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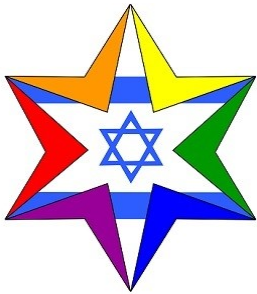
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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As we approach Spring this month and the celebration of Pesah at the end of the month, we also remember we have been in isolation and quarantine for a year now because of COVID-19. Though many of you will or have been vaccinated, the threat of this dread virus is still present among us and varying strains concern medical professionals and us as we think about when we might be able to celebrate Shabbat and festivals together again. Know that even though we will continue to celebrate Pesah virtually again this year and not have a congregational Seder, or services in person, we are continuing to stream our services and Seder to you on our Facebook page to keep continuity and community together as best as we can.

This year I will be conducting the Erev Pesah service as well as the First Seder from our sanctuary at First Friends. The flyer here in our Mishpacha will detail this for you. And, the Pesah Mahzor which will include the Seder, will be uploaded to our Facebook page ahead of that night. As was last year, the Seder this year will obviously not include the meal, Afikoman, or Birkat Hamazon (Grace After Meals), but will include the rest of the important rituals that are involved in the Seder. We hope that you will gather around the computer/laptop/tablet/phone for the service and then Seder table and follow along with the prayers and rituals make sure you are following the Seder rituals at home.

We all hope that by this time next year, we will be planning our own in-person congregational Pesah service and Seder so that all make take part together as one community!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*

## From our President

February has been an interesting month and hopefully, the start of happier times. The holiday of Purim was fun and we thank all of you who got in the spirit at home by dressing up and partying. The comments and emojis on Facebook during the service were great. Pictures of us partying are included throughout the Mishpacha.

Many of us have received or are in the process of receiving our covid vaccinations. While that doesn't give us complete freedom, it certainly gives us more flexibility in what we can do. We will continue to meet virtually until things are more stable and we can be comfortable with sharing physical space. The safety of our congregation and clergy are our main concern. If anyone is eligible but is having trouble getting an appointment for the vaccine because of computer or transportation issues, please call the office and leave your information and one of us will help you.

We will be starting a major project in the next few months. It involves going through the storage unit, getting rid of furniture that we don't need and bringing some more things into our office. As I have mentioned before, a part of this project will be building a large display case for some of our special items.

We will arrange for a date when people who are interested can come to the storage shed and look at the furniture that we have, to see if there is anything there that they want. Please keep that in mind. Most of it is office furniture. There is also a nice leather sofa that was in Hazzan's office. If anyone knows they are interested in looking at what we have, please call the office and leave your name. We will be sure that you are contacted when we have a firm date. We will also be announcing the date and time in the Weekly Newsletter.

Shalom  
Lila



**Purim 2021!!!**  
**Alita**



**Chag Sameach!**  
**Irving**



## Pesach

Passover is our oldest holiday - it marks the anniversary of the birth of Israel as a people, and we can still learn today from its history. There are four names by which the holiday is known: 1) Chag Hamatzot - Holiday of the Unleavened Bread; 2) Chag Hapesach - Holiday of the Passover; 3) Zman Cheiruseinu - The Time of our Freedom; 4) Chag Ho'oviv - The Holiday of Spring.

Chag Hamatzot - We eat Matzohs instead of ordinary baked bread during the eight days of Passover. It is a replica of the bread that our ancestors ate after they hastily left Egypt. It reminds us that it is the will of G-d that no one serves another in the way of slavery imposed by Pharaoh: We serve only G-d the true ruler of the universe. The Torah states, "In the first month (Nisan) on the 14th day of the month in the evening you shall eat unleavened bread, until the 21st of the month in the evening (5HMOS 12:18). The first two and the last two days are called "Yom Tov"; the middle four are called "Chol Hamoed," concisely, 27 March 2021 until 3 April 2021 for the American calendar.

Chag Hapesach - Many of the Israelites adopted Egyptian customs during their time of slavery. G-d put our people to a test. The lamb was a sacred animal to the Egyptians and they worshiped it. In the evening of the 14th day of Nisan, the night of the last plague the Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb to G-d. The blood of this lamb was to be sprinkled upon their door posts as a sign that this Jewish home was not to be visited by the Angel of Death, he would pass-over it. The meaning of the test is that the Israelites and Egyptians who believed in the sacredness of the lamb and did not trust in G-d would never perform the sacrifice for it would endanger their lives. First was that they still believed in Egyptian customs and second who would protect them from Egyptian anger. Such people were not worthy of being freed by G-d as they did not trust Him.

The "Paschal lamb" has been carried on from generation to generation as a remembrance of the miracles in Egypt and the loyalty our ancestors showed to G-d.

Zman Cheiruseinu - The time of freedom finally came. Out of Egypt into the wilderness and on to the promised land of Canaan went 600,000 Israelite males and their families. They were to become a free people under G-d devoted to his Torah and loyal to their mission.

Chag Ho'oviv - The holiday of Passover ushers in spring trees and flowers again begin to bloom and the air is once more filled with the sweet fragrance of new life. Spring is the symbol of the holiday of Passover, for just as spring symbolizes the rebirth of nature, so the holiday of Passover symbolizes the rebirth of the nation of Israel. Passover symbolizes a fresh start in life for all the Jewish people; a life filled with Torah devotion and good deeds.

Haggadah - is a Hebrew word meaning "telling". It is the title of the book used for the "Seder" service. It tells the story of our people's fight for life and liberty. It reveals the glory of true freedom. It tells us that it is every man's duty in every generation to look upon himself as though he had personally come out of Egypt. Just think if G-d had not taken our ancestors out of Egypt we would still be enslaved there.

Good Yom Tov,  
Sam Pearlman



**Rebecca  
Chag Sameach**



**Homemade Hamantaschen  
by Michelle**



**Michelle  
Happy Purim!!!**

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INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

**PESAH**

WITH US THIS YEAR



VIRTUALLY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

*EREV PESAH AND FIRST SEDER SERVICES*

Saturday, March 27—Pesah Organ Prelude @5:37 pm, Service and Seder @5:45 pm

*SHABBAT 7<sup>th</sup> DAY PESAH AND YIZKOR SERVICES*

EREV—Friday, April 2—Lewandowski Pesah Organ Prelude @7:23 pm, Service @7:30 pm

YIZKOR—Saturday, April 3—Pesah Organ Prelude @9:23 am, Service@9:30 am

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, OFFICIATING**  
**MARK PETERSON, ACCOMPANIST**

THE EVENINGS AND MORNING PESAH MAHZORIM  
WILL BE UPLOADED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
THE WEEK OF EREV PESAH

## Clergy Schedule

**Note: All Beth Shalom services at this time will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page.**

**March 5--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**March 12--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**March 19--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**March 26--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**March 27--** *Erev Pesah/First Seder* 5:37 pm -- *Pesah Prelude, Service and Seder*--5:45 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

### 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](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd, at 12:30 pm.  
The book is "The Last Watchman of Cairo" by Michael David Lukas.

In April, no date as yet, we will be reading "A Bend in the Stars" by Rachel Barenbaum.

Happy Reading.

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





**Chag Sameach  
Alita**

## Birthdays

Sidney Paul	March 7
Eunice Singer	March 20
Susan Kramer	March 21
Cathleen Cavanaugh	March 23

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a  
Happy Birthday!!



### March

#### Candle Lighting Times

- March 5 —5:35
- March 12—5:41
- March 19—6:46
- March 26—6:51



### This is Our Mishpacha

Our Mishpacha is published monthly,  
on or near the first of the month.

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to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline  
is the 20th of the month prior. Our Mishpacha is sent  
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## Donations

**Evelyn Litwin**—Cathleen Cavanaugh on the loss of her mother, Dina

**Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock** - in memory of sister, Lea Kolnick; Cold Weather Shelter Fund

**Alita Sevin** - in memory of Marilyn Near

## Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Mona Di Natale	Irving Cirulnick	Uncle
Lila Held	Joseph Kuperstein	Father
Michelle Hess	Rose Minnie Morzinsky	Mother
	Pauline Morzinsky	Grandmother
	Esther Friedman	Aunt
	Sarah Schwartz	Aunt
	Diane Graham	Cousin
Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock	Lea Kolnick	Sister
Marietta Shreiber Reed	Norma Shreiber	Mother
Klara Wein	Meir Militeanu	Father
Jay Weinschenker	Gregory Weinschenker	Cousin

### Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone,  
please contact Michelle Hess with your request @ [ddglover@aol.com](mailto:ddglover@aol.com)

### **Observing this Yahrzeit**

#### **Dear Departed**

*Dora Abramson*  
*Irving Bernard*  
*Leo Biegel*  
*Bessie Bohrer*  
*Florence Candioly*  
*Abraham Carnow*  
*Arthur Eisen*  
*Etta Eisen*  
*Max Eison*  
*Joe Freedman*  
*Rachael Friedman*  
*Ruth Bette Goldenberg*  
*Morris Klein*  
*Israel Kleinberg*  
*Bernard Korduner*

#### **Observed By**

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#### **Dear Departed**

*Sylvia Kostura*  
*Milton Aaron Kraus*  
*Flora Kuhn*  
*Flora Popick*  
*Murray Roy*  
*Sally Seltzer*  
*Beatrice Shapiro*  
*Bertha Snitzer*  
*Ted Snitzer*  
*Dennis Taisch*  
*Herman Udkoff*  
*Etta Weiss*  
*Harry Weiss*  
*Sarah Werner*

## Yahrzeit Observances

<i><b>Dear Departed</b></i>	<i><b>Observed By</b></i>	<i><b>Relationship</b></i>
<i>Dora Aronowitz</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Robert Lieberman</i>		<i>Husband</i>
<i>David Moskowitz</i>		<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Charles Baptista</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Eileen Baptista</i>	<i>Father of Steve</i>
<i>Ray Galvin</i>		<i>Father of Eileen</i>
<i>Rebecca Barembaum</i>	<i>Abdon &amp; Lenore Barembaum</i>	<i>Wife of Abdon</i>
<i>Minnie Becker</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Arlene Berry</i>	<i>Ann Kanahale</i>	<i>Sister-in-Law</i>
<i>Henry Brickel</i>	<i>Charles &amp; Lila Held</i>	<i>Grandfather of Lila</i>
<i>Sandra Kanian</i>		<i>Sister of Lila</i>
<i>Fay Goldberg</i>	<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Bernard Golden</i>	<i>Joel &amp; Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Mother of Joel</i>
<i>Joseph Held</i>	<i>Miriam Held and Scott Held</i>	<i>Husband/Father</i>
<i>Theodore High</i>	<i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Brother-in-Law of Sandra</i>
<i>Mary Torren Paul</i>		<i>Mother of Sidney</i>
<i>Rhea Seagull</i>		<i>Cousin of Sandra</i>
<i>Ray Hilliard</i>	<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Joel Kudler</i>	<i>Beth Shalom</i>	
<i>Raymond Lipshitz</i>	<i>Richard Lasher</i>	
<i>Sharon Tapper Miller</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H Taper</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>	<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i>		<i>Mother</i>
<i>Jacob Sandler</i>		<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Arnold Rose</i>	<i>Sherman &amp; Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Brother of Marilyn</i>
<i>Eva Sherman</i>	<i>Sol Sherman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Gregory Weinschenker</i>	<i>Jay Weinschenker</i>	<i>Cousin</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.*

### 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.



# March 2021

## Adar - Nisan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:30p Book Club	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 22 Adar Parashat Ki Tissa
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 29 Adar Parashat Vayakhel- Pekudei
14	15	16	17	18 7:00p Board of Director's Meeting	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 7 Nisan Parashat Vayirra
21	22	23	24	25	26 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 14 Nisan Parashat Tzav First Pesah Seder  5:45p Erev Pesah/ First Seder
28 1st Day Pesah	29 2nd Day Pesah	30 3rd Day Pesah	31 4th Day Pesah			



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