Beth Shalom of Whittier

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A Note From Your Rabbi,

I want to share with you a letter that was forwarded to me a few weeks ago. It is a poem written as a class assignment by Chanie Gorkin, an eleventh grade at an all-girl Lubavitch high school Beth Rivkah in Crown Heights. The poem describes a worst day ever but contains a surprise at the end.

The Worst Day Ever, by Chanie Gorkin

Today was the absolute worst day ever

And don't try to convince me that

There's something good in every day

Because, when you take a closer look,

This world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while

Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be attained

Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say

Today was a very good day

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way,

And see what I really feel about my day.

Chanie's mom commented on her daughter's poem: "One of the major tenets of Masidic philosophy is that the mind rules over the heart, that we are able to channel our emotions to the positive ... that there is God in everything, and it is part of our mission in life to look for the good, and to find it and to spread it"

May we find ways in our lives to use our skills in turning the questions around and finding the light in that which seems dark and bleak around us.

Your Rabbi, Osnat



Everyone is Welcome

The Aleinu Prayer:

With Rabbi Osnat

Sunday, September 11, 2016

10:00~11:00 am

The prayer whose words worried generations of Jews and Gentiles alike.

Join Rabbi Osnat as she explains the history of Aleinu, and answer questions such as: why there are different versions of it and what does spitting (of all things) have to do with its recitation.

(No Hebrew required)

Men's Club Shabbat

Our annual Men's Club Shabbat took place on July 29. A number of men participated in the service through readings and the ever popular Men's Club Chorale which has been such a fixture at these events. We premiered the new Lecha Dodi by Oran Eldor which was a highlight that all seemed to enjoy. Our men did themselves proud and deserved all the kudos they received that night. We've been asked to repeat the service twice annually.

A Special Thank You goes out to all who participated in and attended this special Shabbat service.

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Hazzan's Notes

This month we prepare for the High Holyday season. The Service of Selihot this year will include both Beth Shalom and Temple Ner Tamid of Downey participating together. There will be a dessert reception at 6:00 pm in the foyer of the sanctuary and then the Havdalah and choral service beginning at 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Our Rabbi, myself, the Beth Shalom Singers, and Mark Peterson, Accompanist and Choir Director will welcome Rabbi Dany Mehlman, Cantor

Kenneth Jaffe, Vox Profundis, Dr. Edward Bruner, Choir Director, and Norberto Guinaldo, Organist to our sanctuary for the beautifully haunting Selichot service prior to the High Holydays. The Rabbis will add reflections, readings, and teachings to the service while the cantors and choirs will sing the liturgy composed by famous Jewish composers: Debbie Friedman, Hazzan Leib Glantz, Hazzan Baruch Schorr, Max Janowski, Max Helfman, Hazzan Car Urstein, Hazzan David Roitman, Louis Lewandowski, and Hazzan Meir Finkelstein. Cantor Jaffe's recently composed Adonai, Adonai and Dr. Bruner's Al Cheit round out the compositions from local composers for this service. A specially prepared service booklet with liturgy and readings will be used to highlight both the traditional and modern thoughts and prayers of this service of preparation.

All are welcome and invited to attend this spectacular annual service.

- Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

September Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

Time	Clergy on Bima	Service	Candles
7:30p 9:45a	Rabbi Osnat Rabbi Osnat	Kaballat Shabbat Torah Study w Rabbi	6:56p
7:30p 9:45a	Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance, Mark Peterson	Kaballat Shabbat Kol Shalom Service	6:47p
7:30p	Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat	6:37p
7:30p 9:45a	Rabbi Osnat/Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat Torah Service	6:27p
6:00p	Rabbi Osnat/Hazzan Lance Rabbi Melman/Hazzan Jaffe	Selichot w Temple Ner	Tamid
7:30p 9:45a	Hazzan Lance Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat Torah Service	6:18p
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Beth Shalom of Whittier & Temple Ner Tamid of Downey

Present a Combined

Selichot Service

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Beth Shalom of Whittier Saturday, September 24, 2016 6:00 pm Dessert Reception, 7:00pm Service

Join Rabbi Osnat, Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Mark Peterson, Accompanist and Choir Director as they welcome Rabbi Dany Mehlman, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, Vox Profundis, Dr. Edward Bruner, Choir Director, and Norberto Guinaldo, Organist from Temple Ner Tamid to our sanctuary for the beautifully haunting Selichot service prior to the High Holy Days.

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Come Join Us!











G-d's Miracle

Once we see G-d as a Creator who has purpose, it is obvious that He revealed this purpose to His chosen people. Judaism believes that this took place at Mount Sinai.



G-d gathered His people, some 3,000,000 strong [Exodus 12:37], to the foot of Mount Sinai and proclaimed that everyone hear His voice. He proclaimed the Ten Commandments and thus forged a bond between G-d and Israel. It has remained imprinted deeply in the Jewish soul throughout all of our history.

The Torah tells us, "Be most careful and watch yourself, that you not forget the things that you saw with your own eyes. Do not let them pass from your minds as long as you live. Teach them to your children, and to your children's children: The day you stood before G-d . . . [Deuteronomy 4:9 -10]. As a result, each generation for over 3,000 years has looked upon the acts at Mount Sinai as something they participated in.

The revelation at Sinai came just seven weeks after the Exodus from Egypt. G-d revealed Himself to an entire people and changed the course of both nature and history. The Torah reads of this when it says, "Did G-d ever venture to take a nation to Himself, from another nation, with a challenge, with signs and wonders as the L-rd your G-d did in Egypt, before your very eyes? You have had sure proof that the L-rd is G-d; there is no other." [Deuteronomy 4:34]. It is the Exodus that makes us uniquely aware of G-d and shows Him to be involved in the affairs of our people.

The Torah further warns us never to forget the Exodus, and we find there, "Beware that you not forget G-d, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaery." [Deuteronomy 6:12] The impact of the Exodus remained on the Jewish mind and is celebrated in detail every year during the Passover holiday. Concisely, we see every persecutor as Pharaoh (Haman, Hitler, Stalin, etc.) with G-d standing on the sidelines, ready to repeat the miracle of the Exodus. This, in part, accounts for the miracle of G-d's light, our survival, and the State of Israel.

Next month the taste of this light will be discussed, with our keeping of the Sabbath.

Sam Pearlman

Men's Club News

Temple Beth Ohr of La Mirada has extended an invitation to the men of Beth Shalom to join their Men's Club to engage in projects and activities that provide meaningful services to our respective congregations and give our brotherhood the opportunity to explore and enjoy fellowship. Interested parties should contact Harry Jacobs, TBO Brotherhood President, at harrymjacobs26@gmail.com.

Beth Shalom of Whittier High Holy Days 5777 / 2016 Schedule

Rabbi Cantor Osnat Margalith Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

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S'lichot: at Beth Shalom with Ner Tamid: Saturday eve. September 24

6:00 p.m. Dessert Reception, 7:00 p.m. Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sunday eve. October 2, 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1): Monday October 3, 9:00 a.m.

Tashlich: Monday October 3 after services

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2): Tuesday October 4, 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah: Friday eve. October 7, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday October 8, 9:45 a.m.

Kol Nidre: Tuesday eve. October 11, 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur: Wednesday October 12, 9:00 a.m.

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot: Sunday October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot: Friday eve. October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday October 22, 9:45 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret / Simchat

Torah/Yizkor: Monday October 24, 9:30 a.m.

Our thanks to Sisterhood for providing challah and juice to break the fast.

Rabbi's Event: Sunday Movie Matinee, August 21

About 30 people came to the synagogue to watch the movie "The Gatekeepers" enjoying the free pizza and desserts.

A lively discussion followed the intriguing story of the Israeli internal security service, Shin-Bet, through interviews revealing the perspective of six of its former heads.

Internationally acclaimed and nominated for the Academy Awards' Best Documentary Feature, the movie touched on the security issues Israel faces, the many waves of terrorism, the Palestinian population, the settlements, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and much more.

Rabbi Osnat provided the space for people to share their thoughts and conclusions, as well as personal input.

Many thanks to Steve and Eileen Baptista and Rita Rubin for making this movie series possible. The Sunday movie matinee series has been well attended, successful as well as generates wonderful discussions among attendees.

If you would like to recommend a movie please let Rabbi Osnat know.

Greeting Cards Benefit Sisterhood

Can't get out to buy a card for someone you want to honor, wish a Happy Birthday, Anniversary, speedy recovery, express sympathy, Mazel Tov, or celebrate a Simhah? Contact Eileen Baptista and have her send out a greeting card on your behalf. A wide selection of cards are available at \$4.00 each. Proceeds from the card purchases benefits the Torah Fund and Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

Eileen can be reached at 562.943.2007

Zesty Quinoa Salad

Rated: ★★★★★

Prep Time: 20 Minutes

Ready In: 30 Minutes

Submitted By:scrumdiddly

Cook Time: 10 Minutes

Servings: 6

"Quinoa and black beans are tossed in a refreshing lime-cilantro vinaigrette for a quick and protein-packed lunch or side dish."

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup quinoa 1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes

2 cups water 1 (15 ounce) can black beans,

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil drained and rinsed

2 limes, juiced 5 green onions, finely chopped

2 teaspoons ground cumin 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon salt salt and ground black pepper to taste

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or more to taste

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Bring quinoa and water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until quinoa is tender and water has been absorbed, 10 to 15 minutes. Set aside to cool.
- 2. Whisk olive oil, lime juice, cumin, 1 teaspoon salt, and red pepper flakes together in a bowl.
- Combine quinoa, tomatoes, black beans, and green onions together in a bowl. Pour dressing over quinoa mixture; toss to coat. Stir in cilantro; season with salt and black pepper. Serve immediately or chill in refrigerator.

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CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

 Joann Eres
 9/2/2016

 Richard Hess
 9/4/2016

 Mark Gibson
 9/9/2016

 Preston Rosser
 9/11/2016

 Eileen Wiseman
 9/15/2016

Beth Shalom of Whittier
Wishes you all a very
Happy Birthday



Jewish Los Angeles Special Needs Trust

A new affordable service for families who have adult children with disabilites - the Jewish Los Angeles Special Needs Trust (JLA Trust) - Is now open!

For the first time in LA, there is an affordable option for people with disabilities who need a special needs trust. For more information, please visit www.jlatrust.org or contact our Executive Director, Michelle K. Wolf at (424) 341-3344.

September Yahrzeit Observances

Dearly Beloved

Galvin, Grace Barembaum, Gitl

Bruchfeld, Max Bruchfeld, Rosa

Fishbein, Barbara Hacker, Marcia

Friedman, George Morzinsky, Florence

Blasnick, Stephanie Aronowitz, Yetta Smolowitz, Ida

Michlin, Ida Wiener, Paul Bix, Irving Brantz, Jean Cohen, Samuel Higer, Max

Kenwood, Shirley Phyllis Klugman, Benjamin Lerman, Jacob Levin, Abraham Levy, Bert Yank Mora, Caleb Kane

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Baptista, Eileen & Steve Barembaum, Abdon & Lenore

Brookfield, Howard Brookfield, Howard

Fuchs, Agnes Hacker, Jerome

Hess, Richard & Michelle Hess, Richard & Michelle

Jacobson, Karen Lieberman, Susan Rubin, Dorothy

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Mother of Eileen Mother of Abdon Grandfather

Grandmother

Cousin Wife

Uncle of Michelle Aunt of Michelle

Niece

Grandmother

Mother

Mother of Myra Father-in-Law

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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Joseph Grossberg

Mother

Dora Sandler

Richard & Michelle Hess

Aunt of Michelle

Joel & Diane Chesler

Abraham Chesler

Father of Joel

BOOK CLUB NEWS

In September, we are hoping to have a Facetime chat with author Nomi Eve about her book "Henna House". I have already been in contact with Nomi Eve, and we have scheduled September 13th,12:30 pm. According to Amazon, this is a "Touching, coming-of-age story... about a young woman, her family, their community and the customs that bind them". This book is about the Yemini Jews in the early 20th C. It is always interesting to learn about other Jewish cultures, i.e. non-Ashkenazi Jews.

We meet in members home, brown-bag our lunch, and the hostess provides dessert and drink. We have interesting and lively discussions. If you want, or need, a ride, please call me. It is easily arranged. We welcome all comments, and points of view.

Happy Reading

Myra

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 will re-start in the Fall

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Daily Minyan 12:30a	2 Kaballat Shabbat Rabbi Osnat 7:30p 6:56p Candle lighting	3 Breakfast 9:00a Torah Study Rabbi Osnat 9:45a Parashat Re'eh Rosh Chodesh Elul
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rosh Chodesh Elul Bingo 6:00p	Daily Minyan 12:30a			Daily Minyan 12:30a	Hazzan Lance 7:30p	Breakfast 9:00a Kol Shalom Hazzan Lance 9:45a Parashat Shoftim
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Class: The Aleinu Prayer w Rabbi Osnat 10:00a Bingo 6:00p	Daily Minyan 12:30a	Book Club 12:30p		Daily Minyan 12:30a Board Meeting 7:00p		Breakfast 9:00a Shabbat Service Hazzan Lance 9:45a <u>Parashat Ki Teitzei</u>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bingo 6:00p	Daily Minyan 12:30a				Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance 7:30p 6:27p Candle lighting	Breakfast 9:00a Shabbat Service Hazzan Lance 9:45a Parashat Ki Ta- voLeil Selichot Selichot Dessert Reception 6:00p Service 7:00p
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Bingo 6:00p	Daily Minyan 12:30a		Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00p	Daily Minyan 12:30a	Kaballat Shabbat Hazzan Lance 7:30p 6:18p Candle lighting	

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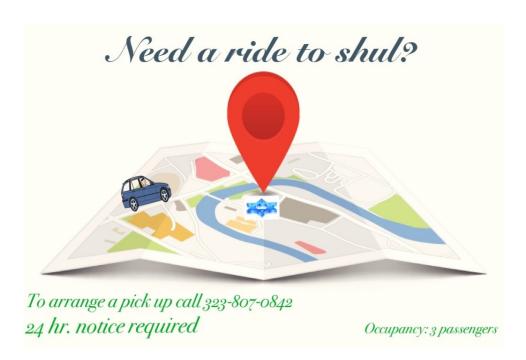
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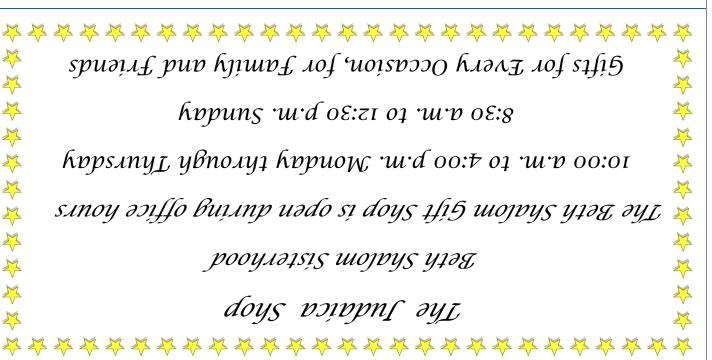


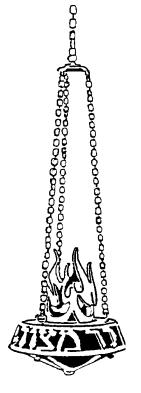






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