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## Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

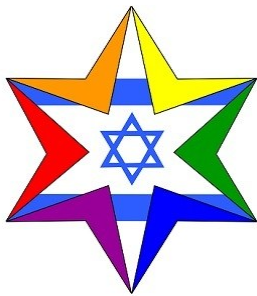
As we ease out of winter toward Spring, we have a very busy month ahead of us!

This month I will be having our next Lunch and Learn on Shabbat, March 1 where we will be taking a very deep dive into the festival of Pesah where I will tell you many things you may or may not have known about Pesah. Please make sure to mark your calendars and make reservations to be there.

We will also celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim on Thursday, March 13 with Rabbi Ken which keeps our spirits high toward the beginning of Spring yet coming. Last year everyone enjoyed the service and Megillah reading and things will be no different this year as well. Please check the flyer on this.

Finally, on March 21, we will have our annual Shabbat in the Fellowship Hall while the sanctuary is being used by an outside group. As usual, we will have an Italian dairy dinner first followed by our service. The evening begins at 6:15 pm. Please make sure to make your reservations for this event as well as all who come always enjoy this event together in the Fellowship Hall.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*



Everyone is Welcome

## From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this has been a pleasant month for you. Mine has been filled with dental work. Every time I thought the problem was taken care of, another tooth acted up! After two different surgeries to pull teeth and put implants in, plus one root canal. I am looking forward to a dentist free month in March!

This month, we were very happy to welcome Jayson Gallegos as a full member of Beth Shalom, after his formal conversion. It was great to meet several members of his family as they came to support him.

We had a meeting with Hazzan Lance to review the calendar schedule for next year. We do this for the whole year to be sure we can have the use of the rooms we need. We have scheduled a Shabbat Dinner before services once a month with the exceptions of September and October because of how busy those months are with High Holidays. We will also be having a Havdalah service one Saturday with dinner afterwards. We have 4 Lunch & Learns scheduled and we will be having our usual Seder and Chanukkah party (catered by Panache). We will be getting tickets to 3 performances at the La Mirada Theatre when the year's schedule is released. All of this is our way of giving back to our members for their loyalty as we pick up the tab for all full members (plus one guest).

We are only here because of all of you and we want to show our appreciation.

Any input as to what subjects you would like to hear about at the Lunch & Learns or any ideas about types of food for the dinners would be appreciated. We are exploring other Kosher caterers for some of our dinners. We will still be using Panache and Lascari's but as we will have more dinners and lunches and it would be nice to find some new places to try. If you have any suggestions, please let me, Michelle, or the office know what they are.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and blessed month.

Shalom

Lila

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

At our last meeting, we had a great discussion about "James" by Percival Everett .

Our next book club meeting is Tuesday, March 18th at 1:00pm.

We will be talking about "The Boys Of Riverside" by Thomas Fuller.

It tells about the incredible story of an all-deaf high school football team's triumphant climb from underdog to undefeated, a fascinating portrait of deafness in America.

For more information contact Michelle.

Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.







*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*

*Celebrates*

**PURIM**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

**SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING AT 7:30 PM**

**RABBI KENNETH MILHANDER, HON DDIV WILL OFFICIATE**

**THE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SANCTUARY  
BY DROWNING OUT THAT EVIL PERSON'S NAME DURING THE MEGILLAH STORY**

**HAMANTASCHEN WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE!**

**JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY!**



**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**  
**INVITES YOU TO**  
*A SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE*



**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FIRST FRIENDS**

AN ITALIAN DAIRY PASTA DINNER WILL BE SERVED BEGINNING AT 6:15PM  
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE PRELUDE AND SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:25 PM

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING**  
**TY WOODWARD, PIANIST**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THIS SHABBAT DINNER/SERVICE**

**MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST MAY ATTEND AT NO CHARGE/  
OTHER ATTENDEES WILL BE CHARGED \$15 FOR THE DINNER**

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) or  
(562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 14, 2025**

## Purim

Name Purim is celebrated on the 14th of Adar, (March 14, 2025). The 13th of Adar is a fast day called in Hebrew "Taanis Esther" to commemorate the fasting period imposed upon Persian Jews by Queen Esther. If Purim falls on Sunday the fast of Esther is observed on the preceding Thursday as fasting is prohibited on the Sabbath. Yom Kippur is the only exception, when it falls on a Sabbath when fasting is mandatory.

As we know, the holiday was given the name Purim to remind us of the lots Haman cast to determine the most favorable day upon which to kill all the Jews of Persia. On the 13th of Adar was chosen. That day the Jews battled and overpowered their enemies. They celebrated their victory the next day.

Megillah On the eve of Purim and the following morning, the Purim story is read in the synagogue. If available it is read from a parchment scroll the way it was in the days of Mordechai and Esther. The parchment is called "Megillah". Before the reading is begun, three blessings are recited: 1. to indicate the fulfillment of the "Mitzvah" of belief in G-d, 2. to thank G-d for the miracle of victory, 3. to thank G-d for enabling us to read this season in health and happiness. If you are ill, it can be read at home.

When Haman's name is mentioned during the readings at the synagogue it is customary to make noise in contempt of the cruel tyrant.

Hamantaschen We are commanded to eat, drink, and rejoice Purim. For this reason a special Purim Feast is prepared, and is marked by song and merriment. A favorite of the Feast is a cake known by its Yiddish name, "Hamantachen". In Hebrew it is called "Oznei Homon" or "Haman's Ears".

Purim should be made a joyous holiday for all, especially those who are less fortunate and afford a Purim Feast. By helping them, we will be bringing happiness to them and ourselves.

Shalom  
Sam Pearlman

### Yahrzeit Donations

#### Remembered by

Marietta Shreiber Reed  
Miriam Brookfield  
  
Lila Held  
  
Mona Di Natale  
Klara Wein  
Michelle Hess

#### Beloved Departed

Norma Shreiber  
Willy Fleischmann  
Dora Fleischmann  
Joseph Kuperstein  
Henry Brickel  
Irving Cirulnick  
Meir Militeanu  
Sarah Schwartz  
Esther Friedman

#### Relationship

Mother  
Father  
Mother  
Father  
Grandfather  
Uncle  
Father  
Aunt  
Aunt

### ***Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier***

#### ***Dear Departed***

|                         |                         |                       |                          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Frances Storm</i>    | <i>Sarah Bernstein</i>  | <i>Isidore Pinck</i>  | <i>Arthur Unger</i>      |
| <i>Agnes Fuchs</i>      | <i>Frank Slonka</i>     | <i>Anna Barnett</i>   | <i>Edward Kraus</i>      |
| <i>Abraham Slater</i>   | <i>Raymond Brantz</i>   | <i>Marilyn Near</i>   | <i>Daniel Braidman</i>   |
| <i>Flora Kuhn</i>       | <i>Morris Klein</i>     | <i>Bertha Snitzer</i> | <i>Joel Kudler</i>       |
| <i>Max Eison</i>        | <i>Israel Kleinberg</i> | <i>Sylvia Kostura</i> | <i>Irving Bernard</i>    |
| <i>Beatrice Shapiro</i> | <i>Dora Abramson</i>    | <i>Herman Udkoff</i>  | <i>Florence Candioly</i> |



## 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**.

March 7--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

March 13--7:30 pm Erev Purim Service--Rabbi Ken

March 14-- 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm--Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

March 21--**SHABBAT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL--6:15 PM--Dinner (BY RESERVATION ONLY); 7:25 PM Prelude & Service**--Hazzan Lance and Ty

March 28-- 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm--Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty



|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Sidney Paul        | March 7  |
| Susan Kramer       | March 21 |
| Cathleen Cavanaugh | March 23 |

## 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](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)**

## Candle Lighting Times

- February 7 - 5:12
- February 14 - 5:19
- February 21 - 5:25
- February 28 - 5:32
- February 28 - 5:32



## 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](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com)

**Yahrzeit**

| <b>Observed By</b>                | <b>Dear Departed</b>         | <b>Relationship</b>                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Myra Becker</i>                | <i>George Becker</i>         | <i>Father-in-Law</i>                 |
|                                   | <i>Jennie Beckelman</i>      | <i>Grandmother</i>                   |
| <i>Mark Hilliard</i>              | <i>Sean Hilliard</i>         | <i>Brother</i>                       |
| <i>Susan Lieberman</i>            | <i>Morris Aronowitz</i>      | <i>Grandfather</i>                   |
|                                   | <i>Bella Rubins</i>          | <i>Grandmother</i>                   |
|                                   | <i>David Moskowitz</i>       | <i>Uncle</i>                         |
|                                   | <i>Robert Lieberman</i>      | <i>Husband</i>                       |
| <i>Lila Held</i>                  | <i>Charles Held</i>          | <i>Husband</i>                       |
|                                   | <i>Seymour Brickel</i>       | <i>Uncle</i>                         |
|                                   | <i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>     | <i>Father</i>                        |
|                                   | <i>Henry Brickel</i>         | <i>Grandfather</i>                   |
| <i>Joann Eres and Jordan Eres</i> | <i>Charles Held</i>          | <i>Father/Grandfather</i>            |
|                                   | <i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>     | <i>Great Grandfather/Grandfather</i> |
|                                   | <i>Henry Brickel</i>         | <i>Great Grandfather</i>             |
| <i>Dan Franden</i>                | <i>Robert Franden</i>        |                                      |
|                                   | <i>Solomon Finkelstein</i>   |                                      |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i>              | <i>Sarah Schwartz</i>        | <i>Aunt</i>                          |
|                                   | <i>Esther Friedman</i>       | <i>Aunt</i>                          |
|                                   | <i>Diane Graham</i>          | <i>Cousin</i>                        |
|                                   | <i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i> | <i>Mother</i>                        |
|                                   | <i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>     | <i>Grandmother</i>                   |
| <i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>            | <i>Lea Kolnick</i>           | <i>Sister</i>                        |
| <i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>      | <i>Adele Tapper</i>          | <i>Aunt</i>                          |
|                                   | <i>Gordon Tapper</i>         | <i>Uncle</i>                         |
| <i>Jay Weinschenker</i>           | <i>Gregory Weinschenker</i>  | <i>Cousin</i>                        |
| <i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>   | <i>Fay Goldberg</i>          | <i>Mother</i>                        |
| <i>Steve Baptista</i>             | <i>Ray Galvin</i>            | <i>Father-in-Law</i>                 |
| <i>Richard Lasher</i>             | <i>Raymond Lipshitz</i>      |                                      |
| <i>Irving Bartikofsky</i>         | <i>Carmen Bartikofsky</i>    | <i>Mother</i>                        |
| <i>Mark Hilliard</i>              | <i>Ray Hilliard</i>          | <i>Father</i>                        |
| <i>Marilyn Esterson</i>           | <i>Arnold Rose</i>           | <i>Brother</i>                       |
| <i>Cindy Held and Miriam Held</i> | <i>Joseph Held</i>           | <i>Father/Father-in-Law</i>          |
| <i>Sandra Paul</i>                | <i>Rhea B Seagull</i>        | <i>Cousin</i>                        |
| <i>Joel Golden</i>                | <i>Bobbie Golden</i>         | <i>Mother</i>                        |
| <i>Ann Kanahele</i>               | <i>Arlene Berry</i>          | <i>Sister-in-Law</i>                 |



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### Adar - Nissan 5785

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday               | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                                      | Saturday  |
|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---|---|
|        |        |                       |           |                           |   | 1 Adar<br>Parashat Terumah<br>12:00p Lunch n' Learn |
| 2      | 3      | 4                     | 5         | 6                         | 7<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                  | 8 Adar<br>Parashat Tetzaveh                         |
| 9      | 10     | 11                    | 12        | 13<br>7:30p Purim Service | 14<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                 | 15 Adar<br>Parashat Ki Tissa                        |
| 16     | 17     | 18<br>1:00p Book Club | 19        | 20<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 21<br>6:15p Dinner<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 22 Adar<br>Parashat Vayakhel                        |
| 23     | 24     | 25                    | 26        | 27                        | 28<br>7:30p Shabbat Service                 | 29 Adar<br>Parashat Pekudei                         |
| 30     | 31     |                       |           |                           |   |   |