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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As we always do this month, we will have our Kristallnacht remembrance service this year on November 10. Our organist, Ty Woodward, and I will recreate a Berlin German Shabbat evening service that night. It will be, as has been in the past, a wonderful tribute to the music and tradition of the German synagogues.

Today, this is heightened even more with our special relationship to the large liberal congregation in Berlin, Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue. Our congregation and myself have bonded with the congregation, clergy, and musicians of this special place. They have given and sent us their music, good wishes, and thoughts and prayers for our welfare and traditions. They welcome us there as we would welcome them here. I cherish our connection.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Emanu El, Redlands, CA who has also befriended me and our congregation with connection to this service as well. Rabbi Cohn's father, the late Rabbi Franklin (Fritz) Cohn, was a Rabbi in the Berlin Jewish community before World War II. So, his connection runs deeply back to this tradition and we appreciate all he does to help make this service as authentic as it can be.

I look forward to seeing you all on November 10 to remember this very special tradition in our community.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

# From our President

Hello Everyone,

What can I say about the month of October? My heart is broken, along with all of yours, at what those monsters did to our people in Israel. There is no excuse or rationalization of this evil. Of course, Beth Shalom stands with Israel. We always have and always will. We pray for the hostages at every service, as well as those injured and killed. We pray for the safety of Israel. We pray for all the soldiers so valiantly fighting to defend Israel. We pray for all the innocent people who will be hurt or killed. As we are a practical people, we know that more than prayers are needed. Along with the personal contributions we have made to Israeli causes, Beth Shalom of Whittier has made a substantial donation to Magen David Adom.

The resurgence of so much antisemitism has been horrific. I say resurgence but sadly, I think that much of it was always there but now has come out of the shadows. The only difference that I see, and it gives me hope, is that so many countries have come out in support of Israel and are sending military help and not just talking. The antisemites are loud and look for publicity but we do have a lot of support from the majority of people. We will have blue ribbons for the hostages to distribute at our Shabbat services.

That being said, please be careful out there. We do have support at our services from the Whittier Police Dept as well as our usual security.

Am Israel Chai  
Lila

## High Holy Day Appeal Donations

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Hope Greenwood     | Arlene Norton        |
| Christine Grijalva | Sidney & Sandra Paul |
| Lila Held          | Anita Sevin          |
| Revekah Martinez   | Klara Wein           |
| Ande Mass          | Dorothy A. Wiener    |

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Jeffrey Kolnick  
Mona Di Natale  
  
Bob & Rita Rubin

### Beloved Departed

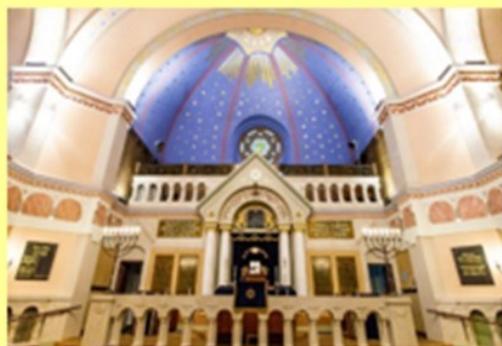
Jackie Kolnick  
Sarah Lifschitz  
Laura Cirulnick  
Doris Rubin  
Abe Gnessin

### Relationship

Mother  
Grandmother  
Cousin  
Mother of Bob  
Father of Rita

## Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Michelle Hess with your request @ michelleh3532@gmail.com.



(Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue—Berlin, Germany)

## *Beth Shalom of Whittier*

presents

# **A Special Shabbat Evening Service**

in conjunction and cooperation with the

**PESTALOZZISTRASSE SYNAGOGUE OF BERLIN, GERMANY**

*featuring the liturgy and music of the Berlin Jewish Community*

**in remembrance of Kristallnacht**

*Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Prelude: 7:25 pm; 7:30 pm Service*

**JOIN US IN PERSON IN OUR SANCTUARY AT:**

**FIRST FRIENDS—13205 PHILADELPHIA ST, WHITTIER, CA 90601**

(Those who are not members must register ahead with our synagogue office at 562-941-8744 and will be subject to a security check when they arrive)

**OR WATCH THE LIVE BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**Beth Shalom of Whittier**

*A Special Oneg will be served following the service in our foyer*

*Officiants:*

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus, SPIRITUAL LEADER*  
*Ty Woodward, ORGANIST*

## CHANUKAH

Antiochus The Greek ruler Antiochus didn't want to destroy the Jewish people he wanted to destroy the Jewish religion. He had been assured by bad priests that the Jews were waiting to place a Greek Idol in the Temple.

Rebellion There was one priestly family that didn't think as the ungodly priests, it was the family of the Maccabees. It mainly consisted of Mattathias and his five sons. They knew it was wrong to forsake their religion. They knew that the Jews had sinned greatly in adopting Greek customs that were contrary to Jewish beliefs. When an altar was put in the market place of the town of Modin for sacrifice to the Greek god. Mattathias was the first to be approached. He answered the crowd with these words from the Book of the Maccabees "Though all nations that are under kings dominion obey him, and all fall away from the religion of their fathers yet will I and my sons walk according to the ways of our fathers".

One of the Jews stepped out from the crowd that had gathered in the market place to sacrifice to the Greek god. Mattathias and his sons killed him and the kings officers who stood there. Mattathias then shouted these words: "whoever is for G-d follow me," and he and his sons fled to the mountains.

In a short time Mattathias raised a small army and he planned to free the Jews from influence of the Greeks and of Antiochus. The Jews went on to win great victories under the leadership of Judah Maccabee, who had replaced his aged father. The family then returned to Jerusalem.

When the Maccabees saw the Temple desecrated by the Greek idols, their hearts bled. They didn't lose their courage. They threw the Greek idols out of the Temple, cleaned it and replaced the old vessels with new ones. As a final touch they had to light the "Menorah".

By law and custom the "Menorah" was to be kept burning in the Temple continuously. Specially prepared oil was used for this purpose to insure purity. The oil was put in containers marked with the seal of the High Priest. The Maccabees searched and found a small cruse which contained only oil for one day. They put it into the Menorah and prayed. The process took eight days. Thus our holiday now last eight days and begins on the 25th day of the month of "Kislev" (December 10, 2023). The name CHANUKAH means "They camped on the 25th day. It is known as the "Feast of Lights" and the "Feast of Dedication".

Miracle of Oil As a reminder of the oil miracle we light and display to be seen by everyone a "Menorah". We begin with one candle and add one candle each night, bringing it to a total of eight candles on the eighth night of CHANUKAH (December 14, 2023).

The "Menorah" is lit by a special lighting candle the "Shamash". It is placed a little higher in the "Menorah" to show that it is not part of the Chanukah candles. The candles are put in the menorah from right to left, the candle on the extreme left is put on the first night. Each night a new candle is added on that side. In lighting the "Menorah" however, we go from left to right. The newest candle is lit first, and followed by the second newest and so on.

Gut Yom Tov, Shalom  
Sam Pearlman

P.S. On Friday evening the CHANUKAH menorah must be lit before the Sabbath candles. Let us never forget the Sabbath is G-d's blessed day and overrides all other days.

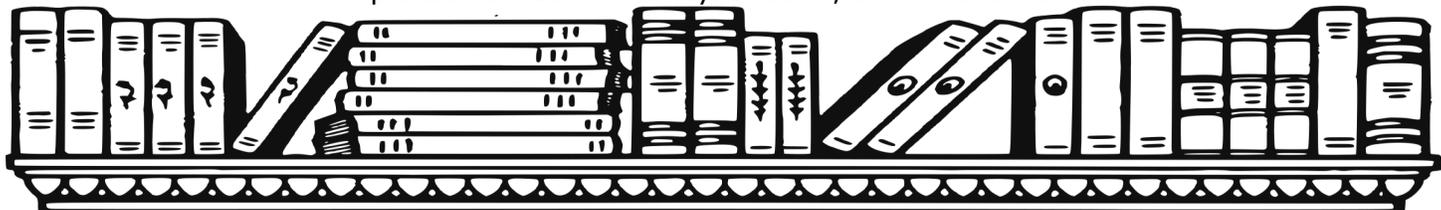
### BOOK CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday, November 14th, we are reading "Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America". The author is Steven J. Ross. Ross is a professor of story at USC and director of the Camden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life.

As usual, we meet at 12:30 on Zoom.

Happy Reading Everyone!

If you have any questions, or want to join us,  
please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



### Clergy Schedule

**Beth Shalom Services:** All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

**November 3--7:30 pm Service--**Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

**November 10--[Kristallnacht German Service Observance--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service](#)--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**November 17--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**November 24-- 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**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](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

### Candle Lighting Times

**November 3 - 5:41**

**November 10 - 4:35**

**November 17 - 4:31**

**November 24 - 4:28**



### ROSE HILLS CEMETERY PLOTS

If you want to do your family the mitzvah of pre-planning, please call the office.

They can give you information as to what gravesites are available and what steps to take to secure your plot(s).

Plots are \$3500 each.

There are only a few plots remaining, so if you are Interested, please let us know.

### This is Our Mishpacha

**Our Mishpacha is published monthly, on or near the first of the month.**

**If you want an article or announcement to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline is the 20th of the month prior.**

**Our Mishpacha is sent on-line to the members of Beth Shalom with computers.**

**If you wish a printed copy mailed to you, please call the office (562) 941-8744.**

**Printed copies are also available in our lobby. \$18.00 per year for non-members.**

**The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. [bswoffice@verizon.com](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)**

### Happy Birthday!!!

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Stanley Kramer  | November 4  |
| Rita Rubin      | November 13 |
| Samuel Gonzales | November 24 |
| Klara Wein      | November 25 |
| Evelyn Litwin   | November 30 |

### Happy Anniversary!!!

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**Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday!!**

**Yahrzeit****Observed By***Revekah Martinez**Eugene Roseman**Jeffrey Kolnick**Richard Lasher**Hazzan Lance H Tapper**Liz Herrera**Millie Hock**Dan Franden**Lila Held, Joann Eres, and Jordan Eres**Mark Singer**Bernard Starkman**Miriam Brookfield**Rita Rubin**Mark Handler, and Debora Davis***Dear Departed***Delfina Pinto**Nancy Martinez**Bernard Roseman**Max Kolnick**Ethel Lipshitz**Al Silvers**Malvina Tapper**Ida Silvers**Humberto Espinoza**Dora Hock**Frances Finkelstein**Ruth Bromberg**Eunice Singer**Blanche Starkman**Adolph Brookfield**Yetta Gnessin**Irwin Handler***Relationship***Grandmother**Sister**Brother**Grandfather**Grandfather**Aunt**Grandmother**Uncle**Mother, Grandmother, & Great Grandmother**Step Mother**Mother**Father-in-Law**Mother**Uncle***Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier****Dear Departed***Jacob Ruthberg**Linda Faden**Molly Schneiderman**Sophie Cooper**Betty Allen**Shirley Gordon**Isaac Ziskin**Morris Baileys*

*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.*

## *Cheshvan - Kislev 5784*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday  | Saturday                                   |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---|--|
|        |        |                        | 1         | 2                         | 3<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                                | 4<br>20 Cheshvan<br>Parashat Vayeira       |
| 5      | 6      | 7                      | 8         | 9                         | 10<br>7:30p Kristallnacht<br>German Service<br>Observance | 11<br>27 Cheshvan<br>Parashat Chayei Sarah |
| 12     | 13     | 14<br>12:30p Book Club | 15        | 16<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 17<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                               | 18<br>5 Kislev<br>Parashat Toldot          |
| 19     | 20     | 21                     | 22        | 23                        | 24<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                               | 25<br>12 Kislev<br>Parashat Vayeitzei      |
| 26     | 27     | 28                     | 29        | 30                        |   |  |