



# Beth Shalom Weekly Update

Thursday, April 18, 2024 to Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus Shabbat Metzora

Shabbat Service - April 19, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

## SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening 7:30 pm

## SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

The Beth Shalom office will now be open on Wednesdays and Fridays. Erica will work from home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our office phone and email will continue to be attended to Tuesdays through Fridays.

9:00a-4:00p Tuesday-Friday  
562.941.8744  
[bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net)

## YAHREZIT

Joel Golden  
in memory of father  
Bernard Golden

Lila Held and  
Joann Eres  
in memory of sister/aunt  
Sandra Kanian

Sol Sherman  
in memory of mother  
Eva Sherman

Kathleen King  
in memory of brother  
Robert Gaal

Sandra Paul  
in memory of brother in law  
Theodore High

Myra Becker  
in memory of mother in law  
Minnie Becker

Michelle Hess  
in memory of grandfather  
Jacob Sandler

**Happy Birthday**  
**Raquel Covarrubias**  
**April 24**

**Please note:** during these troubled times, in person services and events will only be open to members, former members and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors. We will continue to have security guards on the premises and reserve the right to inspect any bags or purses. Please do not bring backpacks or anything of that type with you to services. If you do, you will be asked to leave them in your car.

**Please Note: The office will be closed Tuesday, April 23rd in observance of First Day Passover**

## Clergy Schedule

Virtual Services: [www.facebook.com/bethshalomofwhittier](https://www.facebook.com/bethshalomofwhittier)

\*Services and events are once again open to in person. Services will continue to broadcast on Facebook simultaneously for those who cannot attend in person.

**April 19--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 22--*Erev Pesah/First Seder*--6:25 pm Prelude; 6:30 pm Festival Service** in the Sanctuary--Hazzan Lance and Ty; **Seder** (by reservation only) in the Fellowship hall--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 26--*Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah*--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 28-- *Erev Pesah Yizkor*--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**May 3--7:30 pm Service--**Rabbi Ken

**May 10--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

## Humanity: Both Glory and Shame

Torah Portion: Metzora  
Torah Reading: Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33  
Haftarah Reading: II Kings 7:3 - 20

By Abigail Treu, posted on April 9, 2011

ויקרא רבה (וילנא) פרשה יח

דבר אל בני ישראל ואמרת אליהם איש כי יהיה זב מבשרו וגו' הה"ד (קהלת יב)  
וזכור את בוראך בימי בחורותיך, תנן עקביא בן מהללאל אומר הסתכל בשלשה דברים ואין אתה בא לידי עבירה, דע מאין באת מטפה סרוחה, ולאן אתה הולך לעפר רמה ותולעה ולפני מי אתה עתיד ליתן דין וחשבון לפני מלך המלכים הקב"ה.

### LEVITICUS RABBAH 18:1

"Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When any man has a discharge from his member, he is impure" (Leviticus 15:2). This [the lesson to be derived from this] is indicated in what is written, "Remember then your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). We have learned in the Mishnah (Avot 3:1): "Akabiah ben Mahalaleel said: Apply your mind to three considerations, and you will not come into the power of sin. Know whence you came: from a fetid drop; where you are going: to a place of dust, of worm, and of maggot; and

**Beth Shalom Services:** We are now open for in person services. If you are not yet comfortable coming to services in person, please tune in virtually by visiting our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch.

**Directions for viewing livestream services:** If you are a current Facebook subscriber, you need only to go to our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**, to view these announcements and videos. If you are not a current Facebook subscriber, you need to go to [www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point. Always log in 5 minutes ahead of the video start time.

**Book Club:** On May 28th, we are reading "Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman. The story of Pissarro's mother (she was Jewish). Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion. If you have any questions, please call either Michelle or Myra. Happy Reading.

**Simcha Sharing** Let the office know of your good news and we will share it in the next weekly. Weddings ★ Births

**Tribute Cards** To send a Tribute Card, please contact Michelle Hess. Her e-mail is: [michelleh3532@gmail.com](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com)

**PayPal Donations:** Paypal donations welcome: [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net)

## Upcoming Events:

**Erev Pesach Seder**  
**April 22nd**  
**See flyer on page 3.**

**Pesach Service**  
**April 26th & 28th**  
**See flyer on page 4.**

**La Mirada Theatre-**  
**Jersey Boys**  
**May 4th**  
**See flyer on page 65**

before Whom you are destined to give an account of reckoning: before the supreme King of kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.”

Rabbi Morris Shapiro (z”l) spent his last years teaching in the JTS *beit midrash*. He was a Holocaust survivor and arguably one of the best talmudic minds of his generation, and we who had the privilege of learning with him here knew well that one of his most frequently cited teachings was the phrase this midrash brings to mind: know before Whom you stand.

We live precariously. On the one hand, the midrash enjoins, we should live with the sense of responsibility and dignity that comes from knowing that we were created in the image of God and that this God-Presence holds us accountable for our actions in life. On the other hand, we are to live humbly, with the shame of having been born from our parents’ sexual urges, and know that in the end—no matter how dignified a life we lead—we will decompose along with all natural matter.

The lesson is in the balancing act between the two poles of pride and humility, of ego and humiliation. Rabbi Shapiro’s life was one of great learning and yet, incredible modesty; of terrible horror and yet, kindness and love. I have to imagine that, as he hid in the woods of Poland as a boy, he kept himself going with the certainty that God was in fact watching over him; and that, later in life, when he felt moments of personal glory he tempered himself by remembering “whence [he] came.”

As we work our way toward Pesah, cleaning out our pantries and homes of all that is stale and seeking spiritual renewal with the birth of spring, may we each find a way to rebalance the precarious perch we have come to settle into and internalize the midrash’s invitation to hold within ourselves both the shame and pride that is being human.

***See flyers on pages 3 - 5.***

*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER INVITES YOU TO*



*OUR FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER*

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING  
TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST**

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**

**AT  
FIRST FRIENDS**

**PESAH PRELUDE AND SERVICE FOR ALL  
BEGINS @6:25 PM IN THE SANCTUARY  
FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR RESERVED GUESTS**

**THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE ONLY WILL ALSO BE STREAMED  
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SEDER**

**PLEASE EMAIL AT [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) OR  
CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744**

**THE SEDER IS COMPLIMENTARY FOR MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST  
NON-MEMBERS OR ADDITIONAL GUESTS \$75/PERSON, PREPAID BY THE RSVP DATE**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 12, 2024, BY 3:00PM**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US  
**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH AND PESAH YIZKOR**



**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH SERVICE**

Friday, April 26—Pesah Organ Prelude—7:25 pm, Service—7:30 pm

**PESAH YIZKOR SERVICE**

Sunday, April 28—Pesah Organ Prelude @7:25 pm, Service @7:30 pm

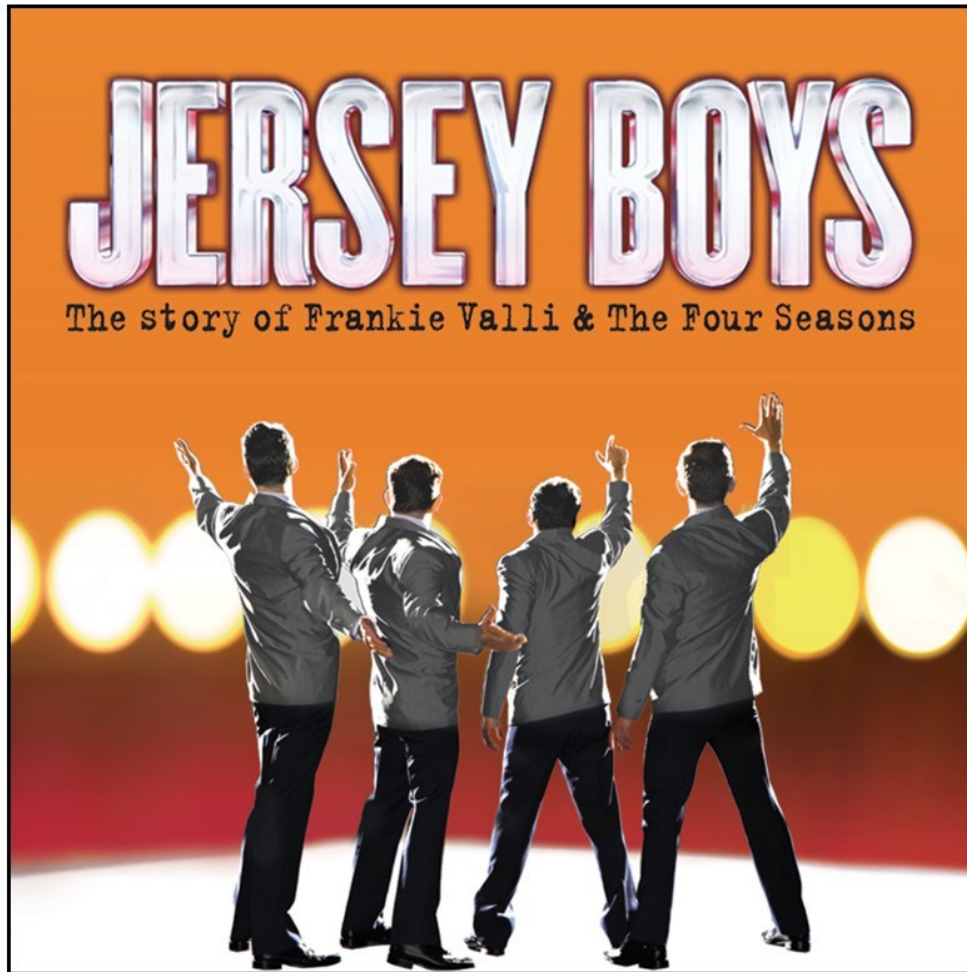
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**TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST**

**BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT FIRST FRIENDS**  
**AND SIMULTANEOUSLY STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**





**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS**



**Join your Beth Shalom friends and family for  
an afternoon at the theatre!**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 ★ 2:00 p.m.**

La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts  
14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada 90638

There are a limited number of tickets, reserve yours today by  
calling or emailing the Temple office.

Tickets are free for MEMBERS ONLY plus one guest.

We do not have any extra tickets for sale.

Tickets can be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

Let the office know if you need transportation.

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