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Everyone is Welcome



A Note from the Rabbi,

Recently I was approached by a couple of people seeking a path to conversion. They each have unique and personal reasons for wanting to join the Jewish people, and I honor each one of them. I want to help them embark on a journey that includes our Beth Shalom community. I explained that there are few requirements to fulfill before one become 'a member of the tribe', included among them: a course of study, synagogue/ community membership, Bet Din and mikveh.

In order to accommodate anyone who is interested in learning about Judaism, be it for conversion or self knowledge or a refresher, I would like to begin a new class that will likely last all summer long, perhaps beyond. The format of the class will be different than similar classes of the past. This time around, I will assign readings in advance and the class time will be devoted to conversations about the materials read. This format will allow us to cover many topics in a short amount of time. It also calls for a greater time and energy investment on the part of the students. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put this class together.

At the end of May we will once again celebrate Shavu'ot. I am looking forward to our services commemorating the Festival of the Giving of the Torah.

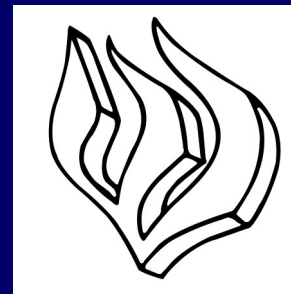
Chag Sameach!

Your Rabbi,
Osnat

Lunch with Rabbi Osnat

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



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.

Lunch & Desserts provided.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 11:30 a.m.—1:30 a.m.

Klara Wein's home

Please RSVP Klara and let her know
you will be joining the conversation

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Hazzan's Notes

The month of May takes us through the balance of the reflective *Omer* period where we begin to prepare ourselves for the annual reception of the Torah and the resounding 10 Commandments we stand for on Shavuot. This year we will celebrate Shavuot and recite the *Yizkor* Memorial prayers on Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30 am.

This reflective time before the moment of Shavuot is a time for us to pause to understand the true meaning of law and history and how change and growth is not always easy for us and our people. The stories of the larger than life characters in the book of Bamidbar (Numbers) remind us though we do like to preserve tradition, we also can grow with the times and change with them as well. After all, are we not the people who became a Rabbinic nation after the 2nd Temple was destroyed to maintain our presence in the world in a whole new way.

Judaism best survives when change and growth are welcomed into the community and looked upon with anticipation rather than disdain. Judaism has been preserved over time because we have taken constant measures to preserve and modify it to the changing times and demographics.

May we preserve the traditions that matter and keep our semblance of who we are, but learn from Shavuot the value of exploring the new and vital to keep our community alive.

-- Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

May Clergy Schedule

Date	Time	Clergy on Bima	Service
May 5	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat & BSW Musicians	Kaballat Shabbat
May 6	9:45a	Rabbi Osnat	Torah Study
May 12	7:30p	Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson	Kaballat Shabbat
May 13	9:45a	Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson	Siddur Kol Shalom
May 19	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat & BSW Musicians	Kaballat Shabbat
May 20	9:45a	Rabbi Osnat	Torah Study
May 26	7:30p	Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson	Kaballat Shabbat
May 27	9:45p	Hazzan Lance	Torah Service
May 31	9:30a	Rabbi Osnat and Hazzan Lance	Shavuot Yizkor

Kol Shalom

"The Voice of Beth Shalom"

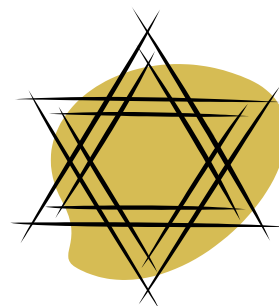
Join Hazzan Lance for the Shabbat Morning Siddur
Kol Shalom on May 13, 2017

Join Hazzan Lance on May 13th 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
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Shabbat as well.



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MONTH OF IYAR/ZIV/5777/MAY 2017



There are two names for the second month of the Jewish calendar, *Ziv* and *Iyar*. Both names are synonyms for *Light*. *Ziv* is the special light that shines from the sun, and *Iyar* is the light within us. *Ziv* is the light of energy that shines upon the earth and our bodies, while *Iyar* is the light within our souls that awakens in us the desire to serve G-d through our physical being, removed from the source of Divine Light. In general, this is the spiritual and physical renewal of the consciousness in the Jewish soul. During this awakening, our souls are inspired to build an eternal House of G-d in our reality. [Kings 1, 6:1]

Nisan and now Iyar are the awakening months of the spring. This is when the flowers are growing and the meadowlands shine with buttercups. It is as if the earth had been washed by our powerful winter rains. Aroused seedlings now produce yellow and blue iris. The season brings to life swatches of anemones, scarlet, red, purple, and lilac upon the earth. There is a basic reality that is accomplished by fulfillment of the counting of the Omer.

Omer

It is the beginning of a grain festival when a priest would elevate the first sheaf of barley in the Temple. To better comprehend this, I refer to the Torah commandment, "When you enter the land that I am giving to you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the first sheaf of your harvest to the priest. He shall elevate the sheaf before the Eternal for its acceptance in your behalf." [Leviticus 23:10-15] The omer is the measure of barley brought to the Temple on the second day of Passover. As stated in the Torah, we count 49 days from the bringing of the first omer until the eve of Shavuot, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and the day we became G-d's chosen people.

Lag Ba'Omer

On 18 Iyar in the early 2nd century, Rabbi Akiva's students ceased to die from an epidemic. Throughout the land of Israel and Jewish communities of the world, this day is marked with festivities and bonfires.

Summary

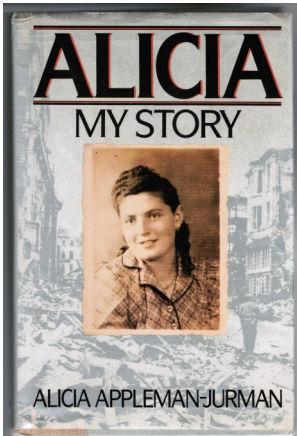
From the month of Iyar three different levels of light shine forth:

1. Luminary (ma'r) that shines on Lag Ba'Omer. This is omer 33 and reflected in Psalm 119:18. Stated there, "Unveil my eyes that I may perceive wonders of your Torah." In brief, Psalm 119:19 States that we must not fritter away our brief opportunity to infuse meaning into G-d's existence through adherence to His commandments.
2. Light. Iyar derives its light from the above light of G-d.
3. Splendor (Ziv). This is a lamination that reaches souls from G-d's far reaches. This splendor illuminates souls at the lowest level (Earth) and shines upon them G-d's love and care, thus drawing us close to the Torah. When we state, "Today is the . . . day of the omer," it reflects our meditation that "today" refers to revealed light, and of the "omer" symbolizing the splendor which shines from the divinity of G-d. This is the spark of life, a divine spark present in the heart of each Jew, from their birth onward. It is our heart's desire to arouse a powerful effort to make G-d a dwelling place on Earth and support His faith that is everlasting.

- Sam Pearlman

In Memory of Alicia Appleman-Jurman

by Rita Rubin



It is with profound sadness that we learned of the death of former Beth Shalom of Whittier member, Alicia Appleman-Jurman (born Ada Jurman). It is fitting that Alicia passed away during Nisan, the month in which we observe Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. For those of you who did not know Alicia, here are some of her own words from her biography, *Alicia: My Story*, published in 1988:

First they killed my brother Moshe...
 Then they killed my father....
 Then they killed my brother Bunio...
 Then they killed my brother Zachary...
 Then they killed my last brother, Herzl.

Only my mother and I were left. I vowed that I would never let them kill her, that I would protect my mother from the Nazis and their collaborators for as long as I lived.

Alicia's childhood in Poland ended at the age of thirteen, when her life became one of hiding from the Nazis and scavenging for food. She was the lone survivor in her family, having been thrown out the window of a train taking her family to a concentration camp.

After Germany's defeat, she joined the underground group Bricha, helping smuggle Jews out of Poland to Austria, then on to the Palestine Mandate, which was to become Israel. In early 1947 she sailed aboard the Theodor Herzl, which was stopped by Britain's Royal Navy. The ship's crew and passengers were sent to Cyprus and interned for eight months there. In December 1947, Jurman made it to the Palestine Mandate.

In the War for Israel Independence, she was part of the Palyam, the sea force of the Palmach, later serving in the "Chayl HaYam" naval forces that fought at Jaffa. There she met Gabriel Appleman, a volunteer from the United States. They wed in 1950 and came to the United States two years later. They returned to Israel in 1969, were there during the Yom Kippur War (1973), and returned to the U.S. in 1975.

After moving to the United States, Alicia dedicated her life to writing and speaking about the Holocaust so no one would ever forget; yet she was always upbeat and saw the goodness of people. When she talked about the evil of the holocaust, she also talked about how others risked their own lives to save her and other Jews escaping the Nazis.

May we find solace in the words she wrote in the dedication of the book she gave to my son Gary on his Bar Mitzvah:

To dear Gary Alexander, July 1, 1989
 A tragic page in history was written for my generation. God willing, you will write your page with happiness, love, Shalom, and a celebration of human dignity.
 With all my love and mazel tov on your Bar Mitzvah.
 Alicia Appleman-Jurman

May she rest in peace. Alicia is survived by her three children, Dan Appleman, Roan Bear, and Zachary Appleman.

May Yahrzeit Observances

Dearly Departed	Observed by	Relationship
Barembaum, Moishe	Barembaum, Abdon & Lenore	Father of Abdon
Becker, Martin	Becker, Myra	Husband
Cienfuegos, Victor	Cienfuegos, David	Brother
Fuchs, Joseph	Fuchs, Agnes	Father of Gabor
Fuchs, Rose	Fuchs, Agnes	Mother of Gabor
Freedman, Ida	Golden, Joel & Jo Ann	Grandmother of Joel
Steinhauer, Martha	Hess, Richard & Michelle	Aunt of Michelle
Falk, Michael	Kramer, Stanley & Susan	Father of Susan
Lieberman, Jack	Lieberman, Susan	Father-in-Law
Lieberman, Mina	Lieberman, Susan	Mother-in-Law
Gottlieb, Edith	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Step-Sister of Sidney
Pearlman, Bernice	Pearlman, Samuel	Wife
Pearlman, Rachel	Pearlman, Samuel	Mother
Allweiss, Esther	Pinck, Toby	Mother of Toby
Militeanu, Rachel Leah	Wein, Klara	Mother
Bromberg, Julius	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Cohen, Yetta	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Dim, Sally	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Fishelberg, Murray	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Fishelberg, Tillie	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Goldstein, Alfred	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Kain, Sol Lance	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Koizim, Ida Sandow	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Kramer, Morton Max	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Latt, Herbert	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Leopold, Nathan	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Lieblich, Louis	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
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Rosen, Samuel	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Rosenberg, Isaac	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Ross, Joseph	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Roy, Rose	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Sandow, Rebecca	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Schneiderman, Miriam	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Sherman, Isaac	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
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Slonka, Mildred	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
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Yamin, Oscar	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board
Zevin, Louis Hersh	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Yahrzeit Board

May Yahrzeit Donations

Dearly Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Rebecca Barembaum	Abdon Barembaum	Wife
Bobbie Golden	Joel & JoAnn Golden	Mother of Joel
Jacob Sandler	Michelle & Richard Hess	Grandfather of Michelle
Edward Sandler	Michelle & Richard Hess	Uncle of Michelle
Mary Torren Paul	Sid & Sandra Paul	Mother of Sid
Ann Lehman	Sid & Sandra Paul	Mother of Sandra
Arlene Berry	Ann Kanahele	Mother
Lena Shinder	Mona Di Natale	Mother
Marty Norton	Arlene Norton	Husband
Toby Liebowitz	Norma Shreiber	Sister

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.

Thank You for Your Donations

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Bernard Starkman Michelle Hess
- Rita Rubin

CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays

Cohen Bartikofsky	May 5, 2017
Myra Becker	May 5, 2017
Alberto Herrera	May 8, 2017
Maxine Berkowitz	May 9, 2017
Maggie Singer	May 10, 2017
Lenore Barembaum	May 11, 2017
Steve Baptista	May 20, 2017
Irving Bartikofsky	May 25, 2017
Susan Rubin	May 25, 2017

May Anniversaries

Hope Greenwood	May 8, 2017	40th anniversary
Mark & Lori Gibson	May 26, 2017	21st anniversary
Robert & Rita Rubin	May 30, 2017	49th anniversary

Beth Shalom of Whittier
Wishes everyone a very Happy Birthday &
Happy Anniversary

General Membership Meeting & Brunch

May 21, 2017 10:00 am

State of the Synagogue, Board Reports, Election of Officers

“Echad Mi Yodea/Who Knows One?”

– A Passover Tradition

By Shmuel Gonzales

One thing that is for sure about the Passover season, is that at Beth Shalom of Whittier we are going to have a full house for our annual congregational Pesach Seder. And so it was this year. We had a nice sized crowd of 46 in attendance, while hosting 6 members of other synagogues, which all together really added some vigor to our celebration.

The Seder was conducted by Rabbi Osnat and Hazzan Lance, with musical accompaniment on the piano by Mark Peterson. Conducting a soulful celebration filled with festive songs and familiar holiday melodies. We had some great participation in the Haggadah readings from our members and guests.

The meal was masterfully catered and served by Parties by Panache. The main course was chicken in mushroom and wine sauce stuffed with matzah farfal, and roasted vegetables. And for dessert, a fine Passover chocolate cake garnished with fruit. Though what they served up that really got the most attention was the intense, freshly ground horseradish!

Another annual highlight of the seder was Avi Margalith getting us all enthusiastically singing “Echad Mi Yodea/Who knows one?”

On this night of the celebration of our *zman cherutainu* – the season of our liberation – you could feel the joy in the room. I could tell it was a full success when I could hear from the back of the room the chorus of people playfully singing *Birkat haMazon* – the grace after meals – with such satisfaction and delight.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of Beth Shalom’s Book Group will be **Tuesday, May 16th at Maxine’s**. The book chosen is “Lilac Girls” by Martha Hall Kelly. *Kirkus Reviews* says “Kelly vividly re-creates the world of Ravensbruck”.

The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* writes it is “A compelling, page-turning narrative...*Lilac Girls* falls squarely into the ground-breaking category of fiction that re-examines history from a fresh, female point of view. It’s smart, thoughtful and also just an old-fashioned good read.”

As always, everyone brings a brown-bag lunch and our hostess provides drinks and dessert. Our conversation is lively, insightful and interesting. We learn so much from the diversity of opinions. Everyone is welcome.

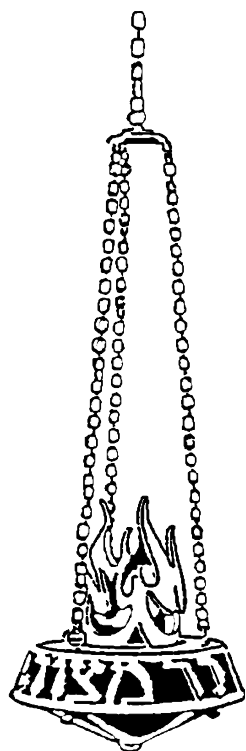
Our book for June is “Pumpkin Flowers” by Matti Friedman. More about that book next time.

Myra

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Yom HaZikaron 20th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	2 Yom HaAtzma'ut 21st day of the Omer	3 22nd day of the Omer Lunch w Rabbi Osnat at Klara Wein's house	4 23rd day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	5 Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat & BSW Musicians 7:30p 24th day of the Omer 7:21p Candle lighting	6 Parashat Achrei Mot -Kedoshim Breakfast 9a Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a 25th day of the Omer
7 26th day of the Omer Bingo 6p	8 27th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	9 28th day of the Omer	10 Pesach Sheni 29th day of the Omer	11 30th day of the Omer My Son the Waiter Huntington Beach Library Theater 2:00p Daily Minyan 2:30p	12 Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson 7:30p 31st day of the Omer 7:26p Candle lighting	13 Parashat Emor Breakfast 9a Kol Shalom w Hazzan Lance 9:45a 32nd day of the Omer
14 Lag BaOmer 33rd day of the Omer Bingo 6p	15 34th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	16 35th day of the Omer Book Club Meeting at Maxine's	17 36th day of the Omer	18 37th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p Board Meeting 7p	19 Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat & BSW Musicians 7:30p 38th day of the Omer 7:32p Candle lighting	20 Parashat Behar-Bechukotai Breakfast 9a Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a 39th day of the Omer
21 40th day of the Omer General Membership Meeting 10:00a Bingo 6p	22 41st day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	23 42nd day of the Omer	24 Yom Yerushalayim 43rd day of the Omer Sisterhood Board Meeting 1p	25 44th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	26 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson 7:30p 45th day of the Omer 7:36p Candle lighting	27 Parashat Bamidbar Breakfast 9a Torah Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a 46th day of the Omer
28 47th day of the Omer Bingo 6p	29 48th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 2:30p	30 Erev Shavuot 49th day of the Omer 7:39p Candle lighting	31 Shavuot I Shavuot Yizkor w Rabbi Osnat & Hazzan Lance 9:30a 8:47p Candle lighting			

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