# Beth Shalom of Whittier

Conservative Progressive Judaism

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Everyone is Welcome

## Hazzan's Notes

Dear Friends,



During most of this month of July I will be away in Germany and France. While in Germany, specifically in Berlin, I will be gathering music, prayers, and information toward our special German Shabbat morning choral service in November commemorating the remembrance of *Kristallnacht*. I will be specifically working with my colleagues: Rabbi Jonah Sievers, Kantor Isidoro Abramowicz, and Regina Yantian, organist/choir master of the Pestalozzistrasse synagogue in the chic

Charlottenberg neighborhood of Berlin. I will be at services in person at the synagogue on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and those services will be broadcast on their Facebook page and website should you wish to watch them. (I may even have an Aliyah on July 9<sup>th</sup>, who knows, lol).

My time in France will be predominantly spent in the areas of the Loire valley, Bordeaux, and Alsace. The Jewish communities of Bordeaux and Alsace are quite well known, and I will be giving you more information about them when I am back in the pulpit on the last week of the month. Jews have been in these areas for hundreds of years and have made huge contributions there including, but not limited to, the Rothschild family, among others.

I hope you will enjoy this month of relaxation and contemplation as we formally move into our expansive summer here in southern California.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

### From our President

Hello Everyone,

This is going to be a very short note to all of you.

I just returned yesterday from an almost 2-week trip to the East Coast for a week long cruise and then almost a week in New York City. It was lots of fun but I am quite exhausted.

I want to thank all of you who came to our Annual Congregational Meeting and enabled us to have a quorum to vote on the Slate of Officers and Budget. Both of these remained essentially the same. We are continuing to not charge dues. The money that we have, supplemented by our average amount of donations, will last us for over 10 years (barring unforeseen circumstances). We have plans for events and our usual wonderful services for the coming year.

We will continue to do everything we can to keep Beth Shalom of Whittier strong and active for you all.

Shalom, Lila



### Sabbath

Shabbos in Hebrew is a three letter word. These letters have always reminded me of the three phrases in the Torah that describe the first Sabbath which came at the end of the six days of creation. These three phrases are analyzed as follows:

- It is a Mitzvah to walk in the ways of G-d. This Mitzvah also applies to Shabbos. Just as G-d created the world in six days and finished His work. This encourages us to do all our work and business in six days and finish them for the week at the close of the sixth days.
- 2. And G-d Rested Just as G-d rested on the seventh day, so must we rest on that day. The Sabbath should be a day of relaxation from the physical work of the week. In this way we can start the new week alert and fresh. It is a blessing to all. It is a day of freedom. The Torah tells us: "But the seventh day is the sabbath in honor of the Lord your G-d; on it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man servant, nor your maid servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor the stranger who is within your gates..." (D'vorim 5:14)
- "And G-d Blessed...and Made It Holy." The principle feature of Shabbos is its holiness. Just as G-d blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy so must we bless it and make it holy.

It is a family day. It is to be spent in prayer and enjoyment with others; company. Spend some time discussing personal problems or religious questions with them. Make it a day of learning with study of Torah and Talmud. Others may have ideas to contribute in addition to that of our clergy.

Above all attend services on Friday night and Shabbos morning. Thank G-d for the happiness he has given you. Thank Him for giving you all the privilege of living in the USA where we can enjoy Shabbos in peace.

So you see, one who observes the Sabbath is truly free Your free by observing the Laws of Sabbath as you free yourselves from the weekday routine. You give yourself a real vacation, once a week. Concisely, you devote this day to more important things in life; the study of Torah, and living with family and friends. In this way you become a better Jew and a better human being.

Sam Pearlman

P.S. In the August issue the laws and customs of the "Shabbos" will be visited in the writing.

## **Clergy Schedule**

**Beth Shalom Services:** All services are 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.

July 1--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

July 8--Service 7:30 pm--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

July 15--No Service or Broadcast

July 22--Prelude Service 7:30 pm--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

July 29--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a> and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.



## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Group is Tuesday, July 19 at 12:30 pm.
The book is "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline.

Happy reading everyone.

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



# July

# **Candle Lighting Times**

**July 1 - 7:49** 

July 8 - 7:48

July 15 - 7:46

July 22 - 7:42



## 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

# Birthdays

Hope Greenwood

July 9

Lila Held

July 10

# Anniversary

Mark & Maggie Singer July 24 – 29 Years

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.

### 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.

| Yahrzeit                                   |                     |                   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Observed By                                | Dear Departed       | Relationship      |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Lieberman                            | Harry Aronowitz     | Uncle             |  |  |  |  |
| Myra Becker                                | Morris Beckelman    | Grandfather       |  |  |  |  |
|                                            | Sol Beckelman       | Uncle             |  |  |  |  |
| Joel & Diane Chesler                       | Abraham Chesler     | Father            |  |  |  |  |
| Sherman & Marilyn Esterson                 | Leah Esterson       | Mother of Sherman |  |  |  |  |
| Merv Friedman                              | Theresa Friedman    | Mother            |  |  |  |  |
| Robert & Rita Rubin                        | Morey Gnessin       | Brother of Rita   |  |  |  |  |
| Harris & Pauline Kuhn                      | Anna Gross          | Mother of Pauline |  |  |  |  |
| Alberto & Liz Herrera                      | Ines C. Lamb        | Mother of Liz     |  |  |  |  |
| Myra Becker                                | Irving Ninberg      | Uncle             |  |  |  |  |
| Loren Schneiderman and Robert Schneiderman | Alan Schneiderman   | Father            |  |  |  |  |
| Mark & Maggie Singer                       | Shirley Singer      | Mother of Mark    |  |  |  |  |
| Eunice Singer                              | Shirley Singer      |                   |  |  |  |  |
| Michelle Hess                              | Benjamin Steinhauer | Uncle             |  |  |  |  |

# Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier Dear Departed

William Fritz Edith Goldstein
Louis Green Peter Herman
Frank Herzog Ida Lander

Sarah Litt Abraham Marovitz
Rabbi Morris Moskowitz Stanley Ward
Edith Weinberg Seymour Weinstein

# **June Yahrzeit Donations**

| Remembered by   | <b>Beloved Departed</b>      | <u>Relationship</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Michelle Hess   | Michelle Hess Leon Morzinsky |                     |
| Jeffrey Kolnick | Murray Kolnick               | Father              |
| Sandra Paul     | Morris Lehman                | Father              |
| Klara Wein      | Rachel Militeanu             | Mom                 |
|                 | Miriam Militeanu             | Grandmother         |

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.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                 | Friday                      | Saturday                        |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|        |        |                        |           |                          | 1<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 2 3 Tammuz<br>Parashat Korah    |
| 3      | 4      | 5                      | 6         | 7                        | 8<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 9 10 Tammuz<br>Parashat Hukkat  |
| 10     | 11     | 12                     | 13        | 14                       | 15<br>No Service            | 16 17 Tammuz<br>Parashat Balak  |
| 17     | 16     | 19<br>12:30p Book Club | 20        | 21<br>7:30 Board Meeting | 22<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 23 24 Tammuz<br>Parashat Pinhas |
| 24     | 25     | 26                     | 27        | 28                       | 29<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 30 2 Av<br>Parashat Matot-Masei |