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Hazzan's Notes



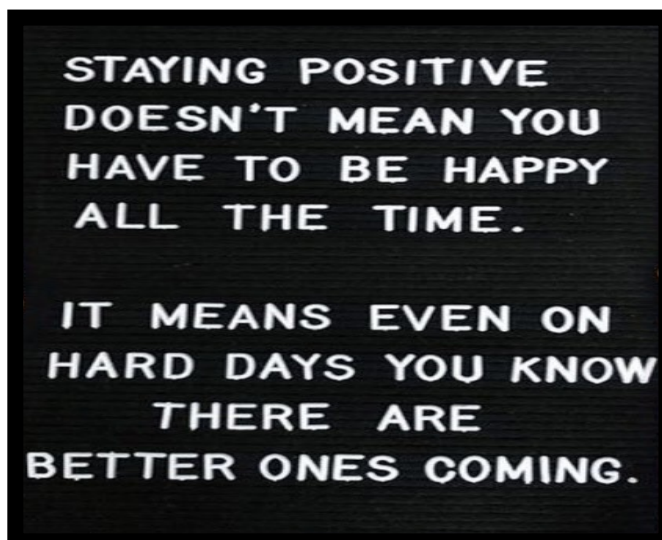
Dear Friends,

As we virtually celebrate Purim this year this month on February 25, I want to ask and remind you to enjoy watching our service and making as much noise as you can at home when we drown out the name of the "unspeakable one" who caused our people so much grief in the Persia of Antiquity.

Even though we are socially distanced, we need to enjoy the celebration of the forgetting the difference between the goodness of Mordechai and the evil ways of the "unspeakable one". The happiness and joy of this festival reminds us that even in times of COVID, we can relax a bit and have fun even when we cannot be together in person. I ask each of you to enjoy a bit of Hamantaschen from a local bakery, if possible, and remember the ancient story that reminds us to be ever vigilant in every generation to watch for those who would have us be obliterated from the earth toward their own evil means.

Hag Sameach in advance!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



From our President

What can I say about January?

January started off with a bang with things going on in our country that most of us would never have believed could happen. Whatever the repercussions are, I am sure that they will echo for a long time. I only hope and pray that this great country of ours will continue to be the beacon of hope and democracy that our founders envisioned, with Liberty and Justice and Freedom for All.

January also saw the beginning of Covid 19 vaccinations. Finally, some light at the end of the tunnel! Vaccinations are ongoing. The system for obtaining them, depending on which county you live in, has been complicated to say the least. If you are having problems with the system and signing up for vaccinations, please call the office and one of us who has worked with it will try to help you. In the meantime, we continue to pray for all those who have been, are being or will be affected by this scourge.

As homebound as we are, we have been able, through Kulanu, to make a huge impact on the Honduras Congregation with our congregations' donation of a Torah and the most generous gifts to them from Klara Wein of a pair of Tefillin and a Kiddush cup and from Rita Rubin of candlesticks and tallit. They were absolutely thrilled. I am very proud that our small shul continues to make a big impact.

On a personal note, I had great ambitions to clean out all my closets and do a myriad of other things that I keep putting off. I can't say that I achieved those goals but I did buy a Ms. PacMan arcade game. I don't usually tell people this, but when I had knee surgery in 1984, my son Bob took care of me during his Spring Break and he would take me to the arcade at the mall and sit me at a Ms. PacMan machine. No one says that getting older has to include completely growing up!

Hope you all had a good month. Let us know how and what you are doing. We are all in this together and suggestions on what you are doing to help you cope may help others.

Shalom
Lila



Purim

The holiday of Purim occurs in 5781 (2021) on the 14th and 15th of the month of Adar (February). Purim is not just the familiar story of the Megillah. It is an event in Jewish History that teaches us the significant lesson of how the Jewish people and their religion have continued to persist through the generations.

The Story - After king Ahasuerus (the Persian king) rids himself of Queen Vashti (according to my cousin Maxine a real kvetch) he orders a contest to select a new queen.

Esther (her Persian name, her Hebrew name is Haddasa) was forced by the king's officers to enroll in the contest. Her uncle Mordecai instructs her not to tell anyone that she is Jewish. The Persian king choose Esther to be his queen and never regretted it. Esther proved to be a devoted wife who gained his trust and won much favor. In fact, he granted her every desire. This was put to a supreme test when Haman, second only to the King, requested permission to kill all the Jews in the kingdom. He hated the Jews, particularly Mordecai, who refused to bow down to him. Haman's plot became known to Mordecai, who reported it to Queen Esther. When she heard of this terrible plot she fasted and prayed for three days. She ordered all Jews to do the same. In her honor, if Purim falls on a Sunday as this year, the Fast of Esther is observed on the preceding Thursday (13 Adar, 25 February) with a Megillah reading as fasting is prohibited on Sabbath. Queen Esther then took her life into her own hands by seeking an audience with the King. It was the law of the kingdom that no one was to appear before the king except when he summoned them.

Queen Esther and Mordecai then convinced the King and thwarted Haman's plan. He and his equally wicked sons were hanged on the same scaffold he built for the Jews.

The Lesson - It seems again, that in the lives of our people a tyrant arises to destroy us. It seems hopeless, but our people are saved. You can see history repeat itself as many nations have tried to destroy us. Examples of this include: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia, Antiochus of Syria in the ancient years and Hitler of Germany in modern years. Despite their positions as leaders of powerful nations they fail to accomplish their cruel intentions. They ignored the lesson of Pharaoh Rameses of Egypt: G-d is with the Jewish people, and it is his will that his chosen people will survive. They will live to set an example of morality and applied wisdom for the rest of the world to follow. That is their noble mission, nation after nation and tyrant after tyrant have experienced this lesson to their despair.

The above are open to the world and all of us. Particularly to the Jews, this story should give assurance and courage that no matter how hopeless a situation may be and no matter how many Haman's arise. G-d will always remember his people and come to their aid at his proper time, if they turn to G-d with sincerity and honesty.

Hamantaschen - We are commanded to eat, drink, and rejoice on Purim. Because of this a Feast is prepared for the whole family. It is known for its food and song. A favorite of this Purim Feast is a cookie known by its Yiddish name Hamantaschen. In Hebrew it is called "oznei homon (Haman's ears).

Sam Pearlman

IT'S OKAY IF YOU WERE
HOPEFUL LAST WEEK,
BUT ARE AFRAID THIS WEEK.

NEITHER EMOTION
INVALIDATES THE OTHER,
AND NEITHER MAKES YOU
WEAK OR FOOLISH.



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Celebrates

PURIM



ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

PURIM ORGAN PRELUDE 6:58 PM

SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING 7:00 PM

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

**THE SPECIAL PURIM SIDDUR WILL BE UPLOADED
TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AHEAD OF THE SERVICE**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE AT HOME
BY DROWNING OUT THAT EVIL PERSON'S NAME DURING THE MEGILLAH STORY
AND NASH SOME HAMANTASCHEN.**

JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY!

Clergy Schedule

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

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

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

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

February 25-- *Erev Purim Service* 6:53 pm --Prelude, Service--7:00 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

February 26-- 7:23 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 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, February 2nd, at 12:30 pm.
The book is "The Girl They Left Behind" by Roxanne Veletzos.

On Tuesday, March 2nd we will be reading "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo" by Michael David Lukas.

And 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.





February

Candle Lighting Times

February 5 —5:10

February 12—5:17

February 19—5:23

February 26—5:29



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
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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.
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Birthdays

Charles Held February 6

Anniversary

Charles & Lila Held February 1st
62 years

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



I am unproductive.
I am procrastinating.
I am eating too much.
I am scrolling mindlessly.
I am watching too much TV.
I am COPING.

Donations

Jay Weinschenker—in appreciation of all Hazzan Lance does for Beth Shalom of Whittier

Sid & Sandra Paul - Happy New Year

Myra Becker - Mi Shebeirach Prayers

Alita & Jim Sevin - Hazzan Lance Tapper, loss of Father, Dr. L.E. Tapper

Phyllis and Marshal Sindelman and family - Hazzan Lance Tapper, loss of Father, Dr. L.E. Tapper

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Myra Becker	Ruth Becker	Mother
	Bella Bell	Grandmother
	Lou Binke	Uncle
	Pauline Newman	Aunt
Miriam Brookfield	Willy Fleischmann	Father
	Dora Fleischmann	Mother
Harris Kuhn	Samuel Kuhn	Father
Christel Mergruen	Siegbert Mergruen	Husband
Sid Paul	Harry Paul	Father
	Bertha Paul	Mother
	Evelyn Resnick	Sister

Tribute Cards

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

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 Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Morris Aronowitz	Susan Lieberman	Grandfather
Bella Rubins		Grandmother
Jennie Beckelman	Myra Becker	Grandmother
George Becker		Father-in-law
Seymour Brickel	Lila Held	Uncle
Joseph Kuperstein		Father
Max Cutler	Christel Mergruen	
Paul Devore	Jay Devore	Brother
Yetta Fink	Bernard Fink	Mother
Robert Franden	Richard Franden	Father
Esther Friedman	Michelle Hess	Aunt
Diane Graham		Cousin
Sarah Schwartz		Aunt
Jennie Alice Goldberg	Morton Goldberg	Mother
Rebecca Grossberg	Joseph Grossberg	Wife
Sean Hilliard	Mark Hilliard	Brother
Lea Kolnick	Jeffrey Kolnick	Sister
Anna Marks	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Great Aunt
Adele Tapper		Aunt
Gordon Tapper		Uncle
Ida Silberberg	Judith Silberberg	Mother

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed	Observed By	Dear Departed
Anna Barnett	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Max Popkin
Sarah Bernstein	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Abraham Slater
Daniel Braidman	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Frank Slonka
Raymond Brantz	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Frances Storm
Saul Korduner	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Arthur Unger
Edward Kraus	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Benjamin Winter
William Lyons	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Harvey Ziskin
Isidore Pinck	Beth Shalom of Whittier	

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.



FOURTH ANNUAL
 RABBI HILLEL COHN
 ENDOWED LECTURE ON THE
 CONTEMPORARY JEWISH EXPERIENCE

JANE EISNER
 will give an illustrated lecture on
 "FROM THE HOLOCAUST TO HATE GROUPS:
 HOW AMERICAN MEDIA COVERS ANTI-SEMITISM"

Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 6 p.m.
 via Zoom

Jane Eisner is an accomplished journalist, educator, non-profit leader and public speaker. She is currently director of academic affairs at the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, overseeing the Master of Arts program.

For more than a decade she was editor-in-chief of the Forward, the first woman to hold the position at America's foremost national Jewish news organization. Under her leadership the Forward became the authoritative source of news, opinion, arts and culture in the Jewish world. Her editorials have been repeatedly honored by the Society of Professional Journalists and other media groups. She is known for her interviews of such notable figures as President Barack Obama, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Reuven Rivlin and many others.



The Rabbi Hillel Cohn Endowed Lecture on the Contemporary Jewish Experience was established at California State University, San Bernardino in 2017 in recognition of Rabbi Cohn's many achievements as a religious and community leader. This is the first time in the history of the entire California State University system that a rabbi has been so honored.

Please RSVP by emailing invitereply@csusb.edu
 *Zoom link will be sent the week of the event

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February 2021

Shevat - Adar 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:30p Book Club	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 24 Shevat Parashat Yitro
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 1 Adar Parashat Mishpatim
14	15	16	17	18 7:00p Board of Director's Meeting	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 8 Adar Parashat Teruma
21	22	23	24	25 7:00p Purim Service and Megillah Reading	26 Purim 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 15 Adar Parashat Tetzaveh Shushan Purim
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HOW TO FEEL BETTER

- CLEAN YOUR SPACE
- EAT SOMETHING HEALTHY
- PLAY GREAT MUSIC
- LIGHT A CANDLE
- DRINK A GLASS OF WATER (x 8)
- SLEEP A LITTLE
- BREEEEEAAAATHE