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Everyone is Welcome



At Beth Shalom of Whittier we strive to celebrate all things Jewish as often as possible. The Best celebrations take place when a large group from our synagogue comes together to enjoy events such as lectures, parties, theater plays, museums or beach outings. Over the years we have enjoyed many such celebrations. But perhaps none as enjoyable as the event we had at the end of January. A very lucky group of people got together at Bob and Rita Rubin's home to enjoy a meal prepared by chef Moshe Basson of the Jerusalem restaurant

Eucalyptus.

l am enclosing a recipe for Chef's lentil stew, which is filling and satisfying especially on a cold night. Recipe on page 2.

B'tei'ah'von! Enjoy!

Please check our calendar for future events. And if you have ideas for outings or events you believe will be of interest, please contact me.

Your Rabbi, Osnat

Purim Tzedakah!

Purim Goodies!

Purim Fun!

Don't miss your opportunity to donate for this year's Shalach Manot bags. They are filled with treats and surprises.

Your donation will help ensure that everyone in our Beth Shalom family will receive a Shalach Manot bag for Purim and that this fundraiser will be a success. Donations should be sent to Beth Shalom, marked for Shalach Manot.

If you have already donated, thank you very much for helping Beth Shalom continue programs such as this one.

Lila Held



Chef's Recipe

Lentil stew of Jacob and Esau.

Two liters vegetable broth soup I cup split red lentils I ¹/₂ tablespoon rice 2 stalks of celery, finely chopped I carrot Salt.



5 tablespoons good olive oil

3-5 cloves of garlic, chopped

1 small hot pepper, finely chopped

1/2 cup sweet red pepper, finely chopped.

- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped green coriander.

1 teaspoon cumin.

- 2 teaspoons ground coriander grains
- Freshly squeezed lemon juice to taste.

<u>Method:</u>

Boil the lentils and rice with broth or water. Cook over medium heat until the lentils are crumbly. Season with salt and cook over low heat.

Prepare the seasoning:

Heat the oil in a medium skillet, add the garlic and hot pepper, add the rest of the ingredients (including the dry spices), except lemon juice, and bring to a boil.

Pour the contents of the pan into the pot of soup, gradually add lemon, taste and add more salt or lemon if needed.







Hazzan's Notes

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who made the choral Kol Shalom service on January 30 possible--Claire Rademacher, Barry and Bonnie Neville, our Presidents and Board of Directors, and all who helped in all ways. It was a spectacular Shabbat morning using our Kol Shalom booklets and having our Beth Shalom singers enrich and enliven our service accompanied and directed by Mark Peterson. It was also wonderful having people from the community attend including Pastor Layne Beamer from First Christian Church who enjoyed the service immensely. And, I was especially happy to have long time personal friends of mine in attendance together with several Cantors in our larger LA community including Hazzanim Cory Winter, Laurie Rimland-Bonn, Yehuda Keller, and Cantors Linda

Ecker and Aviva Rosenbloom. The champagne luncheon following the service gave everyone a chance to schmooze and enjoy and it made for a very special day of Shabbat enjoyment.

Now...Purim is upon us and the fun and silliness that allow us to enjoy a bit of frivolity in life will enliven our beings. Our spiel this year will center around an ever popular theme that has come back again to enrich our movie going existence—Star Wars. We will join Temple Ner Tamid and their clergy to make this a fun filled and enjoyable time. Purim eve will be Wednesday night, March 23. Mark it on your calendars and plan to attend this raucous and fun filled event that brings our entire community together.

- - Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

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* * *	In Honor of Claire Rademacher	** **
***	Beth Shalom's 2016 Woman Who Makes a Difference	***
* *	Arlene Norton	**
* * (*	In Honor of Eileen's & Steve Baptista's First Grandchild— Joseph Austin De Jaifre	* * *
* * *	Alita Sevin	***
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	A Warm Welcome to our Newest Member Deborah Miranda	

CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays

Sidney Paul 3/7/2016 Norma Shreiber 3/9/2016 Eunice Singer 3/20/2016 Susan Kramer 3/21/2016 Cathleen Cavanaugh 3/23/2016 Lisa Sandoval 3/27/2016

March Anniversaries



Beth Shalom of Whittier

Wishes you all

Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary





OUR RELIGIOUS CONNECTION HALAKHAH – PART TWO



The Difference Between Torah Law and Rabbinic Law

Jewish law includes both laws that come from the Torah (whether expressed, implied, or deduced) and laws enacted by the rabbis. However, even a rabbi-enacted law can be considered as derived from the Torah. The Torah gives certain people the authority to teach and to make judgments about the laws [Deuteronomy 17:11], so that rabbinical laws should not be casually dismissed as merely "man-made laws" as opposed to the laws of G-d in the Torah. Following these lines, one becomes aware that rabbinical laws are as binding as Torah laws. However, there are differences in the way we apply laws that are *d'oralta* (from the Torah) and laws that are *d'rabbanan* (from the rabbis).

Precedence

The first important difference is that d'oralta takes precedence over d'rabbanan. When two d'oralta rules are in conflict, the rules of precedence are applied to determine which rule to follow. However, if a d'oralta rule comes in conflict with a d'rabbanan rule, the d'oralta rule (Torah rule) always takes precedence. An example of this is, do we fast on Yom Kippur when it falls on Shabbat? These are both d'oralta, so the rule of precedence must apply. Specific rules take precedence over general rules. The specific rules of Yom Kippur fasting take precedence over the general rule of Shabbat joy, so yes, we fast on Yom Kippur when it occurs on Shabbat. When other fasts on our Jewish calendar are d'rabbanan, the d'oralta rule of Shabbat joy takes precedence. These other fasts that fall on Shabbat are moved to another day.

The second important difference is the strictness of observance. If there is a doubt (*safek*) in a matter that is d'oralta, the strict position (*machmir*) must be upheld. If there is safek in a d'rabbanan matter, we take the lenient position (*makel*). In Hebrew this is stated: Safek d'oralta Phuma, safek d'rabbanan dikula. A concise example of this is, suppose you are davening shachares (morning services) and you can't remember if you read Bar'hu and Shema, two important prayers. You are in doubt – safek. The Shema in the morning is a mitzvah d'oralta [Deuteronomy 6:7], so you must be machmir – strict. Go back and recite Shema. The recitation of Bar'hu, on the other hand, is a mitzvah d'rabbanan, a rabbinic law, so you can be lenient and you don't have to go back and recite it. If you are certain that you did not recite either of these, then you must go back and recite both. When there is no doubt – safek – there is no basis for leniency.

In the next *Mishpacha*, Halakhah Three, Jewish law concerning physical healing, will be discussed. This is based upon Exodus 15:26, "I am the L-rd, your healer." It involves both medical knowledge and our higher authority.

Sam Pearlman

Beloved Departed	Observed By	Relationship	
Ray Galvin	Eileen & Steve Baptista	Father of Eileen	
Gertrude Roth	Marilyn Near	Mother	
Pedro Cobarrubias	Rebecca Martinez & Manuel Beltran	Grandfather of Rebecca	
Florence Ruth Oran Warner	Renee Oran	Sister-in-Law	
Sarah Schwartz	Richard & Michelle Hess	Aunt of Michelle	
Robert Lieberman	Susan Lieberman	Husband	
David Moskowitz	Susan Lieberman	Uncle	
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We honor the memory of our loved ones who have departed this earth as we kindle the Yahrzeit candle in remembrance. May their memory endure as an eternal blessing.

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
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Book Club News	
The Beth Shalom Book Club met at Myra's on Tuesday, February 9th, to discuss <u>The Ice Cream</u> <u>Queen of Orchard Street</u> , a book written by Susan Jane Gilman. The book was a rags to riches tale spanning 70 years from the pogroms in the old world to riches in the United States. We had a lively, interesting discussion including topics about the immigrants in the tenements in Manhat- tan, family and social values, business and marketing trends in the ice cream business, and includ- ing tax fraud!	
Our next book will be <u>The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach</u> by Pam Jenoff. We are meeting at Sandra's on Tuesday, March 8th at 12:15pm (fifteen minutes earlier than usual) because we are going to Skype with the author!.	
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Conversational Spanish Lessons at Beth Shalom of Whittier	
Tired of not being able to understand conversations around you? Embarrassed by having lived in Southern California for years and having your knowledge of Spanish limited to ordering in a restaurant? Mina Cano, a member of our congregation, has taught conversational Spanish previously and now is volunteering to teach us. If you are interested, contact Rita Rubin.	
Classes continue at BSW each Wednesday at 6:00pm	

Kol Shalom Extravaganza

On Saturday, January 30th, 45 guests gathered in Beth Shalom's sanctuary to hear some of the most outstanding liturgical music in the lexicon of Jewish music. The Hazzan accompanied by our wonderful accompanist, Mark Peterson and the Beth Shalom Singers presented an unforgettable service using the new Kol Shalom Shabbat Morning Service Booklet. This Kol Shalom Saturday Shabbat Service was put together by Hazzan in the last year and has usually been used once a month, but this service was exceptional.

Our sanctuary was filled with selections composed by Lewandowski, Urstein, Rossi, Naumbourg, Goldfarb, Davidson, Finkelstein, Janowski, Robbie Solomon, Talmon and Baruch Schorr, and more. The absolute highlight of the service were the West Coast premier of pieces by Samuel Bugatch and Ivor Warren. It was all an outstanding tribute to our Jewish heritage through music.

Our Beth Shalom Singers included Ariel Pisturino, Soprano; Cathleen Cavanaugh, Soprano; Amy Englehardt, Alto (subbing for our regular Alto, Alice Murray); Claire Rademacher, Alto (who was unable to sing due to illness); Alan Kelley-Crawley, Tenor and Michael McClish, Bariton (subbing for our own Dr. David Schnell, Bass).

The Torah portion of the Service that morning, the 10 Commandments was especially moving with a special honor to dress the Torah given to our new Grandmother Eileen Baptista. The 6 visiting Cantor's were then invited to join Hazzan on the bimah to read the last portion from the Torah.

The morning ended with 41 of the guests adjourning to the Youth Room for a delicious champagne pasta luncheon catered by Panache. Those attending agreed that this morning service was one of the very best we've had at Beth Shalom. The program reflected a lot of time and hard work by the Hazzan in selecting the music for the program and the professionalism of the Music Director and Choir in the presentation.

Bonnie Neville

March Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times					
March 4 7:30p	Kaballat Shabbat	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	5:34 Candle Lighting		
March 5 9: 45a March 11 7:30a	Parashat Vayakhei Kaballat Shabbat	Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance	5:39p		
March 12 9:45p March 18 7:30p	Parashat Pekudei Kaballat Shabbat	Hazzan Lance Rabbi Osnat	6:45p		
March 19 9:45a	Parashat Vayikra	Rabbi Osnat	01.00		
March 23 March 25 7:30p	Purim Spiel Kaballat Shabbat	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance	6:50p		
March 26 9:45a	Parashat Tzav	Hazzan Lance			

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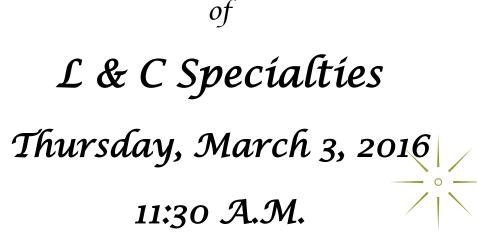
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Whittier's Annual Great Decisions discussion group's Final Meeting

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The Rise of ISIS

The future of Kurdistan

Immigration

The Koreas

The United Nations

Climate Change

Cuba and the U.S.

Final Meeting

Tuesday March 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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To celebrate Purim this year, Beth Shalom of Whittier, as a community, will be delivering a complementary Shalach Manot gift to you on Sunday, March 20, 2016.

WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL DAY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR BETH SHALOM SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER.

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You are invited to the

2016 Annual Women's Forum

"Women Who Make A Difference"

Celebrate the Special Women of our Jewish Community

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Beth Shalom of Whittier

will be honoring

Claire Rademacher

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Thursday, March 31, 2016

9:15 am

Doubletree Hotel, Monrovia

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Ron Wolfson

Ron Wolfson is a visionary Jewish educator whose enthusiasm for bringing Judaism alive in homes and synagogues has shaped his work in the community. He is the author most recently of Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community. Ron is currently the Fingerhut Professor of Education at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

Congratulate a Women's Forum Honoree in the event program with a single line tribute @ \$18 or more.

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For more information, please contact Marilyn Weintraub at

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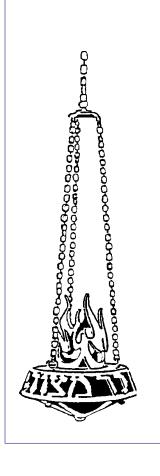
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