Beth Shalom of Whittier

Conservative Progressive Judaism

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Hazzan's Notes

Dear Friends,



Pesah has arrived! We will be celebrating our Spring festival harvest as we do every year and remember the Exodus from Egypt where we began our path toward peoplehood. We look forward to having our in-person Shabbat First Night Service on April 15 for the first time in 3 years and hope you will register to attend this wonderful annual event. The prelude will begin at 6:25 pm and service and Seder beginning at 6:30 pm.

This year, on the next morning, Saturday, April 16, we will have our first ever festival service with our magnificent choir, the Beth Shalom Singers. This first

day of Pesah will show off our people's beautiful choral liturgy for festivals and, specifically, Pesah. Ty Woodward, our wonderful organist/choir master will play and conduct this stirring service. We will have composers represented such as: Hazzan Carl Urstein, Hazzan Adolph Katchko, Hazzan Gershon Shaposhnik, Hazzan Gershon Ephros, Hazzan Meir Finkelstein, Hazzan Salomon Sulzer, and the composers—Max Helfman, David Nowakowsky, Louis Lewandowski, and Sholom Secunda. We know you will want to enjoy this service in-person or online because it will be unique and special in the history of Beth Shalom.

Pesah will end the following Shabbat with an Erev Shabbat Pesah service on Friday, April 22 at normal times which will include festival prayers and melodies. And...Shabbat Pesah Yizkor services will take place the next morning on Saturday, April 23 beginning with a prelude at 9:25 am and service beginning at 9:30 am. This will end our Pesah observance this year on a grand high note.

We hope you will want to be with us in person or online to enjoy these magnificent events.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

My heartfelt thanks to all who sent condolences to me and my family on the loss of my husband Chuck. It really does help to know that so many people care and are sending their good thoughts and prayers. We celebrated our 63rd Anniversary with home-brewed coffee and donuts from Chuck's favorite donut store, in the courtyard of a rehab facility after his second (of four) hospital stays. Chuck had a gruff exterior but never fooled any of his children, grandchildren or greatgrandchildren who saw right through it to his soft and loving heart.

Thanks to the lessening of Covid restrictions, the entire family was able to take turns spending time with him during his last few weeks. He was laid to rest with the full military honors that he earned in his 22 years as a U.S. Marine.

Our offices are in the process of being painted as I write this. Next, we will be installing our new display case and putting up pictures. We plan on having an open house when all of that is done so you can all come and see it. Of course, refreshments will be provided and hopefully some promotional gifts as well. It is all a work in progress and details will be sent out as they are finalized.

Hopefully we will see more people come to services in person as the COVID numbers improve. We are still requiring proof of vaccination, but masks are optional. As a reminder, even if every one of our members attended in person, we would still have more than enough room to socially distance ourselves from each other and clergy. Please call the office if you need a ride. Of course, we will continue our Facebook broadcasting as usual.

Shalom Lila



"For planet earth to have an environment that sustains human life as we know it, vigorous remedial action is needed in the present. The UN sponsored International Panel on Climate Change has indicated what those actions should be. The UN Glasgow Conference on Climate Change adopted resolutions that describe the actions countries need to take. Taking those actions, and ensuring that our government respects its promises, is up to all of us.

Following its decade-long tradition, UNA Whittier is using the Earth Day event not only to showcase what is already happening in Whittier and surrounding cities, but also start new actions that challenge our citizens and our local government to do more to meet these needs with concrete actions.

The 2022 Earth Day in Whittier will take place virtually on 30 April from 11am to 1:30pm. The link to register is: https://bit.ly/37QtsoZ

Inquiries/additional information can be emailed to una.whittier@gmail.com

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US

THE FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF PESAH



SHABBAT FIRST EVE OF PESAH SERVICE

Friday, April 15—Pesah Organ Prelude @6:25 pm, Service @6:30 pm

SHABBAT FIRST DAY PESAH CHORAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 16—Lewandowski Pesah Organ Prelude--9:25 am, Service—9:30 am WITH THE BETH SHALOM SINGERS AND TY WOODWARD, CHOIR MASTER (music featured by Carl Urstein, Max Helfman, David Nowakowsky, Louis Lewandowski, Adolph Katchko, Sholom Secunda, Gershon Shaposhnik, Salomon Sulzer, Gershon Ephros, and Meir Finkelstein)

SHABBAT END OF PESAH SERVICES

EREV—Friday, April 22—Pesah Organ Prelude @7:25 pm, Service @7:30 pm YIZKOR—Saturday, April 23—Pesah Organ Prelude @9:25 am, Service@9:30 am

HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST

ALL SERVICES WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

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A SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FIRST FRIENDS

13205 PHILADELPHIA STREET

WHITTIER CA 90601-4386

THE SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWED BY AN ITALIAN PASTA DAIRY SHABBAT DINNER

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TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST

THERE WILL BE NO FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST THIS SHABBAT

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SERVICE/SHABBAT DINNER PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 3, 2022

Passover

Passover is our oldest holiday - it marks the anniversary of the birth of Israel (Jews) as a people. There are four names by which the holiday is known:

Chag Hamatzohs: The holiday of the unleavened bread;

<u>Chag Hapesach:</u> The holiday of the Passover; <u>Zman Cheiruseinu:</u> The time of our freedom; and

Chag Ho'oviv: The holiday of spring.

Each of these and the story of PESACH will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

<u>Chag Hamatzoh</u> - Matzah is a replica of the bread that the Jews ate after they raced to leave Egypt. It is a symbol of the life of poverty the Jews lived through in Egypt. They were slaves of Pharaoh. Taskmasters were set over them to see that they did not idle. Concisely, it was humanly impossible for them to hope to leave Egypt. You see Pharach was their ruler; he tried to be their god. That is where he made his mistake, for it was the will of G-d that the Jews leave Egypt and devote themselves to him as his nation. No human being can set himself up as G-d. Think about it, history has taught us that the wicked perish in the end; justice will ultimately win out.

And so with G-ds help and the leadership of Moses and Aaron, the Jews prepared to leave Egypt without a battle. Truly this was the work of G-d. They rushed to leave. There was no time for them to take bread in a proper way with the dough rising. So they took their unleavened bread and started on a 4 year journey.

When we eat matzoh during Pesach we remembered the lives of our ancestors and we are reminded that our people serve only G-d the true ruler of the universe.

Chag Hapesach - During the 210 years of their enslavement many of the Jews adopted Egyptian customs. When they were to leave Egypt, they had to leave the country and its idolatrous practices that they had learned there. And so G-d put them to a test. The lamb was sacred to the Egyptians and worshiped by them. On the evening of the 14th day of Nissan, the night of the last plague, the Jews were told to sacrifice a lamb to G-d. The lambs blood was to be sprinkled upon their doorposts as a sign. That night the Angel of Death passed through the land of Egypt and killed all the firstborn males of the Egyptians (human and animal). He would pass over the houses of the Jews; the blood would be his sign and their houses would not be touched by the plague. To understand the test, the Jews who believed in G-d knew that there was no reason to fear the enraging of the Egyptians. G-d would protect them. The Jews who believed in the sacredness of the lamb along with the Egyptians did not trust in G-d and would never perform the sacrifice. First, they would be afraid to sacrifice the lamb as they believed that was sacred. Second, no one would protect them from the wrath of the Egyptians. They were not sure that G-d would protect them. Such people were not worthy of being freed by G-d as they did not trust him.

This sacrifice of the Paschal lamb has been carried on to this day from generation to generation. As a remembrance of the miracles of Egypt, check the Passover plate on the first seder. However, above all recognize the loyalty our ancestors showed to G-d.

Z'man Cheiruseinu The Jews were slaves to Pharach in Egypt and G-d helped Moses and Aaron to free them. Their slavery was not limited to physical labor, they were also enslaved spiritually. They no longer remembered the G-d of their forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Even those who believed G-d began to lose hope and trust in Him. Many of them prayed and sacrificed to Egyptian idols. They thought this would find favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. In their foolishness they didn't realize that worship of false gods could not help them.

The time of freedom finally came. Out of Egypt, into wilderness and on to the promised land of Canaan went 600,000 Israelite males and their families. They became a free people under G0d devoted to His Torah and loyal to each other.

<u>Chag Ho'oviv</u> The holiday of Passover is celebrated in 5782 from the 15th through the 22nd day of the Hebrew month of Nissan. This is the 16th through the 23rd of April 2022 on the world calendar. Our first seder is held on Friday erev Pesah 14 Nissan/15 April. The second seder is held on Saturday night

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Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof and a mask may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, Beth Shalom of Whittier. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

- April 1-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward
- April 8-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward
- April 15-- Erev Shabbat Pesah 6:25 pm--Pesah prelude; 6:30 pm--service --Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward
- April 16-- Shabbat First Day Pesah Choral Service--9:25 am--Lewandowski Pesah prelude; 9:30 am service--Hazzan Lance; The Beth Shalom Singers; Ty Woodward, Organist and Choir Master
- April 22-- Erev Shabbat end of Pesah-- 7:25 pm--Pesah prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward
- April 23-- Shabbat Pesah Yizkor Service-- 9:25 am--Pesah prelude; 9:30 am service--Hazzan Lance and Alan Kelly-Crawley
- April 29-- 7:25 pm--prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

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

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Group is Tuesday, April 19th at 12:30 pm. The book is "Day After Night?" by Anita Diamant.

In May we are going to read and discuss "By the Grace of the Game" by Dan Grunfeld. A story of The Holocaust, a Basketball Legacy, and an Unprecedented American Dream. The date to be determined in April.

We will be continuing to meet on Zoom. Happy Reading.

If you have any questions, or want to join us, please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



Beth Shalom of Whittier April 2022 Our Mishpacha

April

Candle Lighting Times

April 1 - 6:56

April 8 - 7:02

April 15 - 7:07

April 22 - 7:12

April 29 - 7:18



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### 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. Our Mishpacha is sent on-line to the members of Beth Shalom with computers.

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

# Birthdays

Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle April 6

Eileen Baptista April 11

Ann Kanahele April 14

Bernard Starkman April 17

Michelle Hess April 30

## Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday!!



# **Shop Amazon Smile to Help Support Beth Shalom**

Here's a way to support Beth Shalom without costing you a cent. When you shop Amazon use this link:

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1922278.

Amazon will donate a percentage to Beth Shalom every time you shop.

#### **ROSE HILLS CEMETERY PLOTS**

If you want to do your family the mitzvah of pre-planning, please call the office.

They can give you information as to what gravesites are available and what steps to take to secure your plot(s).

Plots are \$3500 each.

There are only a few plots remaining, so if you are Interested, please let us know.

#### **Donations**

Mina Cano
Revekah Martinez
Ann Kanahele—in memory of Chuck Held

#### **Yahrzeit Donations**

| Remembered by        | <b>Beloved Departed</b> | <u>Relationship</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Myra Becker          | Pauline Newman          | Aunt                |
|                      | Lou Binke               | Uncle               |
|                      | Jennie Beckelman        | Grandmother         |
|                      | George Becker           | Father-in-Law       |
| Mona Di Natale       | Irving Cirulnick        | Uncle               |
| Ann Kanahele         | Arlene Berry            | Sister-in-Law       |
| Sidney & Sandra Paul | Mary Torren Paul        | Mother of Sidney    |
|                      | Rhea Seagull            | Cousin of Sandra    |

#### **Tribute Cards**

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

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15 Nissan/16 April. Passover ushers in the spring season. It brings with it the joy that we experience when we see the rebirth of nature. Trees and flowers begin to bloom and the air is filled with the sweet fragrance of new life. That is why spring is truly the symbol of Passover. In fact spring symbolizes the rebirth of the nation of Israel. It is a fresh start for all Jewish people to a life devoted to the fulfillment of Torah and good deeds.

<u>Passover Haggadah</u> A complete coverage of the Passover story is found in the Passover Haggadah that is read during each seder. The meaning of the meal along with its associated songs and ceremony is explained in the Passover Haggadah. I recommend it to your reading for a joyous holiday.

Shalom!

Sam Pearlman

PS The first two and the last two days of Pesah are called "YOM TOV", the middle four days are called "Chol Hamoed". It is customary, to study the laws of Pesah 30 days before the holiday.

Shalom, Sam Pearlman

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| Yahrzeit              |                      |                          |  |  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Observed By           | Dear Departed        | Relationship             |  |  |
| Susan Lieberman       | Dora Aronowitz       | Grandmother              |  |  |
| Steve Baptista        | Charles Baptista     | Father                   |  |  |
| Abdon Barembaum       | Rebecca Barembaum    | Wife                     |  |  |
| Myra Becker           | Minnie Becker        | Mother-in-Law            |  |  |
| Ann Kanahele          | Arlene Berry         | Sister-in-Law            |  |  |
| Kathleen King         | Robert Gaal          | Brother                  |  |  |
| Millie Hock           | Abe Goldberg         | Father                   |  |  |
|                       | Betty Goldberg       | Step-Mother              |  |  |
| Joel Golden           | Bernard Golden       | Father                   |  |  |
|                       | Bobbie Golden        | Mother                   |  |  |
| Sidney & Sandra Paul  | Theodore High        | Brother-in-Law of Sandra |  |  |
|                       | Ann Lehman           | Mother of Sandra         |  |  |
|                       | Mary Torren Paul     | Mother of Sidney         |  |  |
| Anita Horowitz        | Jacob Horowitz       | Husband                  |  |  |
| Lila Held             | Sandra Kanian        | Sister                   |  |  |
| Robert Klein          | Sam Klein            | Father                   |  |  |
| Hazzan Lance H Tapper | Sharon Tapper Miller | Cousin                   |  |  |
| David Rosen           | Lena Nuckowitz       | Mother-in-Law            |  |  |
| Dan Franden           | Betty Randall        |                          |  |  |
| Michelle Hess         | Edward Sandler       | Uncle                    |  |  |
|                       | Jacob Sandler        | Grandfather              |  |  |
| Sol Sherman           | Eva Sherman          | Mother                   |  |  |
| Mona Di Natale        | Lena Shinder         | Mother                   |  |  |
|                       | Sam Shinder          | Father                   |  |  |

| Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier |                  |                |                |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Dear Departed                                |                  |                |                |  |  |  |  |
| Charles Appleman                             | Etta Eisen       | Milton Kraus   | Bessie Prog    |  |  |  |  |
| Leo Biegel                                   | Joe Freedman     | Aaron Marovitz | Murray Roy     |  |  |  |  |
| Bessie Bohrer                                | Rachael Friedman | Miriam Novak   | Abraham Sarkin |  |  |  |  |
| Mike Bromberg                                | Ruth Goldenberg  | Mary Pinck     | Sally Seltzer  |  |  |  |  |
| Abraham Carnow                               | Theodore Jesilow | Flora Popick   | Ted Snitzer    |  |  |  |  |
| Arthur Elsen                                 | Bernard Korduner | Dennis Taisch  | Etta Weiss     |  |  |  |  |
| Harry Weiss                                  | Sarah Werner     |                |                |  |  |  |  |

# April 2022 Adar II - Nissan 5782

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                                   | Saturday                                                                  |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |        |                        |           |                           | 1<br>7:30p Shabbat Service               | 2 1 Nisan<br>Parashat Tazria                                              |
| 3      | 4      | 5                      | 6         | 7                         | 8<br>7:30p Shabbat Service               | 9 8 Nisan<br>Parashat Metzora                                             |
| 10     | 11     | 12                     | 13        | 14                        | 15<br>6:30p Erev Shabbat<br>Pesah        | 16 15 Nisan<br>Pesah I<br>9:30a Shabbat First Day<br>Pesah Choral Service |
| 17     | 18     | 19<br>12:30p Book Club | 20        | 21<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 22<br>7:30p Erev Shabbat<br>End of Pesah | 23 22 Nissan<br>Pesah VIII<br>9:30a Shabbat Pesah<br>Yizkor Service       |
| 24     | 25     | 26                     | 27        | 28                        | 29<br>7:30p Shabbat Services             | 30 29 Nissan<br>Parashat Achrei Mot                                       |



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