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Everyone is Welcome

### HAZZAN'S NOTES



In December, we celebrate the military victory of our people over the Syrian/Greeks through the Maccabees and others which we call Hanukkah. We begin to light the *Hanukkiyah* or Hanukkah Menorah with 9 candles versus the Shabbat candelabrum of two or the temple Menorah of seven candles.

This reminds us that Hanukkah is a special time in our calendar for good reason.

This festival is set at 8 days not because of the Talmudic myth of the small cruise of oil that lasted miraculously by legend for 8 days, but, because our ancestors wished to find the closest holiday which they could celebrate to rededicate the first temple anew. That festival was Sukkot/Sh'mini Atzeret which, as you know, is 8 days with Sh'mini Atzeret as the last day. That is why many of the liturgical traditions of Hanukkah follow what we would do for Sukkot rather than its own status as a minor festival, i.e. full Hallel, reading the Torah each day of Hanukkah etc.

Also, a word about our well-known musical version of *Maoz Tzur*. The version everyone knows and loves is actually based on a Lutheran hymn from the German states. It became synonymous with this text in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when the hymn came out and has stuck ever since. But, you should know, that there are other well known tunes for this text including one by the great Hazzan of the 20<sup>th</sup> century—Pierre Pinchik (whose family heritage came from the Sephardic communities of the Caucasus mountains) and also one notated down from another older German tradition by the non-Jewish Italian composer, Bendetto Marcello, sometimes erroneously credited to him. This shows our wide fabric of Jewish tradition around our holidays. May the light of the Hanukkah candles brighten your nights and give you the enjoyment they are to impart based on the Talmudic dictums on them.

*Hag Sameach!*

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

December 6 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

December 13 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

December 14 — **Siddur Kol Shalom:**

**9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall/9:45 am Kol Shalom service in the Meeting House (Sanctuary)—Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson**

December 20 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

December 29 — 7:30p **Shabbat Hanukkah** Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

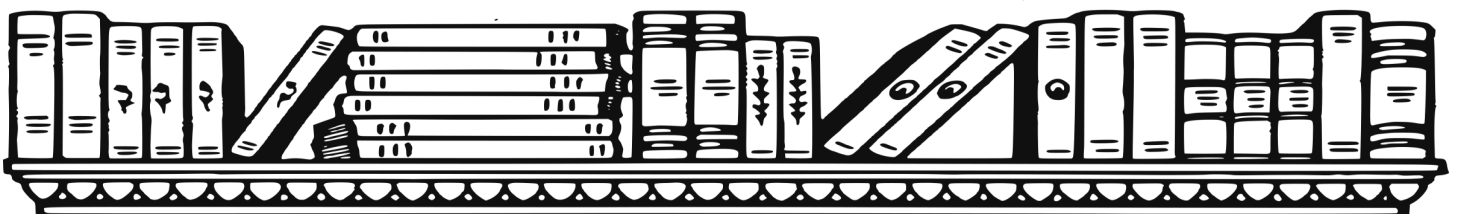


## BOOK CLUB NEWS

*Our annual lunch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at Lascari's at Noon. We need book*

*suggestions for 2020. Please write them down with a short explanation about the book and why you are suggesting the book. In the past, we have wanted Jewish topics and/or Jewish authors.*

*Best Regards  
Myra*





## December Candle Lighting Times

**December 6 — 4:25**

**December 13—4:26**

**December 20—4:29**

**December 27—4:33**

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### **This is Our Mishpacha**

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

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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.  
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## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>David Starkman</i>  | <i>December 11</i> |
| <i>Alita Sevin</i>     | <i>December 14</i> |
| <i>Jordan Pollack</i>  | <i>December 20</i> |
| <i>Robert Rubin</i>    | <i>December 21</i> |
| <i>Barbara Landau</i>  | <i>December 22</i> |
| <i>Deborah Miranda</i> | <i>December 28</i> |

### Anniversary

*Alita & Jim Sevin*      *December 7*

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you all a  
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

Contact the Temple office  
to sponsor an Oneg in  
honor of a loved one's  
birthday or anniversary—\$18.00

Welcome to Beth Shalom of Whittier!!

Robin Weintraub  
Son—Seth

## From Our President

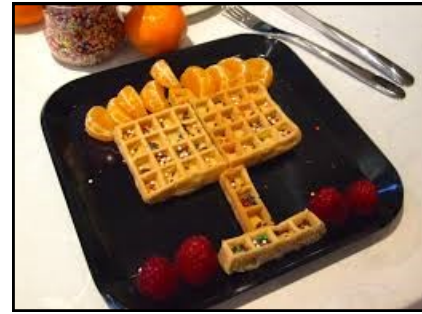
After our very busy month of October you would have thought that November would be quiet and not had much going on – but you would have been wrong. We started out the first weekend at the Grand Opening of the De Yu Spiritual Cultivation Institute. These are the folks who bought our old building. They have done a beautiful job of their renovations so far. They are very happy with the building and thanked us many times over for selling it to them.

Next in the month, we had our annual commemoration service of the German synagogue tradition but this year we had the additional beauty of the pipe organ and choir. If you weren't there, you really missed a treat! Not to mention the delicious apple strudel that the Sisterhood served afterwards!

Then there was the Whittier Community Thanksgiving event with music provided by choirs and soloists from many of the area churches as well as a mosque and of course, Beth Shalom. Hazzan Lance made us all very proud with his singing of Yiy'hu Le Ratzon. It was a very special evening. Thank you, as always, to those of you who to continue to support us. If you haven't come lately but wonder about how we are doing, please come and give us a try. I'm sure you will like our warm and friendly services. It really is like an extended family and we are always happy to see new people come and welcome them into our fold. Wishing all of you a Happy Hanukkah.

....Lila

## Hanukkah Waffle Fun



It's important to find enjoyment in the everyday tasks of our lives. Make these festive Hanukkah menorah waffles and nourish the child within. Email a picture of your of your masterpiece to the Temple office (bswoffice@verizon.net) with one line telling us who you made them with and we will share them in the January Mishpacha issue.

### Instructions

- 1 Cut a strip off the short end of each waffle. Arrange the waffles and the cut strips to make the shape of a menorah.
- 2 Use the tangerine segments for 'flames'.
- 3 Decorate with the raspberries and sprinkles, or any other garnishes you want.

....Alita

## Cold Weather Shelter



It's that time of year again. I'm starting to schedule volunteers for the Cold Weather Shelter. We are responsible for the week starting with dinner December 23 and ending with breakfast December 30. The venue has changed. We will be at First United Methodist Church on the corner of Baily and Friends. The door we will enter through is at 6725 Friends Ave. They have a large kitchen we can use, or we can cook at home (or at my house) and bring the food. We will have 45 guests. Please let me know what shifts you can take - 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Not everyone has to stay until 9:00. You can leave after cleaning up.) The guests will not be staying at church during the day on Christmas, but Christmas dinner will probably take longer to prepare.

We will also be looking for volunteers here and there throughout the shelter dates, November 27 to March 9.

....Rita



## **Parasha Yayishlach**

### **Genesis 32:435:29**

The Torah portion Vayishlach is read in synagogues on the 16th of Kislev (December 14, 2019). It contains the following major parts:

1. Jacob wrestles with an angel who wounds his thigh and changes his name to ISRAEL.
2. Jacob and his brother Esau meet and make peace with each other.
3. Dinah, the daughter of Leah and Jacob, is violated by Shechem.
4. Dinah's blood brothers, Simeon and Levi, take revenge by murdering all the males of Shechem and plundering the city.
5. Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin and is buried on the road near Bethlehem.
6. Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron near his parents Abraham and Sarah.
7. Listing of the genealogy of Jacob and Esau.

Significance of a Name—For our Jewish people, a name not only bestows identity, it also reflects religious and spiritual meaning. The Torah portrays naming as the first independent human act. Jacob after conquering the angel sent from G-d is given the name Israel, meaning "champion of G-d". The struggle he fought paved the way for the ultimate salvation of Jacob and the entire Jewish people. For although he was wounded and limped the rest of his life, Jacob prevailed and went on to greater accomplishments. Our people have suffered greatly, but have emerged with even greater victories such as the state of Israel. We must all remember that as a result of that night's struggle Jacob ceased to be the "quiet man, dwelling in tents" (Genesis 25:27) and became G-d's champion.

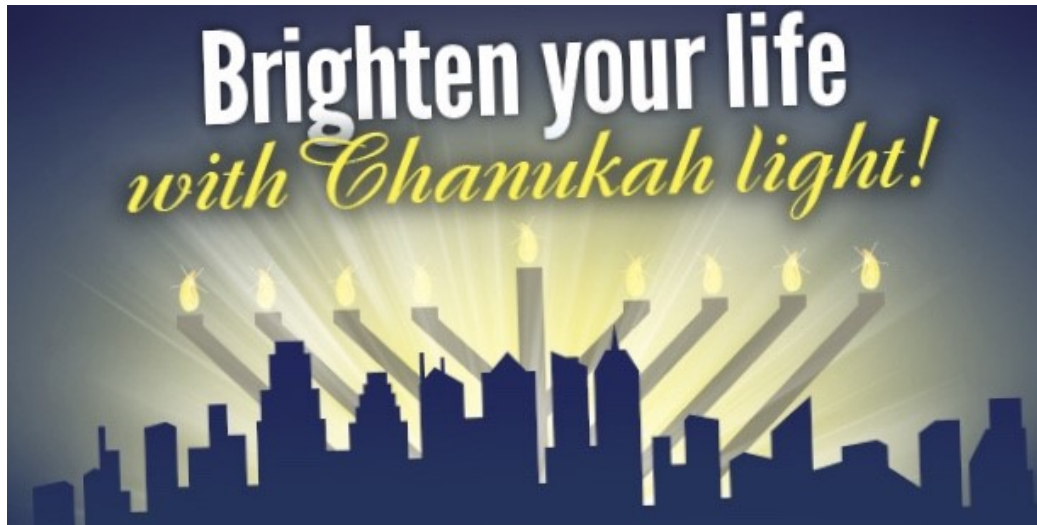
Reconciliation—Making peace with one's former enemies has been a Jewish tradition. The Torah tells of the family unification of Jacob and his brother Esau whose birthright he had stolen. Jacob reasoned that reconciliation was the best course to follow. He sent a delegation with gifts and prayers to impress upon Esau his humility, and assuage their long hostility. This tactic worked and both brothers enjoyed a mutual peace and understanding with each other.

The Torah portion says that Jacob's wound sets an example for the Jewish people to never eat the sinew of the thigh vein. This has become one of the Jewish dietary laws. This precept is a constant reminder of Divine Providence to our people of Jacob's experience with G-d's angel.

*....Sam Pearlman*



## Chanukah is Coming



A mitzvah is compared to a candle and the Torah is light and we should always aspire to increase our level of Torah and Mitzvot. If we did one good deed yesterday, let us try to increase and do more today.

Like the Chanukah candles, we are meant to add light every day and the lights of the Chanukah menorah are more than simply a reminder of ancient miracles. They are meant to provide inspiration and illumination in our contemporary daily lives.

In fact, in a very real sense, the Chanukah miracles of old are re-enacted in our observance today. That is one reason why we say, in the second blessing recited over the Chanukah lights, "Blessed are You... who wrought miracles for our ancestors, in those days, at this time."

By reflecting upon the significance of the Chanukah miracles, we can see, with ever-increasing clarity, the miraculous dimension of events in our own time.

Please join your Beth Shalom Family on December 27 at 7:30 p.m. for our Chanukah Service. We will celebrate after with a festive Oneg.

.....Alita

### Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone,  
please contact Michelle Hess with your request @ [ddgrlover@aol.com](mailto:ddgrlover@aol.com)



## Donations

Nathan Frydman—High Holiday Donation  
 Arlene Norton—High Holiday Donation  
 Jay Weinschenker—Generous Donation  
 Hope Greenwood—Cold Weather Shelter Project  
 Christel Mengruen—Cold Weather Shelter Project  
 Charles & Lila Held—Cold Weather Shelter Project  
 Charles & Lila Held—Cantor's Discretionary Fund

## Oneg Donations

Rita Rubin ♦ Klara Wein ♦ Joel Kudler—Birthdays

Joel Kudler sponsored an Oneg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson, Jose Armando Kudler, on September 14th. And in honor of his granddaughter, Anais Darcyl Kudler's, 6th birthday on November 26th.

## High Holy Day Pledges

Meyer Barembaum

Hope Greenwood

## Yahrzeit Donations

### **Name**

*Rita Rubin*

*Miriam Brookfield*

*Bernard Starkman*

*Myra Becker*

*Myra Becker*

*Ann Kanahele*

*Lila Held*

### **Beloved Departed**

*Yetta Gnessin*

*Adolph Brookfield*

*Blanche Starkman*

*Solomon Bell*

*Moses Bell*

*Dorothy Berry*

*Ruth Kuperstein Bromberg*

*Joseph Kuperstein*

*Sandra Kanian*

*David Kuperstein*

*Anna Brickel*

*Henry Brickel*

*Jenny Kuperstein*

*Herman Kuperstein*

*Jules Bromberg*

### **Relationship**

*Mother*

*Father-in-Law*

*Mother*

*Grandfather*

*Uncle*

*Mother*

*Mother*

*Father*

*Sister*

*Nephew*

*Grandmother*

*Grandfather*

*Grandmother*

*Grandfather*

*Husband of Ruth*

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

## November Yahrzeit Observances

### **Dear Departed**

*Dorothy Baptista**Bella Bell**Lou Binke**Edna Devore**Shirley Gilbert**Max Goldberg**Gail Goodstein**Irwin Handler**Sondra Janet Kudler**Bernard Kuhn**Isaac Leiboff**Emmanuel Morzinsky**William Pollack**Lee Shuman**John Singer**John Singer**Sam Smolowitz**Arnold Winett*

### **Observed By**

*Steve & Eileen Baptista**Myra Becker**Myra Becker**Jay Devore**Ada Kless-Gilbert**Morton & Helene Goldberg**Robert & Rita Rubin**Mark Handler and Debora David**Joel Kudler**Harris & Pauline Kuhn**Hope Greenwood**Richard & Michelle Hess**Jordan Pollack**Agnes Fuchs**Mark & Maggie Singer**Eunice Singer**Dorothy Rubin**Arlene Norton*

### **Relationship**

*Mother of Steve**Grandmother**Uncle**Mother**Father**Sister of Rita**Uncle**Wife**Husband of Pauline**Father**Uncle of Michelle**Father**Mother**Father**Husband**Father**Brother*

## Observing this Yahrzeit

### **Dear Departed**

*Betty Stieber Allen**Morris Baileys**Joseph Diamondstein**Anna Rose Fruchtman*

### **Observed By**

*Beth Shalom of Whittier**Beth Shalom of Whittier**Beth Shalom of Whittier**Beth Shalom of Whittier*

### **Dear Departed**

*Shirley Unger Gordon**Edna Kleinberg**Molly Schneiderman**Joseph Ward*

*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.*





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

2019-2020 5779-5780

PLEASE PRINT

1. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell 1: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 2: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

1. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cohen 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Levite 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: 1. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_ Birth Date 2. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please send me Yahrzeit Notices for:

|       |              |                    |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| _____ | D.O.D. _____ | Relationship _____ |
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I/We request membership at Beth Shalom of Whittier in the following category:

Membership includes High Holidays and all Life Cycle Events. Membership may be paid in 10 monthly billings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Couple Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (Must be full member at another synagogue. No voting privileges)

Your membership is enriched when you participate directly in the various activities of the Congregation. Please list and/or select your special volunteer interests here.

Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the Board \_\_\_\_\_ House and Grounds \_\_\_\_\_ Band/Choir

For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) we have declared a moratorium on Dues. This has been a transitional year for us and we appreciate those members who stayed with us through our move and were paid members last year or are new and would like to try us out without having to pay dues. We do still need you to fill out this membership form for our records. We will re-visit the dues issue during the year but rest assured that no one is ever turned away because of lack of ability to pay dues.

Thank you

# *Rose Hills Covenant Lawn Gravesites*



## **Gravesites for Sale**

**\$2,150 per plot**

Beth Shalom has burial plots in Rose Hills' Jewish Section, Covenant Lawn, and is offering them for sale.

A comparable gravesite outside the Jewish section would cost \$4,000. If you are interested in purchasing one or more site, please contact Irving Bartikofsky or the Beth Shalom office.

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# December 2019

## *Kislev—Tevet 5780*

| Sunday                              | Monday | Tuesday                                               | Wednesday | Thursday                                  | Friday                       | Saturday                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                   | 2      | 3                                                     | 4         | 5                                         | 6<br>7:30p Shabbat Service   | 7 9 Kislev<br>Vayetze                                                                  |
| 8                                   | 9      | 10                                                    | 11        | 12                                        | 13<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 14 16 Kislev<br>Vayishlah<br><br>Siddur Kol Shalom<br>9:00a Breakfast<br>9:45a Service |
| 15                                  | 16     | 17<br>12:00p Book Club<br>Annual Lunch @<br>Lascari's | 18        | 19<br>7:15p Board of<br>Directors Meeting | 20<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 21 23 Kislev<br>Vayeshev                                                               |
| 22<br>Erev Hanukkah<br>First Candle | 23     | 24                                                    | 25        | 26                                        | 27<br>7:30p Hanukkah Service | 28 30 Kislev<br>Miketz                                                                 |
| 29                                  | 30     | 31                                                    |           |                                           |                              |                                                                                        |



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