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A Note from the Rabbi...

In a few days we will celebrate the Festival of Shavuot (weeks), one of the three pilgrimage (to the Jerusalem Temple) festivals mentioned in the Torah. Shavuot occurs seven weeks after Passover, marking 'the time of the giving of our Torah.'

Grand Rabbe Meir Alter of Ger (1899-1866, Poland) once posed the question: "Why is the festival of Shavuot called 'the time of the giving of our Torah and not the time of the receiving of our Torah?" and he answered: "Because the giving of the Torah happened at one specified time, but the receiving of the Torah happens at every Time and in every Generation."

Symbolizing the whole Torah/Law are the Ten Commandments which we read every Shavuot, every year. We should be aware that in Hebrew these are called 'Aseret haDiberot' - the ten Statements/Utterances spoken by God at Mount Sinai, stemming from the Torah where they are called 'Aseret haD'varim. The words d'varim and diberot come from the Hebrew root D.B.R. Meaning word or thing. What is known as the Ten Commandments is really a gross mistranslation standing in opposition to traditional Jewish understanding that all 613 commandments and not just 10 were given at Sinai. Generally speaking, translations too often interpret and add meaning that is absent from the original text. Hayim Nachman Bialik, Israel's national poet and writer once observed that reading a book in translation is similar to kissing a bride through a veil... There are many examples of mistranslation of the biblical Hebrew into English. I invite you to ponder one example: "Thou shalt not kill" vs the original Hebrew "Thou shalt not murder."

What must not be forgotten is that regardless of the language one reads these ten divine statements, they are the principles that stand at the heart of the eternal covenant (brit) between God and the People Israel. On Shavuot we recommit ourselves to this covenant, to our Jewish tradition, to the profound teachings of Judaism and to the Jewish community we are part of.

Hag Same'ach - Happy Festival of Shavuot from

Your Rabbi, Osnat



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Sara Castillo

HONORS

In Honor of Sue Rubin's Birthday—Klara Wein

In Honor of Steve Baptista's Birthday—Myra & David Weiss

Book Club News

The next book club meeting is 12:30 pm, Tuesday, June 14th at Maxine's. The book is "Stir: My Broken Brain" by Jessica Flechter. How does one recover and repair ones body from a bleeding aneurysm? The author recalled memories and recipes from her family which she lovingly shares in her book.

p.s. Rita has made a couple of the recipes and said they were very good.



Hazzan's Notes

As we conclude the Counting of the Omer and get ready to celebrate the receiving of the law at Mount Sinai recreated every year during the festival of Shavuot, we pause to reflect on our own methods for renewing ourselves and making ourselves ever ready to receive God's laws and words so that they may better penetrate our minds, hearts, and souls. The recitation of the Ten Utterances by God that began our people's quest for righteous laws will be ever present as we celebrate Shavuot on Sunday, June 12.

This festival service, which includes the Yizkor Memorial prayers, will be especially meaningful this year as we will be uplifted by Aryell Cohen, the Past President of the Guild of Temple Musicians and Organist/choir master of Sinai Temple who will be with us to accompany me through this beautiful liturgy. Many have enjoyed the Friday nights that Aryell has substituted for our regular accompanist, Mark Peterson. But, this service will mark his first occasion playing for us during a festival service. Aryell transcends the music on the page to the music in his soul that is especially present at festival services. His knowledge of the festival chants makes his ability to improvise in these modes especially thrilling. We are overjoyed that he is able to be with us for Shavuot and encourage all who can to come and make this a highlight on your calendar that you will not want to miss. Sunday, June 12 beginning at 9:30 am.

- - Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

June Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

			Candle Lighting
June 3,	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat	7:41p
June 4,	9:45a	Rabbi Osnat	
June 10,	7:30p	Hazzan Lance	7:45p
June 11,	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	
June 12,	9:30a	Hazzan Lance with Aryell Cohen— Shavuot Yizkor	
June 17,	7:30p	Hazzan Lance with Aryell Cohen	7:47p
June 18,	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	
June 24,	7:30p	Hazzan Lance with Ty Woodward	7:48p
June 25,	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	

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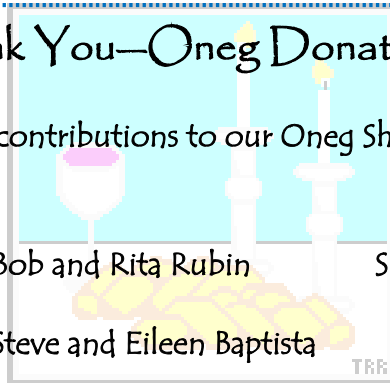
For your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats!!

Myra Becker

Bob and Rita Rubin

Susan Rubin

Steve and Eileen Baptista



– Rita Rubin

SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood Summer Luncheon (No Host)

July 20, 2016

DeLuca's Restaurant

Sisterhood Movie Matinee (Sandwich/Salad Lunch)

July 31, 2016, 11:00 am

"Loving Leah"

Details to follow

Need a Ride to Shul?

Can't make it to shul on a Friday night or Saturday Morning for lack of a ride?

Call Lucy Kleinberg at 323-807-0842 to arrange for a ride.

First and third Friday nights and second and fourth Saturday Mornings each month.

24 hour reservation required.

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



The Temple – Part Two



Hidden Construction

When King Solomon built the Temple, he constructed a deep labyrinth going under the Temple Mount where the holy vessels could be hidden in case of danger.

Foreseeing this, King Josiah commanded that the Ark be concealed in this labyrinth, sealing it off, so that it would not be discovered by the enemy. Even to this day, the Ark is hidden somewhere under the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Of more importance are the Ark's contents. They are the objects that are most sacred to Judaism: the two Tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments, which G-d had given to Moses, and the original Torah that Moses had written as dictated by G-d. [Deuteronomy 31:26]

Tablets of the Covenant

The single most significant event in Jewish history was the revelation at Sinai when G-d proclaimed the Ten Commandments. It was here that G-d made the covenant that established His unique relationship with the Jewish people. The Tablets are known as the Tablets of the Covenant. [Deuteronomy 9:9-11, 15] These represent the physical reality of the Covenant. [Exodus 31:18, 34:29] Concisely, the Tablets are the special relationship between G-d and all Jewish people.

Original Torah

The original Torah was written by Moses at the expressed word of G-d. This unique Torah was completed by Moses shortly before he died, and he commanded that it be placed in the Ark next to the Tablets. "Take the book of the Torah, and put it in the side of the Ark of the Covenant of the L-rd your G-d, that it may be there as a witness for you." [Deuteronomy 31:26] As Rambam (Maimonides) writes, this is the "witness" to all people of the special relationship and responsibility that we the Jewish people have to G-d.

Sacred Feelings

Even today, every Jew coming to Jerusalem knows that they are in close proximity to the sacred objects. They often meditate on the concept, mentally going back to the revelation at Sinai, contemplating all the miracles that accompanied the giving of the Torah, that these most sacred objects remain hidden, buried under the Temple Mount to remain until we are worthy to uncover them again. The close proximity of the Ark's contents is sure to make a most profound impression on our souls.

Western Wall

One remnant of the Temple still stands today. It is the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, the Kotel Maaravi. It is considered one of the most sacred spots in the world. It is the focus of pilgrimage for Jews throughout the world. They pray there and leave written prayers in its crevices. For even though our Temple was destroyed, the presence of G-d has never left the Western Wall, the wall that was closest to the Holy of Holies.

Sam Pearlman

June Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Beck, Daniel B.	Becker, Myra	Father
Brandt, Donald	Brandt, Sally	Husband
Brandt, Ted	Brandt, Sally	Father of Donald
Cienfuegos, Victor	Cienfuegos, David	Brother
Falk, Michael	Kramer, Stanley & Susan	Father of Susan
Freedman, Aaron	Golden, Joel & Jo Ann	Grandfather of Joel
Fuchs, Joseph	Fuchs, Agnes	Father of Gabor
Fuchs, Rose	Fuchs, Agnes	Mother of Gabor
Gottlieb, Edith	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Step-Sister of Sidney
Handler, Gertrude	Handler, Mark Allen	Mother/Grandmother
Heidman, Nat	Levine, Mark & Ilene	Grandfather of Ilene
Hock, Louis	Hock, Millie	Father of Aaron
Jacobson, Samuel	Jacobson, Karen	Father-In-Law
Koh, Herbert	Koh, Ruth	Father
Kuperstein, David Michael	Kuperstein, Sandy	Son
Kuperstein, Jenny	Held, Charles & Lila	Grandmother of Lila
Leachman, Harry	Kolnick, Jeffrey & Tock, Rosa	Great-Uncle of Jeffrey
Lehman, Morris	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Father of Sandra
Meissner, W. A.	Fuchs, Agnes	Cousin
Michlin, Helen Moss	Weiss, David E. & Myra	Stepmother of Myra
Militeanu, Miriam	Wein, Klara	Grandmother
Militeanu, Rachel Leah	Wein, Klara	Mother
Playberg, Sylvia	Paul, Sidney & Sandra	Sister of Sidney
Rubin, Mina	Bierman, Arlene	Aunt
Salk, Toby	Salk, Barry	Wife
Sandler, Lillian	Hess, Richard & Michelle	Grandmother of Michelle
Schneiderman, Lydia	Briscoe, Meryl, Loren & Robert Schneiderman	Mother
Singer, Sarah	Singer, Mark & Maggie, & Eunice	Grandmother of Mark
Stillman, Ruth	Lieberman, Susan	Aunt
Weiner, Raymond	Weiner, Teresa	Husband

In Memory of Arthur Shapiro—Arlene Bierman

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 Observances, cont'd

Dear Departed

Cohen, Yetta
 Eison, Fanny
 Fishelberg, Tillie
 Goldstein, Alfred
 Koizim, Ida Sandow
 Kraus, Louis
 Leopold, Nathan
 Liebllich, Louis
 Lyons, Jack H.
 Prog, Seymour Solomon
 Rosen, Samuel
 Roth-Herman, Elenor Irma
 Sherman, Bina Bertha
 Solomon, Robert
 Weiss, Jerome M.
 Yamin, Oscar
 Zevin, Louis Hersh

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Beloved Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Daniel B Becker	Myra Becker	Father
Rebecca Goldberg	Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Grandmother
Ida Freedman	Joel & Jo Ann Golden	Grandmother of Joel
Aaron Freedman	Joel & Jo Ann Golden	Grandfather of Joel
Martha Steinhauser	Michelle & Richard Hess	Aunt of Michelle
Marty Norton	Arlene Norton	Husband
Joseph Schwartz	Agnes Fuchs	Stepfather
Mina Rubin	Arlene Bierman	Aunt

Torah Discussion with Rabbi Osnat

Saturday, June 5th at 9:45 am

CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays



Joel Chesler	6/2/2016	
Joel Golden	6/6/2016	
Karen Jacobson	6/6/2016	
Barack Obama Mandela	6/14/2016	
Christine Singer	6/14/2016	24th birthday
Alexandra Isabel Paz	6/18/2016	
Mark Singer	6/18/2016	
Fred Blankstein	6/26/2016	
Barry Neville	6/29/2016	

June Anniversaries



Joel & Diane Chesler	6/4/2016	4th anniversary
Stanley & Susan Kramer	6/10/2016	54th anniversary
Abdon & Lenore Barembaum	6/13/2016	17th anniversary
Jordan & Yvette Pollack	6/14/2016	63rd anniversary
Sidney & Sandra Paul	6/22/2016	64th anniversary
Eileen & Steve Baptista	6/30/2016	32nd anniversary

Beth Shalom of Whittier

Wishes you all

Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 39th day of the Omer 6:00p Spanish Class	2 40th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 12:30p	3 41st day of the Omer 7:41p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat 7:30p	4 Parshas Bechukosai 42nd day of the Omer Breakfast 9:00a Torah Discussion w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a
5 Yom Yerushalayim 43rd day of the Omer Bingo 6:00p	6 44th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 12:30p	7 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th day of the Omer	8 46th day of the Omer 6:00p Spanish Class	9 47th day of the Omer Daily Minyan 12:30p	10 48th day of the Omer 7:45p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p	11 Parshas Bamid-barErev Shavuot 49th day of the Omer Breakfast 9:00a Shabbat Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a 8:53p Candle lighting
12 OFFICE CLOSED Shavuot Yizkor Service w Hazzan Lance 9:30a NO BINGO 8:54p Candle lighting	13 Daily Minyan 12:30p	14 Book Club 12:30p at Maxine's	15 6:00p Spanish Class	16 Daily Minyan 12:30p Board Meeting 7p	17 7:47p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p	18 Parshas Nasso Breakfast 9:00a Shabbat Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
19 Bingo 6:00p	20 Daily Minyan 12:30p	21	22 Sisterhood Meeting 1:00p 6:00p Spanish Class	23 Daily Minyan 12:30p	24 7:48p Candle lighting Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p	25 Parshas Beha'aloscha Breakfast 9:00a Shabbat Service w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
26 Bingo 6:00p	27 Daily Minyan 12:30p	28	29 6:00p Spanish Class	30 Daily Minyan 12:30p		

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Friday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services 9:45 a.m.

Daily Minyan, Monday and Thursday 12:30 p.m.

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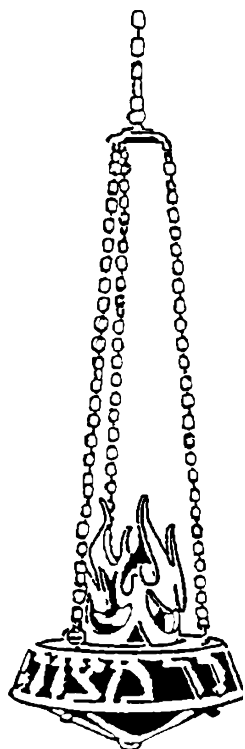
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