Beth Shalom of Whittier

September 2017
Elul 5777/Tishrei 5778

Our Mishpacha

Reflections

The month of July ended with the last Friday night service led by our guest Hazzan Laurie Rimland-Bonn, accompanied by Aryell Cohen. What a wonderful service filled with readings and beautiful music. It is always a delight to have Aryell at the Temple.

Our Erev of Tisha B'Av was held in the sanctuary on Monday evening. This service is meant to be a time of reflection; therefore, it is not the light, uplifting service we are used to. It is meant to make us stop and think of what has happened in the history of our people and the destruction of the Temple. It is the saddest of days for us as Jews. We are reminded of the reality of what we sometimes do not want to think about, with somber and harsh readings. Hazzan Laurie led the group through the readings, giving us the explanations of their meanings, ending the service on a somber note.

Our congregation was so fortunate to have Hazzan Toby Schwartz and Hazzan Laurie Rimland-Bonn on the bimah to lead our services during the absence of our own Hazzan Lance.

We also had the opportunity to enjoy three exceptionally talented and very accomplished musicians, Bob Remstein, Professor Neal Brostoff from UCLA, and Aryell Cohen, who is no stranger to our congregation.

August began with Hazzan Lance back on the bimah after a well deserved vacation to Greenland and Iceland. He did come back with a souvenir of his trip, "Bronchitis," but is much better now. Hazzan Lance brought back many interesting stories about his trip, as well as information from Board members from congregations in Connecticut and Long Island, whom he met on his trip, to share with our own Board.

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Reflections (Continued)

Our special Oneg on Friday, August 11 was held to honor the graduates in our congregation. We have watched three of the four graduates grow up in our Temple and have been part of their Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs. Jordan Eres graduated with a Masters Degree from Cal State Long Beach, Christine Singer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cal State Fullerton, and Isaac Herrera received his High School Diploma from Whittier High School. Our fourth graduate, Allison Hernandez, graduated from UCLA. We could not be prouder of these young people, as they represent the future of our Temple. Hazzan Lance congratulated each graduate and assured them that no matter where they went or what happens in their lives, the Temple and their Temple family would always be there to support them.

In August we had two Saturday services, a Torah Study and our popular Siddur Kol Shalom service, as well as our Friday evening services.

September will be a busy month, as we are looking forward to our much anticipated High Holy Day services. Your information packets have been sent to you, and we encourage everyone to participate. Let's make our High Holy Days this year the best and most memorable we've ever had!

~Bonnie Neville

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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.

This is *Our Mishpacha*!

HAZZAN'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

This month we begin the ***Days of Awe***, the ***Yamim Noraim***. There will be a few nice changes that will accompany this year's High Holyday services.

This year all morning services (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) will begin 30 minutes later than in the past, at 9:30. We hope that you will take advantage of that time change to rest in a bit so that you can all attend our next important change. The ***Shacharit*** or ***Morning Service*** each day will take only about 30 minutes or so (ala our ***Siddur Kol Shalom*** style) and will be ***choral*** for the first time. The choir will begin each service in the morning ***with me*** from the beginning of services. We will then be directly transitioning to our Torah service which will commence at 10:00 a.m. There will be no break. This is a more traditional and appropriate approach for all involved. So we hope you will enjoy the extra 30 minutes of sleep, but request you come and begin the service with us to create our minyan so we may begin on time at 9:30 a.m. each morning service.

Also, please note that our Yom Kippur ***Minchah*** or ***Afternoon Service*** will commence at 4:00 p.m. sharp and take about 30 to 40 minutes, again very much like our ***Siddur Kol Shalom*** service. The highlights will be the

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Hazzan's Notes (Continued)

Torah reading and the reading of the Book of Jonah. The ***choral*** Yizkor, Martyrology, and Neilah will follow directly after ***Minchah*** concludes, so you will want to make note of that. Here again, there will be no break between any of these services, save for a short commentary on my part for transitional purposes. This will help us preserve the integrity of the prayer time and of the solemnity of the day.

We are working non-stop to make sure that these services are some of the best we have created for you. We all hope you will find them a very uplifting and spiritual set of devotional services.

This is the time where we can say with all happiness and cordiality, ***Welcome Home to Beth Shalom!*** We greet you with open and extended arms to a great New Year.

Shanah Tovah,

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

Candle Lighting Times

September 1	6:59 p.m.	September 8	6:50 p.m.
September 15	6:40 p.m.	September 20	6:33 p.m.
September 22	6:30 p.m.	September 29	6:20 p.m.

The Seeds of Autumn
1 Tishrei to 14 Heshvan

This period of the year 2017/5778 covers the last half of September through the fourth of November. During Tishrei, the following holidays occur.

Tishrei	*Holidays*
1-2	Rosh Hashanah
4	Tzom Gedaliah—Fast Day—The slaying of the righteous governor of Judah
9	Erev Yom Kippur
10	Yom Kippur—Fast Day
15-21	Sukkot/Sukkos
21	Hoshanah Rabbah
22-23	Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

The seeds of autumn begin with gathering harvests of both crops and their seeds. "And the earth brought forth grass and herbs yielding seed after its own kind, and trees yielding fruit with the seed in it after its own kind, and G-d saw that it was good." [Genesis 1:12] Autumn is a season when we have gratitude for our lives, regret our sins and mistakes, and hope for a better life and what will be.

On the new year, Rosh Hashanah, our people reflect on the meaning of life, our conduct for this year, and our plans for the new year. It is a time when we reflect on letting our inner seed reach its potential. We fast on Yom Kippur and focus on the difficulties of our inner selves. It is our call to G-d as we sincerely regret our mistakes and wrongdoings. We ask for the Shekkinah (the Divine Spirit) to help us change for the better. Concisely, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur represent the meaning of "Chiam" life. They are the poles of the season, its earth, air, and spirit.

The holiday of Sukkot finds us in the fields of life. We are harvesting the late crops of ourselves as we live in the open air with roofless festive booths amid rain, wind, and sun. It reminds us of the fragility of our lives. On Sukkot we wave lulav, etrog, myrtle, and willows, a ritual bundle, after the morning service for

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The Seeds of Autumn *(Continued)*

seven days. We also davan in the Beth Shalom sukkah. Read the October issue for the Hazzan's details.

On the seventh day of Sukkot we observe Hoshanah Rabbah, which after the 16th century became a day looked upon as a continuation of Yom Kippur. It gives "another chance" for repentance to those people who, for some reason, failed to make use of the Day of Atonement's Divine grace. A symbolic beating of a bundle of willow branches closes the Hoshanah Rabbah service (11 October).

The two festive days of Sukkos are followed by five Intermediate Days. The full festival is resumed on the eighth day of Solemn Assembly (Shemini Atzeret, 12 October). Its "second day" (13 October) is known as Rejoicing of the Law (Simchat Torah). It is a day full of love and joy with a march of our Torahs around the Temple, joined by our congregation and their children. This day marks the last reading of the Devarim (the final of the fifth book of the Torah) and the first reading of Bereishik (the first reading of the first book of the Torah).

What I have briefly written here is that Shemini Atzeret concludes the Tishrei cycle of festivals. It shares with Succos the Festival of Thanksgiving for our fall harvest and the mercies shown to our ancestors in their 40 years in the wilderness. It is for the best of reasons a Season of Gladness in the liturgy.

Joy is the basic note of our spirit and happiness in our lives and their dedication to Judaism. The meaning of our Torah is found in three things: reverence, love, and joy. They show us the way that brings us closer to G-d. Amen!

~Sam Pearlman

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 1—Hazzan Lance, Mark Peterson
September 8—Hazzan Lance, Mark Peterson
September 9—Lay Torah Study—9:00a.m. Breakfast, 9:45a.m. Study Shmuel Gonzales and/or Sam Pearlman
September 15—Hazzan Lance, Mark Peterson
September 16—SELIHOT with Ner Tamid at Beth Shalom—6:30p.m. Reception, 7:30p.m. Choral Service—Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Mark Peterson, Rabbi Dany, Cantor Ken, Vox Profundis, Dr. Edward Brunner, Norberto Guinaldo
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September 30—Yom kippur—9:30a.m.—Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Mark Peterson

May 5778 be a year full of love, joy, health and happiness to you and your entire family.

L'shana Tova!

JEWISH FEDERATION

Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old....

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Joann Eres	September 2
Richard Hess	September 4
Mark Gibson	September 9
Preston Rosser	September 11
Eileen Wiseman	September 15

Beth Shalom of Whittier
Wishes you all
A Very Happy Birthday !

MAY MY BETH SHALOM FAMILY BE INSCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR!

Hazzan Lance

L'SHANAH TOVAH

From

Your Board of Directors

Beth Shalom of Whittier &

Temple Ner Tamid of Downey

In preparation for the High Holyday season 5778,
Congregation Beth Shalom and Temple Ner Tamid
invite you to our Joint Selihot Service

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 16. 2017

At Congregation Beth Shalom
Parking at 14545 Mulberry, Whittier

Dessert Reception 6:30 p.m. In the Social Hall

Choral Selihot Service 7:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary

Officiating:
Rabbi Dany Mehlman
Cantor Ken Jaffe
Hazzan Lance H. Tapper
Featuring
The Beth Shalom Singers
Mark Peterson, Accompanist and Conductor

Vox Profundis
Dr. Edward Bruner, Conductor
Norberto Guinaldo, Organist

ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

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Jim and Alita Sevin

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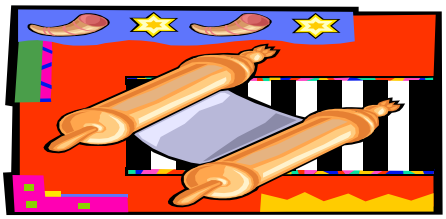
Bob and Rita Rubin



HAVE A HEALTHY NEW YEAR

From

Arlene Norton

L'SHANAH TOVAH TO MY BETH SHALOM FAMILY

From

Klara Wein

ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

From

The Starkman Family

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From

Susan Lieberman

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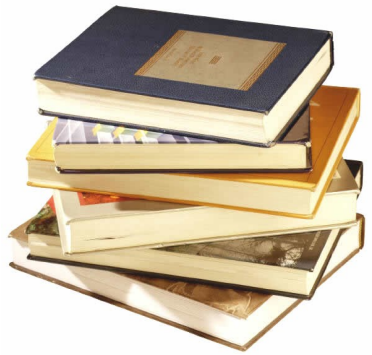
There is no charge for our services. Donations are welcome, of course.
Hazzan Lance H. Tapper officiating,
With the Beth Shalom Professional Choir
Mark Peterson, Accompanist



Book Group News

On Tuesday, September 12, Beth Shalom's book group is meeting at Rita's and discussing *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen.

This tense thriller is set among Israel's illegal immigrant community, rife with moral ambiguities. Have you ever thought how life might change forever in a split second? This book will make you wonder!

Our selection for Tuesday, October 17 is *Hidden Star* by Corinne Joy Brown. October's meeting will be at Ann's.

Join us at 12:30 p.m. for our brown-bag luncheon, our sparkling conversation, and our delicious desserts.

~Myra Weiss

On Sunday, November 5, Beth Shalom will again host a Jewish Book Festival author event.

Please mark your calendars and save the date for this enjoyable event, including lecture, book signing, and brunch.

~Myra Weiss

Women of Beth Shalom

We need you!

We are all members of Sisterhood!

We need * volunteers to help set up
and clean up for our fantastic Onegs!

Can you help us one day a month?
Can you help us for holidays?

Please call the office to volunteer
562-941-8744

Yahrzeit Remembrances

Richard and Michelle Hess	*Dora Sandler*, Aunt of Michelle
Myra Becker	*Irving Ninberg*, Uncle
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	*Phil Goldberg*, Father
Richard and Michelle Hess	*George Friedman*, Uncle of Michelle
Howard Brookfield	*Rosa Bruchfeld*, Grandmother
Howard Brookfield	*Max Bruchfeld*, Grandfather
Dorothy Rubin	*Ida Smolowitz*, Mother
Rebecca Martinez	*Caleb Kane F. Mora*, Son
Dorothy Wiener	*Paul Wiener*, Father-in-Law
Abdon Barembaum	*Gitl Barembaum*, Mother
Joel and Diane Chesler	*Abraham Chesler*, Father of Joel

Thank You for Your Donations

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.

September Yahrzeit Observances

Mary Altman	Mother of Anita Horowitz	22 Elul
Samuel Altman	Father of Anita Horowitz	13 Elul
Yetta Aronowitz	Grandmother of Susan Lieberman	10 Elul
Gitl Barembaum	Mother of Abdon Barembaum	16 Elul
David Bartikofsky	Uncle of Irving Bartikofsky	3 Tishrei
Celia Bolasny	Aunt of Sandra Paul	5 Tishrei
Jean Brantz	Memorial Board	18 Elul
Ann Brezak	Sister of Millie Hock	9 Tishrei
Max Bruchfeld	Grandfather of Howard Brookfield	13 Elul
Rosa Bruchfeld	Grandmother of Howard Brookfield	13 Elul
Eleanor Chain	Aunt of Shirley Malin	21 Elul
Evelyn Falk	Mother of Susan Kramer	3 Tishrei
Vivian Fine	Mother of Fred Bergerson	4 Tishrei
Morris Fisher	Father of Fred Fisher	2 Elul
Schlomo Frankel	Father of Pnina Eitan	18 Elul
Marion Liebowitz	Sister of Norma Shreiber	28 Elul
Max Lifschitz	Grandfather of Mona Di Natale	12 Elul
Joseph Malin	Husband of Shirley Malin	16 Elul
Florence Morzinsky	Aunt of Michelle Hess	12 Elul
Max Pinck	Husband of Toby Pinck	6 Tishrei
Louis Silberberg	Father of Judith Silberberg	27 Elul
Jack Starkman	Father of Bernard Starkman	7 Tishrei
Dorothy C. Tapper	Mother of Hazzan Lance H. Tapper	2 Tishrei
Joseph Wein	Husband of Klara Wein	28 Elul
Katherine Weiner	Mother-in-Law of Teresa Weiner	10 Elul
Paul Wiener	Father-in-Law of Dorothy Wiener	22 Elul
Bella Douglas Zucker	Memorial Board	19 Elul

Being Jewish and Arab: The Sabbath Music of Syrian Jews

Dr. Mark Kligman

Mickey Katz Endowed Chair in Jewish Music
Professor of Ethnomusicology and Musicology
UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music

September 11, 7:30 pm
Alpert JCC
3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach

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College of Liberal Arts
California State University
Long Beach

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	2 Ki Tetze
3 Bingo	4 Minyan 2:30 pm	5	6	7 Minyan 2:30 pm	8 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	9 Breakfast 9:00 **Torah Study** 9:45 am Ki Tavo
10 Bingo	11 Minyan 2:30 pm	12 Book Group 12:30 pm	13	14 Minyan 2:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	16 **Selichot** **Reception 6:30** **Choral Service** **7:30 pm** Niyzavim-Vayelech
17 Bingo	18 Minyan 2:30 pm	19	20 **Erev** **Rosh Hashanah** **7:30 pm**	21 **Rosh Hashanah** **First Day** **9:30 am**	22 **Rosh Hashanah** **Second Day** **9:30 am** **Shabbat Shuvah** **7:30 pm**	23 Ha'azinu
24 **Fast of Gedaliah** Bingo	25 Minyan 2:30 pm	26	27 Sisterhood Board Meeting 1:00	28 Minyan 2:30 pm	29 **Erev Yom Kippur** **Kol Nidre** **6:30 pm**	30 **Yom Kippur** **9:30 am** **Yizkor**

Brain Train

Train your brain by keeping it active!

Trivia

1. Domenikos Theotocopoulus is better known as whom?
2. Where would you be if your restaurant check was in forints?
3. In the novel by Jules Verne, who went around the world in eighty days?
4. Which one does not belong: George Sand, George Eliot, George Orwell?
5. If you heard people talking about ullage and botrytis, what would they be discussing?

Why is it very rare for the temperature in Florida to change rapidly?

Your brain is divided into two halves. The left half is more number-oriented, rational, and concrete. Your right half is more playful, creative, and artistic. To solve this puzzle, you'll have to borrow a little from both sides of your brain.

In an art class, students are taught how to shape a 1-ounce bag of clay into a small statue. During this process, some clay remains unused. (Actually, it falls to the floor.) For every five statues that are made, there is enough extra clay to make one more statue.

Suppose a student is presented with 25 ounces of clay. What is the maximum number of statues the student can sculpt?

Who's That?

Look into a mirror and what do you see? You? But it's not the same you that everyone else sees. It's a right-left reverse image. The ear that appears on your left side is seen by others on your right side.

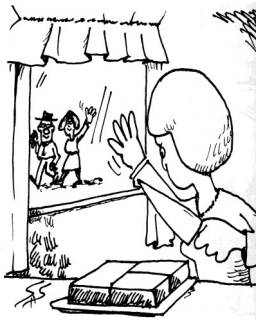
Suppose you want to see yourself exactly as others see you. How can you set up two small mirrors so that your reflection isn't reversed?

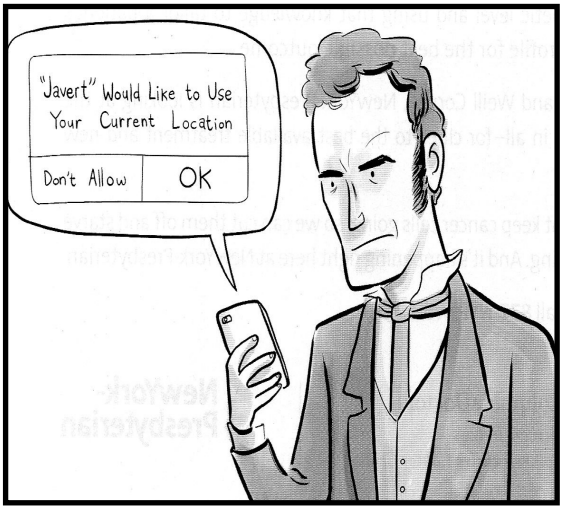
Brownie Cut

A chocolate brownie emerges from the oven. Rebecca cuts the square brownie in half. She then divides one of the halves into two smaller but equal parts. Before she can eat the larger piece, two of her friends unexpectedly arrive.

Rebecca wants everyone to have the same amount of dessert.

In the fewest number of cuts, how can she produce three equal portions?





True or False?

Two cultures of people live on the planet Trekia, the Carpals and the Tarsals. The Carpals always lie. The Tarsals always tell the truth.

A space traveler arrives on Trekia and meets a party of three people. He asks the people to which culture they belong. The first person mumbles something that is too soft to hear. "What?" The second person replies, "He said he is a Carpal." The third says to the second, "You are a liar."

Can you determine to which culture the first person belongs?

Helpful Hint

When you see someone wearing camouflage, be sure to walk smack into them, so they'll know it's working.

PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

A fragile item is to be shipped in a cardboard box. In order to prevent the item from hitting against the walls of the box, plastic foam cubes are used as "bumpers." There are ten of these cubes. How can you position them along the inner walls of the box so that there is an equal number of cubes along each wall?

Clichés and Idioms

ACT
CHAR ER

Safe

Sorry

2

phrase

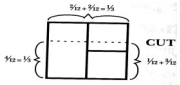
Answers *Trivia: 1. El Greco, the painter. 2. Hungary. 3. Phileas Fogg. 4. Wine. 5. George Orwell. All three are pen names, but the other two are female.*

Very Rare: Temperature usually changes by degrees.

Art Class: 31 statues. The 25 ounces are used directly to make 25 statues. During this process, 5 ounces of excess clay are produced. This extra clay is used to make 5 additional statues. Then there is enough unused clay to make one more statue, with 1/5 of the clay left over.

Who's That: Position the mirrors so that they are arranged like an open book. The right side of your face will reflect on the right side of the mirror. The image does not reflect back to that eye. Instead, it bounces to the other mirror. From there, the image is reflected back to the other eye.

Brownie Cut: One cut



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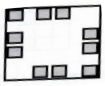
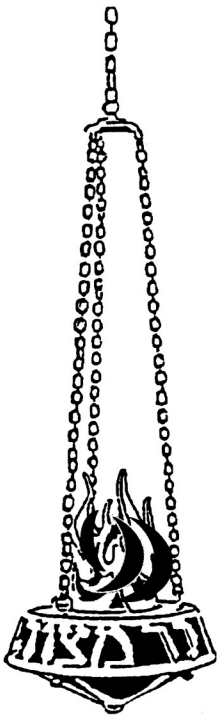
True or False: If the first person was a Tarsal, he would identify himself as a Tarsal. If he was a Carpal, he would identify himself as a Tarsal. Therefore, the second person had to be lying, and the third correctly identified the Carpal, making the first person a Tarsal.

Pack Up Your Troubles: The trick is using the same block in the rows of two adjacent sides.



Clichés and Idioms: 1. Act out of character. 2. Better safe than sorry. 3. To turn a phrase.



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