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Dear Friends,

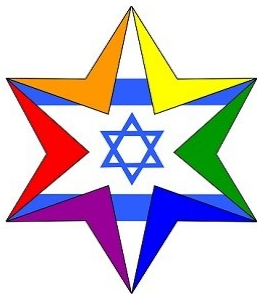
This month of June presents us with the book of Numbers or *Bemidbar* in our cycle of Torah readings. We will focus this month on the human, psychosocial, and ethical stories that our ancestors made sure was reflected in this divinely inspired book of the Torah. I look forward to preaching to you each Shabbat about the Parsha of the week and its significance in this light.

The Rabbis teach us that one who learns from this book finds spiritual growth in all areas. We, in fact, always read this book at the time of the gateway to the summer so that we find spiritual nourishment even in hot weather. Remember, the holy land and Babylonia were definitely hotter at this time of the year even though cooler than they are in today's world. One had to find nourishment of water and nourishment of soul to keep the faith, as it will.

We look forward to a profound time this summer of interest and faith that will ultimately bring us, as it always does, toward the High Holyday season upcoming at the end of this summer.

B'vrachah,

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*



Everyone is Welcome

# From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope all the mothers reading this, had a very Happy Mother's Day.

I am very happy to say that we had some new members join BSW this month. Details can be found elsewhere in the Mishpacha. We are also getting more people coming in person to our services. We are just on the cusp of having an in person minyan on Friday nights.

We have several things planned for June. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please try your best to come so we can have a quorum to enable us to conduct business and vote on the slate of officers and proposed budget.

Happy early Fathers Day to all the fathers reading this.

Keep watching the Weekly's for new events that are in the planning stages.

Shalom,  
Lila

## Donations

Arlene Norton - in appreciation

Myra Becker - in appreciation

Phyllis Sindelman - in appreciation to Hazzan Lance H Tapper

Revekah Martinez - Shavuot Donation

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Myra Becker

Arlene Norton

Klara Wein

Michelle Hess

Sidney Paul

### Beloved Departed

Minnie Becker

Martin Becker

Marty Norton

Rachel Lea Militeanu

Miriam Militeanu

Lillian Sandler

Edith Gottlieb

Sylvia Playberg

### Relationship

Mother-in-Law

Ex-Husband

Husband

Mother

Grandmother

Grandmother

Step-Sister

Sister

## Tribute Cards

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

## Chukim

There are certain laws in the Torah that were not explained, and, therefore, we do not know the reasons for them. We are told that by G-d through Moses that such laws are to be obeyed. These laws go under the general classification as chukim. We obey them because they are given by G-d, therefore, we know they are right. Who knows, perhaps the “chukim” were purposely given to test our faith in G-d.

Chukim: The laws of Shatnez, Tattooing, and Shaving One of these in Shatnez, we are commanded not to wear any garment that contains a mixture of wool and linen. As these two materials are sometimes used in the manufacture of clothing, it is proper to have ones clothing checked in a “non Shatnez” laboratory and have them remove the Shatnez if there is any.

Another of the “Chok” (singular for CUKIM) given to us by G-d is the prohibition of any kind of tattooing. By tattoos we mean permanent that are etched into the skin and cannot be erased. Many of our sages including Rabbi BLOCH (my teacher) felt that the reason for this probation can be found in the fact that tattooing was a common practice around idol worshipers. In order to keep the Jewish people pure in their belief in one G-d they were forbidden to imitate idol worshipers in any way.

Shaving the Temples and Face If you asked a Rabbi why some of our congregation wear beards, he/she may have answered that they do so for religious reasons. Let us find the full reason why.

The idea of wearing a beard does not come to us directly from the Torah. It is a custom accepted by some pious Jews. There is a law in the Torah, a chok, that prohibits the shaving of the face with a razor. Another prohibition also includes the sideburns. Again we do not know the reason for this prohibition, but the theory given by many of our sages is that this custom was also practiced by idol worshipers. Concisely, if the beard can be removed by another means rather than a razor, it is permissible. I personally use an electric shaver, which operates like a scissor for the removal of the beard without a razor. It is widely accepted by religious Jews as a permissible method of shaving. There are still some Jews, however, who would rather wear a beard to preserve the ancient tradition, and so they do not shave in any way.

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 25th, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

\*More Information To Come.

## Clergy Schedule

**Beth Shalom Services:** All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof 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.

**June 2--Prelude 7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward**

**June 9--Prelude 7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward**

**June 16--Prelude 7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward**

**June 23--Prelude 7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward**

**June 30--7:30 pm Service Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler**

### 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](http://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 will be reading "Radical Then, Radical Now" by Jonathan Sacks, the former Chief Rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth, on Tuesday, June 20th at 12:30 pm.

Tuesday, July 18th we will be reading "Syrian Sunset" by Howard Kaplan at 11:00 am. For August we will be reading "The Authenticity Project" by Claire Pooley. Date TBD.

Happy Reading Everyone

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



# June

## Candle Lighting Times

June 2 - 7:42

June 9 - 7:46

June 16 - 7:49

June 23 - 7:50

June 30 - 7:51



### 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)**

### 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.

## June Birthdays

Revekah Martinez June 1

Joel Chesler June 2

Miriam Brookfield June 4

Jo Ann Golden June 5

Joel Golden June 6

Diane Chesler June 12

Barack O. Mandela June 14

Christine Singer June 14

Mark Singer June 18

Robert Held June 19

Barry Neville June 29

## June Anniversaries

Joel & Diane Chesler - June 4 ★ 11 years

Stanley & Susan Kramer - June 10 ★ 61 years

Sidney & Sandra Paul - June 22 ★ 71 years

Steve & Eileen Baptista - June 30 ★ 39 years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday and happy anniversary!!

**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Miriam Militeanu</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Mark Singer</i>	<i>Sarah Singer</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Aaron Freedman</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Ruth Koh</i>	<i>Herbert Koh</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Lila Held &amp; Joann Eres</i>	<i>David Kuperstein</i>	<i>Nephew/Cousin</i>
<i>Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Morris Lehman</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Daniel Beck</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Ida Ninberg</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Sol Beckelman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Ruth Stillman</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Harry Aronowitz</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Donald D Tapper</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Isadore Golden</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Murray Kolnick</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Bernard Starkman, David Starkman &amp; Jacqueline Starkman</i>	<i>Madelaine Starkman</i>	<i>Wife, Mother, &amp; Grandmother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Leon Morzinsky</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Liz Herrera</i>	<i>Ines Lamb</i>	<i>Mother</i>

**Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier**

<b>Dear Departed</b>		
<i>Jerome Weiss</i>	<i>Dorothy Branson</i>	<i>Fanny Eison</i>
<i>Louis Kraus</i>	<i>Sydney Fink</i>	<i>Bina Sherman</i>
<i>Marge Weiss</i>	<i>Robert Balma</i>	<i>William Zelinkoff</i>
<i>Fannie Klein</i>	<i>Bea Fuhrman</i>	<i>Molly Pinck</i>
<i>Lena Wasserman</i>	<i>Rose Weitzman</i>	<i>Peter Herman</i>
<i>Ida Lander</i>	<i>Rabbi Morris Moskowitz</i>	<i>Edith Weinberg</i>
	<i>Seymour Weinstein</i>	

*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.*

## June 2023 ★ Sivan - Tamuz 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p Shabbat Service	3 14 Sivan Parashat Naso
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Shabbat Service	10 21 Sivan Parashat Beha'alotecha
11	12	13	14	15 7:00p Board Meeting	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 28 Sivan Parashat Shelach-Lecha Birkat Hachodesh
18	19	20 12:30p Book Club	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 5 Tamuz Parashat Korach
25 12:00p Annual Congregational Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 7:30p Shabbat Service	

### Welcome to Beth Shalom of Whittier

Robert & Sarah Held  
Children: Benjamin, Matthew, Joseph, and Daniel

Oliver Cox

Ryan Wein, son of Klara Wein

Raquel Covarrubias, mother of Revekah Martinez