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HAZZAN'S NOTES

During this month of July, we continue to read the Book of Numbers (Bemidbar) and learn about how our people evolved its understanding of morality and justice. We further understand the first push for women's and minority rights ever mentioned in any religious text. In this day and age of the Black Lives Matter movement in our country, we see that even the ancients in the Bible had to grapple with these issues as well. The Torah, and especially the Prophets, constantly talk about treating the widow, the orphan, the underprivileged, the stranger, and the slave (in those years) with more respect and dignity than was happening at the time. Those who were not part of the majority needed to have their rights championed, and the Torah and Prophets do that, and make it abundantly clear that all lives matter. We learn that it takes more than lip service and cerebral understanding to change how people are treated. It takes education and changes in public policy to effect real change. Remember, Jews have been, and in some cases, still are discriminated against only because they are Jews. Bemidbar teaches us that we need to learn, through our struggles, that we can be an illuminating force for positive and effective change to create more appropriate treatment of all who live in the world. May we so learn and promote all these ideals for the betterment of all.

During this month, you will begin to see the positive changes in our weekly service broadcasts due to our equipment upgrades. We hope that you will enjoy our more enhanced video quality and look forward to even more wonderful services for our High Holyday season upcoming.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope the month of June has been kind to you all. It certainly has been different. We will long remember this month of Drive-by Graduations and other celebrations. In my family we had both an 8th grade and a Community College graduation as well as a member of our extended family getting her Master’s Degree. I was very impressed at how our community came together to make them fun and special for the graduates. Happy Father’s Day to all of you Fathers, Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers. And a belated Happy Mother’s Day to all of you Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers. I must have been having a senior moment when I forgot to say that last month. If nothing else COVID19 is forcing us to be creative in how we celebrate holidays.

Our services are going well online and with the help of Jim Sevin, we debuted our new camera system last Friday night. It was really great. We continue to get a good amount of people watching and it is fun to hear from people who have moved away but now tune in to join us.

Please stay safe and healthy and a Happy 4th of July to everyone.

....Lila



July Service Special Guest

We are happy to announce that **Aryell Cohen** will be joining Hazzan Lance and playing for our two service broadcasts on July 17 and 24 while Mark Peterson is on vacation.

Let’s Get Busy

Just in case you missed them the first time around, here are a few of the ideas that have already been included on the Weekly Bulletin. There will be more so be sure and check each Thursday.

These are some interesting things to do and learn which can help get some variety during our being at home days. and might be fun, too. These subjects can all be found on the internet...

Learn:

1. One word a day from a different language
2. How to whistle with your fingers
3. How to pick a lock (Mark Singer could help with this one)
4. How to tie a knot that will withstand almost everything
5. How to identify plants
6. How to draw one animal/item really well
7. To memorize your favorite poem by heart
8. How to cook one ethnic recipe (or start a collection of interesting recipes)
9. A really funny joke (and share it...maybe in the Weekly or Mishpacha) and finally,
10. Submit an idea or activity or good book to shalomalita7@aol.com.

Playing games online is more than just a way to pass the time. Puzzles, number games, word games, and strategy games promote healthy memory, improve vocabulary and cognitive function.

Here are links to three of the top gaming sites for seniors:

- Games@aarp.org
- OnlineGamesForSeniors.com
- Pogo.com

Let us know if you have tried any of these things and how it worked out. Also did you get any other ideas to share? Send me an email at shalomalita7@aol.com and we’ll get your ideas and comments into the Weekly and Mishpacha.

I look forward to hearing from you.

....Alita



Parashas Devarim

The Parasha Devarim is read throughout the world on the fourth of the month of Av (July 25th). Devarim is the Hebrew for “words”, and is used in conjunction with many adjectives and adverbs. It is also the name of the fifth book of the Torah. In this book, Moses was the speaker who said G-d spoke to me (see Devarim 1:42, 2:9, 3:2). Moses chose the words and conveyed the commandments as he understood them. This earned him the title of “Moses the Teacher” (Moshe Rabanov in Yiddish).

There are 11 parashas in the book of Devarim in which Moses summarizes the most practical and essential parts of the previous four books. He does this by presenting Torah portions as a guide to Jewish living and as a timely stimulus for positive not boasting, positions on the challenges of life.

First Devarim Parasha Summary There are two significant areas in this parasha: 1. The introduction to the farewell discourses of Moses. 2. The First discourse-review of the journey from Sinai to the wilderness of Kadesh.

Making Judgements To aid him in his leadership of the Israelites, Moses appoints judges whom will be impartial in their deliberations. In his presentation to the Israelites, Moses suggests three significant rules: 1. “hear out” those with conflicting views; do not show partiality to high or low, Israelite or stranger; and fear no one when you render your decision. These guidelines elaborate his character in that he loves his people and the art of achieving justice in human relationships (Deuteronomy 1:17).

Mitzvot—The appointment of judges When Israel was an autonomous people dwelling in its own land, and all its religious activities were centered around the Temple, judges were not elected, they were selected. Those who were commissioned to make the appointments were forbidden to show any favoritism. The candidates had to be men and women, such as Deborah, of the highest level in every respect.

Courts The highest court was the Great Sanhedrin composed of 71 judges. The head of this body of jurists was called the nasi. Moses was the first nasi and every succeeding nasi was to be considered in the same light as Moses in his day.

A lower court called the Small Sanhadrin was composed of 23 judges. Such a court was appointed for every community of 120 or more people.

...Sam Pearlman

CLERGY SCHEDULE

Note: All Beth Shalom services at this time, will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page.

July 3—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

July 10—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

July 17—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

July 24—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

July 31—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

Directions for viewing livestream services:

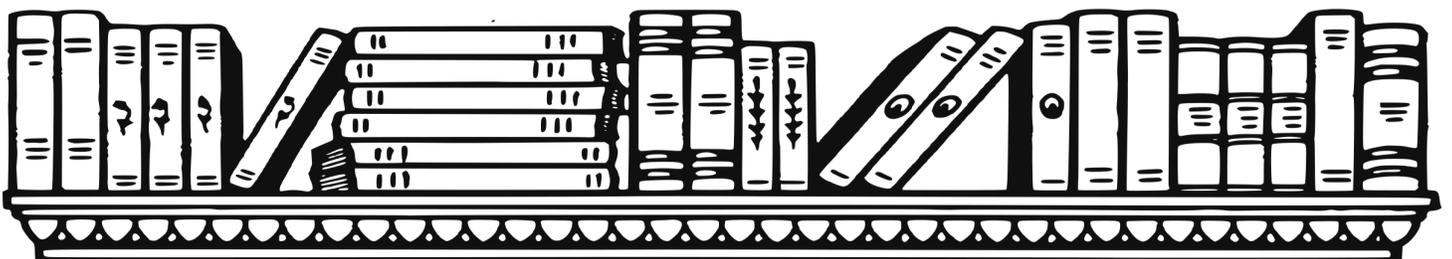
If you are a current Facebook subscriber, you need only to go to our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**, to view these announcements and videos. If you are not a current Facebook subscriber, you need to go to www.facebook.com and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Wed July 22 at Noon. We are reading: "Nobody Would Tell You This But Me" by Bess Kalb
Wed, August 19th at Noon. We will be reading "The World That We Knew" by Alice Hoffman.

*If you have any questions or for a Zoom invite,
please call either Myra or Michelle.*





July

Candle Lighting Times

July 3 —7:50

July 10—7:48

July 17—7:45

July 24—7:41

July 31—7:35



This is Our Mishpacha

Our Mishpacha is published monthly,
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Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Hope Greenwood | July 9 |
| Lila Held | July 10 |
| Joseph Lebovitz | July 16 |

Anniversary

Mark & Maggie Singer, July 24, 27 years

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



Temple Donations

Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock—in loving memory of father, Murray Kolnick
Jay Weinschenker—in appreciation to Jim Sevin and the outstanding work he has done
on the Livestreaming of services

Yahrzeit Donations

| Name | Beloved Departed | Relationship |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Myra Becker</i> | <i>Daniel B Beck</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i> | <i>Leon Morzinsky</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| | <i>Benjamin Steinhauer</i> | <i>Uncle</i> |
| <i>Jordan Pollack</i> | <i>Jean Pollack</i> | <i>Mother</i> |
| | <i>Ida Forman Lander</i> | <i>Mother of Yvette</i> |
| <i>Bernard Starkman</i> | <i>Madelaine Starkman</i> | <i>Wife</i> |
| <i>Klara Wein</i> | <i>Rachel Leah</i> | <i>Mother</i> |
| | <i>Miriam Militeanu</i> | <i>Grandmother</i> |

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit Observances

| Dear Departed | Observed By | Relationship |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Steven Alpert | Madelon Alpert-Herman | Husband |
| Nat Arnold | Susan Lieberman | Father |
| Morris Beckelman | Myra Becker | Grandfather |
| Irving Ninberg | | Uncle |
| Fred Blankstein | Maxine Berkowitz | Father |
| Werner Brookfield | Miriam Brookfield | Brother-in-Law |
| Abraham Chesler | Joel & Diane Chesler | Father of Joel |
| Leah Esterson | Sherman & Marilyn Esterson | Mother of Sherman |
| Theresa Friedman | Merv Friedman | Mother |
| Morey Gnessin | Robert & Rita Rubin | Brother of Rita |
| Anna Gross | Harris & Pauline Kuhn | Mother of Pauline |
| Jean Pollack | Jordan Pollack | Mother |
| Dora Sandler | Michelle Hess | Aunt |
| Alan Schneiderman | Loren Schneiderman | Father |
| | Robert Schneiderman | Father |
| Shirley Singer | Mark & Maggie Singer | Mother |
| | Eunice Singer | Wife of John |
| Benjamin Steinhauer | Michelle Hess | Uncle |



Observing this Yahrzeit

| Dear Departed | Observed By | Dear Departed |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sate Abrams | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Sarah Litt |
| Max Fleischman | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Abraham Marovitz |
| Jacob Friedman | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Beatrice Sarkin |
| Minnie Fritz | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Stanley Ward |
| William Fritz | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Edith Weinberg |
| Edith Goldstein | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Seymour Weinstein |
| Louis Green | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Sadie Weiss |
| Frank Herzog | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Irving Wemdrousky |

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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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, 2020 to June 30, 2021) 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

July 2020

Tammuz-Av 5780

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 7:30p Shabbat Service | 4 12 Tammuz Hukkat-Balak  |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 7:30p Shabbat Service | 11 19 Tammuz Pinhas |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting | 17 7:30p Shabbat Service | 18 26 Tammuz Matot-Masei |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 12:00p Book Club Zoom Meeting | 23 | 24 7:30p Shabbat Service | 25 4 Av Devarim |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 7:30p Shabbat Service | |



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