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Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

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Rabbi Lev Ettelson

Spiritual Leader & Director of Education

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RABBI'S INSTALLATION

On Sunday, October 25th we celebrated the installation of our Rabbi Lev Ettelson. Over 80 people from several states came to participate in the celebration. Sisterhood catered the event. Details and photos inside.

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MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Over 15 men gathered to have breakfast and conversation on Sunday, October 18. Lee and Sandra Shedroff graciously provided the food. A seminar on Medicare changes for 2027 followed breakfast.

Photos inside.

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2027 FILM FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for another great Jewish Film Festival weekend on January 23 - 25, 2027.The Committee has come up with a great selection of films. Sponsorship flier and film details inside.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, November 6 – 6:10 pm

Friday, November 13 – 6:06 pm

Friday, November 20 – 6:03 pm

Friday, November 27 – 6:01 pm

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Our Services

We invite you to join us at our services.

Thursday morning Minyan at 9:00 am

Friday night services at 6:00 pm

Shabbat morning – 9:30 am

Friday night and Saturday morning services are Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/@BethEmethCongregation
Livestream on YouTube

Aliyah Choreography

Being invited to participate in a service, particularly during the Torah reading, is an honor. Once you are on the bimah are you sometimes unsure or confused as to what to do, where to stand, what to say and when to return to your seat?

You are invited to join Rosemary Abrami for a clear explanation covering these topics. Aliyah Choreography will be held in the Sanctuary and will last about an hour and a half, depending on questions from participants. A "cheat sheet" will be provided for future reference. Please contact the Office at 623-584-7210 or office@bethemethaz.org and leave her a message, indicating your interest. A class will be formed soon.

A Message from your Editor – Marlene Friedlander

At first glance, you may have said, “the Observer has changed”. Others may not have even noticed, and some may have thought “I liked the old one better.” Like many things, technology changes and so the previous platform for the Observer that was used for many, many years, has been retired.

Over the next few months as I get used to this new format, there will be more changes. But the more things change, the more they stay the same. Change is not necessarily a bad thing. It’s just an evolution.

Everything that you read in previous issues of the Observer will still be here.

Is there information that you would like to see in coming editions?

Events in the Valley other than ours that you would like to know about?

Groups or activities that you would like to see formed?

Let us know! We are only as good as you help us become!

And on the topic of change…if you missed the Rabbi’s Installation, it was quite an event! It was moving, it was spiritual, uplifting… and watching the love between Rabbi Lev and his Colleagues from Boulder, CO and Tucson, AZ was heartfelt.

Whereas he is still our “Reb Lev”, he is now elevated to be amongst the ranks of Rabbis all over the world. He will teach us, inspire us, and guide us to help renew our spirit and values.

We wish him well on this part of his life’s journey and are grateful that he chose us to be his community.

B’ Shalom,

Marlene Friedlander
Editor, Observer
editor@bethemethaz.org

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

Marlene and Brad Friedlander joined our congregation shortly after moving into the West Valley area 3 years ago after migrating west from Boston. In less than a year both were members of the Board. Marlene became the Recording Secretary and the Editor of our monthly publication, the Observer. The Observer is now filled with many stories, pictures, and information about what is going on in and around the Congregation. She has a background in Writing, Event Planning, and Public Speaking and is doing an outstanding job as the Observer editor. When asked to create fliers for our Congregation events, she creates beautifully artistic, colorful, pieces of work. She has solicited many advertisers for the Observer, which pays for the cost of preparing and distributing the Observer. Just recently the responsibilities of the Corresponding Secretary were added to Marlene's job description, and the position of Corresponding Secretary has since been eliminated from the Board. Marlene has done a wonderful job as Recording Secretary for the Board.
Most recently, when our 2nd Vice President had to take a leave of absence from the Board, Marlene stepped up to do yet another job. She has contacted Shalom clubs and newspapers advertising our many functions. Additionally, Marlene taken on the management of our Congregation's website Facebook page.

Marlene is also a wonderful cook and she and Brad love to entertain. She was a chef and caterer for 25 years, including 14 years working for Julia Child as well as a traveling chef for David Bowie. She has had many of us over to her home for dinner. Recently, she and Brad hosted our Chavurah at their home for lunch as well as prepared the entrée for our Chavurah dinner in our Sukkah (pictures in this issue).

Brad is one of our resident Kohanim, our Treasurer, Parliamentarian for the By-Laws Committee, and our Chair of Technology. Most recently he worked diligently to get our solar system up and running. He is currently preparing our 2027 Congregation Budget which will be presented at the December Congregation Meeting.

At many Shabbat services you can see him and his "crazy socks" as he carries the Torah during the Hakafah (הקפה), Torah processional.

Whenever we need something done, we know we can count on the Friedlanders to step up. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Friedlanders for all that they do for Beth Emeth Congregation!

Arnold Becker and Natalie Morrison, Co- Presidents

Reflections on Torah and Talmud

Rabbi Lev Ettelson

In the Talmud (*Ta'anit 10a*), our sages delayed the communal prayer for rain until the 7th of Cheshvan out of a sense of empathy—ensuring that the final sukkot pilgrims could return safely home to their families before the winter downpours began. There are no communal festivals in the month of Mar Cheshvan, but perhaps that is exactly the point. The 'bitterness' (*mar*) of having no holidays invites us to create our own sweetness.

The month of Mar Cheshvan reminds us that holiness is not just found in religious ceremonies or lengthy prayers, but in how deeply we care for the comfort and safety of our neighbors as they walk their everyday paths. After the spiritual crescendo of the Days of Awe and Sukkot, Mar Cheshvan arrives with a gift of quiet. It is a sacred pause—a blank canvas where we begin the holy work of weaving the inspiration of Tishrei into the ordinary routines of daily life.

Now the true work begins: turning our prayers into the actions of our hands. Mar Cheshvan is the time we begin praying for rain which nourishes the seeds deep in the earth. Like the winter soil, this quiet month invites us to nurture our own internal growth, trusting that what we cultivate in the quiet will eventually bloom.

The name of the succeeding month, Kislev, which begins November 10, is related to the Hebrew root, **K-S-L**, which means trust, as found in Proverbs 3:26:

וְיְהוָה יִהְיֶה בְכִסְלֶךָ וְשָׁמַר רַגְלְךָ מִלָּכֶד׃

For G-d will be your trust and will keep your feet from being caught.

Hanukkah, which begins on the 25th of Kislev, symbolizes our trust in G-d and our dedication to maintaining and revitalizing our traditions. In this quiet time before the onrush of the winter holiday season, I'd like to invite us to reflect on what is most essential to our lives individually and collectively. Is there a hope, dream or vision which you would like to see come to fruition, for yourself, your family or our community? May it come to bear fruit that you may share its bountiful harvest!

Shalom and Blessings, Rabbi Lev

Headline: Rabbi Lev Ettelson Officially Installed at Beth Emeth
by Gary Cohen

In front of family members, fellow Rabbis, other clergy and dozens of people and synagogue members, Lev Ettelson was officially installed as Rabbi of Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley. The ceremony took place at Beth Emeth Congregation on Sunday, October 25th.

Rabbi Marc Soloway of Bonai Shalom Synagogue of Boulder, Colorado officiated the ceremony along with fellow Rabbi Charna Rosenholtz, also of Bonai Shalom Synagogue. Both Rabbis have known Rabbi Ettelson for over two dozen years and Rabbi Soloway spent time with Rabbi Ettelson in Jerusalem many years ago.

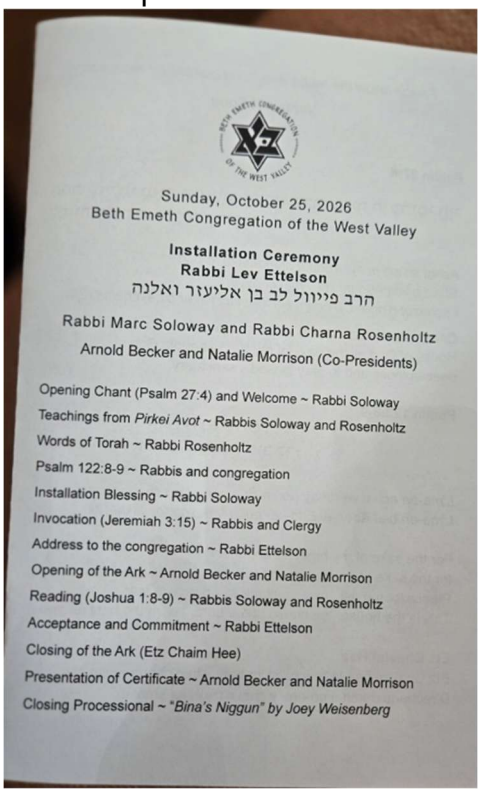
During the ceremony, Rabbi Soloway who is a descendent of the Kohanim, the High Priests, gave Rabbi Ettelson the special blessing which Kohanim bestow upon congregations throughout the world. Rabbi Soloway told Rabbi Ettelson to "be a blessing" after he delivered the blessing of the Kohanim.

Rabbi Ettelson received his official rabbinical certificate from Beth Emeth Congregation's

Co-President Arnold Becker. In a speech filled with emotion, Rabbi Ettelson thanked his family, including his late father who encouraged him to go forward and study to become a Rabbi. Looking to the ceiling and heaven above, Rabbi Ettelson thanked his father. In his speech, Rabbi Ettelson wished peace and good health to everyone at the ceremony, adding an emphatic "to life."

The ceremony was followed by a reception at Beth Emeth Congregation's Hindin Hall which included a toast to Rabbi Ettelson. The reception was catered by the Beth Emeth Sisterhood.

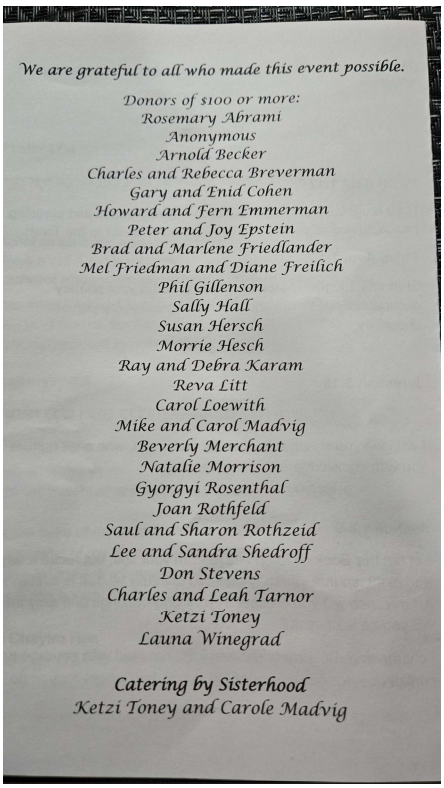
The program for the installation ceremony included a long list of people who had donated 100 dollars or more to help make the event possible.


Sunday, October 25, 2026
Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

Installation Ceremony
Rabbi Lev Ettelson
הרב פייוול לב בן אליעזר ואלנה

Rabbi Marc Soloway and Rabbi Charna Rosenholtz
Arnold Becker and Natalie Morrison (Co-Presidents)

Opening Chant (Psalm 27:4) and Welcome ~ Rabbi Soloway
Teachings from *Pirkei Avot* ~ Rabbis Soloway and Rosenholtz
Words of Torah ~ Rabbi Rosenholtz
Psalm 122:8-9 ~ Rabbis and congregation
Installation Blessing ~ Rabbi Soloway
Invocation (Jeremiah 3:15) ~ Rabbis and Clergy
Address to the congregation ~ Rabbi Ettelson
Opening of the Ark ~ Arnold Becker and Natalie Morrison
Reading (Joshua 1:8-9) ~ Rabbis Soloway and Rosenholtz
Acceptance and Commitment ~ Rabbi Ettelson
Closing of the Ark (Etz Chaim Hee)
Presentation of Certificate ~ Arnold Becker and Natalie Morrison
Closing Processional ~ *"Bina's Niggun" by Joey Weisenberg*


We are grateful to all who made this event possible.

Donors of $100 or more:
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Mel Friedman and Diane Freilich
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Sally Hall
Susan Hersch
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Carol Loewith
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Gyorgyi Rosenthal
Joan Rothfeld
Saul and Sharon Rothzeid
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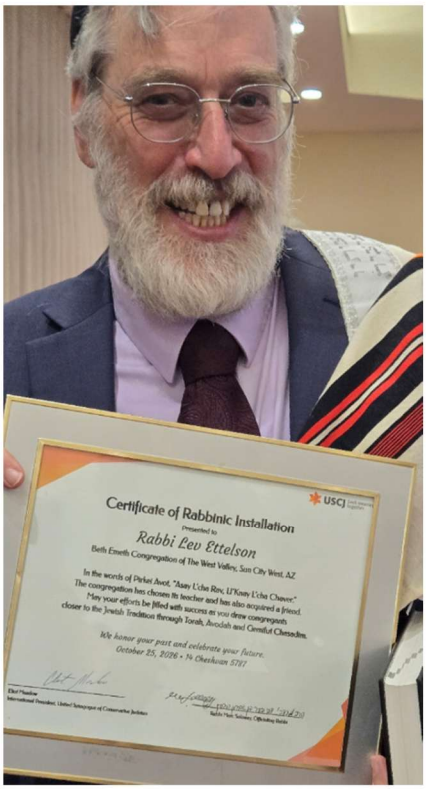
Don Stevens
Charles and Leah Tarnor
Ketzi Toney
Launa Winegrad

Catering by Sisterhood
Ketzi Toney and Carole Madvig

Sunday, October 25, 2026

A day to remember at Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

The Installation of Rabbi Lev Ettelson



Colleagues and Friends

Family

A special toast

We joined in celebration

Todah Rabah to our hired Installation caterers and servers, the Arizona Ranners and the many volunteers for making the Rabbi's event very special!

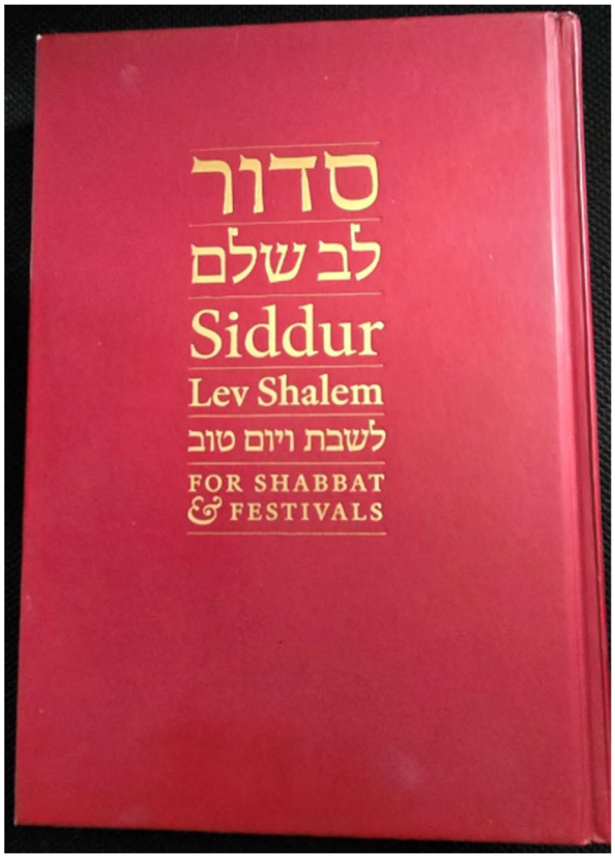
Ketzi Toney and Carol Madvig Sisterhood

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

Navigating the Siddur with Rabbi Lev Ettelson

A 3 part series beginning Sunday, November 15

10:30 am – 11:30 am



Join Rabbi Lev Ettelson as he conducts 3 “deep dive” classes on our Siddur, ***Lev Shalem***. This class is for our members.

Sign up is for all 3 classes – **November 15, 22, and December 6**.

There is no charge for the classes. Donations are always appreciated.

Please contact the office by November 12th as you must register to attend.

Call 623-584-7210 or office@bethemethaz.org

Please direct class questions to rabbi@bethemethaz.org.

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.

Natalie Morrison
natalie.morrison@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, Co-President
Arnold.becker@bethemethaz.org

Our Chavurah – Leah Tarnor leah.tarnor@bethemethaz.org

On Friday, October 9 our Chavurah had a Shabbat dinner in our Sukkah.

It was a lovely pot luck meal with everyone contributing. We recited the blessings over the wine and challah. We celebrated with friends, food and great conversation.

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, November 29 with an afternoon of games followed by a Pot Luck dinner.

If you are interested in joining a Chavurah group, let me know or pick up an application in our Lobby.

Sunday, October 11 – Jewish Expo in Surprise

October 18 – Men's Club Breakfast and a Seminar

If you are interested in having more Men's Club activities, call the Office and leave Lee Shedroff a message!

It's time to shop for Chanukah!

Please support Our Judaica Shop

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

EGG - STATIC!!!

What? What is she talking about???

Why not guess!! It's pretty simple!!

Each Shabbat the Kitchen Staff goes thru approximately 2-4 dozen eggs for each Kiddush. Sponsored Kiddushim use even more.

So why am I egg-static?

Almost every week eggs go on sale. Recently, one major grocery store was selling 18 eggs for $1.74!! Imagine, if 10 people donated 1 or more dozen eggs, that would really keep us in the Yoke!!

Trust me, you will be doing a Mitzvah!
So, let's all of us get EGG-Static.

(Donations are always accepted.)

Shalom,

Marilyn Newberg (Kitchen Elf)

KIDDUSH/KITCHEN HELP

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD ENJOY TAKING ON THE ROLE OF

" THE BETH EMETH HEAD KITCHEN ELF???"

I LOVE CREATING, PREPARING, AND WORKING WITH OTHERS WHO ALSO ENJOY CREATING OUR LOVELY SHABBAT KIDDUSH AND SPONSORED KIDDUSHIM.

HOWEVER, OTHER ISSUES HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES AND I HAVE THUS MADE MY DECISION TO STEP DOWN.

IT'S TIME … WORKING WITH EVERY ONE WHO VOLUNTEERS, HAS HELPED ME A GREAT DEAL.

I COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS BY MYSELF.

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ON THIS POSITION. IF YOU NEED ANY QUESTIONS ANSWERED, JUST CONTACT ME OR SUSAN.

MY CO- ELF, SUSAN HERSCH, AND I WILL WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR "JUDAICA GIFT SHOP" OPEN.

SHALOM, MARILYN H. NEWBERG AND SUSAN HERSCH

marilyn.newberg@bethemethaz.org

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Routine Checkups Save Lives

Gary Cohen – Director, Outreach

I have a message for everyone regarding routine checkups. If at all possible keep the appointment. I recently had my annual cardio checkup and it was at that usually routine checkup that a problem with my heartbeat was detected. Had I not had that checkup when I did, my cardiologist told me I would have suffered heart failure in the not too distant future. Catching atrial fibrillation with my heart beating at 150 to 160 beats per minute saved my life. I was able to have a medical procedure known as an ablation which cauterized the part of my heart beating too fast. It is very emotional to consider that I had no idea my heart had been beating that fast and for long periods of time, meaning that I could have lost my life had I not had that routine checkup. So I urge everyone to keep those medical appointments because they can save lives when particular health issues are caught in time.

Treasurer's Corner

Funds Needing Your Support
These funds are listed in order of importance!

Capital Improvement Fund: Donations are used for major repairs and improvements.
We need to replenish the $20,870 spent on the "Sewer System Repair".

Security Fund: Donations will only be used for security expenses (*i.e.*, armed security). We need an additional $9,000 just to cover existing 2026 costs.

Biblical Garden: Donations will only be used for the Biblical Garden project.

Torah Maintenance Fundraiser: Donations are used for maintenance of our Torot.
2026 Dues Payments and Donations

You can pay for dues and donations using Zelle, check, or credit card.

When you make a donation by check or credit card, you will receive an email receipt when your payment is posted in Rakefet.

The email sender is: **office=bethemethaz.org@rakefetonline.com**.

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 in Rakefet. Call the office to make a credit card payment. There is a 2% convenience fee (our out-of-pocket cost).

Checks: Checks should be mailed or delivered to the office.

Taxes on Donations

If you have an IRA, please consider using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to pay dues and other donations. A QCD is part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) and is not taxable. Please see your financial advisor for details. Please contact me at treasurer@bethemethaz.org if you have any questions.

Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Solar Project Update

After many months, we can finally say in the words of Gene Wilder

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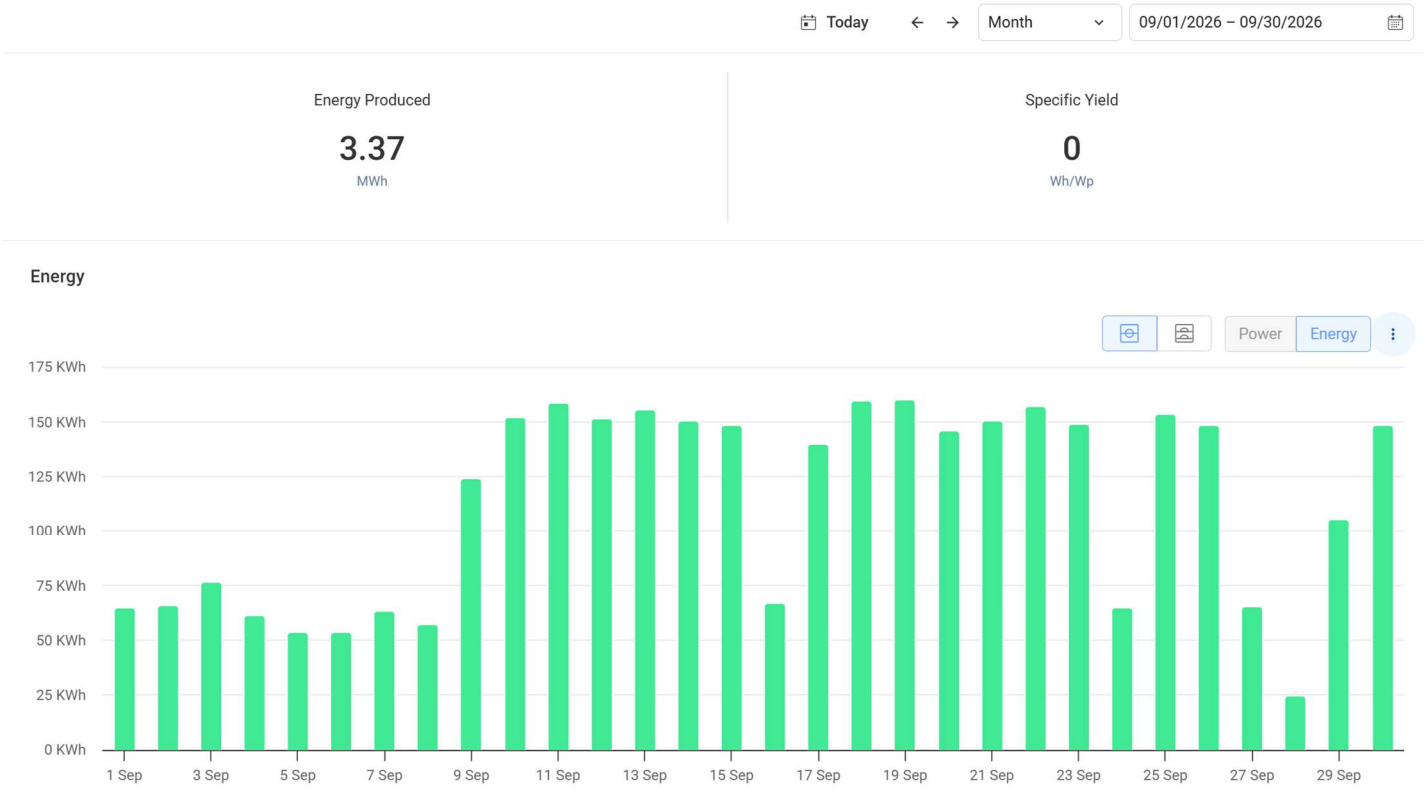
I want to personally thank Joel Levine and Arnie Becker for the hours spent shepherding the construction phase.

Full production of all the solar panels commenced on September 10th. We have an updated contract that sets our first-year billing rate at $0.14/KWh with an estimated 3,925 KWh/months. Our cost for these same KWh to APS is about $0.23/KWh.

We won't know the actual amount of savings until a full year has elapsed. Generation of solar power and our usage depends on the amount of sunlight, the outside temperature, and our usage of electricity for big items like AC. We expect to save $2,000 or more in the first year.

This graph shows the actual production for September 2026. The first 10 days were low because some of the panels were still offline.



Let me know if you have any questions.

Brad Friedlander, Technology Committee Chair

Chair.technology@bethemethaz.org

Janice Rothschild	11/5
Jack Ezraty	11/6
Marlene Friedlander	11/9
Martin Hamer	11/13
Raiden Erickson	11/14
Irene Lehrer	11/16
Tom Behrendt	11/17
Shelly Moschel	11/27
Paula Forster	11/28

Marvin and Rita Beth Wachs	11/12
Stephen and Miriam Lent	11/12
Jim and Phyllis Frank	11/24
Michael Wolf	11/24

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

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

Date	Hebrew Date	Deceased	Observant	Relationship
11/12	Kislev 2	Bea Kaufman	Joe Sontag	Aunt
11/15	Kislev 5	Elizabeth Fineberg	Sonia Marshall	Mother
11/15	Kislev 5	Marcy Hamerschlag	Marty Hamer	Brother
11/18	Kislev 8	Rita Rose	Carol Madvig	Mother
11/21	Kislev 11	Minnie Hesch	Morrie Hesch	Step Mother
11/25	Kislev 15	Michael Davis	Gail Davis	Husband
11/26	Kislev 16	Estelle Altman	Sonia Altman	Mother in law
11/26	Kislev 16	Bessie Frank	Jim Frank	Mother
11/26	Kislev 16	Nancy Ann Vickery	Susan Hersch	Sister
11/26	Kislev 16	Irwin Bernstein	Alice Bernstein	Husband
11/29	Kislev 19	Lucille Ezraty	Jack Ezraty	Mother

Are we missing a Yahrzeit of your loved one? Please contact the office to update your files.

Todah Rabah for your continued support!

Yahrzeit Donations

Natalie Morrison	In Memory of Marvin Weinstein
Martin Hamer	Yahrzeits of Ben and Julia Hamerschlag
Leah and Charlie Tarnor	In Memory of Dan Surette
Max and Sherry Lazar	Yahrzeit of Fredell Dorf
Evelyn Dragiff	Yahrzeits of Max and Gertrude Hoffman
Bradley and Sherry Davidson	In Memory of Janith Davidson
Irene Weitzman	Yahrzeit of Moses Weitzman
Lael Summer	Yahrzeits of Charles Grindstaff and Gilda Levitt

Break the Fast

Bradley and Sherry Davidson

Member Donation

Natalie Morrison

Non-Member Donation

Charles and Marisela Erichsen	Stephanie Wolfe
Tom Finocchio	Martha Dalmeida

High Holiday Donations

Brad and Marlene Friedlander

High Holiday Yizkor Appeal

Paula Forster	Arthur Bennett	Reva Litt
Brad and Marlene Friedlander	Beverly Merchant	Marilyn Newberg
Sheldon Koven	Leah and Charlie Tarnor	Donald Stevens
Marvin and Rita Wachs	Bradley and Sherry Davidson	Joy Eisner
Loree and Joel Resnick	Sonia Altman	Raymond and Debra Karam
Sid and Wendy Engel	Joy and Peter Epstein	

Yizkor Donations

Arnold Becker

Memorial Plaque

Loree and Joel Resnick

Oneg/Kiddush

Anonymous	Joy and Peter Epstein

Rabbi's Installation Ceremony

Ruth Callahan	Donald Stevens	Greg Abbott
Melvyn Friedman	Judith Weinberg	Ronald Paul
Joy and Peter Epstein	Howard and Fern Emmerman	Ketzi Toney
Joan Rothfeld	Sid and Wendy Engel	
Carol and Michael Madvig	Bela Fidel	
Bradley and Sherry Davidson	Charles and Rebecca Braverman	
Gary and Enid Cohen	Anonymous	

Memorial Plaques

Donald Stevens
Loree and Joel Resnick

High Holiday Tickets

Bradley and Sherry Davidson

Film Festival

Arthur Bennett

Please note, the above donations were posted and recorded between 9/26 and 10/23. If you made a donation and do not see it listed, please contact Ray Karam at financialsecretary@bethemethaz.org or the Office.

Getting Ready for Chanukah!

Potato Latkes

This classic potato latke recipe, made with shredded potatoes, grated onion, and a flour-egg binder, is pan-fried in batches until golden brown. These hot, crispy, oniony potato pancakes are a must for Chanukah but perfectly acceptable other times of the year. Serve with applesauce, sour cream, or smoked salmon.

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cook Time: 20 mins
Total Time: 35 mins
Servings: 6
Yield: 12 latkes

Ingredients

3 medium russet or Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled

1 large egg, beaten, or more to taste

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon grated onion

½ teaspoon salt, or more to taste

peanut oil for frying, or as needed

Directions
Grate potatoes in a food processor fitted with the grater attachment. Transfer to cheesecloth; wring well to remove as much moisture as possible.

Place 2 cups potatoes in a medium bowl (save any extra for another use). Add egg, flour, onion, and salt; stir until well combined.

Heat 1/4 inch of oil in a large, heavy-duty skillet over medium-high heat. Add large spoonfuls of potato mixture, pressing down to form 1/4- to 1/2-inch-thick patties. Cook until golden brown, 4 to 5 minutes per side.

Drain on paper towel-lined plates.

From the Editor
The original recipe called for 3 eggs and 1 ½ teaspoons of salt. Based on reviews, I have reduced these amounts in the recipe.

Become a Sponsor of our 18th Annual West Valley Jewish Film Festival

January 23 – 25, 2027

EXECUTIVE INVESTOR: $1000.00

Festival EXECUTIVE INVESTORS will receive four tickets for each show.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: $500.00

Festival EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS will receive two tickets for each show. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.

PRODUCER: $400.00

Festival PRODUCERS will receive two tickets for two shows of their choice. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.

DIRECTOR: $300.00

Festival DIRECTORS will receive one ticket for each show. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.

SCREENWRITER: $200.00

Festival SCREENWRITERS will receive two tickets for their choice of show. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.

ACTOR: $100.00

Festival ACTORS will receive one ticket for their choice of show. Their names will be listed in the Festival Program.

SUPPORTER: ($)

Festival SUPPORTERS will have their name listed in the Festival Program.

YES, I WANT TO BE A SPONSOR TO THE 18th ANNUAL WEST VALLEY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL:

___ EXECUTIVE INVESTOR ($1000) ____EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ($500.00) ___SCREENWRITER ($200.00)

___PRODUCER ($400.00) ___ACTOR ($100.00)

___DIRECTOR ($300.00) ___SUPPORTER ($)

To be acknowledged in the program, donations must be received by January 15, 2027

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Please make your check payable to:

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley and mail to:
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13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Credit card payments (call the Office 623-584-7210) and Zelle (treasurer@bethemethaz.org)

We are a 501C3 non-profit organization and are 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

Ticket sales go on sale soon!

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley 2027 Jewish Film Festival Featured Films

Saturday, January 23, 2027 (Double feature)

Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas is an offbeat musical documentary that tells the story of Jewish songwriters like Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, and Johnny Marks, who penned some of the most famous Christmas songs despite being cultural outsiders. Blending interviews, historical insight, and lively performances—often set in a Chinese restaurant—it explores how these artists helped shift holiday music toward universal themes of joy, love, and togetherness. Celebrated for its unique perspective, it won a Canadian Screen Award for Best Direction and was an International Emmy nominee.

Double Happiness

Double Happiness is a romantic dramedy that begins where most love stories end—with a shiva. It's about Lillian Zelman, a 75-year-old Jewish spitfire, and Richard Wang, a stoic Chinese American restaurateur whose paths have crossed every Christmas for four decades (as it is written in the Talmud, of course). When they reconnect after the death of Lillian's husband, what begins as comfort unexpectedly turns into... something more.

Sunday, January 24, 2027

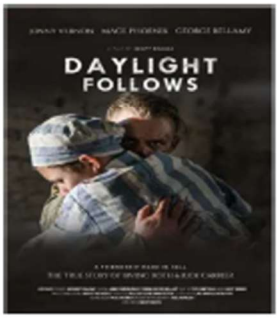
The Road Between Us

A full-feature documentary about the rescue of a family caught in the middle of the horror of the October 7 attack by Hamas, it includes actual footage from the terrorists' body cameras that shows what Israeli kibbutzniks faced on that horrible day.

Monday, January 25, 2027 (Double feature)

The President's Tailor

This short documentary is the story of an Auschwitz survivor who sewed and mended shirts for the Gestapo and went on to make suits for U.S. Presidents and movie stars.



Daylight Follows

An American soldier and a Czechoslovakian boy, whose lives collide during the liberation of Buchenwald amidst the horrors of World War II, forge a lifelong friendship.

Coming to Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

Sunday, February 7, 2027 at 3:00 pm

The Rural Street Klezmer Band

Concert Fund Raiser

The Rural Street Klezmer Band plays traditional Jewish soul music inspired by eastern Europe, the middle east, Yiddish Theater, and American jazz.

Join us for a lively afternoon of music!

Cost - $18 per person

Cash, check, Credit card, and Zelle (treasurer@bethemethaz.org)

Make Checks payable to: Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375

RSVP to the office at 623-584-7210/office@bethemethaz.org

Security provided by Arizona Rangers

Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley Fundraiser

3rd ANNUAL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

5 Rounds of Play- Run by Johanna Roccanova

Sunday, March 14th 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Tournament Play - $55 per person

9:00 am Registration 9:45 am Review of Rules 10:00 am Play begins

3:00 pm Awards and Prizes

Kosher Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Name:_____

Email:_____ **Phone:**_____

☐ **I am willing to be EAST and I'm willing to bring my Mah Jongg set.**

Cash, Check, or Credit card to our office or Zelle (treasurer@bethemethaz.org). Check payable to: Beth Emeth Congregation, 13702 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Please RSVP by March 8th by NOON!!

Contact Natalie Morrison: natalie.morrison@bethemethaz.org or our Office at: **623-584-7210** for more information.

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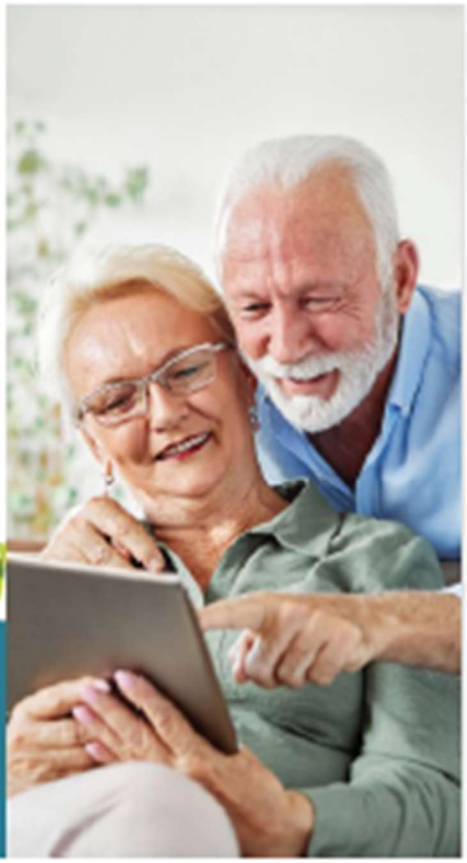

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SISTERHOOD
Beth Emeth Congregation

Message from the Sisterhood President November 2026

Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who have renewed for 2026-2027. If you haven't renewed yet please do so soon, and welcome to our newest members!

I want to thank the Fashion Show Committee: Lael Summer, Carol Madvig, Judy Rischall, Debbie Cochran, and Natalie Morrison. ***The Fashion Show was amazing and a big success!*** Our appreciation also goes out to Grandview Terrace and to New Image Fashions! The room was lovely, the food excellent and the staff attentive. New Image Fashions provided a large variety of styles and items to browse through for shopping. From high end items like embroidered jean jackets and pants and new brands of made-in- America outfits (made with Arizona cotton), to several sales racks, there was something for everyone. Be sure to look for the photo recap of our event.

I would like to thank Rosie Colbert for her generous donation to Sisterhood for the purchase of new chairs. This made it possible for Sisterhood to purchase a total of 40 high back folding chairs. Sisterhood is delighted that the staff and clients of Hacienda de Sarah will also benefit from the use of these new chairs. With the 30 chairs that the congregation purchased, with donations from congregants, there are 70 high back folding chairs that blend well with our blue high back stacking chairs, making the needed 100 similar chairs for Lev's installation! **Thank you Marlene Friedlander** for getting the ball rolling on new chair donations and the initial chair purchases! Thank you to everyone who made donations for this purpose! We hope everyone will enjoy the added comfort and support for your backs of these new chairs!

As of this writing Lev's installation is next week. I want to thank everyone who will be stepping up to help! **Carol and I** are working hard to make this a beautiful event. Only with a small army of volunteers is a project like this possible. Thank you all, and most importantly **Mazel Tov to Rabbi Lev Ettelson!**

The **2027 Mah Jongg Card Order form is now available. We hope you will order your cards through Sisterhood!** It is an important Sisterhood fundraiser, as we receive a portion of the cost of each card. We sold so many cards last year, Sisterhood earned $1,047 from the sales! Todah Rabah!

The **"Jazzona" Concert on November 15th is coming up fast. Tickets are on sale in the office for only $18.** Be sure to get yours! It promises to be a fun and lively afternoon with refreshments following the concert.

Chanukah is early this year! The Sisterhood Chanukah Feast will be Sunday, December 6th For information on time and cost see our flyer available within the Observer, in the synagogue foyer and on the web site, bethemethaz.org. Payment reserves your space! Please sign up as soon as possible for food prep/ordering.
These programs are open to everyone. We hope you will join us!

Ketzi Toney, Sisterhood President

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MAH JONGG CARDS

2027 Sisterhood Beth Emeth Mah Jongg card Order Form

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

Name:

Last_____ **First**_____

Address_____

City_____ **State** _____ **Zip**_____

Telephone # _____

 # Standard Size ($16.00 _____ **# Large Size ($18.00)** _____

Please make checks payable to: **Sisterhood Beth Emeth**
Mail or drop off order form and Check **by January 31, 2027**
Sisterhood Beth Emeth Attn: Claire Maultasch
13702 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
Any questions contact the Office – 623-584-7210

The National Mah Jongg League mails each order, directly to the individual's address during the Month of April.

Please include the name, address and phone number for each card ordered!

Thank you for your order. We appreciate your Support.

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Sisterhood Jazzes It Up

Elise Hurst ...vocals/violin
Bill Applegate on guitars
Doug Mossing on keys,
saxophones & flute

Sisterhood Presents

Jazzona

November 15th

2:00-3:00 pm

Tickets $18 each

Refreshments

following the concert

You don't want to miss out !

This Program
Is Open To ALL!
Tickets Now On Sale
Be sure to get yours!

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Chanukah Latke Feast

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Program begins at 5:15 pm

Enjoy a night filled with Songs, Games, Prizes, Raffles and a delicious Buffet Dinner:

Baked Salmon, Salad, Latkes, Pastries and Beverages

Bring your Menorah and Candles for a memorable Lighting ceremony

$30 Per Person
Kids 6-12 yrs. $15
Under 6 Free

Chanukah Latke Feast Reservation

First and Last Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

# of Adults $30 each _____ # of children ages 6 - 12 $15 each _____ # Under 6 (no charge) _____

Make Your Reservations by Monday, November 30th

Checks payable to "*Sisterhood BEC*"
Check Amount $_____

Zelle: sisterhoodbec1@gmail.com
Zelle comment please write Chanukah

Mail or Bring In Registration Form

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Sukkot
2026
Good weather
Good food
Good
Conversations

Grateful to be together...
Friendships are a blessing!

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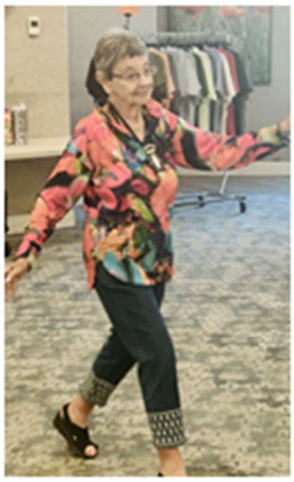
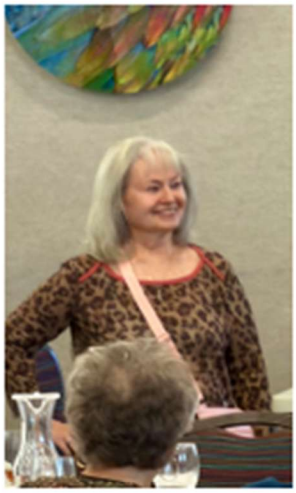
Sisterhood's Fashion Show was held on October 8,2026 at Grandview Terrace. Clothing was provided by ***New Image Fashions***.

Thank you to Lael Summer, Judy Rischall and Carol Madvig for Organizing this fun program! The room was lovely, lunch delicious, the company great, and the shopping selection large.

Thank you to all for supporting this Sisterhood fundraiser!





Models as seen in group photo above from left to right were : Debbie Cochran, Shelly Bailey, Joy Eisner, Ketzi Toney, Carol Madvig, and Sonny Altman.

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21st of Cheshvan Daylight Saving Time ends	22nd of Cheshvan	23rd of Cheshvan Election Day 4pm Grief Support Group	24th of Cheshvan 10am Women's Torah Study	25th of Cheshvan 9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Rabbi Lev	26th of Cheshvan 5:15pm Light Candles at: 5:15 PM 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	27th of Cheshvan Parashat Chayei Sara 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:10pm Shabbat Ends: 6:10 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
28th of Cheshvan	29th of Cheshvan Sigd	30th of Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Kislev 10am Sisterhood Meeting 4pm Grief Support Group	1st of Kislev, 5787 Veterans Day Rosh Chodesh Kislev 10am Women's Torah Study	2nd of Kislev 9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Rabbi Lev	3rd of Kislev 5:10pm Light Candles at: 5:10 PM 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	4th of Kislev Parashat Toldot 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:06pm Shabbat Ends: 6:06 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5th of Kislev 2pm Sisterhood Jazzona Concert $18	6th of Kislev	7th of Kislev 9:30am Board meeting 4pm Grief Support Group	8th of Kislev 10am Women's Torah Study	9th of Kislev 9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Rabbi Lev	10th of Kislev 5:06pm Light Candles at: 5:06 PM 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	11th of Kislev Parashat Vayetzei 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:03pm Shabbat Ends: 6:03 PM
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29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
19th of Kislev	20th of Kislev	21st of Kislev 9am Food prep for Chanukah 4pm Grief Support Group	22nd of Kislev 10am Women's Torah Study	23rd of Kislev 9am Food prep for Chanukah 9am Morning minyan 11am Torah Class - Rabbi Lev	24th of Kislev Chanukah: 1 Candle 5:03pm Light Shabbat Candles at: 5:03 P 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	25th of Kislev Chanukah: 2 Candles Parashat Vayeshev 9:30am Shabbat Service 6:01pm Shabbat Ends: 6:01 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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