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HAZZAN'S NOTES

During this month of March, we will again be celebrating the festival of Purim. As part of this festival, the Talmud tells us that we should lose enough control of ourselves to not be able to tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai.

The blurring of lines and roles between good and evil seem to be at the root of how much fun this holiday can become. Christianity took up this idea and used it for the celebration of Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday which allowed for all types of celebration blurring lines before the Christian world plunged itself into the Lenten period ahead of the Easter celebrations forthcoming. Many other cultures as well take up this notion in various forms as they eschew the labels of good and evil and stop for a moment to bring in only the enjoyment of the moment, *carpe diem*.

From this point forward, we then have a month's journey toward our second pilgrimage festival for the year, Pesah. This time during the Hebrew month of Adar is also supposed to be filled with merriment in many ways including *Shalach Manot* which is gift giving to enjoy this merry period. We, in our own congregation, celebrate this, and enjoy giving the entire congregation a gift from the congregation itself which helps bring us further together in advance of the great celebration of our freedom at Pesah.

May you enjoy the merriment and frivolity of this time and prepare for the ultimate redemption at Pesah!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From Our President

February may be the shortest month but for my family it was one of the busiest. Thank you from Chuck and I for all your good wishes on our 61st anniversary and on his birthday. We ran away for a quick 5 day cruise to Cabo and enjoyed good shows, good food and relaxing.

At Beth Shalom we ended January with a bang. Our Shabbat service on the last day of January was the renowned organist Aryell Cohen playing for us and it was as glorious as expected. To make it even more special, Dave Harris, the architect of the organ came to the service to hear the organ played so expertly and stayed to celebrate his birthday with us.

On February 16th some of us went to the Cantors Concert – Songs of Hope. It was held at Temple Beth Shalom in Long Beach. There were 7 Cantors performing including our own Hazzan Lance Tapper. He sang, You'll Never Walk Alone from Carousel. It is not an understatement to say that he brought down the house. The MC walked back to the podium saying, Wow, wow, wow. I'm hoping we can get a full table together for next year's event.

The Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 23rd was a small but vocal group. We discussed many items of interest including dues, the recent member survey and our facilities at First Friends. The Board will take all that was said into consideration in making future decisions.

Thank you all for continuing to come and support us.
....Lila

Kosher Honey-Lemon Olive Oil Cake



3

eggs

1 1/2 cups plain yogurt (not low-fat)

2/3 cup olive oil

1 cup honey

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 tablespoon (generous) grated lemon zest

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 1/2 cups (12 1/2 oz.) flour

2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

pinch ground nutmeg

Pre-heat oven to 350. Grease a 9" springform pan and line the bottom with parchment paper (Update: one of my readers wrote in to tell me that she made this recipe in muffin tins and they came out great! She got 22 muffins from the batch and baked them for 25 minutes. Thank you Randa!).

In a large bowl whisk eggs lightly. Add yogurt, olive oil, honey, vanilla, lemon zest and juice, whisking till combined. Add remaining ingredients and whisk till just smooth and no lumps remain – do not over whisk.

Pour the batter into the cake pan and bake for 60-70 minutes, until a tester comes out clean (cover with foil if the top is getting too



HAPPY PURIM

Purim Service March 9th, 7:00 pm

Let's all come and have fun.
Help us celebrate Esther and Mordachai and
thoroughly Boo Haman!

Costumes or just Hats would be great to make the evening festive.
See you there!



PURIM (LOTS)

The jolly festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14-15 of Adar (late winter/early spring). This conforms to 10-11 March on our civil calendar. It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to kill and destroy every Jew, young and old, infants, women, in a single day", as recorded in the book of Esther.

The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all Jews there-in were its subjects. When King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) had his wife, Queen Vahti, executed for failing to ask permission to see him, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. Esther (HADDASAH in Hebrew) a Jewish girl, found favor in his eyes and she became the new queen, though she refused to divulge her nationality.

Meanwhile, a Jew hater called Haman was appointed vizier of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Persian Jews and Esther's cousin, defied the king's orders. He refused to bow to Haman which incensed him. Haman convinced the king to issue a decree that ordered the extermination of all Jews on the 13th of Adar. This date was chosen by a lottery held by Haman. It is observed as the Fast of Esther and the Megillah of Esther is read in the synagogue.

Days before the 13th of Adar Mordechai galvanized all the Jews and convinced them to fast, pray and repent to G-d. Meanwhile, Esther asked the King and Haman to join her for a feast. Esther had subsequently revealed to the king her Jewish faith.

In summary: Haman and his sons were hanged on the same scaffold he built for the Jews; Mordechai was appointed vizier (prime minister); and a new decree was issued that granted the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies. With this decree's insurance, the Jews mobilized and killed many of their enemies on the 13th of Adar. On the 14th of Adar they rested and celebrated on the 15th known as Shushan Purim they finished the job in the capital city of SHUSHAN and other ancient walled cities such as Jerusalem and Jaffa.

Purim is one day a Jew must get drunk. (Babylonian Talmud Megillah 7B). When a Jew doesn't know the difference between blessed Mordechai and cursed Haman." (IBID). The lesson taught here is to be joyful of freedom yet on guard against anti-Semitism. In every generation we see this in later day Jew haters like Hitler and Stalin.

*Amen
....Sam Pearlman*

CLERGY SCHEDULE

March 6 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

March 9 — **7:00p Erev Purim** Hazzan Lance

March 13—7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

March 20—7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

March 21 — ***Siddur Kol Shalom:***

9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall/9:45 am Kol Shalom service in the Meeting House (Sanctuary)—Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

March 27 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Watch the Weekly Newsletter for upcoming dates.

*As always, bring a dairy lunch; the hostess will provide drinks and dessert.
If you have any questions, please call either Myra or Michelle.*





March

Candle Lighting Times

March 6 — 5:36

March 13—6:42

March 20—6:47

March 27—6:52



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
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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.
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Birthdays

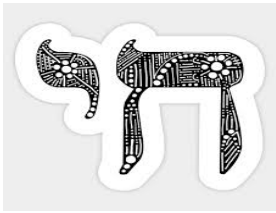
Sidney Paul	March 7
Eunice Singer	March 20
Susan Kramer	March 21
Cathleen Cavanaugh	March 23

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you all
A Happy Birthday!!

Contact the Temple office
to sponsor an Oneg in
honor of a loved one's
birthday or anniversary—\$18.00.

And anytime, any amount donation
is always appreciated.





Donations

Alita Sevin—in memory of Norma Shreiber
 Alita Sevin—Shalach Manot Bags
 Jay Weinschenker—Shalach Manot Bags
 Sid & Sandra Paul—Shalach Manot Bags
 Christel Mergruen—Shalach Manot Bags
 Kara Wein—Shalach Manot Bags

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Charles & Lila Held—Anniversary and Charles’ Birthday
 Sid Paul—90th Birthday
 Jerry & Elaine Jewel—Anniversary
 Dave Harris—Birthday
 Joel & Diane Chesler in memory of mother, Ethel Chesler
 Alita Sevin—Bottles of Wine
 Rita Rubin—Donation
 Evelyn Litwin—Donation
 Evelyn Brunelle—Donation
 Klara Wein—Donation

Yahrzeit Donations

Name

Sidney Paul

Mona Di Natale

Christel Mergruen

Beloved Departed

Harry Paul

Bertha Paul

Evelyn Resnick

Irving Cirulnick

Max Cutler

Relationship

Father

Mother

Sister

Uncle

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit Observances

<i>Dear Departed</i>	<i>Observed By</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
<i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>	<i>Lila & Charles Held</i>	<i>Father of Lila</i>
<i>Henry Brickel</i>		<i>Grandfather of Lila</i>
<i>Seymour Brickel</i>		<i>Uncle of Lila</i>
<i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i>	<i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Mother of Michelle</i>
<i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>		<i>Grandmother of Michelle</i>
<i>Diane Graham</i>		<i>Cousin of Michelle</i>
<i>Sarah Schwartz</i>		<i>Aunt of Michelle</i>
<i>Esther Friedman</i>		<i>Aunt of Michelle</i>
<i>Anna Marks</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Great Aunt</i>
<i>Adele Tapper</i>		<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Gordon Tapper</i>		<i>Uncle</i>
<i>David Moskowitz</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Bella Robins</i>		<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Max Cutler</i>	<i>Christel Mergruen</i>	
<i>Robert Franden</i>	<i>Richard Franden</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Ray Galvin</i>	<i>Steve & Eileen Baptista</i>	<i>Father of Eileen</i>
<i>Fay Goldberg</i>	<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Bobbie Golden</i>	<i>Joel & Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Mother of Joel</i>
<i>Rebecca Grossberg</i>	<i>Joseph Grossberg</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Joseph Held</i>	<i>Scott & Cindy Held</i>	<i>Father of Scott</i>
<i>Robert Herman</i>	<i>Madelon Alpert-Herman</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Ray C. Hilliard</i>	<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Lea Kolnick</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Sister of Jeffrey</i>
<i>Robert Leiberman</i>	<i>Susan Leiberman</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Raymond Lipshitz</i>	<i>Richard Lasher</i>	
<i>Jennie Beckeman</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Arlene Berry</i>	<i>Ann Kanahale</i>	<i>Sister-in-law</i>
<i>Arnold Rose</i>	<i>Sherman & Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Brother of Marilyn</i>
<i>Mary Torren Paul</i>	<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Mother of Sidney</i>
<i>Gregory Weinschenker</i>	<i>Jay Weinschenker</i>	<i>Cousin</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.

Observing this Yahrzeit**Dear Departed**

Dora Abramson
Anna Barnett
Irving Bernard
Bessie Bohrer
Daniel Braidman
Raymond Brantz
Florence Candioly
Abraham Carnow
Arthur Eisen
Etta Eisen
Max Eisen
Ruth Goldenberg
Morris Klein
Israel Kleinberg

Observed By

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Dear Departed

Beatrice Shapiro
Abraham Slater
Frank Slonka
Bertha Snitzer
Dennis Taisch
Herman Udkoff
Bernard Korduner
Sylvia Kostura
Edward Kraus
Milton Kraus
Flora Kuhn
Isidore Pinck
Sally Seltzer
Arthur Unger

What is Shalach Manot?

Purim is fast approaching! Purim mitzvah of *Shalach Manot* is a most enjoyable one to fulfill. The source comes from Megillat Esther, which details how the Jews united under the leadership of Esther and Mordechai to defeat Haman's wicked plot, honor their kinship, and unity. The Jewish people were directed to "send delicacies to one another" (Esther, 9:22). Jews worldwide have continued to perform this mitzvah, and Purim has become a very special day of community and warmth. One that we look forward to every year.

Send your contributions to:

Beth Shalom of Whittier ✧ 6726 Washington Ave ✧ Whittier, CA 90601

Purim – Monday, March 9, 2020

SHALACH MANOT PROJECT

Yes! I would like to make a donation in support of Beth Shalom of Whittier.

Please print your name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Suggested Categories:

\$180 \$90 \$54 \$36 Other \$

Thank You!

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AND TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
BETH SHALOM SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER*



Beth Shalom of Whittier Fundraiser

at

The Original Roadhouse Grill Whittier

on

Wednesday March 25th, 2020

From 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

15156 Whittier Blvd Whittier Ca. 90603

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*Print this flyer and bring it to the
Original Roadhouse Grill Whittier
to support Beth Shalom.*

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HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER OFFICIATING

MARK PETERSON, ACCOMPANIST

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR RESERVED GUESTS

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ADULTS--\$55 EACH PERSON

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November 29 - December 13, 2020

\$4262/person, double occupancy*

*plus tips. Single supplement additional \$1293.
Fully refundable deposit of \$400 due to hold your spot.



**For questions or more information contact:
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March 2020
Adar—Nisan 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 11 Adar Tetzaveh
8	9 7:00p Purim Service	10	11	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 18 Adar Ki Tissa
15	16	17	18	19 7:15p Board of Directors Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 25 Adar Vayakhel-Pekudei Siddur Kol Shalom 9:00a Breakfast 9:45a Service
22	23	24	25 1:00p Sisterhood Meeting Roadhouse Grill Fundraiser *see flyer	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 3 Nisan Vayikra
29	30	31				



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