Sabbath, and Holiday services, and encourage you to take on roles within our committees, functions, and Board.

Please help us fill the gaps and keep our doors open.

Shalom,

Marilyn Newberg
Marasha Tikvah
marilyn.newberg@bethemethaz.org

Upcoming Sponsored Kiddushim

We hope you will join us at the upcoming Sponsored Kiddushim following Shabbat services:

Saturday, August 1 - Natalie Morrison

Saturday, August 15 - Irene Lehrer

Saturday, September 5 - Ronald Paul

Please let me know how we can help you celebrate a milestone or special event with a special Kiddush. Menus are in this issue.

Marilyn Newberg
marilyn.newberg@bethemethaz.org



Sponsor a Kiddush

BASIC - \$150:

- Egg Salad or sliced eggs
- Tuna Salad
- Herring
- Fruit
- Salad or veggie platter
- Dessert, coffee, tea, beverages

STANDARD - \$250 Basic plus:

- Blintz Souffle or Quiche or Kugel
- Salads
- Dessert

DELUXE - \$350 Standard plus:

- Bagels, Lox, Cream Cheese
- Hummus or Mock Chopped Liver
- Salads
- Dessert

**Contact Marilyn Newberg to book your
Sponsored Kiddush –
marilyn.newberg@bethemethaz.org**

Save the Dates!

**More information on these events are coming soon.
These are in addition to the fliers in this issue!**

- ☆ **Sunday, October 11 - Speaker on Medicare Changes**
- ☆ **Sunday, October 25 - Rabbi's Installation**
- ☆ **Saturday, January 23 - Film Festival**
- ☆ **Sunday, January 24 - Film Festival**
- ☆ **Monday January 25 - Film Festival**
- ☆ **Sunday, February 7 - Rural Street Klezmer Band**
- ☆ **Sunday, March 14 - Mah Jongg Tournament**
- ☆ **Wednesday April 21 (evening) - Thursday, April 29 - Passover**
- ☆ **Friday, May 14 - Israel Independence Day**

Many more activities are in the planning stages - Game Day, Geneolgy speaker, Al Jolson event plus activities from the Chavurah, Men's Club and Sisterhood.

We look forward to seeing you at all of these events!

Ritual Committee

Please help us reach a Minyan so that those who need to, can say Kaddish.

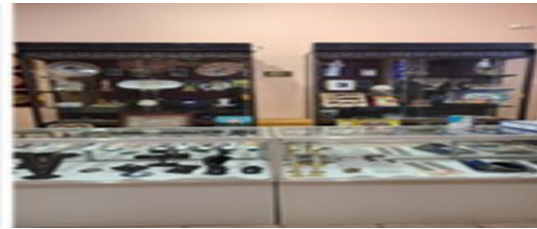
Reb Lev is also available if you wish to re-chant your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Haftorah or learn to chant Torah or a Haftarah portion.

I look forward to greeting each of you at services!

Arthur Bennett, 3rd Vice President

arthur.bennett@bethemethaz.org

3rdvicepresident@bethemethaz.org



Greetings from out JUDAICA SHOP! Let us help you get ready for the High Holidays!

Lulav and Etrog sets are now available to order - look for the flier in this issue!

**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**

Beth Emeth Congregation Chavurah updates!

Shalom,

Beth Emeth Congregation's Chavurah group met in July at the home of Marvin and Rita Wachs for an ice cream social and game night. Brad and Marlene Friedlander were the prize winners of the "Name That Tune" game. Rita and Harvey Zarensky will host a Mexican Train Game Day in August. Marilyn Newberg and Arnie Becker will host a brunch in September.

The second Chavurah Group will be starting soon. Sandy Shedroff will be their leader.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a form with your interests and put it in my mailbox in the office. I can be reached at leah.tarnor@bethemethaz.org.



Annual Open House - Sunday, July 12 - submitted by Gary Cohen

On Sunday, July 12th, Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley held an Open House and ice cream social. The event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. allowed visitors to learn about the history of Beth Emeth and learn about what Beth Emeth does in the community.

The Open House also showed visitors how they can become members of the congregation and how they can join organizations within Beth Emeth such as the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

The Open House included prayers led by Rabbi Lev Ettelson and remarks by the Rabbi in welcoming the visitors.

The event also included a sing-along involving traditional songs and some songs from the musical Fiddler On The Roof. The sing-along ended with patriotic songs, celebrating America's 250th Independence Day which took place a week before the Open House.



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.

Arnold “Arnie” Becker, Co-President

president@bethemethaz.org or

arnold.becker@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!

Please reach out to me for further information.

Arnold “Arnie” Becker, Co-President

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Dov Giloni	8/7
Charles Breverman	8/9
Beverly Merchant	8/9
Irene Weitzman	8/10
Miriam Lent	8/16
Charlie Tarnor	8/16
Raymond Karam	8/26
Bradley Davidson	8/28
Sharon Rothzeit	8/29
Barbara Newman	8/30



Lee and Sandra Shedroff	8/4
Martin and Judy Hamer	8/10
Mark and Madelaine Friedman	8/17

Treasurer's Corner – Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Money Going Down the Drain

We are spending \$14,000 on a major repair of the sewer pipes leading from the building to the street. The work will be completed before Rosh Hashanah.

We have had two major backups this year into the bathrooms and kitchen. Rather than pouring money down the drain every time this happens (and it will be a continuing problem), we are acting to permanently fix the cause of the problem.

We would appreciate any donations that you designate as "Sewer System Repair".

2026 Dues

Thanks to everyone who has fully paid their 2026 dues. We have about \$4,000 yet to be paid. Your dues are a major part of our budget.

Dues Payments and Donations

Zelle Payments

You can pay dues or make donations using Zelle with this QR code or treasurer@bethemethaz.org as the receiver.



Zelle QR Code

Credit Card

You can pay using a credit card.

- Your credit card information can be securely stored.
- You'll automatically get a receipt emailed to you.
- Call the office to make a credit card payment.

Funds Needing Your Support

Capital Improvement Fund: Donations are used for major repairs and improvements.

- Current need is \$14,000 (see Money Going Down the Drain).
- Expenditure is necessary and approved by the Board

Security Fund: The Board has created a new fund that will only be used for security expenses.

- We spend \$275 on armed security each Shabbat.
- High Holy Day security was \$1340 in 2025.
- The total for 2025 was \$20,130 (i.e., holiday services and special events).

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

- There have been no expenses or income since last month.

Torah Maintenance Fundraiser: We have collected \$13,000 to pay for fixing four Torot. New donations will be designated for future maintenance of our Torot.

Save Taxes on Donations

If you have an IRA, please consider using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

- A QCD is part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) 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.

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

The SOLAR PANEL PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

- The installation of the 79 Solar Panels have been completed with a 316,000 watts capacity
- The installation of the Photo Voltaic Introverters have been installed with a 400,000 watts capacity.
- The installation of the Electrical Panel Circuit has been completed
- The Installation of the Electrical Measurement Meter has been completed by APS (Arizona Public Service)
- The 79 Solar Panels have been TURNED ON and Electrical usage will now be measured for Beth Emeth Congregation in the upcoming months.

This project will decrease the costs of Electrical use at Beth Emeth Congregation.

Submitted by Joel Levine



Solar Power - The Rest of the Story

On Friday, June 26th, 2026, the new solar power system at Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley began producing electric power. This completed the construction phase of the project under the direction of Joel Levine. We owe him a great deal of thanks for the many hours he spent bird-dogging the contractors.

The construction phase was the end of a long project that began on June 21st, 2024. Then President Tom Behrendt emailed me (as Chair of the technology Committee) that he wanted to start investigating the option of solar power for our Synagogue. I had recently installed solar power at home and was thinking the same thing.

By the beginning of July, we had three quotes: two were purchase options and one was a lease option (known as a PPA in Arizona). At the beginning of August, Reb Lev suggested that we investigate solar power and we let him know this was already being done. At the August 2024 Board meeting, the options were presented to the Board. This was followed by a formal proposal from Nerd Power.

There were numerous Board discussions on this topic over the next several months. At the January 2025 Board meeting, we were presented with a fourth proposal. At the February and March 2025 Board meeting, the Board voted to approve entering onto the design phase with Nerd Power. We signed the letter of intent on April 29th, 2025.

The design phase was managed by Nerd Power and consisted of site visits (including climbing on the roof), preparation of the design (documents are available for anyone who would like to see them), and a multitude of required approvals from the city, county, and APS. In July 2025, the Board reviewed the plan and requested some important modifications that were accepted by Nerd Power. The various regulatory agencies also required changes and additional documentation. We signed the final agreement on July 24th, 2025, which initiated regulatory approvals. On December 12th, 2025, we received the final APS approval which allowed us to transition to the construction phase.

There is an article from Joel Levine that provides the details of the construction phase.

I personally want to thank Tom Behrendt for his support and early leadership and Joel Levine for his particularly important support. The Board members are also deserving of recognition for their continued support of this effort.

Over the next 12 months, we will hopefully see the expected savings in our electrical bills.

As Paul Harvey usually ended his radio show: "and now you know the rest of the story."



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



The following Yahrzeits will be observed during Av and Elul.
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-Aug	Av 19	Jack Dorman	Paula Forster	Uncle
6-Aug	Av 23	Barbara Paul	Ron Paul	Wife
7-Aug	Av 24	Janith Davidson	Bradley Davidson	Mother
9-Aug	Av 26	Ernest Rothschild	Steven Rothschild	Father
13-Aug	Av 30	Itzchak Moshe Giloni	Dov Giloni	Father
14-Aug	Elul 1	Rose Kanter	Phyllis Frank	Mother
18-Aug	Elul 5	Harry Schwartz	Sandra Shedroff	Father
19-Aug	Elul 6	Gertrude Casper	Sheldon Koven	Aunt
28-Aug	Elul 15	Joel Merchant	Beverly Merchant	Husband

Todah Rabah for your continued support!

<u>Biblical Garden</u> Arnold Becker Natalie Morrison Marilyn Newberg Leah and Charlie Tarnor	<u>Kiddush</u> Natalie Morrison Rosemary Abrami Gyorgyi Rosenthal Lee and Sandra Shedroff		
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<u>Ritual Donations</u> Ronald Paul	<u>Torah Maintenance Fund</u> Evelyn Dragiff		
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Reflecting donations recorded from 5/23-7/20.



The time has finally come for me to say farewell to Beth Emeth, a place I have called home for the past 19 years.

Beth Emeth will always hold a very special place in my heart. When I moved from NY to AZ and joined the Shul in 2007 I knew that I wanted to become an active, productive member. Initially it started by occasionally volunteering in the kitchen. Then it became more of a ritual. From there I volunteered with fund raising which eventually led to becoming a member of the board. Since then as everyone knows I became chairman of the Jewish Film Festival, editor of the Book of Remembrance and finally in charge of ordering the mah jongg cards.

Through all these endeavors I have been so very fortunate in having fun and making such fantastic friendships.

Now as I am moving on to another chapter in my life I will always miss and remember the special people that have made my life so memorable.

Thank you Beth Emeth for all that you have done for me. I hope to find a Shul as welcoming in CT.

Lovingly and farewell, Irene Lehrer



Dear Irene,
On behalf of the Board, officers, and all the members of Beth Emeth Congregation, we want you to know how much you mean to us. You have spent 20 years as a member of our Congregation, and you have been an active member, contributing in many ways. We all recall the time you spent preparing our annual Book of Remembrance for Yom Kippur, and the many hours you spent preparing for and carrying out our annual Film Festival. Your financial support of our Congregation has always been valued and greatly appreciated. We wish you good health and much happiness as you move on to the next chapter in your journey through life. Thanks for it all.

Most sincerely,
Arnold "Arnie" Becker and Natalie Morrison
Co-Presidents

As we begin to close the book to end 5786 and welcome 5787 next month, we also sadly (with happy tears) say "farewell" to our long standing member Irene Lehrer. Irene will be moving back east to Connecticut later this month and continue her life's journey there with many, many new and exciting adventures.

Debbie Friedman wrote a song called ***L'Chi Lach***, "**Go Forth**". The lyrics, which are truly appropriate for Irene, include:

L' chi lach to a land that I will show you
Lech l'cha to a place you do not know
L 'chi lach on your journey I will bless you
And you shall be a blessing
And you shall be a blessing L'chi lach
L'chi lach to the place that I will show you...
L'simchat chayim (to the joy of life)
L'chi lach

We know that Irene will bring her joy of life to whomever she meets, wherever her journey leads.

B' Shalom,
Marlene Friedlander, Editor

A Farewell Tribute to Irene Lehrer



On behalf of Sisterhood I want to extend our very best wishes to Irene Lehrer as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. She will be greatly missed! Her new community will be blessed to have her. Irene is a treasure! Her positive can do attitude and optimism are inspiring.

I could always count on Irene to help regardless of the task. Fruit platters were her specialty and always gorgeous. Taking over ordering the Mah Jongg Cards was a tremendous help and her efforts brought in significant funds yearly.

Likewise, I tried to always be there for her. Helping her with the Film Festival was a delight. She always taxed my creativity, from centerpieces and table decoration to food items I never heard of, like a Charlotte Russe. What fun we had!

On a personal note, I treasured her being my walking partner and our breakfasts together. She was my confidant. She always extended a listening ear. We were there for each other's losses and celebrations.

I can't say good bye but rather L'hietraot dear friend! Ketzi Toney





Message from Sisterhood President July - August 2026

As we close Sisterhood's calendar year for 2025-2026, it was exciting to see what we accomplished. Sisterhood Donated:

\$ 6,057.43 to Beth Emeth (not counting extra food for kiddushes)

\$ 1,416 to Women's League Torah Fund

\$ 1,190 to Israel (Feed Israel and Friends of the IDF combined)

\$ 630 to the Phoenix Kosher Food Pantry

\$ 180 to a sister congregation for fire damage in CA

A total of \$9,473.43 raised and sent to charitable causes, with the majority going to our congregation. All done while having fun!

We enjoyed wonderful programming: Yiddish Bingo, the Challah Bake, Lunch in the Sukkah, the Nicole Pesce Concert, the viewing of *Frontline Warriors*, the Mystery & Munchies Program (with authors Ann Goldfarb and Cheryl Wilson), hosted an Oneg after Sisterhood Shabbat, enjoyed a Pot Luck, went out to lunch together for Mother's Day and ended the year with the Mr. G Music Concert. WOW!

Sisterhood's calendar year runs from July 1st to June 30th. We invite you to join us for our 2026-2027 year. Enjoy celebrating holidays, learning together, doing mitzvot, socializing and having fun. Build upon your Jewish identity and community and help us grow, individually and collectively, spiritually and physically, while interacting with old friends and making new ones.

Look for our formal invitation and membership form. Know that part of your Sisterhood membership goes toward Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) membership. This gives you access to additional classes and lectures online, providing an opportunity to connect with other women across the country and internationally. Sisterhood membership is \$36 for members of Beth Emeth Congregation and \$46 for non members. For *new* Beth Emeth members, your Sisterhood membership is free for the first year.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in our library at 10:30 am. Our programs are usually the third Sunday of the month. We hope you will Join us!

Mark your calendar for our Fashion Show in October, the Jazz Concert in November, and Chanukah party in December, refer to our fliers for dates, times and cost, which are open to all. Check our web site: bethemethaz.org

I look forward to getting to know you!

Ketzi Toney, Sisterhood President





You're Invited

To become a member of Sisterhood

Beth Emeth Congregation

13702 W Meeker Blvd, SCW, AZ 85375

Sisterhood is affiliated with the Pacific Southwest Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ). Our calendar year runs from July 1st through June 30th. Our membership drive for the 26-27 year is now underway. Part of your Sisterhood dues covers membership in WLCJ which, in addition to our Sisterhood programing, provides access to a host of webinars, opportunities to study with Scholars, and participate in creative Judaic arts.

*Sisterhood Membership is \$36 per year
for Beth Emeth members*

\$46 per year for non members

*Become a Beth Emeth Member and Sisterhood membership
is waved for the first year!*

*Sisterhood membership is a way to:
connect Jewishly with others, celebrate holidays,
commemorate special moments, learn together,
participate in Mitzvot and Tzedakah projects, contribute, socialize,
make new friends, feel part of a community/extended family
and have fun!*

We hope you will join us!

Please look for and complete our Sisterhood Membership Form...

We look forward to welcoming you!



MEMBERSHIP FORM for JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

Congregation Member \$36 per year

Non Members \$46 per year

Includes membership in Women's League of Conservative Judaism

First year of Sisterhood Membership is Free for new Beth Emeth Members

Please complete and submit with your payment

Checks Payable to **Sisterhood** Beth Emeth Congregation

Or Zelle payment to sisterhoodbec1@gmail.com

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____ Anniversary Date _____

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

☐ **Yes you may list my information on a Sisterhood directory** ☐ **No please do not list**

Volunteer tasks I am able to help with check all that apply: ☐ take photos

☐ planning organizing ☐ kitchen food prep ☐ set up ☐ clean up

☐ phone calls ☐ driving car pool ☐ publicity ☐ computer work

☐ teaching a class ☐ leading an activity Please Specify

Types of Programs you enjoy _____



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RSVP by Wednesday, August 12th

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Fashion Show October 8th, 2026

Join us for Lunch, Fashion Show &
Shopping
Cost \$40

Checks payable to **Sisterhood**

Doors open at 10:00 am

Lunch at 11:30 am

Fashion Show at noon

Fashions by *New Image Fashions*

To be held in the Grand Room

Grand View Terrace

14515 W Granite Valley Drive

Only want to Shop?

Come from 10-11:30 am or from
1:00-2:00 pm no charge



Registration

I _____ will attend

My phone # _____ my email _____

Please select the lunch option you prefer

☐

Asian Salad with Salmon

☐

Croissant with Tuna Salad & Fruit

meals come with dessert, and beverage

Registration Deadline is Thursday September 24th



Send or bring in
registration
form

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13702 W Meeker Blvd. Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-584-7210 Office hours 9:00am - Noon



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Sisterhood Jazzes It Up

Elise Hurst (vocals/violin)
Bill Applegate on guitars
Doug Mossing on keys, saxophones
and flute

November 15th
2:00-3:00 pm
Sisterhood Presents

Jazzona

Tickets \$18 each
Will go on sale in
October

Refreshments following
Concert

Save the Date

Watch for Ticket Sales
You don't want
to miss out !
Mark Your Calendar Now



This Program
Is Open
To ALL!
Tickets go on Sale
In October



“Mr. G” Performance, June 14, 2026 A BIG Hit!

Forty eight people attended, clapping and singing along with old favorites. Garrad Perry, know as “Mr. G” was terrific! He inspired moments of tenderness and the desire to get up and dance.



"To Tell the Truth"..... A Big Success



Sunday, July 19, 2026, twenty two people attended this unique program patterned after the game show that aired in 1957. The program was facilitated by Ann Goldfarb, a prolific murder mystery author and Sisterhood member. At the start, each attendee was given a raffle ticket. After each round of guessing who was telling the truth, Ann did several drawings. Winners were able to select one of Ann's books from a selection of titles and topics. Desserts were enjoyed afterwards. **Thank you Ann for a delightful afternoon.** Your generosity of time and materials were greatly appreciated!



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August 2026

Av - Elul 5786



SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1
12th of Av	13th of Av	14th of Av ● 10am Sisterhood skit practice in library ● 4pm Grief Support Group	15th of Av Tu B'Av	16th of Av ● 9am Morning minyan ● 10:30am Sisterhood skit practice in san 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	17th of Av ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 7:12pm Light Candles at: 7:12 PM	18th of Av Parashat Eikev ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 8:10pm Shabbat Ends: 8:10 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19th of Av	20th of Av	21st of Av ● 10am Sisterhood planning meeting	22nd of Av ● 10am Women's Torah Study	23rd of Av ● 9am Morning minyan 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	24th of Av ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 7:06pm Light Candles at: 7:06 PM	25th of Av Parashat Re'eh ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 8:03pm Shabbat Ends: 8:03 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
26th of Av ● 3pm Game Day Chavarah	27th of Av	28th of Av ● 10am Sisterhood Meeting ● 12pm Sisterhood skit practice (after req	29th of Av ● 10am Women's Torah Study	30th of Av Rosh Chodesh Elul ● 9am Morning minyan 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	1st of Elul, 5786 Rosh Chodesh Elul Rosh HaShana LaBehemet ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 6:59pm Light Candles at: 6:59 PM	2nd of Elul Parashat Shoftim ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 7:55pm Shabbat Ends: 7:55 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3rd of Elul ● 2pm Sisterhood Soup, Salad and Skit	4th of Elul	5th of Elul ● 9:30am Board meeting	6th of Elul ● 10am Women's Torah Study	7th of Elul ● 9am Morning minyan 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	8th of Elul ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 6:51pm Light Candles at: 6:51 PM	9th of Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 7:46pm Shabbat Ends: 7:46 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10th of Elul ● 9am Men's Club event	11th of Elul	12th of Elul	13th of Elul ● 10am Women's Torah Study	14th of Elul ● 9am Morning minyan 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	15th of Elul ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 6:42pm Light Candles at: 6:42 PM	16th of Elul Parashat Ki Tavo ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 7:37pm Shabbat Ends: 7:37 PM
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17th of Elul	18th of Elul	19th of Elul ● 4pm Grief Support Group	20th of Elul ● 10am Women's Torah Study	21st of Elul ● 9am Morning minyan 11:00 am Torah Class - Library	22nd of Elul ● 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat ● 6:33pm Light Candles at: 6:33 PM	23rd of Elul Leil Selichot Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeleich ● 9:30am Shabbat Service ● 7:27pm Shabbat Ends: 7:27 PM



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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