



Our Mishpacha

Message from the Presidents

As your new Board Presidents, the first thing we want to say is a huge THANK YOU to the three co-Presidents who have left the Board. David Weiss, Steve Baptista, and Rita Rubin have done more work over the last 10 years, or longer, than anyone could have expected of them, and it is through their hard work and dedication that we are still here as a viable synagogue.

Now a few words about the new Board. Of the 12 current members of the Board, five are returning members, though not necessarily in the same positions. Most of us are long-time members of Beth Shalom, including at least six of us being the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th generations of our families to be active members. We vary from the older generations who have kept this temple going through its long history to our newest generation of recent college graduates who celebrated their B'nai Mitzvahs here at Beth Shalom. We also have religious views from both the older, more traditional perspectives and the more modern progressive represented. We expect some lively discussions at Board meetings and hope that will help bring out new ideas for the wellbeing of our synagogue.

There have been changes that we had no control over, and there will be more changes in the future as we grapple with our declining membership and attendance at services, as well as our precarious financial situation. I wish we could tell you today what the changes will be or how we will go about solving our problems, but that isn't possible.

We have formed a committee to look into possible alternatives for Beth Shalom. We can promise you that all suggestions and

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ideas will be considered.

We will do everything we can to ensure that we are covered for all religious services and holidays, as well as life cycle events. I think you will be pleased by the coverage for the Friday night services in July when Hazzan Lance will be on his planned vacation. Please come out and make our guest clergy feel welcome.

Our current plan is to call a General Membership Meeting about halfway through the year to get feedback from everyone as to what is working and what is not and to keep you all informed as to how we are progressing in our plans for Beth Shalom. We need your help. Any and all feedback is always welcome as to what activities you might like to see, as well as which ones you just don't care about.

On the subject of making people feel welcome, you have our personal pledges that Beth Shalom will continue to be the welcoming, hamisch (homey) place that it has always been. Our reputation, as told to me by people coming for the first time, is that of being a welcoming congregation with room for everyone from all walks of life. That, as well as our reputation for beautiful music, will absolutely continue.

Thank you for your trust in us to be your Board of Directors and for your continued support.

~Lila Held and Bonnie Neville



Save the Date! Please save the date of August 11th to come out

and celebrate our congregation's simchas! We will be celebrating the graduation of several of our congregants — Jordan Eres (CSU Long Beach), Christine Singer (CSU Fullerton), and Isaac Herrera (Whittier High School). If there is anyone else who has graduated this year, please call the office with their name and school, and we will be more than happy to include them in the celebration. Let's all come out and let them know how proud we are of them!



HAZZAN'S NOTES



Dear Friends,

As of July 1, I will be fully available to you for your spiritual needs until I leave for my vacation on July 13. Please check the Weekly Bulletin for my contact information, should you need to speak with me.

From July 13 through July 22, Hazzan Toby Schwartz will be available and officiating at Erev Shabbat services with Bob Remstein on July 14 and Professor Neil Brostoff from UCLA on July 21. From July 23 through August 2, Hazzan Laurie Rimland Bonn will be available and officiating at Erev Shabbat services on July 28, with the incomparable Aryell Cohen, and at our Erev Tisha B'Av service on July 31. Both Hazzanim will be available during their respective periods of time to our congregation for emergency clerical issues as needed. To contact them in such a case, please either call the Beth Shalom office or either of our Co-Presidents, Lila Held or Bonnie Neville.

There will be a break in Shabbat morning services or study sessions for the month of July. But they will return in a new fashion beginning in August. Watch your August issue of *Our Mishpacha* for this announcement.

Rest assured, I will be available to you all again when I return August 3 for your clerical/spiritual needs. Please also note that the Board and I are working together to make sure your concerns and needs are handled and dealt with appropriately.

~Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

July Clergy Schedule

There will be a break in Shabbat morning services or study sessions for the month of July. But they will return in a new fashion beginning in August.

Friday, July 7	Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson
Friday, July 14	Hazzan Toby Schwartz and Bob Remstein
Friday, July 21	Hazzan Toby Schwartz and Neil Brostoff
Friday, July 28	Hazzan Laurie Rimland Bonn and Aryell Cohen
Monday, July 31	<i>Erev Tisha B'Av</i> , 7:30 pm Hazzan Laurie Rimland Bonn



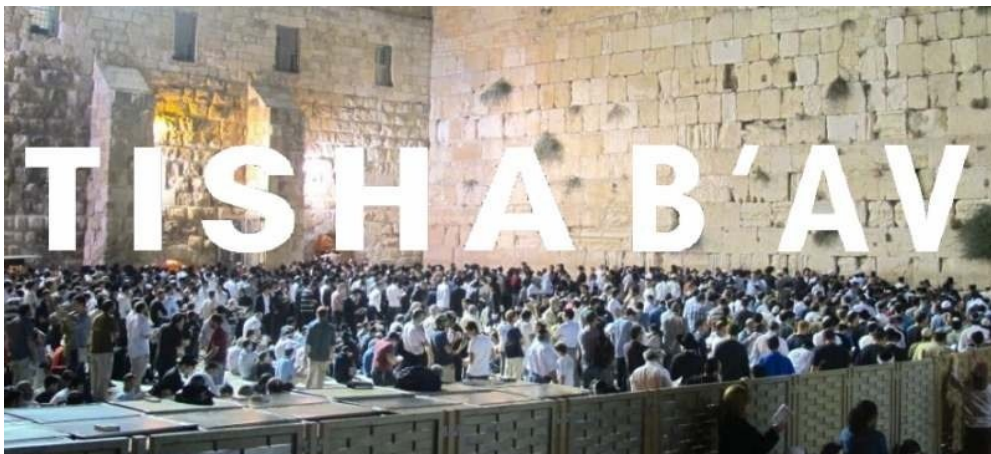
Tisha B'Av

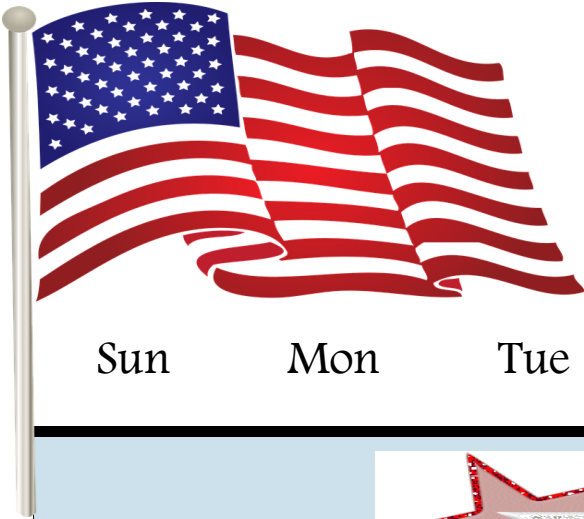
We will remember and mourn the destruction of the first and second temples and the other calamities that have befallen our people, at the Erev Tisha B'Av service on Monday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Tisha B'Av is known as the “black fast” in our tradition. It is marked by a somber service with people wearing dark colors and no leather. A short Maariv evening service will be chanted, followed by the reading and chanting of the Book of Lamentations (Eicha).

Hazzan Laurie Rimland-Bonn will officiate. A special booklet with the Book of Lamentations in it will be used during this service.

~Hazzan Lance H. Tapper












July 2017

Tammuz/Av 5777

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

							1 <i>Chukat</i>
2 Bingo	3 Minyan 2:30 pm	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5	6 Minyan 2:30 pm	7 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	8 <i>Balak</i>	
9 Bingo	10 Minyan 2:30 pm	11 <i>Fast of Tammuz</i>	12	13 Minyan 2:30 pm Board of Directors 7:00	14 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	15 <i>Pinchas</i>	
16 Bingo	17 Minyan 2:30 pm	18	19	20 Minyan 2:30 pm	21 Honoring Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	22 <i>Matot-Masei</i>	
23 Bingo	24 Minyan 2:30 pm <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	25 Book Group 12:30 pm	26 Sisterhood 1:00 pm	27 Minyan 2:30 pm	28 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	29 <i>Devarim</i>	
30 Bingo	31 Minyan 2:30 pm						

Thank You, Cathleen!

On behalf of all who have attended on Saturday morning, we would like to thank Cathleen Cavanaugh for the breakfast she has provided before the service or study.

We have arrived to a table with warm bagels, lox, and cream cheese, as well as fresh coffee and tea. I know many who have attended on Saturday morning have enjoyed the breakfast, as well as the conversation before services.

Thank you, Cathleen, for all the Saturday mornings. You are so appreciated!

New Office Hours
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00–4:00
 Thursday 10:00–4:00
 Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Save This Date
 Friday, August 11, 2017
 Honoring Our Graduates



LGBT Families Welcome

Our Mishpacha is published monthly, on or near the first of the month. If you want an article or announcement to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline is the 20th of this month. *Our Mishpacha* is sent on-line to those members of Beth Shalom with computers. If you wish a printed copy mailed to you, please call the office, 562-941-8744. Printed copies are also available in the lobby of Beth Shalom. The cost: \$18 per year for non-members.

The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.

This is *Our Mishpacha!*

Lovely Sisterhood Luncheon



A pleasant afternoon filled with good food, laughter, and conversation describes the Sisterhood Luncheon at DeLuca's Italian Ristorante on Thursday, June 22.

Hazzan Lance thanked the ladies present for being such a vital and important part of our Temple. As he explained, Sisterhood is the fabric that keeps a Temple together.

So many times Sisterhoods are involved in activities outside the Temple, but our ladies concentrate within our Temple. Beth Shalom Sisterhood is there to provide food, organize events, participate in services, and furnish support from within. Our Temple is small, our group is small, but you would never know it from all we do and accomplish.

After a good meal, followed by cake and Spumoni ice cream, we drew tickets for nine raffle baskets and four door prizes. Beautiful background music flowed about us, provided

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Lovely Sisterhood Luncheon *(Continued)*

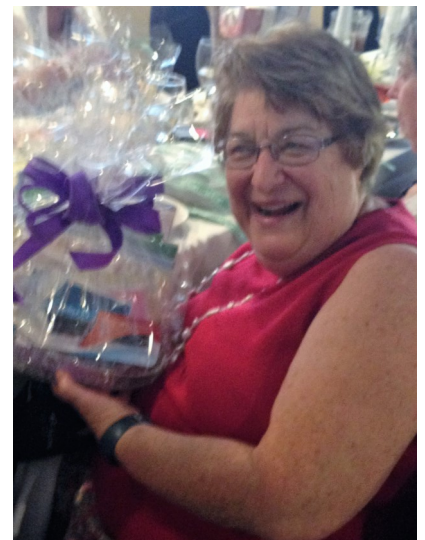
by Kim, who played the harp. Kim's harp music is looked forward to each year, and our luncheon is enjoyed even more because of it. Thank you, Kim, for making the afternoon even more relaxing and delightful! No one seemed anxious to leave, and we seemed to linger for just a little more conversation.

One very special lady was not with us this year, Eunice Singer. Eunice was unable to be at the luncheon, as she is in the hospital. We all missed Eunice, but her presence was felt among us.

Everyone wishes Eunice well, and we look forward to having her back with us soon.

Thank you to all the ladies at Beth Shalom, and thank you to those who attended our Annual Sisterhood Luncheon. May we all be together for luncheons to come.

~Bonnie Neville



TAMMUZ

(25 June – 23 July)

The month of Tammuz is the fourth month of our Hebrew lunar calendar. It is a famous and sobering time when many a goal was smitten in spite of careful planning. Tammuz makes us believe that, as Jews, we are people who are blessed with practical, high intellect and are not illusionists. We are people who believe in Torah and the coming of the Moshiach.



Tammuz began two days after the summer solstice on 20 June when the sun beamed directly on the equator. It is the longest day of the year, when summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere and winter with my relatives in Melbourne and Johannesburg in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the Southwest, the heat in Palm Springs rises to unbearable temperature. In Israel, this is a parched season when the remaining crops are being cooked. This necessarily transmits the tenacity and strong will of our people. The crops may fail due to locusts, floods, and drought, but our fortitude traverses these obstacles and threats to our lives.

In Tammuz, the first of the summer months, we recall exile. On the 17th, Jews fast to recall the date in our year 3328, when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans after years of siege. Nineteen days later, the Temple Mount fell, on the 7th day of Av. Our Holy Temple (Beit HaMikdash) was torched on 9 Av.

During this period of 21 days (17 Tammuz – 9 Av), no weddings, festive music, or dancing are performed. We mourn our Holy Temple with a fast on 17 Tammuz and on 9 Av.

Sun, Don't Set

After crossing the Jordan, Joshua led the Israelites in successful battles against Canaanites and their kings. A significant battle occurred on the 3rd of Tammuz in Gideon against the Emorites, our traditional enemies. As sunset approached, the battle continued. Our people seemed to be winning, but victory was

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still indecisive. Joshua feared that in the morning the Jews would face a refreshed foe with renewed vigor. At that point, a miracle happened.

Joshua prayed to G-d and, according to the Tanach [Joshua 10:12,13], the sun stood still for ten more hours. "Stand still, O sun, at Gideon, O moon in the valley of Aijalon! And the sun stood still and the moon halted." The battle was won!

Forever in our history the sadness of the summer months (Tammuz/Av) mirrors a grief which is basic to humanity. What lives must consume other living things to survive. What grows must die.

What is the true meaning of the above? Are these months bad? They are months of confrontation and challenge.

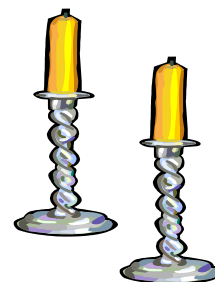
Simply stated: Without challenge, there is no growth. Without confrontation, how can we meet our obstacles and survive in our lives? Summer teaches us what G-d created us for, to live life to its fullest. This, among other things, includes love of life and pity for a falling flower. We pray for life, peace, and rebirth that comes every autumn.

In living through Tammuz/Av, we are always reminded of some words contained in the Beatles' song "Hey Jude," . . . "Don't make it bad; take a sad song and make it better." Remember to let experience enter your heart and mind. That is the beginning of making it better.

~Sam Pearlman

Candle Lighting Times

July 7	7:49 p.m.	July 21	7:43 p.m.
July 14	7:47 p.m.	July 28	7:38 p.m.





Celebrations!

Birthdays

Elliana Bartikofsky	Saturday, July 1
Lynda Bruce	Sunday, July 2
Hope Greenwood	Sunday, July 9
Barbara Lebovitz	Sunday, July 9
Lila Held	Monday, July 10
Joseph Lebovitz	Sunday, July 16
Howard Brookfield	Friday, July 28

Anniversaries

Mark and Maggie Singer	Monday, July 24
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Beth Shalom of Whittier

Wishes you all

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

Book Group News



On Tuesday, July 25th, Beth Shalom's Book Group will meet at Maxine's to read and discuss *"The Best Place on Earth"* by Ayelet Tsabari.

Tsabari's award-winning debut collection of stories is global in scope, yet intimate in feel and emotionally powerful. Her indelible characters grapple with love, violence, faith, the slipperiness of identity, and the challenges of balancing old traditions with modern times.

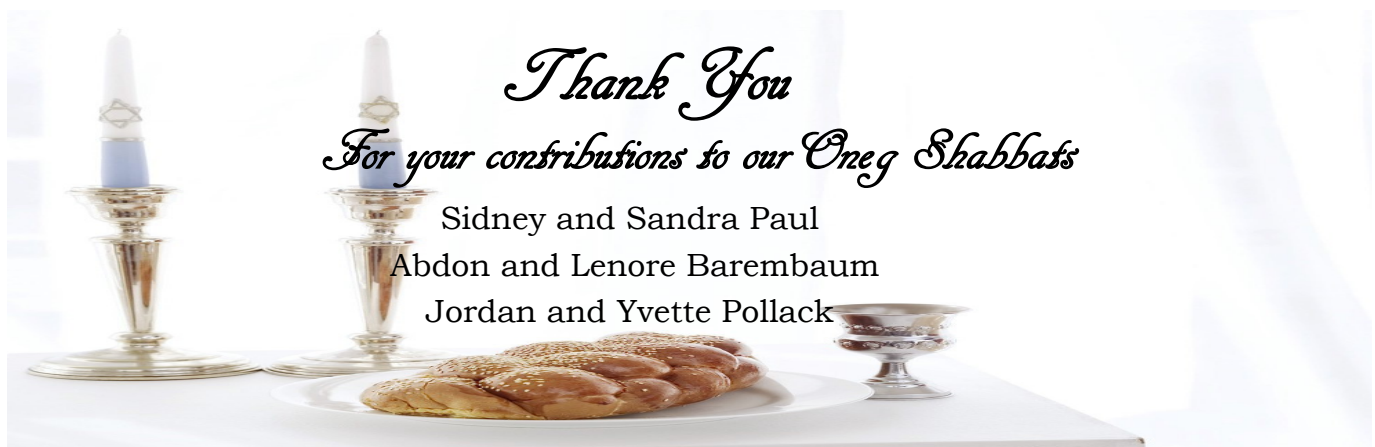
Have you ever wondered where the best place on Earth is? Tsabari's characters are searching for somewhere to feel at home, whether they're travelers, emigrants, or just restlessly living in the place they were born. Tsabari was born in Israel to a family of Yemeni descent, moved to Vancouver in 1998, and is now writing in English.

On Tuesday, August 15th, the book group will be meeting at Michelle's to read and discuss *"Women in the Castle"* by Jessica Chattuck.

As always, we meet at 12:30 p.m., with everyone bring their own dairy lunch and the hostess providing drinks and dessert. Please join us for interesting discussions and friendship.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

~Myra Weiss



Thank You
For your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats

Sidney and Sandra Paul
Abdon and Lenore Barembaum
Jordan and Yvette Pollack

Our Board of Directors

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Please Note!

Please join us on Friday, July 21 as we honor our three outgoing co-presidents. We will be thanking David Weiss, Steve Baptista, and Rita Rubin for their much appreciated and long-time service on the Board of Directors. Let's all come out and give them a big Thank You from a grateful congregation!

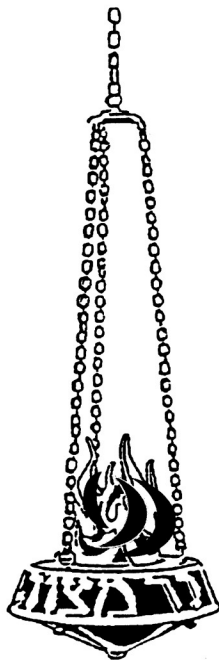
For Your Yahrzeit Donations, Thank You

David Cienfuegos	<i>Victor Cienfuegos, Brother</i>
Klara Wein	<i>Rachel Leah Militeanu, Mother</i>
Klara Wein	<i>Miriam Militeanu, Grandmother</i>
Richard and Michelle Hess	<i>Lillian Sandler, Grandmother of Michelle</i>
Sidney and Sandra Paul	<i>Morris Lehman, Father of Sandra</i>
Sidney and Sandra Paul	<i>Sylvia Playberg, Sister of Sidney</i>
Sidney and Sandra Paul	<i>Edith Gottlieb, Step-Sister of Sidney</i>
Bernard Starkman	<i>Madelaine Starkman, Wife</i>
Myra Becker	<i>Daniel B. Beck, Father</i>
Richard and Michelle Hess	<i>Leon Morzinsky, Father of Michelle</i>
Jordan and Yvette Pollack	<i>Jean Pollack, Mother of Jordan</i>
Jordan and Yvette Pollack	<i>Ida Forman Lander, Mother of Yvette</i>

July Yahrzeit Observances

<i>Sate E. Abrams</i>	Memorial Board	4 Av
<i>Israel Allweiss</i>	Father of Toby Pinck	8 Tammuz
<i>Nat Allweiss</i>	Brother of Toby Pinck	8 Tammuz
<i>Steven Alpert</i>	Husband of Madelon Alpert-Herman	22 Tammuz
<i>Nat Arnold</i>	Father of Susan Lieberman	5 Av
<i>Morris Beckelman</i>	Grandfather of Myra Becker	14 Tammuz
<i>Werner Brookfield</i>	Brother of Howard Brookfield	6 Av
<i>Abraham Chesler</i>	Father of Joel Chesler	18 Tammuz
<i>Leah Esterson</i>	Mother of Sherman Esterson	22 Tammuz
<i>Max Fleischman</i>	Memorial Board	6 Av
<i>Jacob Friedman</i>	Memorial Board	7 Av
<i>Theresa Friedman</i>	Mother of Mary Friedman	21 Tammuz
<i>William Fritz</i>	Memorial Board	29 Tammuz
<i>Morey Gnessin</i>	Brother of Rita Rubin	25 Tammuz
<i>Edith Goldstein</i>	Memorial Board	1 Av
<i>Anna Gross</i>	Mother of Pauline Kuhn	16 Tammuz
<i>Sarah Litt</i>	Memorial Board	14 Tammuz
<i>Leah Margolis</i>	Mother-in-Law of Fred Blankstein	11 Tammuz
<i>Abraham B. Marovitz</i>	Memorial Board	27 Tammuz
<i>Rabbi Morris Moskowitz</i>	Memorial Board	8 Tammuz
<i>Irving Ninberg</i>	Uncle of Myra Becker	12 Tammuz
<i>Jean Pollack</i>	Mother of Jordan Pollack	12 Tammuz
<i>Dora Sandler</i>	Aunt of Michelle Hess	5 Av
<i>Alan Schneiderman</i>	Father of Robert & Loren Schneiderman	14 Tammuz
<i>Shirley Singer</i>	Mother of Mark Singer	26 Tammuz
<i>Benjamin Steinhauer</i>	Uncle of Michelle Hess	17 Tammuz
<i>Stanley Maurice Ward</i>	Memorial Board	25 Tammuz
<i>Seymour Weinstein</i>	Memorial Board	10 Tammuz
<i>Sadie Weiss</i>	Memorial Board	5 Av

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.



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