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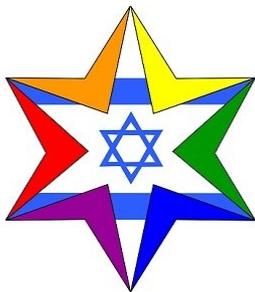
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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

Hanukkah comes early this year on December 7 as the first night. We will be celebrating it together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night which is Shabbat Hanukkah this year—December 8. Our annual Shabbat Hanukkah dinner will begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will again be by reservation only with members +1 as those who can attend unless otherwise permitted by our board. We do this as a condition for those who identify themselves with us as members as a perk, since this dinner, like others we provide, is gratis to those who come.

The service will commence with the Hanukkah prelude in the sanctuary at 7:25 pm played by our own Ty Woodward which will be followed by the service conducted by Hazzan Lance and Ty which will include the lighting of the Hanukkah, Shabbat candles, and the retelling of the story of the miracle of this festival.

Hanukkah always presents issues to us as it is a post-biblical holiday mentioned in a book that is not contained in the Bible, rather in the Jewish Apocryphal literature—The Books of the Maccabees. It is the story of struggle against the oppression of our beliefs and our traditions in our lands that were ruled at that time by the Syrian-Greek forces which wanted to Hellenize us and take us back to idolatry.

This concern is ever more present today with the tides of antisemitism that swirl around the Israel/Gaza war and Ukraine/Russia conflict. We do not wish harm to any civilian whether Israeli, Palestinian, Ukrainian, Russian, etc. But defense of freedom and religion do come at a high cost as our history and tradition has taught us. We must continue to be steadfast in our ideals and beliefs even though the world at large may wish to assail them.

Come, be with us on our celebration of the festival of light and hope!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

### Save the Date

#### Lunch & Learn

Saturday, January 13, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rita Rubin will share a presentation on Moroccan Jews.

More details to come.

# From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I always wonder why I don't cook turkey more often but then I forget to do it during the year!

November had its ups and downs. We had some good times and beautiful, well attended services. But we also lost a couple of much-loved friends. May their names be remembered for blessings.

I am saying prayers of thanks that some hostages have been released and adding prayers that they will all be released soon. I am sure we are all doing the same.

We have some busy months coming up. I am looking forward to the Hanukkah dinner. It should be fun as usual. In January, Rita Rubin will be giving us a presentation on the Jews of Morocco with pictures from their recent trip there. That is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also be going to see the play, Mystic Pizza at the La Mirada Theatre on January 20<sup>th</sup>. I know they are close together but they are very different types of events and there were time constraints as to when we could use Friendship Hall for the presentation and when we could get the best tickets for the show.

I will be on a short get-away cruise from December 4 – 8, so if you have any questions about the Hanukkah dinner during that week, please call the office. Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Shalom,  
Lila

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## High Holy Day Appeal Donations

Bernard Starkman

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Michelle Hess

Rita Rubin

### Beloved Departed

Emmanuel Morzinsky

Yetta Gnessin

### Relationship

Uncle

Mother

## Tribute Cards

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



# BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS



**Join your Beth Shalom friends and family for  
an afternoon at the theatre!**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024 ★ 2:00 p.m.**

La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts  
14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada 90638

There are a limited number of tickets, reserve yours today by  
calling or emailing the Temple office.

Tickets are free for MEMBERS ONLY plus one guest.

We do not have any extra tickets for sale.

Tickets can be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

Let the office know if you need transportation.

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## THE SIDDUR

The “Siddur” is a combination of a number of things. It is a book of Jewish law, as it contains selections from the Bible and the Talmud concerning certain rules and regulations. It is a book of Jewish history, for it contains many memorable events that happened to our people in the past. It is also a book of general questions as it contains the beliefs and traditions of our religion expressed in poetic prayers by prophets and rabbis.

The “Siddur” is universal in that wherever you travel, in any synagogue you enter, it is essentially the same “Siddur” as your own. The prayers that comprise each service have not been changed since they were compiled in 850 C.E.

Types of Prayer Now three types of prayers that are prominent will be discussed. They are as follows: prayers of Praises, thanksgiving, and requests.

1. **PRAISES** We praise G-d as the creator of heaven and earth. We declare His presence in all parts of the universe. We declare the power of G-d to do his will. We testify to His lovingkindness and ask all nations to praise Him for it. We express the thought that all G-d's creatures praise His name, which will live forever.
2. **THANKSGIVING** Prayers of thanksgiving are recited every day by Jews worldwide. We thank G-d for the blessing of life. We thank them for the blessings. He granted our forefathers years ago and for the many blessings He has personally granted us. We thank him for giving us Torah and providing us with food, clothing and shelter.
3. **REQUESTS** Most people think that all prayers are requests. They think that the only time that it is necessary to pray to G-d is when they want something. This attitude is wrong. Requests are really only one of many types of prayer. In these requests we ask G-d for peace throughout the world. We ask Him to teach us to care for and bless us with a happy and healthy life devoted to Torah and Jewish ideals. We ask for the victory of the Israel forces in the current war, and the rebuilding of our Temple in the spirit of the Torah as it was predicted centuries ago.

The above are three of the basic types of prayer found in “SIDDUR”. All of our prayers are recited expresses our deepest feelings to G-d.

Looking at the “Siddur” closely. In the table of contents we find a long list of prayers for every occasion. These prayers are recited most often like the morning, afternoon, and evening services are found at the beginning of the “Siddur”. They are followed by the services for “Shabbos”. The rest of the “Siddur” is devoted to prayers for special events: the Hallel” which is a service of praises and thanksgiving to G-d recited on holidays, Grace After Meals, prayers before going to bed, and part of the services recited on festivals and the High Holidays.

Shemoneh Esrei These two words in Hebrew mean the number 18. It is a prayer composed of 18 blessings (an additional blessing was later added for weekdays). It is said standing because of its importance and so we can concentrate better upon reciting it. Remember this prayer is sent to almighty G-d and must be made with respect, dignity and sincerity. It is a prayer that contains parts of respect, thanksgiving, and request. The “Shemoneh Esret” is an all inclusive prayer that is part of every service. These services will be discussed in my next addition to Mishboker.

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

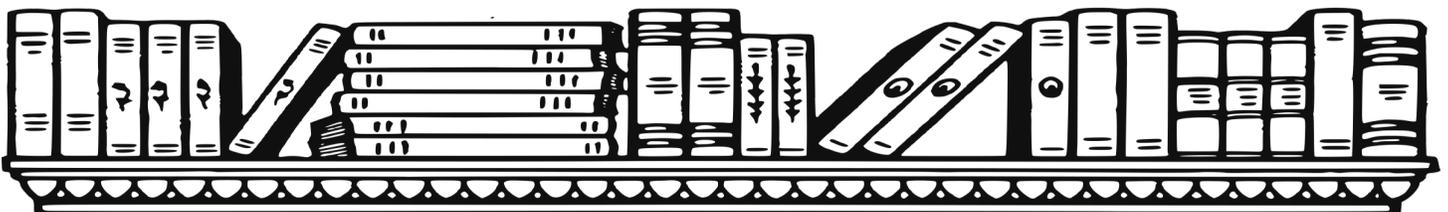
## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next book will be “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride on Monday, December 11th, at 12:30 pm. If you haven't read “The Color of Water” by James McBride, you might like to learn more about James McBride. “The Color of Water” is his memoir and his first book.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.

If you have any questions, please call either Michelle or Myra.

Happy Reading Everyone.



## Clergy Schedule

**Current policy for Beth Shalom Services:** We are open as usual to members, former members and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors. Any major events will require pre-registration and/or tickets. We will continue to have security guards on the premises and reserve the right to inspect any bags or purses. All others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**.

**December 1**--7:30 pm--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

**December 8**--*Shabbat Hanukkah*--6:00 pm--Shabbat Hanukkah dinner in fellowship Hall (by reservation only!); Sanctuary--7:25 pm--Hanukkah Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**December 15**--7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**December 22**--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**December 29**--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

### 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

December 1 - 4:26

December 8 - 4:26

December 15 - 4:28

December 22 - 4:31

December 29 - 4:35



## 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.**

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**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!!!

Haim Knafo	December 2
Oliver Rubenstein	December 5
David Starkman	December 11
Alita Sevin	December 14
Ande Mass	December 21
Robert Rubin	December 21
Ryan Wein	December 24
Claire Rademacher	December 25
Deborah Miranda	December 28

## Happy Anniversary!!!

Jim & Alita Sevin December 7—38 years

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



**From Hazzan Lance and the Board of Directors.**

**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Myra Becker	Bella Bell	Grandmother
	Lou Binke	Uncle
	Ruth Beck	Mother
	Pauline Newman	Aunt
	Dorothy Rubin	
Jay Devore	Edna Devore	Mother
Ada Kless-Gilbert	Shirley Gilbert	
Morton Goldberg	Max Goldberg	Father
Mark Singer	John Singer	Father
Michelle Hess	Emmanuel Morzinsky	Uncle
	Julius Schwartz	Uncle
Hope Greenwood	Isaac Leiboff	Father
	Pearl DeMase	Mother
Rita Rubin	Gail Goodstein	Sister
Steve Baptista	Dorothy Baptista	Mother
Mark Hilliard	Glenda Hilliard	Wife
Arlene Norton	Arnold Winett	Brother
	Jean Vinetsky	Mother
Millie Hock	Rose Goldberg	Mother
Jeffrey Kolnick	Mary Kolnick	Grandmother
Russell Unger	Robert Unger	Son
Robin Weintraub	Sue Weintraub	Mother
Miriam Brookfield	Willy Fleischmann	Father
	Dora Fleischmann	Mother
Mina Cano	Socorro Torres	Grandmother

**Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier**

<b>Dear Departed</b>		
Joseph Diamondstein	Edna Kleinberg	Joseph Ward
Anna Fruchtman	Sadie Dreyfuss	Sylvia Zober
William Kerman	Manuel Klasky	Helen Fleischman
Naftali Saleweizek	Ida Fink	Brina Bressler

*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.*

## *Kislev - Tevet 5784*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 19 Kislev Parashat Vayishlach
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Shabbat Chanukah Service	9 26 Kislev Parashat Veyeshev/Hanukkah
10	11 12:30p Book Club	12	13	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 4 Tevet Parashat Miketz
17	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Service	23 11 Tevet Parashat Vayigash
24	25	26	27	28	29 7:30p Shabbat Service	30 18 Tevet Parashat Vayechi
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