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Everyone is Welcome

HAZZAN'S NOTES



November brings us two special and important events in our community.

The first takes place on Friday, November 8 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is our annual commemoration service of the German synagogue tradition and a remembrance of Kristallnacht. This year, our own Beth Shalom singers will be participating with me as they had done several years ago. This service will also be specially enhanced by our own Mark Peterson conducting and playing the Harris pipe organ that has so enthralled our congregation and is so reminiscent of the pipe organs in the German *Einheitsgemeinde* (unified community) synagogues of Germany of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The music for this service was composed by the great Jewish Liturgical Berlin composer of the late 19th century, Louis Lewandowski. You will want to attend this beautiful Shabbat service and relive what it felt like to be in those grand synagogues and hear the beautiful modern music of its day set to our liturgy.

The second important event is our annual Whittier Community Thanksgiving Event which will take place this year on Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 pm. This wonderful event will take place at First Christian Church on Greenleaf this year as this is their final time to be able to host this event since they will be closing their doors at the end of this calendar year. I will be participating in this concert singing one of our most beloved liturgical pieces, *Yiy'hu LeRatzon* by Hazzan Marshall Portnoy backed up by the lovely pipe organ at First Christian and the massed church choirs of Whittier. This will be an event you will not want to miss!

I hope to see you at both very special community events as we continue to shine brightly in the community.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Die Neue Synagoge in der Oranienburgerstrasse
(The New Synagogue built in the 19th century on Oranienburgerstrasse in Berlin)

Beth Shalom of Whittier
presents a special Shabbat evening service
with music composed by Louis Lewandowski
for Berlin's Oranienburgerstrasse Synagogue
in remembrance of the German Synagogue choral tradition and
commemorating Kristallnacht.

Friday, November 8, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Beth Shalom of Whittier at First Friends Church
in the Meeting House (sanctuary)
13205 Philadelphia St. Whittier, 90601

HAZZAN LANCE H. TAPPER WILL OFFICIATE WITH THE BETH SHALOM SINGERS
MARK PETERSON WILL PLAY THE HARRIS PIPE ORGAN AND CONDUCT

A Shabbat Oneg will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the service

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS BEAUTIFUL CHORAL SERVICE FREE OF CHARGE

CLERGY SCHEDULE

November 1 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 8 — 7:30p **Special German Commemoration Service**
Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Mark Peterson (See flyer)

November 15 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 16—**Siddur Kol Shalom—9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and 9:45 am Kol Shalom service in the Meeting House (Sanctuary)**—Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 17 — 5:00p **Community Thanksgiving Event — at First Christian Church on Greenleaf.** Hazzan Lance will participate with the other clergy and church choirs.

November 22 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 29 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson



BOOK CLUB NEWS

We continue to read "House of Gold" by Natasha Solomons. The book is supposedly reminiscent of the Rothchild Family. Please watch the Weekly Newsletter for our next meeting date. If you have any questions, please call either Myra or Michelle.



THANK YOU!!!

The congregation thanks Hazzan Lance for his Beautiful and Awe Inspiring High Holiday Services.





November

Candle Lighting Times

November 1 — 5:41

November 8—4:35

November 15—4:31

November 22—4:27

November 29—4:25



This is Our Mishpacha

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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

<i>Agnes Fuchs</i>	<i>November 3</i>
<i>Stanley Kramer</i>	<i>November 4</i>
<i>Rita Rubin</i>	<i>November 13</i>
<i>Samuel Gonzalez</i>	<i>November 24</i>
<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>November 25</i>
<i>Joel Kudler</i>	<i>November 27</i>

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you all a
Happy Birthday

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



Pop Up Craft Club

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom of Whittier
Pop Up Craft Club is being planned for Sunday,
December 8 at 10 a.m. in our Conference Room.
It will be a make and take Chanukah decoration/gift
idea. In order to have enough supplies on hand,
we will need to have your rsvp by November 21.

All are welcome. This is a Beth Shalom event.
Join us...make a fun project and enjoy getting
together. There will be light refreshments.

Call you rsvp in to the Beth Shalom office
562) 941-8744 or use our special rsvp email address:
whittiersynagogue@aol.com.

We hope to see you there.



From Our President

The High Holidays have come and gone. The only word I can think of to describe our services is "Magnificent". Our first High Holiday services at this location were absolutely beautiful and awe inspiring. Our thanks to Hazzan Lance who did an absolutely superb job, and to Mark Peterson and our fantastic choir as well as our Kol Nidre cellist, Ana Maria Maldonado and our shofar blowers, Rick Bertz, Steve Baptista and Joel Chesler. The pipe organ was the icing on the cake. I don't think that any synagogue in the area, and I am including the really big and fancy ones, rivaled the quality and beauty of the services that we had here. We had attendance records that exceeded even last year and that was a very big year for us as it was the last one in our old building. I am, and hope you all are, very proud and happy to be a part of Beth Shalom of Whittier.

Sukkot was also a beautiful experience and the Sukkah fit perfectly and looked great. It was decorated with our homemade crafts. We ended the holiday season with a lively and fun Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah service. I am hoping that all involved (and that was a great percentage of our congregation) are taking a well-deserved rest.

We are looking forward to the resumption of our Saturday, Kol Shalom Services next month. Watch for details in the weekly news.

....Lila

Pop Up Gift Shop

The Sisterhood of Beth Shalom will have a limited inventory of Memorial Candles and Judaic items in our Conference Room.

It is possible that other items can be ordered as needed and prices will be suggested donations and will also be very reasonable.

Call Alita Sevin at (562) 619-2641 to set a time to come in or to inquire about other merchandise.



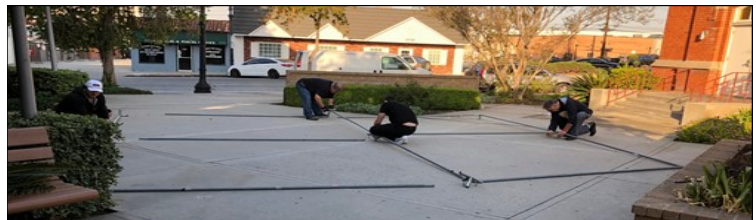
Looking Back at Our Sukkot

Building the Sukkah at Beth Shalom of Whittier was a bit of a challenge this year at our interim home at First Friends Church. A challenge that was met very well on October 13 by Mark Singer with his crew, Lee, Dakota, Jim, Irv and Alita.

The guys worked out the space and put up the Sukkah...it seemed like in no time. Numerous colorful paper chains (made at the Craft Club Meeting in November by Lila, Crystal and Alita) were hung inside the sukkah. Lee and Jim arranged a variety of greenery on the structure, creating a warm, welcoming entrance.

The Service for Sukkot that evening was well-attended and following an inspirational service led by Hazzan Lance, the congregation shared a bountiful Oneg in the lantern-lit Sukkah. The calendar this year gave us a second evening in the Sukkah the following Friday, the 18th. It was a truly memorable Sukkot for the Beth Shalom of Whittier family.

....Alita





Parasha Yayera

Book of Bereshit—Genesis 18:1-22:24

This year the parasha Yayera is read in the synagogue on 18 Heshvan (November 16). It covers a multiple of events in the early history of our people. A summary of these follow:

1. Abraham greets three strangers (angels) and shows them hospitality. One of the strangers tells Sarah that she will give birth to a boy.
2. Abraham intercedes for the city of Sodom, but is unsuccessful in preventing its destruction.
3. Abraham's nephew Lot escapes destruction when Sodom is destroyed, but his wife is turned into a pillar of salt.
4. There is an alliance between Abraham and Avimelech ruler of the Philistines. This resulted in a will to Abraham at a place called BEER-SHEBA.
5. Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah.
6. Sarah asks Abraham to send Ishmael away, as he is a bad influence on Isaac.
7. G-d tests Abraham when he tells him to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac.

The concepts highlighted from the above center around the values of Hospitality, Justice and Compassion.

1. Hospitality (hachnasat orchim) is displayed by Abraham when he runs from his tent to greet his three visitors whom he provides with food and water. These men are angels and pretend to eat the food. Angels are spiritual beings who do not eat our food as they receive their substance from holiness. So great was Abraham's sacred behavior and hospitality that the angels were satisfied with all the nourishment they required. Ethics of the Fathers 1.5 sums this up when it states: "let your house be wide open, treat the poor as of your own family."

2. Justice and Compassion Justice is the ethical quality in both G-d and human beings. It is the foundation of all other qualities. In Parasha Yayera, through compassion Abraham challenges G-d's justice and tries to convince him not to destroy Sodom if enough righteous persons can be found. G-d states that he will not destroy the city if 10 righteous can be found. There we find the significance of the number 10 as the minimum number to constitute a community and this a minyan for the purpose of worship. Abraham's compassion did not find the ten men and the city of Sodom was destroyed.

From the above summary of events we see that we have the freedom to question what G-d does; however, our wisdom is not equal with G-ds and we must submit to his judgement in the end.

The story brings about that there are limits to leaders of people. Unless they find a minimum of required support they will be ineffective. Further more, if they persist in living in such a society they and their people will perish.

3. G-d tests people G-d tests Abraham by telling him to sacrifice his son Isaac. This epitomizes a Jew's determination to serve G-d no matter how difficult the circumstances. In essence, Abraham was being forced to subordinate his mind and body to the wisdom of G-d. By doing so, he demonstrated his conviction that his highest goal is to accept the Divine wisdom as sole truth. Abraham could have no other justification for taking Isaac's life then total obedience to G-d. The test was whether he could bring himself to do it.

The rest of the test is well known. It is how at the last moment an angel of G-d called to Abraham to stop and replace Isaac with a ram caught in the thicket.

4. Result The test was both for faith and faithfulness, which represent the quality of emunah, obedience with complete trust. Maimonides writes that G-d tested Abraham precisely because He knew that Abraham would pass the test. Abraham's faith would therefore become a beacon to other nations.

....Sam Pearlman



Sisterhood IS Powerful

4. Lift each other up...

Every member of our Sisterhood should be equally committed to seeing one another succeed in life. Share your knowledge, share your wisdom, and share your experiences. We should not be afraid to see one of us pass us up. We should be willing and eager to provide our "sisters" with resources and professional connections.

We must play each other in the highest regards. We must have great respect and we must have favorable thoughts of the women in our circle of trust.

To review: there are five qualities in our Sisterhood that we must possess in order to succeed:

- 1) Transparency and Honesty
- 2) Mutual Support
- 3) Accountability
- 4) Celebration of Life's Successes
- 5) Lift Each Other Up

Do we have these qualities?

Please join us at our next Sisterhood meeting on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in our conference room at First Friends.

B'Shalom,

Michelle Hess

..... *The Sisterhood*

Tribute Cards

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



Donations

Debra Hirsch—Generous Donation
 Revekah Martinez and family—High Holy Day Donation
 Neal Flaxman—Generous High Holy Day Donation
 Eugene Jaffee—High Holy Day Donation
 Robert & Paul Block—High Holy Day Donation
 Myra Becker—High Holy Day Donation
 Alita Sevin—Cantor's Discretionary Fund
 Miriam Brookfield—two Prayer Books in memory of Howard Brookfield

Thank you, Eileen Wiseman, for your continued and careful work on the Book of Remembrance and donating the printing cost as well.

Oneg Donations

Rick Bertz ♦ Christel Mergruen ♦ Sandra Paul ♦ Arlene Norton ♦ Dorothy Wiener—Birthdays
 Richard & Michelle Hess—Anniversary

High Holy Day Pledges

Jim Barembaum	Joel & Jo Ann Golden	Sidney & Sandra Paul
Irving Bartikofsky	Neal & Susan Greene	Samuel Pearlman
Myra Becker	Charles & Lila Held	Claire Rademacher
Maxine Berkowitz	Alberto & Liz Herrera	Robert & Rita Rubin
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Richard & Michelle Hess	Susan Rubin
Mina Cano & Hermelindo Vences	Ann Kanahale	Alita Sevin
Joel & Diane Chesler	Susan Lieberman	Bernard Starkman
Joanne Eres	Revekah Martinez	David Starkman
Jordan Eres	Christel Mergruen	Dorothy A. Wiener

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Hyman Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Stanley Kramer</i>	<i>Evelyn Falk</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Bob Rubin</i>	<i>Doris Rubin</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Rita Rubin</i>	<i>Abraham Gnessin</i>	<i>Father</i>

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

November Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Moses Bell	Myra Becker	Uncle
Ruth Bromberg	Charles & Lila Held	Mother of Lila
	Joann Eres	Grandmother
	Jordan Eres	Great Grandmother
Adolph Brookfield	Miriam Brookfield	Father
Milton Devore	Jay Devore	Father
Humberto Espinoza	Alberto & Liz Herrera	Uncle of Liz
Frances Finkelstein	Richard Franden	
Gabor Fuchs	Agnes Fuchs	Husband
Yetta Gnessin	Robert & Rita Rubin	Mother of Rita
Dora Hock	Millie Hock	Mother of Aaron
Stephen Horowitz	Anita Horowitz	Son
Ben Jaffe	Paul Jaffe	Father
Max Kolnick	Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock	Grandfather of Jeffrey
Sarah Lifschitz	Mona Di Natale	Grandmother
Ethel Lipshitz	Richard Lasher	
Abe Michlin	David & Myra Weiss	Father of Myra
Delfina Pinto	Rebecca Martinez	Grandmother
Eugene Roseman	Bernard Roseman	Brother
Doris Rubin	Robert & Rita Rubin	Mother of Robert
Al Silvers	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Grandfather
Ida Silvers	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Grandmother
Blanche Starkman	Bernard Starkman	Mother
Malvina Tapper	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Aunt

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed	Observed By	Dear Departed
Esther Baileys	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Oscar Kropf
Morris Yoel Becker	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Jacob Rutberg
Sophie Cooper	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Bruce Sarkin
Louis Dreyfos	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Isaac Ziskin
Linda Faden	Beth Shalom of Whittier	

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

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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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November 2019

Heshvan—Kislev 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 4 Heshvan Noah
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Special German Commemoration & Kristallnacht Remembrance Service	9 11 Heshvan Lekh Lekha
10	11	12	13	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 18 Heshvan Vayera Siddur Kol Shalom 9:00a Breakfast 9:45a Service
17 5:00p Community Thanksgiving Event @ First Christian Church	18	19	20	21 7:15p Board of Directors Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Service	23 25 Heshvan Hayei Sarah
24	25	26	27 1:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting	28	29 7:30p Shabbat Service	30 2 Kislev Toldot



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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