## Beth Shalom of Whittier

Conservative Progressive Judaism

July 2021 <u>Sivan</u> - Tammuz 5781

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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes

#### Dear Friends,



A reminder that starting July 2, the prelude before services will begin 5 minutes before the service begins. So, for our Shabbat services, it will now begin at 7:25 pm.

July is our traditional vacation month in the USA. I will be gone a fair bit of it in places around California, Nevada, and abroad as things re-open. I will have a lot more to say during my sermon July 30 after I return from my European cruise that will actually be going. The Jewish communities of Malta, Croatia, and Montenegro will be of particular focus this time and

Malta has almost all of their inhabitants vaccinated already which helps out tremendously for travel and visitation.

As you know, we are now fully reopened here in the state of California and LA county. Thus, we are busily making plans for a reopening of our services in-person/hybrid in August and our High Holydays this year. In-person services will be open to vaccinated people and we will continue to have the alternative of our simultaneous Facebook page broadcasts as well. More details on all this will be forthcoming, but we are definitely looking forward to seeing you all soon for in-person services, meetings, and events.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

### From our President

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that July is here already! June was a busy month with graduations and things opening up again. We've been to Disneyland twice already!

The main things happening with Beth Shalom this past month were our cleaning out our storage unit and the Annual Congregational Meeting.

We hired a moving company to take most of the furniture out of the storage unit and dispose of it for us. There was lots of heavy stuff that required a very large truck, a lot of muscle and professional know how. They did a great job. Our goal is to be able to find a smaller storage unit, possibly closer to our current location. We have brought all the metal plaques, wall art and plaques that were on the wall, to our conference room and will go through them there. If we find a plaque with your family name on it, we will do our best to contact you and ask you if you want it. Some will go up on the walls of our office suite but there won't be room for all. Feel free to call or email the office if you know of any that you would like to have. We also plan on alphabetizing the memorial plaques to make them easier to find if anyone would like to have theirs returned to them.

The Annual Meeting went well. We are continuing our moratorium on dues for this year but will review that decision annually. Our priorities for this year will be to do what we can to provide rides for people who want to come to services in person but cannot because of problems driving. We also are planning on more activities such as Shabbat Dinners, Lunch & Learns, entertainment with either lunch or dinner included and whatever else we think you all would like. Suggestions are very welcome.

As our services start up in person again on August 13<sup>th</sup>, we will do everything to keep our people safe and healthy. Our regular security team will be back and the Whittier Police Dept has been notified so that they can do drive-bys. We are requiring everyone who comes in person to show proof of vaccination. We will continue to provide Shabbat and holiday services through Facebook for those who are not ready or able to come in person. We understand and support the fact that getting vaccinated or not is your decision, but at this time, based on the advice of the L.A. County Public Health Dept., we believe that this is the best way to keep our congregants safe from COVID 19.

Shalom,

Lila

17th Tammuz

July 18, 2021 is the 17th day of Tammuz 5781. Shivah Asar B'Tammuz, is the date when the Romans breached the walls of Jerusalem in the year 69 CE. This is a fatal step which led to the destruction of the Second Holy Temple three weeks later. The Jerusalem Talmud states that this is also the date when the Babylonians breached the walls of Jerusalem on their way to destroying the First Holy Temple in the year 453 BC. We in Exile honor these destructions by fasting and prayer. Instead of offering sacrifices, we study the laws that associate with our present day services.

The prophet Ezekiel felt similarly when G-d appeared to him during the Babylonian exile, following the destruction of the First Temple. G-d instructed him to tell the Jews about the building of the Second Temple. Ezekiel said to G-d: "Your children are in exile; they cannot build the Temple". G-d responded: "Just because they are in exile, should the Temple not be built?"

As I reason, G-d was communicating to Ezekiel that the destruction of the First Temple occurred only to be followed by the building of the Second Temple, which was to be more special than the first. G-d did not his chosen people to be living with the reality of exile, but to be preparing for a future redemption. Concisely, as we mourn the destructions of the Holy Temples we stand on the threshold of a new reality.

Why are we fasting? Its not our fault that our Temples were destroyed. My reasoning again, is that every generation for which the Temple is not rebuilt, is a s though the Temple was destroyed for that generation. If so the fast day is not really a sad day, but a day of opportunity. It's a day when we fix the cause of that destruction, so that our long exile will be ended and with G-d's help we will be living in messianic times—may that day be soon.

Sam Pearlman



# BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER SHABBAT REODENING: AUGUST 13, 2021

### THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST SHABBAT IN PERSON WHERE ALL WHO COME WITH PROOF OF VACCINATION MAY ATTEND

First Friends 13205 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601

FELLOWSHIP HALL 6:00 PM—WELCOME BACK KOSHER SHABBAT DINNER NO COST, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY BY AUGUST 3, 2021 IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 562-941-8744

> MEETING HOUSE 7:25 PM—PRELUDE 7:30 PM –SHABBAT SERVICE

PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

> OFFICIANTS: Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader Mark Peterson, Organist

### **Clergy Schedule**

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

July 2- 7:25 pm -- Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

July 9- 7:25 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

July 16-- 7:25 pm -- Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

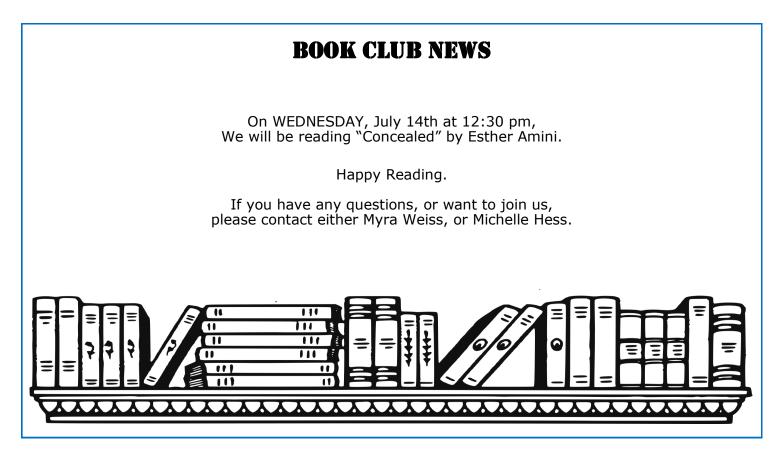
July 23-- 7:25 pm -- Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

July 30- 7:25 pm -- Prelude, Service--7:30 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 <u>www.facebook.com</u> and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.





**Candle Lighting Times** 

July

July 2 -7:50

July 9-7:48

July 16-7:46

July 23-7:42

July 30-7:36

## Birthdays

Hope Greenwood Lila Held

July 9 July 10

## Anniversaries

Mark & Maggie Singer – 28 Years

July 24

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

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http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1922278 Amazon will donate a percentage to Beth Shalom every time you shop.

### This is Our Mishpacha

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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.

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Printed copies are also available in our lobby. \$18.00 per year for non-members.

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

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### **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**

Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock-in memory of Murray Kolnick, father

### Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Myra Becker	Martin Becker Daniel B Beck, MD	Ex-Husband Father
	Ida Ninberg	Aunt
	Sol Beckelman	Uncle
	Morris Beckelman	Grandfather
	Irving Ninberg	Uncle
Michelle Hess	Benjamin Steinhauer	Uncle
Rita Rubin	Morey Gnessin	Brother
Bernard Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Mother

### Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone,

ease contact Michelle Hess with your request @ michelleh3532@gmail.com\*

#### NOTE new email address

Observing	this	Yahrzeit
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#### Dear Departed

Sate Abrams Robert Feder Max Fleischman Dora Friedman Freda Friedman Jacob Friedman Minnie Fritz William Fritz Edith Goldstein Louis Green Jacqueline Herman Frank Herzog

#### Observed By

Beth Shalom of Whittier Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### Dear Departed

Sarah Jaffe Nathan Klasky Lillian Lovitch Abraham Marovitz Walter Popkin Beatrice Sarkin Max Segarnick Louis Slade Stanley Ward Sadie Weiss Irving Wemdrousky Francis Winter

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Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
Susan Lieberman	Nat Arnold	Father
Maxine Berkowitz	Fred Blanstein	Father
Miriam Brookfield	Werner Brookfield	Brother-in-Law
Sherman Esterson	Leah Esterson	Mother
Merv Friedman	Theresa Friedman	Mother
Rita Rubin	Morey Gnessin	Brother
Esther Lynn Dobrin	Louis Rosen	Father
Michelle Hess	Dora Sandler	Aunt
Mark Singer	Shirley Singer	Mother
Eunice Singer	Shirley Singer	
Arlne Norton	Louis Vinetsky	Father
Jay Weinschenker	Evelyn Weinschenker	Mother
Dorothy Wiener	Leonard Wiener	Husband

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.

# July 2021 Tammuz - Av5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p Shabbat Service	3 23 Tammuz Parashat Pinhas
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Shabbat Service	10 1 Av Parashat Matot-Masei
11	12	13	14 12:30p Book Club	15	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 8 Av Parashat Devarim
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 15 Av Parashat Vaethanan
25	26	27	29	29	30 7:30p Shabbat Service	31 22 Av Ekev



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