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Everyone is Welcome

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month we will have the 2nd month of Adar in this Jewish leap year cycle in our calendar and through the lens of it, we look forward to celebrating the always fun holiday of Purim which this year will take place on March 16 with prelude at 7:10 pm and service at 7:15 pm. I will read the Megillah story again as always and have the graggers ready for the unmentionable one's name to be drowned out. We will begin as always with a weekday Maariv evening service. And, Ty and I will sing some of the fun Purim songs to enjoy. I know you will want to tune in or come in person to enjoy this ever-popular holiday and its fun and frolicking celebrations involved. Remember, the *halachah* (Jewish law) of Purim dictates that we should be in a state, so we no longer know the difference between Mordechai and Haman. I hope you will take this dictate to heart and enjoy this festival as it is meant to be enjoyed.

On Shabbat March 25, Rabbi Milhander will again grace our pulpit while I am out of town in New York taking a short break before preparations for Pesah begin in earnest. And, yes, Spring and Pesah are coming a bit later than usual due to the 2nd Adar insertion this year, but coming, nonetheless. We will have spectacular happenings year for Pesah so stay tuned to your April Mishpacha and weeklies for further information!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

February is ending with some rays of hope on the Covid front. Numbers are down, especially among vaccinated people. L.A. County is now saying that if you are vaccinated, you are not required to wear masks indoors in most settings. With this progress, we are cautiously optimistic that we can get back to semi-normalcy in the coming months. It won't happen overnight, but we are working on finding ways to bring our community together safely on a more consistent basis.

To accomplish this, the Board is starting to plan some events that coordinate with our regular services to give back to our members and bring us together for some extra fun. There will be a few opportunities in the coming months that we're really looking forward to.

In April, we're excited for our annual Seder along with the Pesach Service that will be catered by Panache. In addition, in May, there is one Friday night (May 13th) when the Meeting House is not available. It's on that Friday that we plan to host an Italian Pasta (dairy) meal and hold our regular service in the Social Hall, instead. Again, in June, we will be hosting the desert buffet that we had to cancel in January. If you see a pattern here, it's our goal to host a monthly event, which will usually include food of some kind.

We're incredibly excited to put together these events to bring our members together. Stay tuned for details!

Lastly, I did want to let everyone know that occasionally, there will be times when we cannot broadcast our services on Facebook. This includes our service in the Social Hall in May, as well as a few other times in the foreseeable future. In general, though, we will continue our broadcasts as usual. Please remember that if any members would like to come in person but need transportation, just let the office know and we will get you here!

Shalom
Lila

Purim

The events of Purim, we all have learned since our childhood stories one very familiar. However, Purim is derived from the Persian and means "Lots" (a game similar to a raffle). The holiday was given these days (lest we forget) this year as the 14th and 15th of Adar II. These days are 17th and 18th of March. As a result, the 13th day, is a fast day called in Hebrew "Taanis Esther" and commemorates the fasting period imposed upon Jews in Persia by Queen Esther. On that day all Jews in Persia were to be executed according victory Haman. As the story goes on that day Haman and his ten sons were hanged instead.

The Story After queen Vashti was banished, King Ahasuerus the Persian, ruler of Persia and media ordered a contest to select a new queen, Esther was forced by the Kings officers to enter the contest. As instructed by her cousin Mordecai she entered the contest and did not tell anyone that she was Jewish. As an act of G-d, the King chose Esther to be the Persian queen. It proved to be a choice he never regretted, for Esther served him well as a trusted and devoted wife. This was appreciated by the King. Before long the love and admiration that Esther had earned was put to a supreme test.

Esther Test Haman, second to the King, requested the King's permission to kill all the Jews in the kingdom. He was enraged by the Jews, who refused to honor him as a god, and particularly by Mordecai who refused to bow down as Haman passed him every morning through the royal courtyard. Mordecai learned his plans and reported them to Queen Esther. She then prayed and fasted for three days and ordered all the Jews of Persia to do the same. After the praying and fasting she went alone to seek an audience with the King. In this act she took her life into her own hands for it was the Persian law that no one was to appear before the King without his summoning them. The King listened to her and the wicked Haman plan was reversed. Concisely Haman and his ten sons were handed and Mordecai became the Kings prime minister. As a result the Jews were saved and the anti Jews in the kingdom erased.

Everlasting Lesson There is no better proof than "history repeats itself". From the time the Israelites became a Jewish people, many nations have tried to destroy them. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia (now Iraq), Antiochus of Syria, and Hitler of Germany, and various Muslim people, all tried to destroy us and have failed. They had not learned the lessons taught to their predecessor Pharaoh of Egypt. G-d is with the Jews and it is by will that they will not be destroyed. They will live to set a noble example to the world of morality and care for each other and believe in him.

Our Message As Jews the story should give courage. It should assure us that no matter how hopeless a situation may seem and no matter how many Hamans arise in each generation G-d will always remember we Jews remain his chosen people. He will come to their aid in time of need if we turn to him honestly and sincerely.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

P.S. A special thanks to my teachers: Walter Orenstein, Hertz Frankel, and Rabbi Block, whose views are with me as I wrote the above article.

P.P.S. The answers to the Sabbath problems (the February Mishpacha article) promised in this Mishpacha were overtaken by Purim. They will be answered in the May article as April's will be about Pesah.



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Celebrates

PURIM



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

PURIM ORGAN PRELUDE 7:10 PM

SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING 7:15 PM

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST**

**THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL BE IN PERSON AND ALSO
BROADCASTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE AT HOME OR IN THE SANCTUARY
BY DROWNING OUT THAT EVIL PERSON'S NAME DURING THE MEGILLAH STORY**

**JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY
FOR THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY!**

*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER
INVITES YOU TO*



OUR SHABBAT FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER

*HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST*

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

FIRST FRIENDS

13205 PHILADELPHIA STREET
WHITTIER CA 90601-4386

*PESAH PRELUDE AND SERVICE FOR ALL
BEGINS AT 6:25 PM IN THE SANCTUARY*

FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR RESERVED GUESTS

*THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE ONLY WILL ALSO BE STREAMED
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SEDER
PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 5, 2022

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.

March 4-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

March 11-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

March 16-- *Erev Purim* 7:10 pm Prelude, 7:15 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

March 18-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

March 25- 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 and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

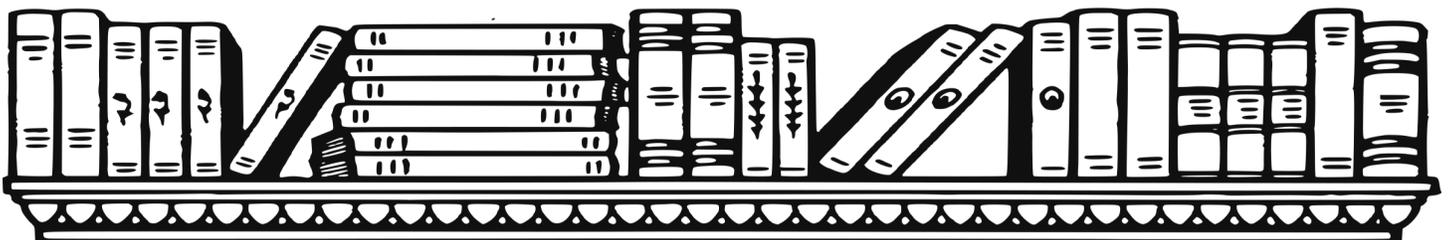


BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Group is Tuesday, March 15th at 12:30 pm.
The book is "Have You Seen Luiz Velez?" By Catherine Ryan Hyde.
We will be continuing to meet on Zoom.

Happy Reading.

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



March

Candle Lighting Times

- March 4 - 5:33
- March 11 - 5:39
- March 18 - 6:44
- March 25 - 6:50



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### This is Our Mishpacha

Our Mishpacha is published monthly, on or near the first of the month.

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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. [bswoffice@verizon.com](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)

## Birthdays

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Sidney Paul        | March 7  |
| Eunice Singer      | March 20 |
| Susan Kramer       | March 21 |
| Cathleen Cavanaugh | March 23 |

## Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday!!

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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 sister, Lea Kolnick - Cold Weather Shelter Fund

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Joel & Diane Chesler	Ethel Chesler	Mother
Michelle Hess	Pauline Morzinsky	Grandmother
	Rose Minnie Morzinsky	Mother
	Esther Friedman	Aunt
	Sarah Schwartz	Aunt
	Diane Graham	Cousin
Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock	Lea Kolnick	Sister
Christel Mergruen	Max Cutler	

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**Observed By***Joseph Grossberg**Miriam Held**Scott Held**Susan Lieberman**Richard Lasher**Michelle Hess**Sandra Paul**Jay Weinschenker***Dear Departed***Rebecca Grossberg**Joseph Held**Joseph Held**Robert Lieberman**Raymond Lipshitz**Sarah Schwartz**Rhea Seagull**Gregory Weinschenker***Relationship***Wife**Husband**Father**Husband**Aunt**Cousin**Cousin***Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier****Dear Departed***Sarah Bernstein**Flora Kuhn**Raymond Brantz**Beatrice Shapiro**Sylvia Kostura**Frank Slonka*

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.

March 2022

Adar I - Adar II 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 7:30p Shabbat Service	5 1 Adar II Parashat Pekudel
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30p Shabbat Service	12 8 Adar II Parashat Vayikra
13	14	15 12:30p Book Club	16 7:15 Purim Service	17 7:00p Board Meeting	18 7:30p Shabbat Service	19 15 Adar II Parashat Tzav
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30p Shabbat Service	26 23 Adar II Parashat Shemini
27	28	29	30	31		



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