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2016 Passover Seder

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From Your Rabbi,

We will soon gather at our community Seder, sharing in a night filled with traditional text, food and melodies. Preparations for Passover begin days and perhaps weeks prior to that first night and the subsequent 7 holy days. Many engage in cleaning their home of bread and all leavened foods, making sure not even a morsel is to be found anywhere.

In honor of the oncoming festival I am sharing this story about Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev (1740-1809), a Hassidic leader known as the "defense attorney" for the Jewish people because it was believed that he could intercede on their behalf before God.

It was the afternoon before Passover, and Rabbi Levi Yitzchak was wandering through the streets of the Jewish quarter seeking out local smugglers. From one he quietly asked for a quote on illegal tobacco, from another he inquired about the availability of smuggled wool. And no matter the merchandise he sought, everything was found and sold for the right price.

However, when he started asking to supply him with some bread, those very same men who had previously proved so accommodating, balked, drawing a line. "Rabbi," said one, "Are you trying to insult me? The seder will be starting in just a few hours and no Jew would have even a speck of chametz (leavened) left in their home!"

No matter the price offered, not one merchant was able to come up with even a crumb of bread. The town had converted into a chametz-free zone.

Thrilled with the results of his failed quest, the rabbi looked up to heaven and declared: "God Almighty, look down with pride at Your people! The Czar has border guards and tax-commissioners dedicated to his commands. The police and the courts are devoted to tracking down and punishing smugglers and black-marketers, and yet, anything one could possibly want is available. But although You have no army and no police, and do not threaten imminent punishment, Your decrees are faithfully observed. Not a single piece of bread is to be found in any Jewish household! "Mi k'amcha Yisrael – God, who is like Your people Israel?! Their devotion merits
better treatment."

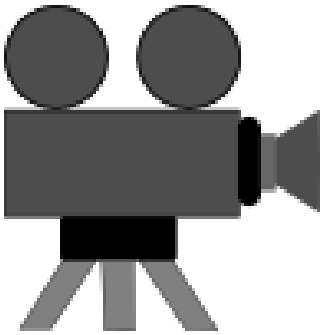
Chag same'ach, may the festival of Passover be a celebration filled with joy and meaning.

Your Rabbi,

Osnat

Beth Shalom of Whittier

Presents



Sunday at the Movies

April 3, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem

The story of an Israeli woman seeking to finalize her divorce and the trial that ensues, pitting her against the religious establishment

This 2014 Israeli Award Winning film was selected as the Israeli entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 87th Academy Awards and was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 72nd Golden Globe Awards

No cost. Pizza and Snacks will be provided

Discussion to follow movie

Hazzan's Notes

Pesah, a time for spring renewal is here and upon us. This year we will celebrate together on the first night with a Seder in the synagogue. It is always special to celebrate Shabbat and the festival together. It brings us closer to the intent of holidays rest and celebration when Shabbat is in the mix. We have familiar Shabbat liturgy along with the less familiar festival pieces.

This year, as last, I will be chanting the hauntingly beautiful **Tal** (Prayer for Dew) composed by Hazzan Meir Finkelstein during the First Day of Pesah service on Shabbat Morning, April 23 accompanied by our own, Mark Peterson. The ethereal dew is no better expressed than in this composition which reflects modernity with a touch of drama that reminds us how precious water is to our existence. Here, in California, ths prayer is ever more poignant and is a focal point of what we ask God to remember for us during this Spring harvest festival of renewal.

- - Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

Kol Shalom
The Voice of Beth Shalom

Join Hazzan Lance on April 2, 2016 for the Shabbat Morning Siddur, ***Kol Shalom***, The Voice of Beth Shalom. The entire community is invited to breakfast at 9:00 am followed by the service featuring this Siddur at 9:45 am.

This service encapsulates the essence of the traditional Shabbat morning service reframed into a shorter time span with a Torah reading, discussion, and lots of participation through readings and accompanied singing that reflect both traditional and some contemporary traditional style themes.

Join us for this beautiful celebration where you will find both the comfort of tradition and learn new things about Shabbat as well.

Beth Shalom of Whittier

Invites you, your family, & your friends for

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Rabbi Cantor Osnat Margalith

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

Friday, April 22, 2015 6:00 pm

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I Am the L-rd Your Healer

Mishna Halachos 4:347

Since my childhood, in various ways, I have noticed an inherent tension in Judaism regarding the mandate to heal. The Torah empowers the physician to treat illness; however, there are restrictions on how far this extends. The Torah grants a broad license to heal , in that the patient must be ill to allow the physician to treat the patient. This holds particularly if the treatment is dangerous or requires invasive methods during the process of healing.

There is a halachic controversy as to the derivation of the mandate to heal. While most authorities hold to a broad mandate, there are minority opinions that limit the scope of the authorization to provide medical care. [See Exodus 21:19] An example is that the command to heal is a sign that permission has been granted to physicians to heal blows and wounds that are externally visible. However, all internal illnesses are in G-d's hand to heal. Accordingly, our Torah instructs that in the mitzvot to heal, "that any of the diseases that I placed upon Egypt, I will not bring upon you, for I am G-d, your healer." [Exodus 15:26] This verse implies that G-d does not need humans to cure the afflictions that He creates.

As there is no inherent right for Jews to practice medicine, but that the Torah carefully prescribes that medical practice is based on saving human life. The complexity of the tension between G-d's control of health and the role of the human healer is stated in the Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah 336, "The Torah gives permission to the physician to heal; moreover, this is a mitzvah and is included in the mitzvah of saving life. If the physician withholds services, it is considered a shedder of blood."

In summary, the Torah clearly states that healing is permitted and it immediately becomes a mitzvah – a religious obligation – like all other mitzvot. Our Jewish law quite appropriately states, "The Torah gives permission to the physician to heal; moreover, this is a mitzvah."

Sam Pearlman

Baruch Dayan b'Emet

Beth Shalom of Whittier joins the Malloy family on the passing of Joe Malloy,
who along with his wife Rose were long-time members of Beth Shalom.
May his memory be for a blessing

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For your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats!!

– Rita Rubin

Book Club News

Beth Shalom's Book Group is alive and well. In March we read "The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach" by Pam Jenoff. We also had a telephone conversation with author Jenoff. Everyone enjoyed the conversation very much.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 12th at Maxine's.** We are reading *"A Man Called Ove: A Novel"* by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. And then -- a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters moves in next door, and everything slowly begins to change.

Believe it or not, this is a feel-good story that starts slow and then moves along. It is the first novel by a Swedish writer that has become an overnight sensation.

Tuesday, May 10th, we are meeting **at Michelle's**. We will be reading *"The Secret Chord: A Novel"* by Geraldine Brooks. You might remember that Geraldine Brooks is also the author of the Best Seller "The People of the Book". *The Secret Chord* is her newest book; an historical fiction book about King David. The book is currently on the Best Seller list.

We meet at 12:30 with everyone bringing their own dairy lunch. The hostess provides drinks and dessert. The conversation is always fun and lively and everyone is welcome to join us. It is helpful if you let us know in advance so there is a chair at the table for you.

If you have questions, or comments, please let me know. Book Suggestions are always welcome.

Myra Weiss

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

April Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Rebecca Barembaum	Abdon & Lenore Barembaum	Wife of Abdon
Arlene Berry	Ann Kanahele	Sister-In-Law
Phil Berry	Ann Kanahele	Uncle
Sandra Kanian	Charles & Lila Held	Sister of Lila
Charles Baptista	Eileen & Steve Baptista	Father of Steve
Lena Blankstein	Fred Blankstein & Maxine Berkowitz	Mother
Sharon Tapper Miller	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Cousin
Bernard Golden	Joel & Jo Ann Golden	Father of Joel
Bobbie Golden	Joel & Jo Ann Golden	Mother of Joel
Florence Rubin	Lisa & Miguel Sandoval	Grandmother of Lisa
Robert Herman	Madelon Alpert-Herman	Husband
Zisha Mandel	Michael & Liora Barr	Father of Liora
Minnie Becker	Myra Becker	Mother-in-Law
Toby Leibowitz	Norma Shreiber	Sister
Robert Meyer Oran	Renee Oran	Husband
Edward Sandler	Richard & Michelle Hess	Uncle of Michelle
Jacob Sandler	Richard & Michelle Hess	Grandfather of Michelle
Ann Lehman	Sidney & Sandra Paul	Mother of Sandra
Mary Torren Paul	Sidney & Sandra Paul	Mother of Sidney
Dora Aronowitz	Susan Lieberman	Grandmother of Susan
Sol Talan	Toby Pinck	Father of Gail Willson, Wendy Wolff
Leo Biegel	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
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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

Beloved Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Jennie Beckelman	Myra Becker	Grandmother
Sarah Schwartz	Michelle & Richard Hess	Aunt of Michelle
Arnold Rose	Marilyn & Sherman Esterson	Brother of Marilyn
Rebecca Grossberg	Joseph Grossberg	Wife
Joseph Held	Miriam Held	Husband

Daniel Cohen Coming to Beth Shalom

By Rita Rubin

In early December I was reading an obituary (one of my favorite sections of the newspaper) in the Los Angeles Times, about Tibor Rubin (no relation). Rubin, who had just died, lived an amazing life as a Holocaust Survivor, Korean War Hero, and Medal of Honor Recipient. His biography "Single Handed" was written by Daniel Cohen, an author, filmmaker, director and film critic for over 30 years. Of course, I immediately Googled Cohen hoping that he lived in Southern California so we could invite him to Beth Shalom. Alas, it looked like he lived in Pennsylvania. I contacted him anyway and asked if he would be doing any speaking tours in the Los Angeles area, and if so, when, and could he come to Beth Shalom. He responded that he now lived in Santa Monica and would love to come to Beth Shalom of Whittier. Wow! So, Daniel Cohen will be at Beth Shalom of Whittier, April 17 – Brunch at 10:00 A.M. and his presentation at 11:00 A.M. There is no charge, although Sisterhood would appreciate a donation. Come and hear the story of Tibor Rubin delivered by the award winning filmmaker Daniel Cohen.

April Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

April 1 7:30p	Kaballat Shabbat	Hazzan Lance	**6:55p** Candles
April 2 9: 45a	Kol Shalom	Hazzan Lance	
April 8 7:30p	Kaballat Shabbat	Hazzan Lance	**7:00p**
April 9 9:45p	Parashat Tazria	Hazzan Lance	
April 15 7:30p	Kaballat Shabbat	Rabbi Osnat	**7:06p**
April 16 9:45a	Parashat Metzora	Rabbi Osnat	
April 22 7:30p	1st Nite Seder	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	**7:11p**
April 23 9:30p	Pesach Service	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	
April 29 7:30p	Last Night of Pesach	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	**7:17p**
April 30 9:30a	Pesach Yizkor	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	

Beth Shalom of Whittier
Special Festival Morning Service

1st Day of Pesach

Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:30 a.m.

Beth Shalom invites you to a Special Festival Morning service. Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:30 am. First Day of Pesach (Passover). Rabbi Osnat Margalith and Hazzan Lance H. Tapper will officiate accompanied by Mark Peterson.

During this service, the Hazzan will sing the Beth Shalom premiere of Hazzan Meir Finkelstein's ***Tal*** (Prayer for Dew). This prayer is only chanted once a year at this service. This newly composed piece highlights the drama, majesty, and poetry of the text through the beauty of modern popular musical composition styles prevalent in today's musical theater productions.

You will want to attend and hear this thrilling new liturgical prayer.

Beth Shalom of Whittier

brings you

Daniel Cohen

author of

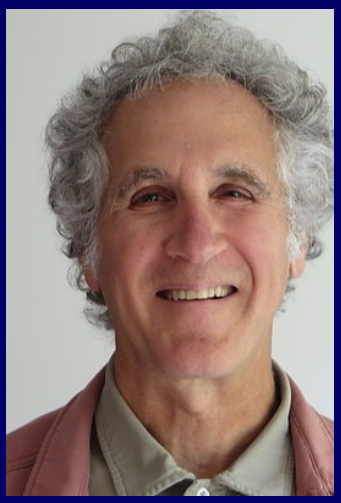
Single Handed

The Inspiring True Story of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin

April 17, 2016

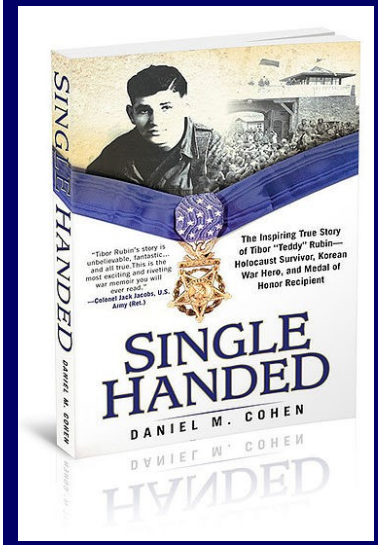
10:00 A.M. Brunch

11:00 A.M. Presentation



From a Nazi concentration camp to the Korean War to the White House, this is the incredible story of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin, the only Holocaust survivor to have received our nation's highest military distinction, the Medal of Honor .

Daniel M. Cohen, author, has worked as an award-winning filmmaker, journalist, director, and film critic for over 30 years. His films have won several festival prizes, one of which Roger Ebert proclaimed "a treasure".



"This is the most exciting and riveting war memoir you will ever read." Jack Jacobs, Colonel, US Army, retired. NBC commentator and Medal of Honor recipient.

No charge. Donations are appreciated.

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April Birthdays

Eileen Baptista	4/11/2016
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	4/11/2016
Ann Kanahele	4/14/2016
Julius Aznoff	4/16/2016
Bernie Starkman	4/17/2016
Anne Lesser	4/21/2016
Madelon Alpert-Herman	4/26/2016
Arlene Bierman	4/28/2016
Michelle Hess	4/30/2016

April Anniversaries

David E. & Myra Weiss	4/10/2016	51st anniversary
Barry & Bonnie Neville	4/15/2016	44th anniversary
Lisa & Miguel Sandoval	4/18/2016	19th anniversary

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Lila Held

Sisterhood Fashion Show March 3

Weren't we lovely! And did we eat well! On March 3 Sisterhood held a luncheon and fashion show featuring clothing from L & C Specialties, with owner Joan Lord narrating. The models were our own Sisterhood members (and a friend of Joan and Rita's blessed with a tall, thin figure). The Silent Auction consisted of six baskets, each with a different theme. We feasted on a lunch of hors d'oeuvres, salad, two kinds of salmon (thank you, Irv, for the smoked variety), vegetarian lasagna, oven roasted herbed potatoes, green beans, and desserts. Diners were given a choice of white wine or iced tea. Members of the community and Beth Ohr were welcomed to the event. The day was a successful fundraiser, but more than that, it was a great afternoon

Rita Rubin

Thank you for helping to put together the Shalach Manot bags for Purim

Hope Greenwood – Jo Ann Golden – Chuck Held – Maggie Singer – Eunice Singer
Lila Held

Star Wars Purim Schpiel with Beth Shalom and Temple Ner Tamid

Starring Rabbi Osnat as Queen Vashti, Hazzan Lance as C3PO,
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A fun time was had by all!

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April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kaballat Shabbat 7:30p Hazzan Lance **6:55p** Candle lighting	**2** Parashat ShminiShabbat Parah Hazzan Lance Kol Shalom **9:45a**
3 **Movie Matinee 11:00a** Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem Bingo 6:00p	**4** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**5**	**6**	**7** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**8** Kaballat Shabbat **7:30p** Hazzan Lance **7:00p** Candle lighting	**9** Parashat Tazria Rosh Chodesh NisanShabbat HaChodesh Hazzan Lance **9:45a**
10 Bingo 6:00p	**11** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**12** Book Club 12:30p	**13**	**14** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**15** Kaballat Shabbat Rabbi Osnat **7:30p** **7:06p** Candle lighting	**16** Parashat Metzora Rabbi Osnat **9:45a**
17 Daniel Cohen Brunch & Lecture **10:00a** Bingo 6:00p	**18** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**19**	**20**	**21** Daily Minyan **12:30p** Board Meeting **7:00p**	**22** 1st Night Seder **6:00p** Erev Pesach **7:30p** Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance **7:11p** Candle lighting	**23** Pesach I Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance **9:30a**
24 Bingo 6:00p	**25** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**26**	**27** Sisterhood Board **Meeting 1:00p**	**28** Daily Minyan **12:30p**	**29** Last Night of Pesach Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance **7:30p** Pesach VII **7:17p** Candle lighting	**30** Pesach Yizkor Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance **9:30a**

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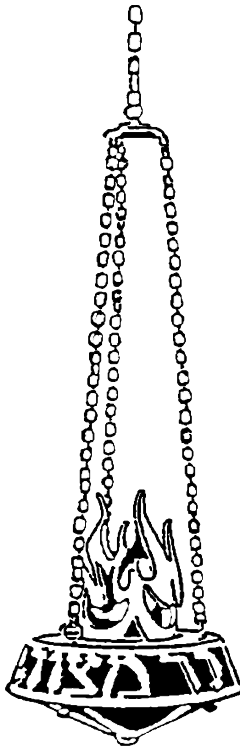

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