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A Note from the Rabbi,

Jews have always had a passion for learning. Jewish parents have made untold sacrifices to provide their children with the best possible education. And Jewish children are trained to take full advantage of educational opportunities. A recent Pew report on education of different faiths found that Jews are better educated than other major religious group in the world, with average of 13.4 years of schooling and a majority going on to higher education. In the Jewish world, throughout history, wherever Jews lived, education was always held at the highest level, beginning with the 3-year-old boys who attended Cheder/Torah school. (A well educated potential groom was always held at the highest esteem, much more than a financially stable one).

Here at Beth Shalom we strive to continue the beloved tradition of learning as we commit to satisfying the insatiable hunger for knowledge that is inherent in the Jewish soul and the divine instruction "And you shall study them day and night." This month we partner once again with CSP - Community Scholar Program in bringing Prof David Ruderman of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, to lecture at Beth Shalom. Topic: Shabbetai Zevi: The Mystical Messiah.

Be sure to join us for brunch and lecture on Sunday, January 22 at 10am.

Another program this month is 'lunch with Rabbi Osnat' which hopefully will turn into a recurring event. In my course of interacting with Beth Shalom members I find that many people would like to talk about topics that interest/bother them while learning the Jewish view on these. I hope that by having a casual conversation in a group, people will be able to exchange ideas and find out the 'Jewish side' of issues. The first lunch will take place at Rita and Bob Rubin's home. All are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch and join in the conversation.

Wishing you a happy and joyful 2017!

Your Rabbi,

Osnat



Everyone is Welcome

Bowling With Beth Shalom



On December 11 the Beth Shalom Bowlers did it again. This time we bowled at Round 1 Entertainment at the Puente Hills Mall, much more modern than our last two venues, with an amazing automatic bowling shoe dispenser. One thing that can be said about the Beth Shalom Bowlers is that we are inconsistent – strikes, spares and gutter balls for most of us. What is consistent is the fun we have.





Hazzan's Notes

Mid-Winter brings our Annual Cantors Assembly Western Region Mid-Winter Conference which will take place this year right after Hanukkah in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a co-chair of the region and co-chair of the conference, it is my great pleasure to host Hazzanim from the entire country who enjoy being with us in the west for this special occasion to spend time sharing ideas, programs, learning, praying, and concert material. I will be participating especially in sharing praying and concert material as part of the conference this year. And, I will be sharing my experiences with you all on Shabbat evening, January 6.

Also, a reminder that our beloved substitute accompanist, Aryell Cohen of Sinai Temple, will be playing for us on both Shabbat Evenings, January 6 and 13. Aryell will also share some of his experiences of the conference as well on January 6.

Our well received *Siddur Kol Shalom* will again enliven services on Shabbat morning, January 21 and we know that you will want to attend and enjoy this very special truncated Shabbat morning service that has been a hit since its inception.

-- Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Hello Everyone,

The Beth Shalom Book Group is having a good time. In January, we had a fun lunch at Applebee's AND help donate money to Beth Shalom.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th** at Myra's. We are reading and discussing Tess Gerritsen's "Playing With Fire". Some of you might know the New York Times Best Selling author as the writer and creator of Rizzoli & Isles.

What does this book have to do with being Jewish? Read the book and find out!!! We have not picked any other books as yet, but will keep you apprized when we do. Anyone is welcome to join us, just bring your 'brown bag' lunch, and dessert and drinks will be provided.

Happy New Year and Happy reading,

Myra

Lunch with Rabbi Osnat

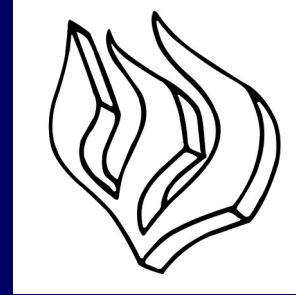
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:00 AM

An opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss topics that interest you while learning what Judaism has to say about them.

Enjoy a casual conversation with Beth Shalom members and Rabbi Osnat. Bring a brown bag lunch, hosts provide drinks and dessert.

Tuesday January 17, 11 am at Rita and Bob Rubin's home.

Join in the conversation.



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KASHRUT/KOSHER



Kashrut is the word that comes from the Hebrew root of *Kaf-Shin-Reish*, meaning "fit, proper, or correct." It refers to Jewish dietary laws contained in our Torah. These laws are developed in detail in the Talmud. In the same Hebrew root is the term *Kosher*, which describes food that meets the Kashrut and Talmud standards. The word Kosher will be used throughout this article. [See Leviticus 11:3-4 and Deuteronomy 14:6-7]

Another term of concern here is the word *Treif*, which refers to food that is not in accord with Jewish law. The Torah permits only animals which both chew their cud and have cloven hooves. Forbidden animals include hare, hyrax, camel, and swine. These are treif, along with winged creatures such as birds of prey, fish-eating water birds, and bats. Any fish that resides in the waters and has both fins and scales are kosher and can be eaten. [See Leviticus 11:9 and Deuteronomy 14:19]

The Torah also forbids the eating of creeping things and flying creeping things. Exemptions include locusts, the beetle/cricket, and the grasshopper. [See Leviticus 11:20, 11:22, 11:41 and Deuteronomy 14:19]

Kosher Dietary Laws

Kosher laws are observed all year round. Changes and additions include the dietary laws of Passover. There is a difference here, in that regular bread is Kosher year round but cannot be consumed during Passover.

There is no such thing as "Kosher-style" food. Food and its preparation is either Kosher or it's not. Sorry, Katella Deli and various kosher-styled restaurants advertised in the media, you're not Kosher. The only Kosher restaurants I know of in L.A. County are downtown, particularly in the Fairfax, Pico, North Hollywood, and Robertson areas. The one Kosher eatery I know of in Orange County is a sandwich deli located in Tustin. If food is prepared in accordance with Jewish law, Chinese food can be Kosher. The most popular Chinese Kosher restaurant in L.A. County is Gangis Cohen, located in L.A.'s Chinese area.

Kashrut Law

The many laws of Kashrut have nothing to do with health, despite the belief that, due to refrigeration, laws of Kosher are obsolete. Eating meat and milk together still affects digestion negatively. There is no modern food preparation that reduces the health benefits of the Kosher law of eating them separately. [See Exodus 23:19 and 34:26, Deuteronomy 14:21]

A concise answer to "Why?" is – "The Torah says so." There is no need for further explanation to traditional Jews. They show their obedience to G-d by following His Torah laws.

By itself, keeping Kosher is not difficult. It isn't, in itself. What makes it difficult is that the rest of the world doesn't live by it. Keeping Kosher is difficult when one tries to eat at a non-Kosher restaurant or in a non-Kosher home. Most lack the knowledge about the food preparation and food ingredients. The basic rules of keeping Kosher are simple. Concisely, if you buy meat from a Kosher butcher and products marked "Kosher" at the market, the only thing to think about is the separation of meat and milk. Most of the following are basic rules that are fairly simple.

General Rules

1. We can eat any animal that has cloven hooves and chews its cud. The camel, rock badger, rabbit, and pig are not Kosher.
2. Concerning animals and birds that can be eaten, they must be killed in accordance with Jewish law. There are meat parts, such as the sciatic nerve and its blood vessels, that may not be eaten.
3. All blood must be drained from meat and poultry or boiled out before it is eaten.

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Kol Shalom

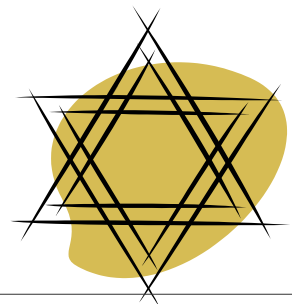
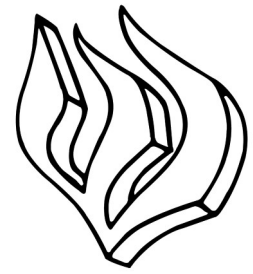
"The Voice of Beth Shalom"

Join Hazzan Lance for the *new*
Shabbat Morning Siddur on January 21, 2017

Join Hazzan Lance on September 10th for the new
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
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the comfort of tradition and learn new things about
Shabbat as well.



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Beth Shalom of Whittier
brings you
Dr. David R. Ruderman
2017 Community Scholar Program
Lecturer & Brunch

Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:00 AM

On January 22nd, Rabbi Osnat will host Professor *David B. Ruderman*, the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and the Ella Darivoff Director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the *University of Pennsylvania*. Professor Ruderman is the author of books and articles, and the recipient of several distinguished awards.

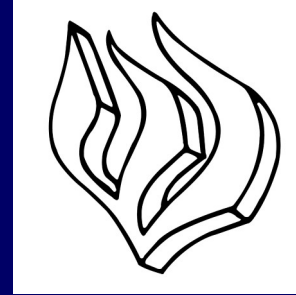
Prof Ruderman will be lecturing at Beth Shalom as part of the One Month Scholar at CSP - Community Scholar Program in Orange County. This year's lectures are about: Jewish History, Jewish Thought: A Journey Through Space And Time. Our topic for the Beth Shalom lecture is:

In Search of Saviors: The Messianic Impulse in Jewish History and its Consequences - Shabbetai Zevi: the Mystical Messiah.

This promises to be a fascinating lecture especially because of the personal history of Shabbetai Zevi who was a false messiah, yet his impact on the Jewish world of the time was huge and devastating.

Brunch at 10:00—Lecture to follow

Please RSVP to the office



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4. Fruits and vegetables must be washed and free of bugs.
5. Meat cannot be eaten with dairy. Fruits, vegetables, fish, grains, and eggs can be eaten with either meat or dairy.
6. Utensils such as pots, pans, forks, spoons, and knives that have been used with meat cannot be used with dairy and vice-versa.
7. There must be separate dishes and cups for both meat and dairy. This applies also to separate sets of cups and dishes for Passover use. Those who can't afford several sets use paper cups and dishes and plastic utensils that are thrown away after each meal.
8. Grape products made by non-Jews may not be eaten.

A more detailed writing concerning Kosher will follow in the next issue of *The Mishpacha*

Sam Pearlman

Conversational Spanish Class

After a brief hiatus, Mina will resume her class

On Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m.



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January Yahrzeit Observances

Beloved Departed	Observed by	Relationship
Newman, Pauline	Becker, Myra	Aunt
Blankstein, Mordechai (Max)	Blankstein, Fred & Berkowitz, Maxine	Father
Weiss, Elliot	Weiss, David E. & Myra	Father of David
Fleischmann, Willy	Brookfield, Howard	Father of Miriam
Margolis, Phenev	Blankstein, Fred & Berkowitz, Maxine	Father of Pearl
Hess, Leigh	Hess, Richard & Michelle	Father of Richard
Forman, Meyer	Pollack, Jordan & Yvette	Father of Yvette
Tapper, Harold Louis	Tapper, Hazzan Lance H	Grandfather
Rubins, Samuel	Lieberman, Susan	Grandfather of Susan
Tapper, Esther D.	Tapper, Hazzan Lance H	Grandmother
Torres, Socorro	Cano, Mina & Vences, Hermelindo	Grandmother of Mina
Mergruen, Siegbert	Mergruen, Christel & Cutler, Max	Husband
Rubin, Abraham	Rubin, Dorothy	Husband
Shreiber, Sidney	Shreiber, Norma	Husband
Beck, Ruth	Becker, Myra	Mother
DeMase, Pearl	Greenwood, Hope	Mother
Vinetsky, Jean	Norton, Arlene	Mother
Weiss, Rose	Weiss, David E. & Myra	Mother of David
Fleischmann, Dora	Brookfield, Howard	Mother of Miriam
Arnold, Etta	Lieberman, Susan	Mother of Susan
Clair, Frances	Pinck, Toby	Sister
Shapiro, Irene	Blankstein, Fred & Berkowitz, Maxine	Sister of Pearl
Resnick, Evelyn	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Sister of Sidney
Paul, Bertha	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Step-Mother of Sidney
Schwartz, Julius	Hess, Richard & Michelle	Uncle of Michelle
Moskowitz, Max	Lieberman, Susan	Uncle of Susan
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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

Observed by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Bob and Rita Rubin	Abraham Gnessin	Father of Rita
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Fred Blankstein	Pearl Blankstein	Wife
Mona Di Natale	Sarah Lifschitz	Grandmother
Bob and Rita Rubin	Yetta Gnessin	Mother of Rita
Joel Kudler	Sondra Janet Kudler	Wife
Dorothy Rubin	Sam Smolowitz	Father
Bernard Starkman	Blanche Starkman	Mother
Bob and Rita Rubin	Gail Goodstein	Sister of Rita
Hope Greenwood	Pearl DeMase	Mother

In Memoriam

In Memory of Abe Michlin—Howard & Nicki Applebaum

In Memory of Abe Michlin—Fred Blankstein & Maxine Berkowitz

In Memory of Ida Michlin—Alita Sevin

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Invites You to

Join us for an epic dinner by

Chef Michael Katz

We are grateful to Avi Margalith who once again brings the Chef program to

CSP and Beth Shalom.

Katz is executive chef of the Adom Group. His restaurants include Adom, Colony and Lavan in Jerusalem – acclaimed among the best in Israel.



When: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Where: At the home of Rita and Bob Rubin
8620 Portafino Place, Whittier, CA 90603

Cost: \$40 per person

RSVP by January 15, 2017 to the office:

562 941-8744 or bswoffice@verizon.net

Contact Rita 562 943-3335 or brubin698@earthlink.net for more information

Chef Michael Katz will be in Southern California under the auspices of the
Orange County Community Scholar Program

Space is very limited. We can only accommodate 32 , so sign up early to be sure you'll be included in this memorable evening. Your reservation will be confirmed when we receive your payment.

CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays



Myra Weiss	1/1/2017
Abdon Barembaum	1/2/2017
Susan Lieberman	1/19/2017

*Beth Shalom of Whittier
wishes everyone a very Happy Birthday*



January Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

Date	Time	Clergy on Bima	Service	Candles
January 6	7:30 p	Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat	4:41 p
January 7	9:45 a	Hazzan Lance	Torah Service	
January 13	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat	4:47p
January 14	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	Torah Service	
January 20	7:30p	Hazzan Lance	Kaballat Shabbat	4:53p
January 21	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	Siddur Kol Shalom	
January 27	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat	Kaballat Shabbat	5:00p
January 28	9:45a	Rabbi Osnat	Torah Study	

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chanukah: 8th Day Bingo 6p	2 Daily Minyan 2:30p	3	4	5 Daily Minyan 2:30p	6 4:41p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance	7 Breakfast 9:00a Torah Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a Parashat Vayigash
8 Bingo 6p	9 Daily Minyan 2:30p	10 Book Club @ Myra's 12:30p	11 Spanish Class 6p	12 Daily Minyan 2:30p	13 4:47p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance	14 Breakfast 9:00a Torah Service w Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance 9:45a Parashat Vayechi
15 Bingo 6p	16 Daily Minyan 2:30p	17 Lunch with Rabbi Osnat @ Rita's 11a	18	19 Daily Minyan 2:30p Board Meeting 7p	20 4:53p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance	21 Breakfast 9:00a Siddur Kol Shalom w Hazzan Lance 9:45a Parashat Shemot
22 Community Scholar Brunch & Lecture 10a with Professor David B. Ruderman Bingo 6p	23 Daily Minyan 2:30p	24	25 Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00p	26 Daily Minyan 2:30p	27 5:00p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat	28 Breakfast 9:00a Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a Parashat Vae-ra Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat
29	30 Daily Minyan 2:30p	31				

Happy
New Year

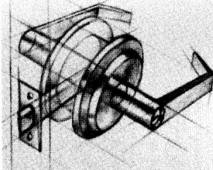
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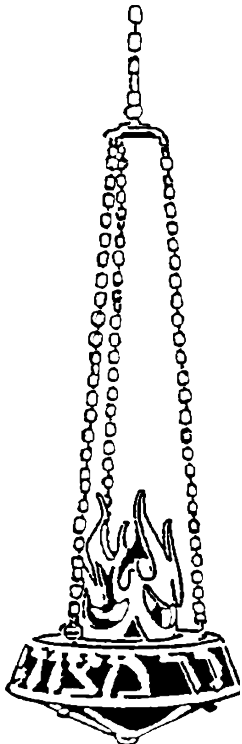
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