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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month encapsulates our High Holyday season at Beth Shalom. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah all make up the Fall festivals we call the ***Yamim Noraim*** (Days of Awe).

As I mentioned in my September 13 sermon, our ancestors really felt the weight of these days on their hearts, souls, and minds. These were awesome and "terrible" days for them as they were concerned about being forgiven by the people they had wronged and then receiving ultimate dispensation from the divine.

We, in our day, have lost some of that concern as it seems too easy to forget why these days are so important to us and our entire people. These days all have a biblical basis and have been a part of our people and tradition for thousands of years at this point. We do need to **take them seriously**. In a sense, this is our time of holy convocation. This is a time when we come together as a people and declare what is most important to us!

In our daily lives we connect with many people and entities. During these holydays, let us focus on how we can use our talents with these to bring about positive change in the world. We need to concentrate on how we can take these days seriously and make them our own in these modern times.

I wish you and yours a *Shanah Tovah Umetukah* (A good and sweet religious New Year!). May this year be a great growth year in all ways possible for each and every one of us!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon D'Mus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well and survived the recent heat wave without too much trauma. I have been busy this summer, but I am ready to settle down for a while. Although I have one more trip coming up. It is with a fantastic group called Autism on the Seas. I will be taking my grandson Daniel for a week's cruise to Mexico. This group has trips where they bring a full staff onboard. Royal Caribbean is one of their sponsors. They give them a conference room for "respite" time twice a day, special reserved areas at the buffet and dining room as well as reserved time at the pools and other areas on ship. If anyone wants more information, let me or the office know, and I will get it to you.

As you can imagine, we are working hard to be sure that High Holydays are a great experience for all of you. Having Aryell Cohen playing the organ for us will be a wonderful experience and our thanks to Hazzan Lance for making that happen.

I hope as many of you as possible are able to come in person but of course, we will also be broadcasting the services for those who can't be there in person. It looks like we will have a good crowd, and I do want to assure you that we will have security as usual and the Whittier Police Dept is very helpful and watches out for us.

Shalom,

Lila

*The Beth Shalom of Whittier Board of Directors
wishes you a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.*

**Rosh Hashanah Greetings
to all at Beth Shalom.
From Alita Sevin and Family**



**Rosh Hashanah Greetings
to our Beth Shalom Family—
Klara Wein and son, Ryan**



Yom Kippur

The holiday occurs on the 10th day of the Hebrew month of "Tishrei". It concludes the 10 days of Penitence.

Day of Atonement When we appear before G-d on Yom Kippur we are impure. We have sinned during the year and performed bad deeds. The white we see in the synagogue is an expression of desire for G-d to purify us by forgiving our wrongs. We show our sincerity by devoting ourselves to prayer during the entire day. This is the great power of Yom Kippur. Our Rabbis tell us that all those who honestly repent and promise to improve during the coming year are forgiven and purified. They begin the new year with a fresh start.

"Erev" Yom Kippur If we remain strong and not weak on this holy day, in our concentration of praying, it is a great "mitzvah" to eat a hearty meal on "Erev" the day before the holiday in preparation for the fast. This meal is called in Hebrew "S'udah Hamafseket" which means the "final meal". It is customary to eat a piece of bread dipped in honey at this meal, as is done on Rosh Hashonah as a symbol of hope for a sweet year.

Fasting The Yom Kippur fast begins before sunset on "Erev" Yom Kippur after dark the following day. Once the fast has begun, it is forbidden to eat or drink anything until after sunset. Fasting applies to males above the age of 13 and females above the age of 12, in the case of sickness (diabetic) or inability to fast, a rabbi should be consulted.

Kol Nidrei is the opening prayer of the Yom Kippur services. The congregation assembles in the synagogue. Two Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and are held by the leaders and walkable elders. The Kol Nidrei is chanted by our cantor three times in a tearful melody reminding us of the centuries of suffering and torture endured by our people. It is a petition presented to G-d asking Him to cancel vows we made to Him in the year to come which we may be unable to fulfil. This prayer is made to include only vows made between us and G-d. Any vows or promises made by us and others must be kept unless they are canceled by both parties.

In ancient times, as well as today, vows to G-d were often made without thinking and not fulfilled. To avoid such and use the name of G-d in vain, the Kol Nidrei is officially composed to cancel such vows on Yom Kippur. In lands where the Jews were forced to accept another religion, it was this prayer that brought them peace of mind on Yom Kippur.

Ma'ariv follows that is the same as the one on Rosh Hashonah except for a special sentence about forgiveness that is recited before the Shmonch Esrei, which ends with the second confessional and the third at the completion of the Ma'ariv service.

Shacharis This is the same as the one on Rosh Hashonah except for the addition of several prayers of repentance and declarations of the holiness of Yom Kippur. The fourth confessional is recited in the silent Shmoneh Esrei and the fifth at end of the service.

After Shacharis the Torah scroll is read and is followed by the recitation of the memorial service Yizkor. This prayer recalls beloved parents and relatives who have departed. It helps us keep their memory fresh in our minds.

Sedeh Ha'avodah which means: "order of the Temple service", is part of the Musaf on Yom Kippur. It describes in detail how the High Priest in the Temple performed on Yom Kippur. When our cantor reaches the part where the High Priest knelt and bowed down before G-d, he also kneels and bows down. In our synagogue it is customary for all in the congregation who can to also kneel and bow down with the cantor.

Martyrs another inspiring section in the "Musaf" is the "Eleh Ezkerah" which means "These do I remember". This prayer describes the death of 10 great Jewish scholars who were killed by Hadrian of Rome in the first century of the Common Era. These scholars defied the laws of Hadrian that prohibited the Jews from learning Torah and practicing Judaism. When discovered they were tortured and killed. Their memory has lived on through the ages as the martyrs who died for the sanctification of G-d's name. The sixth and seventh confessionals are recited during the "Musaf" service.

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Priestly Blessing The “Musaf” is concluded with the priestly blessings recited by the cantor and the Kohanim (priests). This custom dates back to the time of Aaron, the first High Priest of Israel.

“Mincha” The afternoon service “Mincha” begins with Torah reading. The last person to receive a Torah honor chants the Haftorah. It is taken from the book of Jonah and the whale. It teaches us the lesson that it is never too late to repent for our sins. The eight and nine confessionals are recited completing the confessionals for Yom Kippur.

“Ne’elah” The closing prayer which in Hebrew means closing. The reason referred to the gates of heaven being and our judgement is sealed. “Neilah” ends with the famous proclamation “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our G-d is One”.

“Ma’ariv” The shofar is sounded to announce the end of Yom Kippur, which is followed by the evening Ma’ariv service. The congregants return to their homes exhausted and hungry, but joyful and confident of a happy and healthy new year.

Shalom L’shona Tova Tikoseivu,
Sam Pearlman

P.S. After the evening meal is over and people are rested, it is customary for the father and children to go into back yards and in some small way begin building a hut for the forthcoming holiday of “Succos”. Thus we begin the new year with a clean page in G-d’s “Book of Life” with a “mitzvah”.

Donations

Alita Sevin – in appreciation of Past President’s Honor

Book of Remembrance Donations

Russ & Delaine Shane

Bernard Starkman

Sidney & Sandra Paul

Alita Sevin

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

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Beloved Departed

Louis Vinetsky

Norma Aaron Lader

George Friedman

Florence Morzinsky

Carol Zur Hilliard

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Paul Wiener

Joe Wein

Relationship

Father

Grandmother

Uncle

Aunt

Mother

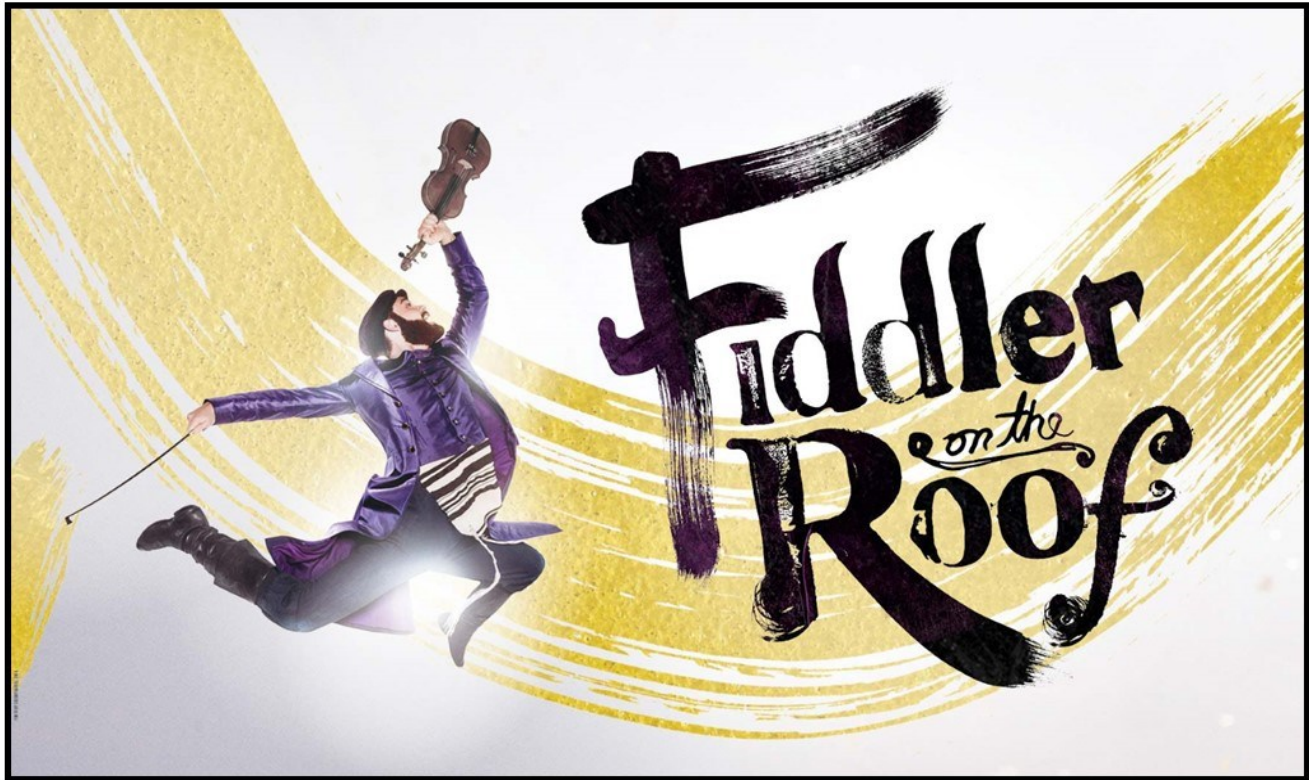
Grandfather

Father-in-Law

Husband



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS



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

Saturday, November 16, 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.

bswoffice@verizon.net ★ (562) 941-8744

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**.

October 2--Erev Rosh Hashanah--7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

October 3--First Day Rosh Hashanah--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance; The Beth Shalom Singers; Aryell Cohen, Organist/Choirmaster

October 4--Second Day Rosh Hashanah--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen
Shabbat Shuvah--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

October 11--Kol Nidre--5:55 pm Prelude; 6:00 pm Service-- Hazzan Lance; The Beth Shalom Singers; Dr. Ana Maldonado, Cellist; Aryell Cohen, Organist/ChoirMaster

October 12-- Hazzan Lance; The Beth Shalom Singers; Aryell Cohen, Organist/ChoirMaster
Yom Kippur Morning--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service
Yom Kippur Afternoon , Yizkor, Neliah--3:25 pm Prelude; 3:30 pm Service

October 16--Erev Sukkot--6:55 pm Prelude; 7:00 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

October 18--Erev Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

October 23--Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah/Yizkor--6:40 pm Prelude; 6:45 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

October 25--Shabbat Bereshit--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

Candle Lighting Times

October 4 - 6:15
October 11 - 6:06
October 18 - 5:57
October 25 - 5:49



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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. bswoffice@verizon.com

Beth Shalom of Whittier: Happy Birthday

Mina Cano

October 12

Happy Anniversary

Joel & Jo Ann Golden - October 6 - 36 Years

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Joseph Wein</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Howard Weinberg</i>	<i>Louis Weinberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H. Tapper</i>	<i>Dorothy C. Tapper</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Irving Bartikofsky</i>	<i>David Bartikofsky</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Susan Kramer</i>	<i>Evelyn Falk</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Robin Weintraub</i>	<i>Robert Weintraub</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Celia Bolasny</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Toby Pinck</i>	<i>Max Pinck</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Bernard Starkman/David Starkman</i>	<i>Jack Starkman</i>	<i>Father/Grandfather</i>
<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Ann Brezak</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Dan Franden</i>	<i>Blanche Franden</i>	
<i>Mark Handler</i>	<i>Henry Handler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Mark Singer</i>	<i>Abraham Singler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Ann Kanahela</i>	<i>Dorothy Berry</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Hyman Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
	<i>Malcolm Schwartz</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Jackie Kolnick</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Lila Held/Joann Eres</i>	<i>Anna Brickel</i>	<i>Grandmother/Great Grandmother</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale/Karen Fritz</i>	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Sam Rowe</i>	<i>Pearl Rowe</i>	<i>Wife</i>

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier**Dear Departed**

<i>Yetta Becker</i>	<i>Betty Lipman</i>	<i>Wandor Meszoly</i>
<i>Sheldon Schannon</i>	<i>Elsa Toll</i>	<i>Lydia Sussman</i>
<i>Davis Sarkin</i>	<i>Leonard Grill</i>	<i>Arthur Fleischman</i>
<i>Joseph Morris</i>	<i>Morgan Erlich</i>	<i>Minnie Sarkin</i>

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.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, October 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. our book is "The Frozen River": A GMA Book Club Pick" by Ariel Lawhon.

"Frozen River" is an historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-Century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

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.

