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HAZZAN'S NOTES

During August, we remind ourselves of the struggles of our people as we remember Tisha B'Av (the Ninth day of Av) which has always been known as the "black fast".

Yom Kippur is known in the Talmudic parlance as the "white fast". The differentiation is clear. The difference between these 2-24 hour fasts is that Tisha B'Av recounts the atrocities that were perpetrated on our people over the millennia and how we remember and vow not to let these happen again. This accounts for it being "black" as it is a reminder of things we cannot change and have scarred us. Yom Kippur, on the other hand, reminds us of what we personally and collectively have done wrong or incorrectly and what we can do to fix and right those wrongs. This ability to change the situations brings about its Talmudic characterization as "white" together with the quote from Isaiah in the Yom Kippur morning Haftarah which suggests our sins may turn from crimson red to white.

May we learn from what our past tells and reminds us and grow from those depths of despair to greater joy and hope that the future can become bright for us if but look for that open door to the truth.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

AUGUST CLERGY SCHEDULE

August 2 - 7:30 Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 9 - 7:30 Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 16 - 7:30 Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 23 - 7:30 Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 30 - 7:30 Rabbi Kenneth Milhander



Yahrzeit Donations

| Name | Beloved Departed | Relationship |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Joel & Diane Chesler</i> | <i>Abraham Chesler</i> | <i>Father of Joel</i> |
| <i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i> | <i>Benjamin Steinhauer</i> | <i>Uncle of Michelle</i> |
| <i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i> | <i>Dora Sandler</i> | <i>Aunt of Michelle</i> |
| <i>Harris & Pauline Kohn</i> | <i>Anna Gross</i> | <i>Mother of Pauline</i> |
| <i>Jordan Pollack</i> | <i>Jean Pollack</i> | <i>Mother of Jordan</i> |
| <i>Jordan Pollack</i> | <i>Ida Forman Lander</i> | <i>Mother-in-Law of Jordan</i> |
| <i>Robert & Rita Rubin</i> | <i>Morey Gnessin</i> | <i>Brother of Rita</i> |
| <i>Dorothy Wiener</i> | <i>Leonard Wiener</i> | <i>Husband of Dorothy</i> |



August

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

August 2—7:34

August 16—7:20

August 9—7:27

August 23—7:11

August 30—7:02

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.

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From Our President



July came to a very hot and muggy close. It has been an interesting month. We started it off with a very nice luncheon, given by the Sisterhood at California Grill. It was a Farewell to Angela and Welcome to Erica. It was great to sit around, laugh, talk, eat good food and spend some time with these two fabulous ladies. Business is chugging along. As we have no immediate prospects for a building of our own to lease on a long term basis, we have extended our lease at First Friends until March of 2020.

We received so much positive feedback on Rabbi Milhander that we have arranged for him to be the substitute for Hazzan Lance on Hazzan's next 2 days off the bimah. Rabbi Milhander will be conducting our Friday night services on August 30 and January 3rd. We are starting High Holy Day preparations. We will have our usual fabulous services with our Choir being there along with Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson on Selichot, Erev Rosh Hashanah, 1st day Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur. With the addition of the pipe organ and the great acoustics in our current location, it will be an experience that you will not want to miss!

Look for the Suggestion Box column in this Mishpacha because they have a great new activity starting in September.

Stay cool and keep hydrated.

....Lila



Destruction of Our Temples

On 17th of Tammuz (July 21) 70 CE we observed and remembered the date when the Romans breached the walls of our second Holy Temple in Jerusalem. This was a fatal step which led to the destruction of the Holy Temple three weeks later. According to the Jerusalem Talmud, this was also the date when the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem en route to the destruction of the First Holy Temple in 586 BC.

The destruction of both Temples is observed on the above date and on the 10th of Av (August 11) commonly known as Tisha B'Av. Most traditional Jews mourn these dates by fasting. Because of the Shabbat, fasting was moved ahead in 2019 to Sunday, July 21st.

Summary of Torah Reading for the Ninth of Av (August 11, 2019—Deuteronomy 4:25-40)

Moses speaks to the people and teaches that there will come a time when Israel will forsake G-D and turn to Idolatry. The Lord in his anger will disperse the Jews throughout the world. Only in sincerity of those who wish to repent will G-D listen and forgive. We see here Israel's punishment for its sins and a chance for redemption. This Torah reading is thus appropriate for Tisha B'Av, the day we commemorate the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem.

Fasting

The tree weeks, the 17 of Tammuz and the 9 of Av, are a time when we mourn. There is fasting each day from dawn to sundown except on Shabbats. Diabetics and pregnant women are exempt from fasting. Needless to say, marriage is forbidden during this period.

Why are we fasting? It's not our fault that the Temples were destroyed. You see, every generation in which the Temple is not rebuilt, it is as though the Temple was destroyed for that generation. A fast day is not a sad day, but a day of opportunity. It's a day when we fix the cause of that original destruction, so that our long exile will end and we will be living in a messianic world—may that time soon be here..

....Sam Pearlman



Suggestion Box

September 6, 2019 we will kick off our new Adult Education/Entertainment program formed after so many suggestions for this type of activity were submitted at the Members' Meeting in June. "The Happiness & Humor Group" at the Alpert JCC in Long Beach meets the first Friday every month.

This FREE ongoing monthly group, led by Dr. Susan Mathieu, will help you find the positive side of life. You'll learn how to deal with difficult people and situations, steps to increase happiness in your own life, and the secret to a happy life. All senior adults are invited, so bring your friends and be ready to laugh. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

We will set up a ride share to the JCC so we need to know how many people are interested. Call the Office (562-941-8744) or email your rsvp (whittiersynagogue@aol.com) and we will reserve our places at the JCC. The deadline for rsvp is August 22 so we have time to set up ride shares.

We are also looking into future activities in the evening and on weekends so that there will be events offered for everyone. Next month watch for information on an upcoming Succot craft project.

Thank you for continuing to send in your thoughts, suggestions and opinions.

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....Alita Serin



2. Mutual Support

Why is mutual support a good indicator of a high functioning Sisterhood? It suggests that we have developed to the point that a feeling of mutual responsibilities exists between our members.

For our Sisterhood to flourish we need to always support each other. We need to offer assistance when anyone needs help. We need to “give and take”. We need to respect and love each other. If we respect each other we can nourish our friendships and make them grow. Mutual support and respect is a part of group work.

Mutual support is an important Sisterhood competency that allows us to be more effective by supporting one another. All Sisterhood members can and should engage in mutual support. Sisterhoods who engage in mutual support are more effective. We will make fewer errors, we can help each other out, and we can correct our own issues.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in our Conference room at 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

Oneg Donations

Lila Held

Thank You, for your contributions to our Oneg Shabbat for July!!

Oneg Donations for Birthdays and Anniversaries \$18.00.

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## Donations

Neal Flaxman—Generous Donations

Erica Lambert—in appreciation to Jay & Susie Weinschenker



Thank you to all who support our Temple.

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

*Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 12:30 at Myra's house. We will be reading and discussing "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. As always, bring a dairy lunch; the hostess will provide drinks and dessert. If you have any questions, please call either Myra or Michelle.*

*Our next Book Group meeting will be announced at a later date.*



## August Yahrzeit Observances

| <b>Dear Departed</b>        | <b>Observed By</b>      | <b>Relationship</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Murray Zuckerman            | Madelon Alpert-Herman   | Father              |
| Grace Galvin                | Steve & Eileen Baptista | Mother of Eileen    |
| Fred Blankstein             | Maxine Berkowitz        | Father              |
| Werner Brookfield           | Howard Brookfield       | Brother             |
| Louis Rosen                 | Esther Dobrin           | Father              |
| Fred Grosz                  | Agnes Fuchs             | Father              |
| Ervin Shuman                | Agnes Fuchs             | Step-Father         |
| Blanka Rosenbaum            | Agnes Fuchs             | Great Aunt of Gabor |
| Dora Sandler                | Richard & Michelle Hess | Aunt of Michelle    |
| Nat Arnold                  | Susan Lieberman         | Father              |
| Caleb Kane F. Mora Martinez | Rebecca Martinez        | Son                 |
| Louis Vinetsky              | Arlene Norton           | Father              |
| Irvin Leibowitz             | Norma Shreiber          | Father              |
| Leonard Wiener              | Dorothy Wiener          | Husband             |

## Observing this Yahrzeit

| <b>Dear Departed</b> | <b>Observed By</b>      | <b>Dear Departed</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| State Abrams         | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Sarah Jaffe          |
| Samuel Cohen         | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Nathan Klasky        |
| Arthur Diamond       | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Eve Levy             |
| Robert Feder         | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Mary Levy            |
| Arthur Fishbein      | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Lillian Lovitch      |
| Max Fleischman       | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Ida Markovitz        |
| Dora Friedman        | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Walter Popkin        |
| Freda Friedman       | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Lawrence Roseman     |
| Jacob Friedman       | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Beatrice Sarkin      |
| Minnie Fritz         | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Max Segarnick        |
| William Fritz        | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Louis Slade          |
| Paul Goldenberg      | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Sadie Weiss          |
| Edith Goldstein      | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Irving Wemdrousky    |
| John Harber          | Beth Shalom of Whittier | Francis Winter       |
| Jacqueline Herman    | 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.*

My Cup Has Run Over

I've never made a fortune  
and it's probably too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much,  
I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way,  
I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,  
and sometimes the going's tough.  
But I've got loving ones around me,  
and that makes me rich enough

I thank God for his blessings,  
and the mercies He's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.

O, Remember times when things went wrong,  
My faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke,  
and sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe  
about the tough rows that I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,  
When the way grows steep and rough.  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy,  
to help others bear their loads.  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed

~~~~~Anonymous



Selihot September 21—7:30 p.m.
Erev Rosh Hashanah September 29—7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah I September 30—9:30 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah II October 1—9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Shuvah October 4—7:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre October 8—6:15 p.m.
Yom Kippur October 9—9:30 a.m.
Erev Sukkot October 13—7:00 p.m.
Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot October 18—7:30 p.m.
Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah October 20—6:30 p.m.

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Services open to the community, please join us.

CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

Jordan Eres

August 19

Liz Herrera

August 20

Jerry Landau

August 21

Samuel Pearlman

August 27



August Anniversaries

Marc & Karen Jacobson

August 8

32nd Anniversary

Howard & Mariam Brookfield

August 9

66th Anniversary

Alberto & Liz Herrera

August 20

31st Anniversary



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Wishes you all

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

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

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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August 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 7:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson | 3 2 Av 5779 Matot-Masei |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 7:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson | 10 9 Av 5779 Devarim |
| 11 | 12 | 13 12:30p Book Club | 14 | 15 7:00p Board Meeting | 16 7:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson | 17 16 Av 5779 Vaethanan |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 1:00p Sisterhood Meeting | 22 | 23 7:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Hazzan Lance & Mark Peterson | 24 23 Av 5779 Mahar Hodesh Ekev |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 7:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler | 31 30 Av 5779 Rosh Hodesh Re'eh |



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