

Our Mishpacha

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER
14564 HAWES ST, WHITTIER, CA 90604

Hazzan's Notes

*A Word from Hazzan Lance
Tapper*

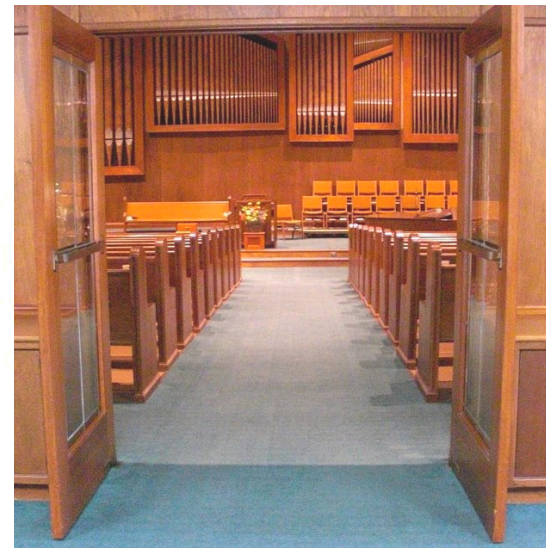
In March, we remember two important events in our congregation's life. The first is the celebration of our whimsical holiday of Purim which we will celebrate on Wednesday night, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. You will want to come in costume or with great humour to drown out the name of Haman and enjoy some festive time together with Hamantaschen and joy as we bring to a close our winter season.

The second is the transition out of our building to our interim facility at First Friends Church in uptown Whittier. Our last service in our current building will take place on Friday, March 22. That will be a special night of remembrance and farewell. Prior to that service, I encourage
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you all to take time to say goodbye to this wonderful edifice that has been at the heart and soul of this congregation for so many years. Take pictures and video to remind yourselves of the memories you have had here and what you'd like to take with you as we move.

This move, for a few months, will allow us to finally close escrow on our current building and give us time to prepare our new permanent home which will last us into the foreseeable future. We will continue to have services at First Friends every Shabbat evening, Kol Shalom Shabbat mornings, and Pesah and Shavuot festival evening and morning services in their beautiful simple sanctuary with our pulpit furniture, Torahs, and our prayer books. We will also enjoy onegs and our Seder in their large and beautifully appointed Social Hall with the use of their large kitchen. Some meetings and Angela's and my small offices will be housed in their school wing. We know you will want to continue your support and attendance with us as we make this move and then be with us in our new permanent home when it is completed.

May these transitions from Winter toward Spring and from our current building to our interim facility toward our new permanent home be heartfelt and easy and give us a sense of pride in the continual support of our community and Jewish presence in Whittier.

Hazzan Lance H Tapper



OUR COMMUNITY SHABBAT FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Officiating
Mark Peterson, Accompanist

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019
SERVICE BEGINS AT 5:45 P.M.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE SEDER MAY BE MADE
THROUGH THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744

ADULTS--\$55 EACH PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER 10--\$30 EACH CHILD
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 12, 2019

Beth Shalom's Interim Home
First Friends Church
13205 Philadelphia St.
Whittier, CA 90601



MARCH CANDLE LIGHTING

SHABBAT - MARCH 1 - 6:42 P.M.

SHABBAT - MARCH 8 - 5:11 P.M.

SHABBAT - MARCH 15 - 6:42 P.M.

SHABBAT - MARCH 22 - 6:47 P.M.

SHABBAT - MARCH 29 - 6:53 P.M.

MARCH CLERGY SCHEDULE

SHABBAT - MARCH 1 - 7:30 P.M.
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

SHABBAT - MARCH 8 - 7:30 P.M.
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

SHABBAT - MARCH 15 - 7:30 P.M.
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

SIDDUR KOL SHALOM - MARCH 16
9:00 AM BREAKFAST - 9:45 AM SIDDUR KOL SHALOM
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

SHABBAT - MARCH 22 - 7:30 P.M.
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

SHABBAT - MARCH 29 - 7:30 P.M.
HAZZAN LANCE AND MARK PETERSON

UPDATE ON THE MOVE

As you know, we are moving to interim quarters at First Friends of Whittier. We will be in our building for Purim and the Friday night service on March 22nd. Our first service at First Friends will be on March 29th. We will be using their sanctuary (Fellowship Hall), which has no crosses or icons and has the feel of a generic but beautiful chapel. We will bring in our Bimah and a new Aron Kodesh, made for us in Israel which will hold two or three Torahs and has a Ner Tamid attached. Negotiations are ongoing for a permanent location in Whittier. The week of March 25th will be moving week and will find us between the two locations. Our furnishings will actually be moved on March 27th. Some will go to storage and some to our interim facility. Sunday March 24th will be a working party day. We will be taking the lighter things off the walls, packing our religious items and being sure that things are tagged properly and we haven't forgotten anything. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. A few hours of your day, if you can spare it, would be great. If you need further incentive, other than doing a mitzvah, I can tell you that pizza will be involved!

~~Lila Held~~



Moral Predicament

Article by Samuel Pearlman

Our Torah provides us the insight to solve moral dilemma, an example is contained in the story of Judah and Tamar. (BEREISH 38:1-30)

Background

Judah's two eldest sons were evil sinners and were slain by G-d. Judah promised to Tamar his youngest son, Shelah in marriage when he was grown up. Thus satisfying the duty of a husband's brother in order to perpetuate his dead brother's name in Israel.

In time Shelah the wife of Judah died and Judah was comforted at Shiva by his friend Herah, concisely, when Tamar saw that Shelah was an adult; she was not given to be his wife.

Action

On completion of Shiva, Tamar

learned that Judah and Herah were going to shear sheep in Timnah. With this information on hand Tamar changed clothes and posed as a harlot on the way to Timnah. Judah had intercourse with Tamar who wisely offered her services to him for collateral payment of his seal, staff, and cord. These played a dramatic move on behalf of Tamar as she was accused not of prostitution, but adultery. The collateral proved Judah was indeed the father of twins, Perez and Zerah. Judah admits to being their father, and acknowledges that Tamar is right; meaning he should have married her off to his son Shelah into levirate marriage.

Results

Question: Was the deception and sly action by Tamar justified?

Answer: Yes! For two reasons:

Judah admitted Tamar was far more righteous than he since he failed to keep his promise to give his son Shelah to her in levirate marriage.

The second reason is found in that Judah may have eventually married Tamar off to Shelah because Shelah named his first son ER (ICRON 4:21) thus stating that he had entered a levirate marriage to produce an heir (continued on next page...)

for his deceased childless brother.

Twins

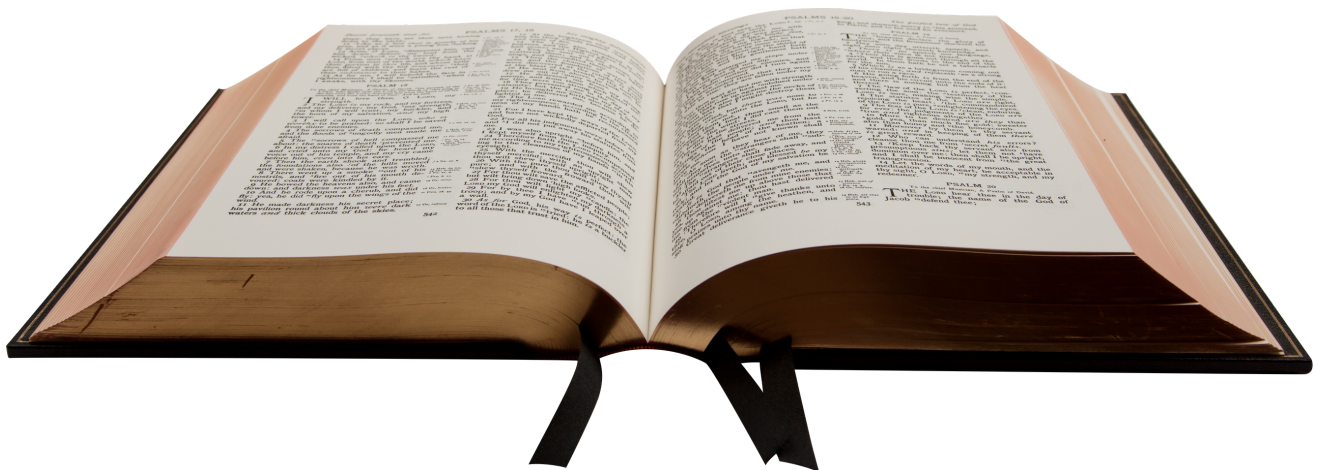
Concerning the twins, Perez, the younger twin is a progenitor of King David (Ruth 4:18-22)

This was G-d's plan that give us useful words of advice: The only people rejected by G-d are those deprived of a moral sense of power to distinguish between right and wrong; truth and lies; beauty and ugliness; cruelty and mercy.

As long as we remain an ethical, and moral people that thwart the purposes of the wicked,
we shall continue to live and feel G-d's ever present love for us!

When you face a dilemma, remember the above and ask this question,
“What would G-d do?” HASHEM always has a plan!

AMEN





Happy
BIRTHDAY



Sidney Paul on March 7
Norma Shreiber on March 9
Eunice Singer on March 20
Susan Kramer on March 21
Cathleen Cavanaugh on March 23

Brain Games

Answers on Last Page

Unscramble these words to celebrate Spring!

1. W B N I A O R

3. R G P S I N

5. E B E

7. C A H M R

9. N I A R

2. E W L O F R

4. P U T I L

6. M L O B O

8. H S S N I E U N

10. E D E S

SOMETHING SEEDY

There are five holes in the ground and four seeds. A little boy plants one seed in the second hole. Then, a seed exactly to the right of that seed. Next, he plants a seed in the 5th hole, and finally, he plants a seed four holes to the left of that. Which hole did not get a seed?



PURIM TZEDAKAH!

PURIM TREATS!

PURIM FUN!



Thank You
for your donations!

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE FOR THIS
YEAR'S SHALACH MANOT BAGS. THEY ARE FILLED WITH
TREATS AND SURPRISES.

Your donation will help ensure that everyone in our Beth Shalom family will receive a Shalach Manot bag for Purim and that this fundraiser will be a success! Donations should be sent to Beth Shalom marked for Shalach Manot.

Yahrzeit Observances

March

Dora Abramson - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Irving Bernard - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Sarah Bernstein- Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Raymond Brantz- Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Florence Candioly - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Pedro Cobarrubias - Grandfather of Rebecca Martinez

Rebecca Grossberg - Wife of Joseph Grossberg

Joseph Held - Husband of Miriam Held, Father of Scott & Cindy Held

Sylvia Kostura - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Flora Kuhn - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Robert Lieberman - Husband of Susan Lieberman

Raymond Lipshitz - Richard Lasher

Arnold Rose - Brother of Marilyn Esterson

Sarah Schwartz - Aunt of Michelle Hess

Beatrice Shapiro - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Frank Slonka - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Herman Udkoff - Beth Shalom of Whittier Yahrzeit Board

Yahrzeit Donations

March 2019

Diane Graham, Cousin of Michelle Hess

Esther Friedman, Aunt of Michelle Hess

Jackie Kolnich, Mother of Jeffrey Kolnick

Lea Kolnick, Sister of Jeffrey Kolnick

Murray Kolnick, Father of Jeffrey Kolnick

Rose Minnie Morzinsky, Mother of Michelle Hess

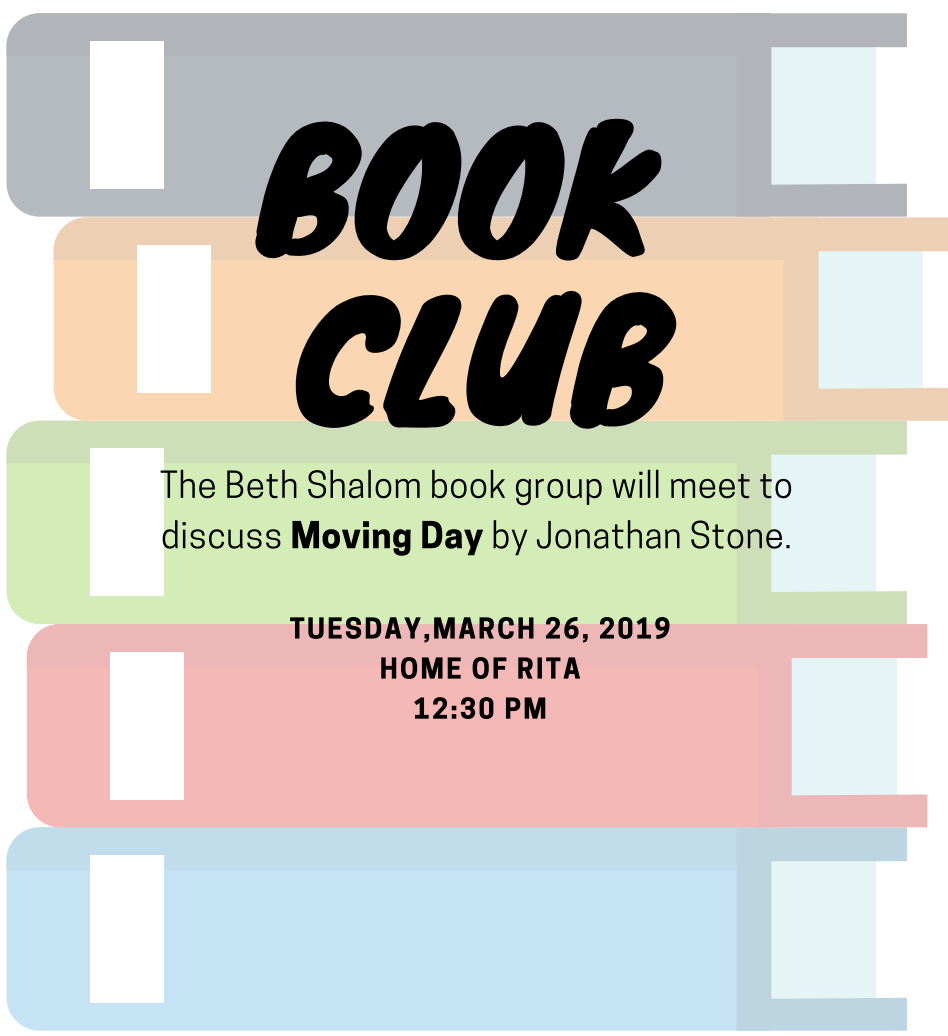
Pauline Morzinsky, Grandmother of Michelle Hess

Fay Goldberg, Mother of Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle



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.

Thank you for your donations.



BOOK CLUB

The Beth Shalom book group will meet to discuss **Moving Day** by Jonathan Stone.












TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019
HOME OF RITA
12:30 PM

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This is *Our Mishpacha*! -Christine Singer,
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March 2019

Adar I - Adar II 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shabbat Shelakim Service 7:30 p.m.  	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.  	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Shabbat Zakor Service 7:30 p.m.  	16 Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Siddur Kol Shalom  9:45 a.m.
17	18	19	20 Erev Purim Service 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Last Shabbat Service in the building 7:30 p.m.  	23
24	25	26 Book Club: 12:30 p.m.	27 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	28	29 Shabbat Parah Service - in new location! 7:30 p.m.  	30
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Brain Games

Answers

Unscramble these words to celebrate Spring!

1. RAINBOW

3. SPRING

5. BEE

7. CHARM

9. RAIN

2. FLOWER

4. TULIP

6. BLOOM

8. SUNSHINE

10. SEED

SOMETHING SEEDY

The 4th hole!

