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Dear Friends,

On January 14, we will host our Sisterhood Shabbat in person which will showcase members of our synagogue's Sisterhood and their contributions to our congregation. We are incredibly happy to be able to allow this service to happen in person once again as it had up to the pandemic. This will again be a way for our congregation to continue its return to in-person services but maintain our hybrid status with some still watching us online from local areas and far-flung places. We hope many of you will want to attend this service in person to support our ladies and their efforts!

As we move through the winter, let us all keep in mind that we need to be responsible to maintain our health and safety as the pandemic continues in many sectors. Judaism always puts health above all else and the saving of a life—*pekuah nefesh*-- paramount to all we focus on and do. If you can get vaccinated do so, if you can get boosted, do so, and that will allow all of us to return to normalcy sooner rather than later.

We look forward each week to welcoming you back for events and services in person that we will be providing as the weeks and months ensue.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From our President

Hello Everyone,

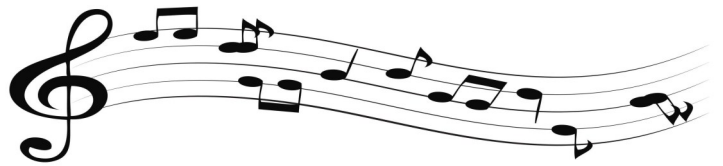
We started this month with a great Chanukah dinner and service. The catered food was delicious with brisket, latkes and decorated cookies. Everyone there received a Chanukah plush throw blanket as well as a Chanukah mug filled with goodies. The service led by Hazzan Lance Tapper and Ty Woodward was inspiring and fun and with enough people there to really participate in responsive readings and songs. It felt almost like the old days (BC – Before Covid). Of course we were all vaccinated and masked and were careful to adhere to social distancing.

I hope you all had a Happy Chanukah and will have a safe and sane New Year. Hazzan Lance is on a well deserved vacation for a few weeks. Rabbi Kenneth Milhander will be with us on January 7th and I hope you will all give him a big Beth Shalom welcome, either in person or online.

January 14th will be our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. The sisterhood ladies will call around to see which of our members would like to have readings. If you don't hear from them and would like a reading, please call the office and let Erica know.

Have a great month, stay safe and keep in touch with each other. It is important to take care of our mental health these days when it is all too easy to feel isolated and alone. Join us on Friday nights, either in-person or online.

Shalom
Lila



Hazzan Lance H Tapper To Be Honored

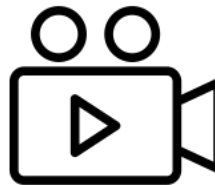
We are very pleased and proud to announce that The Jewish Theological Seminary will bestow an honorary Doctor of Music degree on our very own Hazzan Lance Tapper.

The convocation ceremony will take place in New York City on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 recognizing cantors for their achievements over many years of distinguished service.

The link to watch the ceremony is –

<https://inspired.jtsa.edu/event/livestream-of-jts-cantorial-convocation-2022/e376544>

You will need to scroll to the bottom and register to watch.



Help Wanted

Looking for a video-savvy person to broadcast services on Facebook for Beth Shalom of Whittier.

The person we need will become comfortable switching a four camera, two microphone setup for a one-hour service on Friday nights and other holiday services during the year. Candidate would be responsible for setup and teardown of equipment.

Training will be provided for the right candidate. Reliability is more essential than technical knowledge, but the ideal candidate will possess both.

The Jewish Calendar

The calendar used in the Western World and the United States is based upon the daily revolutions of the earth around the sun. After 365 and a quarter turns we have a solar year. Now each calendar year is a quarter day less than a true solar year, therefore at the end of four calendar years one day is added, in the month of February to leap (make) up for the one day loss. The Jewish people calculate our calendar according to the revolutions of the moon around the earth. A lunar year is 354 days, which is 11 days less than a solar year. Thus we have 2021/5782, which is a Jewish problem.

You see the Bible (24 books called TANACH) tells us that the pilgrimage holidays, "Succos", "Pesach", and "Shavuos" are seasonal holidays. They must occur during specific seasons of the year. Follow me through the following example: Let us suppose that the holiday of Passover occurs on the 15 day of the Hebrew month of "Nissan" matches the 15th day of April of 2021. In 2022 since the lunar year is 11 days shorter than the solar year, the holiday would occur 11 days earlier—4th of April. After a number of years "Passover" instead of being a Spring holiday would be a Winter holiday it might occur in the month of January. That is the problem! As expected, the Jewish people added an extra month every second or third year. When the leap year occurs, the extra month is added right after the month of "Adar" and it is called "Adar Sheini", which means, the second Adar.

Why do our Jewish people use our lunar calendar? This will explain it to you. You see the moon has always been likened to Kol Israel by our sages as symbol of our history throughout the ages. Just as the moon, at the beginning of the month, is small and insignificant-looking so are the Jewish people at the present on their influence of the world. However, just as the moon day after day shows more of itself to us, so that at the middle of the month, we see it in its fullness, a beautiful sight. In likeness is the Jewish religion as from day to day reveals more of itself and is being better understood by the nations of the world. Perhaps one fine day in our future our Jewish people will succeed in teaching the world the full significance of the Jewish way of life. Our people consistently reappear and according to the TALMUD they can never be destroyed.

So you see, the moon has served as a reminder to our Jewish people of their mission among the nations of the world. It gives us courage to continue in the teaching of the Torah and services to G-d. For this reason the new moon "ROSH CHODESH" is always greeted by Jews all over the world with song and praise to almighty G-d ("Hallel").

~Sam Pearlman

Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are now in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof and a mask may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

January 7--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

January 14--7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--**Sisterhood Shabbat**--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward--members of Sisterhood will participate in the service

January 21-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

January 28-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

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 and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

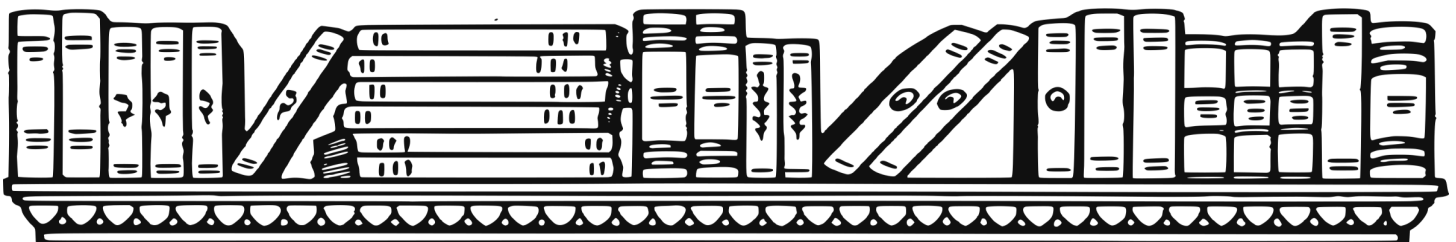


BOOK CLUB NEWS

We are meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 12:30 pm at Michelle's & by Zoom. All in-person attendees must be vaccinated. The book is "The Assignment " by Lisa Wiemer.

Happy Reading.

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



January

Candle Lighting Times

January 7 - 4:40

January 14 - 4:46

January 21 - 4:52

January 28 - 4:59



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**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)

## Birthdays

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Robin Weintraub  | January 1  |
| Abdon Barembaum  | January 2  |
| Susan Lieberman  | January 19 |
| Jay Weinschenker | January 31 |

## Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday and Anniversary!!



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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1922278>

Amazon will donate a percentage to Beth Shalom every time you shop.

## 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.

**Donations**

Myra Becker  
Jim Barembaum  
Debra Hirsch - Cantor's Discretionary Fund  
Chuck & Lila Held - Cantor's Discretionary Fund, High Holiday Pledge, Ways & Means Fund

**Yahrzeit Donations**

**Remembered by**

**Beloved Departed**

**Relationship**

|                   |                   |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Myra Becker       | Solomon Bell      | Grandfather         |
|                   | Moses Bell        | Uncle               |
|                   | Ruth Beck         | Mother              |
|                   | Bella Bell        | Grandmother         |
|                   | Lou Binke         | Uncle               |
| Chuck & Lila Held | Ruth Bromberg     | Mother of Lila      |
|                   | Joseph Kuperstein | Father of Lila      |
|                   | Jenny Kuperstein  | Grandmother of Lila |
|                   | Anna Brickel      | Grandmother of Lila |
|                   | Henry Brickel     | Grandfather of Lia  |
|                   | Seymour Brickel   | Uncle of Lila       |
|                   | David Kuperstein  | Nephew of Lila      |
|                   | Julius Bromberg   |                     |
|                   | Sally Held        |                     |
| Michelle Hess     | Leigh Hess        | Father-in-Law       |
|                   | Julius Schwartz   | Uncle               |
| Arlene Norton     | Arnold Winett     | Brother             |
|                   | Jean Vinetsky     | Mother              |
| Robin Weintraub   | Sue Weintraub     | Mother              |

**Tribute Cards**

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

## Yahrzeit

| <b>Observed By</b>                     | <b>Dear Departed</b>     | <b>Relationship</b>           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Joel &amp; Diane Chesler</i>        | <i>Ethel Chesler</i>     | <i>Mother of Joel</i>         |
| <i>Mona Di Natale</i>                  | <i>Irving Cirulnick</i>  | <i>Uncle</i>                  |
| <i>Jeffrey Kolnick &amp; Rosa Tock</i> | <i>Mabel Cutler</i>      | <i>Grandmother of Jeffrey</i> |
| <i>Jay Devore</i>                      | <i>Paul Devore</i>       | <i>Brother</i>                |
| <i>Bernard Fink</i>                    | <i>Yetta Fink</i>        | <i>Mother</i>                 |
| <i>Morton &amp; Helene Goldberg</i>    | <i>Jennie Goldberg</i>   | <i>Mother of Morton</i>       |
| <i>Jaffee Eugene</i>                   | <i>Sol Jaffee</i>        | <i>Son</i>                    |
| <i>Christel Mergruen</i>               | <i>Siegbert Mergruen</i> | <i>Husband</i>                |
| <i>Klara Wein</i>                      | <i>Meir Militeanu</i>    | <i>Father</i>                 |
| <i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>        | <i>Bertha Paul</i>       | <i>Step-Mother of Sidney</i>  |
|                                        | <i>Harry Paul</i>        | <i>Father of Sidney</i>       |
|                                        | <i>Evelyn Resnick</i>    | <i>Sister of Sidney</i>       |
| <i>Susan Lieberman</i>                 | <i>Samuel Rubins</i>     | <i>Grandfather</i>            |
| <i>Marietta Shreiber Reed</i>          | <i>Norma Shreiber</i>    | <i>Mother</i>                 |
| <i>Judith Silberberg</i>               | <i>Ida Silberberg</i>    | <i>Mother</i>                 |
| <i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>           | <i>Dr. L.E. Tapper</i>   | <i>Father</i>                 |

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

#### **Dear Departed**

*Janchel Groisman*

*Saul Korduner*

*William M. Lyons*

*Julia Morris*

*Louis Ossofsky*

*Jordan Pollack*

*Max Popkin*

*Esther Rosen*

*Sylvia Squier*

*Joseph Unger*

*Bernard Weissman*

*Benjamin Winter*

*Harvey Ziskin*

*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.*

# January 2022

## Tevet - Shevat 5782

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                      | Saturday                           |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|        |        |                        |           |                           |                             | 1 28 Tevet<br>Parashat Vaera       |
| 2      | 3      | 4                      | 5         | 6                         | 7<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 8 6 Shevat<br>Parashat Bo          |
| 9      | 10     | 11<br>12:30p Book Club | 12        | 13                        | 14<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 15 13 Shevat<br>Parashat Beshalah  |
| 16     | 17     | 18                     | 19        | 20<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 21<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 22 20 Shevat<br>Parashat Yitro     |
| 23     | 24     | 25                     | 26        | 27                        | 28<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 29 27 Shevat<br>Parashat Mishpatim |
| 30     | 31     |                        |           |                           |                             |                                    |





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