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A Note From Your Rabbi,

Summertime is often a time to relax the rigid schedule to which we march all year long. During the long hot days of summer many of us take vacations to near and far lands, exploring parts of the world that seem so exotic and different from our everyday environments.

Traveling and exploring new places can be hard work for tourists as one never knows where the next set of stairs will pop up or the next strange food put on the plate. But it can be exhilarating and rewarding as well: that panoramic view at the end of the stairs or the delicious sweetness of a strange and exotic fruit.

In honor of summer's wonderful activity, travel, and for all the tourists among us, I want to share the writings of Israeli author and poet Yehuda Amichai who lived and worked in Jerusalem and crossed path with many a tourist in his beloved city. His thought provoking words add another dimension to travel, bringing attention to those real people who are usually ignored, hidden behind the massive, magnificent monuments of the past.

Tourists by Yehuda Amichai

1. So condolence visits is what they're here for,
sitting around at the Holocaust Memorial, putting on a serious face at the Wailing Wall,
laughing behind heavy curtains in hotel rooms.

They get themselves photographed with the important dead
as Rachel's Tomb and Herzl's Tomb, and up on Ammunition Hill.

They weep at the beautiful prowess of our boys,
lust after our tough girls
and hang up their underwear
to dry quickly
in cool blue bathrooms.

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Everyone is Welcome



Come Bowl With Us!

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Hazzan's Notes

July brings us the summer we all enjoy spending time relaxing. This year we will kick off the July 4th weekend with the great bang of having Aryell Cohen accompanying our service on July 1. Aryell's agility on the keyboard gives us pause to enjoy the *freiligkeit* of Shabbat in a wonderful Jewishly/klezmerlike musical way.

Later in the month we will celebrate our annual Men's Club Shabbat on Shabbat evening July 29. This enjoyable annual event allows the men of our congregation to stand up and be heard through readings, prayer, and sung liturgy celebrating the joy of Shabbat. Our Men's Club chorale will again be a highlight to enjoy this year. And...as an added bonus you will hear the premiere in our congregation of the recently written *Lecha Dodi* by the Israeli composer, Oran Eldor. Oran was the composer-in-residence at Park Avenue Synagogue a few years ago and wrote wonderful pieces that are used by that congregation year round. We use his beautiful Hashkiveinu year round here and we will hear this piece again during this service as well. Please mark your calendars for both special events in July and be a part of Beth Shalom's year round happenings to mark our continued support of Judaism in our community.

-- Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

A Note From Your Rabbi, Cont'd from page 1

2. Once I was sitting on the steps near the gate at David's Citadel and I put down my two heavy baskets beside me. A group of tourists stood there around their guide, and I became their point of reference. "You see that man over there with the baskets? A little to the right of his head there's an arch from the Roman period. A little to the right of his head." "But he's moving, he's moving!" I said to myself: Redemption will come only when they are told, "Do you see that arch over there from the Roman period? It doesn't matter, but near it, a little to the left and then down a bit, there's a man who has just bought fruit and vegetables for his family." Happy summer and safe travels

Your Rabbi,
Osnat

Stories in the Talmud:

With Rabbi Osnat

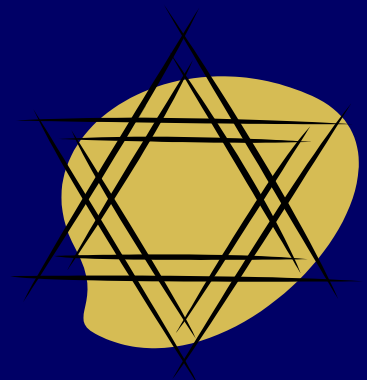
Beth Shalom of Whittier

Sunday, July 17, 2016

10:00-11:00 am

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Join Rabbi Osnat in exploration of this battle and surrender as it is told in the Talmud.



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The Light of G-d



Achieving an awareness of G-d is a difficult task. It involves almost relentless study and questioning, as well as mitzvah observance and Torah living. As Jews we do not rely on dreams and heavenly manifestations to realize G-d's presence in our lives. The true appreciation of a personal G-d can only derive from a purposeful life derived from our observations and experience. Concisely, in accordance with a personal creation.

The first human to recognize the existence of G-d through his own observation was Abraham. Abraham's spectacular feat was accomplished at the age of 46. This is when his mental powers had attained their greatest acuity. His 46 years were not wasted on the impotent emptiness of idolatry; they were years of questioning, searching, and delving into the mysteries of human/universal existence. He had achieved the pinnacle of our sensitivity to creation. It was not a thunderclap or apparition that preceded this discovery. It was rather the calm, steady reflection of his magnificent mind and spirit. Indeed, Abraham was the paragon of righteousness in human affairs, who was privileged to be the first to recognize G-d and understand His concern for human behavior.

In contemporary society, especially among young people, we sense a not quite conscious stirring, a movement within humanity. It searches and strives for meaning in life. There is a sense that we cannot achieve happiness purely through satisfaction of material goals. The high statistics of suicide in developed countries, as well as the almost universal statement that "life seemed meaningless" by attempted suicides, attest to this fact.

Ultimately, searching for meaning is striving for G-d. This writing was conceived as an aid to searching Jews in mapping their personal journey in a quest for the ultimate meaning of human existence, the knowledge of G-d, Torah, and our duty to observe the truths embodied in it. It is a sincere hope that it will enable us to better see G-d in our lives.

Sam Pearlman

July Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

Date	Time	Clergy on Bima	Candle Lighting
July 1	7:30p	Hazzan Lance & Aryell Cohen	7:49p
July 2	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	
July 8	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat	7:47p
July 9	9:45a	Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat	
July 15	7:30p	Rabbi Osnat	7:45p
July 16	9:45a	Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat	
July 22	7:30p	Hazzan Lance	7:41p
July 23	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	
July 29	7:30p	Men's Club Shabbat w Hazzan Lance	7:36p
July 30	9:45a	Hazzan Lance	

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

cordially invites you to attend our

Annual Luncheon

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

11:30 a.m.

DeLuca's Ristorante Italiano
16503 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier

This will be a NO HOST luncheon.

Please RSVP to Office 562-941-8744

Although it's No Host, we need to know how many will
be attending, so please call in.

There will be Raffle Baskets and Mystery Prize Drawings!

Beth Shalom of Whittier

Men's Club Shabbat

Friday, July 29, 2016—7:30 pm



The Men's Club of Beth Shalom invites everyone to join the Brotherhood of Beth Shalom as we celebrate a special Shabbat on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Services, conducted by Hazzan Lance, will include readings by members of the Men's Club, and an Encore Performance of the Men's Club Vocal Ensemble.

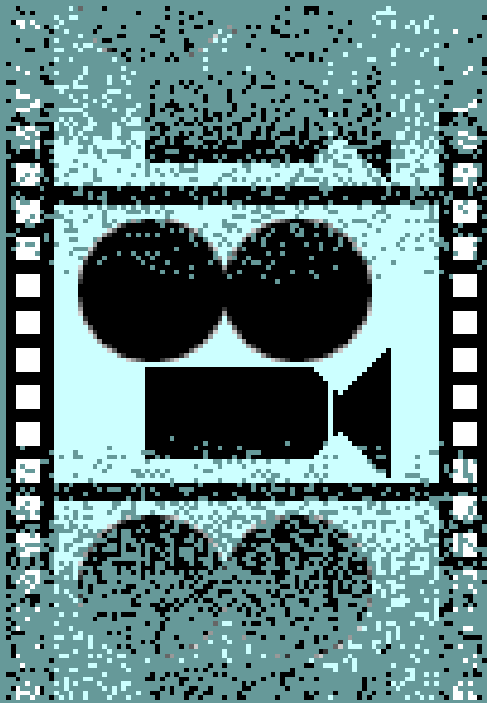
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Sisterhood Movie and Lunch

**No Charge — Donations
Welcome**

Sunday, July 31, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Beth Shalom Youth Room

“LOVING LEAH”

Leah is a young Jewish woman married to an Orthodox Rabbi whose brother is a non-practicing Jew. With the sudden death of the Rabbi, the brother is stunned when told that under an ancient Jewish law, he is expected to marry his childless sister-in-law to carry on his brother's name. Since he does not want to deny his brother's existence, he agrees to a marriage in the guise of maintaining a platonic relationship, but the longer the couple are together, a more meaningful relationship develops. The movie is set in Washington, D.C. and also in an orthodox Jewish neighborhood in New York.

CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays



Elliana Bartikofsky	7/1/2016	16th birthday
Lynda Bruce	7/2/2016	
Hope Greenwood	7/9/2016	
Barbara Lebovitz	7/9/2016	
Lila Held	7/10/2016	
Joseph Lebovitz	7/16/2016	
Jerome Hacker	7/24/2016	
Howard Brookfield	7/28/2016	

July Anniversaries

Mark & Maggie Singer 7/24/2016 27th anniversary

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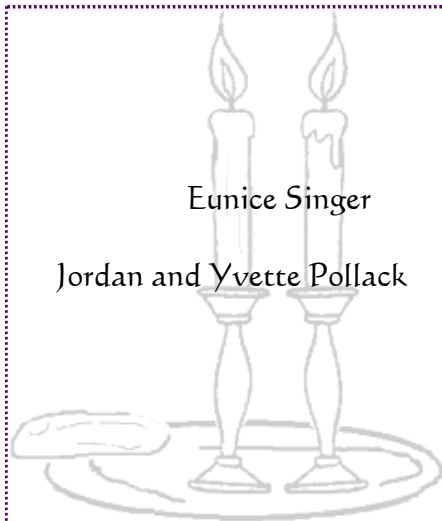
Wishes you all

Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary



Beloved Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Martin Becker	Myra Becker	Former Husband
Lillian Sandler	Richard & Michelle Hess	Grandmother of Michelle
Toby Salk	Barry Salk	Wife
Arthur Shapiro	Linda J Shapiro	Father
Ray Weiner	Teresa Weiner	Husband
Mina Rubin	Arlene Bierman	Aunt
Daniel Beck	Myra Becker	Father
Sylvia Playberg	Sid & Sandra Paul	Sister of Sid
Edith Gottlieb	Sid & Sandra Paul	Step-Sister of Sid
Morris Lehman	Sid & Sandra Paul	Father of Sandra

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Mark Singer

Christine Singer

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- Rita Rubin

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 will re-start in the Fall

Shavuot Yizkor Service

On Sunday, June 12th, Hazzan Tapper was accompanied by Aryell Cohen in a beautiful and moving Shavuot service. 31 gathered in the sanctuary to reflect on how to renew themselves to receive Gods laws and rules which is part of the celebration of Shavuot. Hazzan recited the Ten Utterances by God, (the beginning of Jew's quest for that righteous laws will always be present).

The Yizkor Memorial prayers were especially meaningful in light of the shootings in Orlando, Florida that morning. With the memorial board glowing we remembered our own dear departed as well as reflected on the suffering in Orlando. Hazzan was accompanied by Aryell through the beautiful and moving Liturgy portion of the service.

After the service a blintz and cheesecake oneg was held in the Youth Room.

Bonnie Neville

Stories in the Talmud

July 17 **Rabbi's class** 10 am - 11 am

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, July 19th, at 12:30 pm we will be meeting at Ann K.'s to discuss Alan Dershowitz's book "Just Revenge". This book will have you riveted: "Who determines justice? In this thought-provoking and ambitious novel, lawyer and Harvard professor Dershowitz creates a decide-for-yourself scenario that is both chilling and life affirming." (Amazon) This may be a Holocaust book, but unlike any other that you have read. Some of the group have already read it, and are telling me that they could not put it down. Read and decide for yourself.

In August, we are reading Andrew Kane's "Rabbi Rabbi". According to Amazon's Publishers Weekly review "This earnest first novel by an ordained rabbi and psychotherapist offers a realistic view of the challenges that confront Orthodox Jewish youth who seek to meld their religious beliefs with a modern American lifestyle." You may think you have read this story in other forms, but Another very good discussion book. No August date and location has been decided yet.

And in September, we are hoping to have a Facetime chat with author Nomi Eve about her book "Henna House". I have already been in contact with Nomi Eve, and we have scheduled September 13th at 12:30pm. According to Amazon, this is a "Touching, coming-of-age story... about a young woman, her family, their community and the customs that bind them". This book is about the Yemeni Jews in the early 20th C. It is always interesting to learn about other Jewish cultures, i.e. non-Ashkenazi Jews.

We meet in members home, brown-bag our lunch, and the hostess provides dessert and drink. We have interesting and lively discussions. If you want, or need, a ride, please call me. It is easily arranged. We welcome all comments, and points of view.

Happy Reading

Myra

Thank You for Your Donations

We have lots of folks to thank for their support of Beth Shalom and its members

Passover Yizkor for Mr & Mrs Chesler and Mr & Mrs Wellington

Joel & Diane Chesler

25 Years in Whittier

Some say it started about 1949 with bus driver Leo Rubenstein whistling “Hatikvah” as he drove through the streets of Whittier, a quiet Quaker town with a sprinkling of young Jewish newcomers who had not yet discovered each other. Pauline Diamondstein heard him, as did others, and a social group began to form. The desire to make Jewish friends led to the formation of the Women’s Club and then the Men’s Club. The members soon felt the need to be able to observe Jewish events together and provide some Jewish education for their children.

By 1951, the groups had merged, and together the men and women adopted a constitution and called themselves The Whittier Jewish Community Center. The meeting places were numerous in the next five years. Plymouth Congregational Church was very hospitable, as was the YMCA, Hinshaw Auditorium, and United Presbyterian Church. But for the Jews of the area, wherever they gathered became the community center, a kind of extended family. They met for holidays, Bar Mitzvahs, and baby-namings, picnics, carnivals, dinner-dances, Sunday School, Hebrew School, and baseball games.

Morale was high, debates lively and vigorous, and a warm close community grew and grew and grew! A newsy publication, *The Outlook*, kept members apprised of the many activities.

A permanent home became an urgent and obvious need by the time the membership approached 100 families with a rapidly growing school population (remember the baby boom of the 1950’s?) in 1955. After much effort, the Hawes Street property was acquired. Rezoning was approved in 1955, and the compact multi-purpose original building opened September 1956 for Rosh Hashanah services. Thanks to the efforts of so many, we had our own home at last.

Shortly after Yom Kippur that year (1956), the membership, after careful consideration, elected to affiliate with United Synagogue and became a Conservative Synagogue-Center. The members, who had pooled all their energies to reach this milestone, were now able to pursue their interests in the varied aspects of Jewish expression. Whittier B’nai B’rith Lodge was formed and presented the first Torah and Oren Kodesh to the Center. Hadassah, Sisterhood, and Men’s Club organized soon after that. They collaborated and cooperated to enhance Jewish expression in the community. With a building, an address, and an identity, WJCC gave testimony to the fact that Whittier was a place Jews lived. New members joined, and youth and adult programs developed and grew.

The Beth Shalom family stands as a center of Jewish life in our area, where we may celebrate Shabbat, festivals, family occasions, learn, and meet with friends. -Ruth Weiner-

Same holds true in 2016!

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July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance w Aryell Cohen 7:30p 7:49p Candles	2 Breakfast 9:00a Parashat Sh'lach w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
3 Bingo 6:00p	4 Office Closed	5	6 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	7 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz Daily Minyan 12:30p	8 Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat 7:30p 7:47p Candles	9 Breakfast 9:00a Parashat Korach Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a
10 Bowling Noon-2p Bingo 6:00p	11 Daily Minyan 12:30p	12	13	14 Daily Minyan 12:30p	15 Kaballat Shabbat w Rabbi Osnat 7:30p 7:45p Candles	16 Breakfast 9:00a Parashat Chukat Torah Study w Rabbi Osnat 9:45a
17 Rabbi's Class Stories in the Talmud 10-11a Bingo 6:00p	18 Daily Minyan 12:30p	19 Book Club 12:30p Ann Kanahele's	20 Sisterhood Summer Luncheon 11:30a DeLuca's Restaurant	21 Daily Minyan 12:30p Board Meeting 7:00p	22 Kaballat Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p 7:41p Candles	23 Breakfast 9:00a Parashat Balak w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
24 Bingo 6:00p	25 Daily Minyan 12:30p	26	27 Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00p	28 Daily Minyan 12:30p	29 Men's Club Shabbat w Hazzan Lance 7:30p 7:38p Candles	30 Breakfast 9:00a Parashat Pinchas w Hazzan Lance 9:45a
31 Movie Matinee/ Lunch 11:30a Bingo 6:00p						

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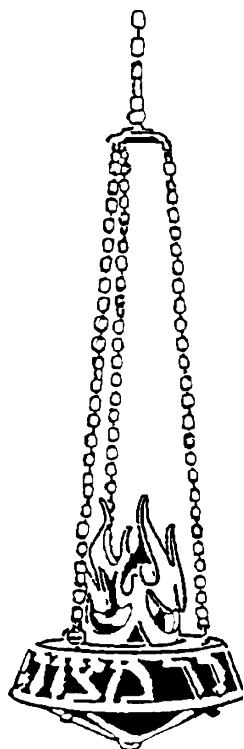
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

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Saturday Morning Services 9:45 a.m.

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

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