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HAZZAN'S NOTES

On July 5, I will be telling the stories of the small Mediterranean Jewish communities of Malta, Crete, Albania, etc. I will have just visited on my recent vacation. These communities have flourished for thousands of years and their legacy is one which I hope you will find interesting.

During this summer, we will be preparing for our first High Holyday season for Beth Shalom outside our former building. Most everything, other than the setting, will be the same with a few welcome changes that the First Friends Meeting House (sanctuary) provides us. Among these welcome changes are the ability to have the Torah Readings and other readings by congregants during services back on the bimah with easy access to and from it for these purposes. This will allow all aliyot and readers to be seen easily by the congregation as they come up for their honors. I will still ask that honorees for services come and be seated down front as we have done for the last two years which will allow a better flow to and from the bimah as well.

I hope that you will attend weekly Shabbat services with us this month and imbibe the wonderful summer atmosphere that our interim facility provides for us.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

JULY CLERGY SCHEDULE

July 5 - 7:30 *Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson*

July 12 - 7:30 *Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson*

July 19 - 7:30 *Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson*

July 26 - 7:30 *Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson*



Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
<i>Sandra & Sidney Paul</i>	<i>Sylvia Playberg</i>	<i>Sidney's Sister</i>
<i>Sandra & Sidney Paul</i>	<i>Edith Gottlieb</i>	<i>Sidney's Sister</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Lillian Sandler</i>	<i>Grandmother of Michelle</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Daniel B. Beck, MD</i>	<i>Father of Myra</i>
<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Morris Lehman</i>	<i>Father of Sandra</i>
<i>Bernard Starkman</i>	<i>Madelaine Starkman</i>	<i>Wife of Bernard Starkman</i>

July



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

July 5 - 7:49

July 12 - 7:47

July 19 - 7:44

July 26 - 7:40

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 those 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.

This is Our Mishpacha - Angela Borunda

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From Our President

This has been an interesting and busy month. Thanks to Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson our Shavuot service was beautiful and inspirational. We had a very good turnout and afterwards a great one with delicious cheesecake was enjoyed by all!

This is a good segway to thanking the ladies who help provide the onegs for Shabbos and holidays. They do a wonderful job but are in great need of help. If you can help at all please let us know. Any and all help would be appreciated.

Erica has been training with Angela. We are very happy to have Erica but sad to lose Angela. Angela and her family have had a long association with Beth Shalom. Her husband Ed has been one of our security guards for over 25 years and Angela and her daughter ran the bingo kitchen at one time. We wish Angela & Ed the best in their new home in Nevada. Ed will continue to provide security for us and Angela has promised to come back with him and visit when she can.

Shmuel Gonzales conducted the Friday night service for us on June 21st. It was good to see him again and he said that after having had a hard week, being here among “family” was just what he needed. For any of you that are not aware of this, he is living in E.L.A. now and has a business there as a Jewish Historian and tour guide.

Rabbi Kenneth Milhander conducted our Shabbot services on June 28th. He brought his guitar and it was an extremely enjoyable and inspirational service. The feedback from everyone was excellent and we expect to be seeing more of him at times when Hazzan Lance is not scheduled to be on the bimah.

Happy July 4th. Have fun and be safe.

....Lila



Shabbat Candles

The lighting of Shabbat candles is a mitzvah that was implemented to bring light and a peaceful atmosphere to a holy day of rest. With its own way, every mitzvah brings light into the world. A light that is seen and appreciated by our people.

Sarah, was the first woman to light Shabbat candles which traditionally became a woman's mitzvah. Our girls began lighting these candles as soon as they could recite the blessing. This is usually by the age of four years old. When in a man's world without a woman, a man should light the candles.

The Shabbath candles are lit at least 18 minutes before sunset with two or more candles. This lighting is accompanied by blessings. Most Jewish calendars contain these lighting times for principal cities. If in doubt, find the time for sunset in the local newspaper and subtract 18 minutes. A translation for the Shabbat blessing follows: BARUCH ATAH ADONAI ELOHENU MELECH HA-OLAM, ASHER KIDSHANU B'MITZVOTAV V'TZIVANU L'HADLIK NER SHEL SHABBAT. "Blessed are you lord our G-d King of the universe, who has made us holy by giving us his commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Shabbath lights".

The lighting in many Jewish homes takes place near the Shabbat dinner table. Some money is placed in a charity box before the lighting.

Until marriage, women and girls light one candle. Post marriage, women light two candles. In some homes an additional candle for each child is lit. For example, a wife with three children lights five candles. Young girls light before their mother. Everyone lighting their candle extends their hands and draws them in a circular motion toward themselves covering their eyes and saying the blessing.

This is an auspicious time for private prayer. While their eyes are covered, take a moment to pray for whatever you heart desires. Once a woman recites the blessing she has ushered in the Shabbath. The candles and candlesticks may not be removed until the conclusion of Shabbat, when three stars or equivalent are observed in the sky. Electric bulbs can be used as Shabbat candles when necessary, such as a hospital.

CHANA WEISBERG

"Days of Rest" and

....Sam Pearlman

Suggestion Box



“What can I do to be involved?” This is a good question. There are many ways to be involved at Beth Shalom. First, of course, is to attend Friday night Services. Services in the First friends Meeting Hall, our Sanctuary, have been enriching. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one yet, please do. It is a calming and serene environment and Hazzan Lance Tapper conducts meaningful and involving services. There are two At Large positions on the Board of Directors open. Our President, Lila Held, appoints these positions but if you think you might be interested, please talk to her. There are also committees that can always use more members. Two in particular can be fun as well as beneficial...Adult Education, and Ways & Means. As Michelle Hess said at the Congregational Meeting, every woman at Beth Shalom is automatically a member of Sisterhood. We encourage all women to attend our monthly meetings and help plan activities and events. The ‘Sisterhood is Powerful’ article each month will give more information on what it means to be a member of the Sisterhood.

For information on Board Membership, Sisterhood or to volunteer for a Committee, either call the Beth Shalom Office (562-941-8744) or send email to whittiersynagogue@aol.com And please continue to submit your questions, opinions and concerns.

....Alita Sevin



1. Honesty and Transparency

For our Sisterhood to Survive we need to be resilient, we need to have strength, we need to stick together, and we need to support each other through honesty and transparency.

We have heard the expression “honesty is the best policy” since we were little children. Being honest and transparent helps to build trust and improves relationships.

Always act with integrity be compassionate, be friendly, and be loyal. Make sure that you always do the right thing and treat everyone equally and treat everyone well.

The foundation of any Sisterhood is built on transparent and honest conversations. We need to be able to share our opinions in a safe and open forum. In that light, please let us know how we can improve. Share with us programs and events you would like to see us sponsor. Become involved and volunteer to help. And always remember that every woman in our congregation is a member of Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood meeting at 1:00pm on Wednesday, July 24th, in the conference room at Friends. Our meetings are always on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

B'Shalom,

Michelle Hess

..... The Sisterhood

The Sisterhood would like to send a special

“THANK YOU”

To David Starkman for his generous contribution to Sisterhood.

Oneg Donations

Joel & Diane Chesler . Abdon & Lenore Barembaum

Marl Singer . Alita Sevin . Sidney & Sandra Paul

Thank You, For your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats for June!!

~~~Oneg Donations~~~

Please note: It was decided and voted that the Oneg Donations for Birthdays and Anniversaries be increased to **\$18.00**. Thank you for your understanding and support...

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

*Beth Shalom's Book Club will not be meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 12:30 at Myra's house. We will be reading and discussing "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. As always, bring a dairy lunch; the hostess will provide drinks and dessert. If you have any questions, please call either Myra or Michelle.*

*Our next Book Group meeting will be announced at a later date.*

# Thank you

***To All Who Support Our Temple***



## **July Yahrzeit Observances**

| <b>Dear Departed</b>       | <b>Observed By</b>                     | <b>Relationship</b>                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Harry Aronowitz</i>     | <i>Susan Lieberman</i>                 | <i>Uncle</i>                        |
| <i>Morris Beckelman</i>    | <i>Myra Becker</i>                     | <i>Grandfather</i>                  |
| <i>Sol Beckelman</i>       | <i>Myra Beecker</i>                    | <i>Uncle</i>                        |
| <i>Abraham Chesler</i>     | <i>Joel &amp; Diane Chesler</i>        | <i>Father of Joel</i>               |
| <i>Leah Esterson</i>       | <i>Marilyn &amp; Sherman Esterson</i>  | <i>Mother of Sherman</i>            |
| <i>Ida Forman Lander</i>   | <i>Jordan Pollack</i>                  | <i>Mother-in-Law of Jordan</i>      |
| <i>Teresa Friedman</i>     | <i>Merv Friedman</i>                   | <i>Mother</i>                       |
| <i>Morey Gnessin</i>       | <i>Robert &amp; Rita Rubin</i>         | <i>Brother of Rita</i>              |
| <i>Anne Gross</i>          | <i>Pauline &amp; Harris Kuhn</i>       | <i>Mother of Pauline</i>            |
| <i>Ines C. Lamb</i>        | <i>Alberto &amp; Liz Herrera</i>       | <i>Mother of Liz</i>                |
| <i>Dorothy Leibowitz</i>   | <i>Norma Shreiber</i>                  | <i>Mother of Norma</i>              |
| <i>Leah Margolis</i>       | <i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>                | <i>Grandmother of Maxine</i>        |
| <i>Leon Morzinsky</i>      | <i>Richard &amp; Michelle Hess</i>     | <i>Father of Michelle</i>           |
| <i>Ida Ninberg</i>         | <i>Myra Becker</i>                     | <i>Aunt of Myra</i>                 |
| <i>Irving Ninberg</i>      | <i>Myra Becker</i>                     | <i>Uncle of Myra</i>                |
| <i>Jean Pollack</i>        | <i>Jordan Pollack</i>                  | <i>Mother of Jordan</i>             |
| <i>Alan Schneiderman</i>   | <i>Loren &amp; Robert Schneiderman</i> | <i>Father of Loren &amp; Robert</i> |
| <i>Shirley Singer</i>      | <i>Mark and Maggie Sinder</i>          | <i>Mother of Mark</i>               |
| <i>Benjamin Steinhauer</i> | <i>Richard &amp; Michelle Hess</i>     | <i>Uncle of Michelle</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**


*Bea Fuhrman*  
*Louis H. Green*  
*Peter Herman*  
*Frank Herzo*  
*Fannie Klein*  
*Ida Forman Lander*  
*Sarah Litt*  
*Abraham G. Marovitz*  
*Rabbi Morris Moskowitz*  
*Molly Pinck*  
*Lena Wasserman*  
*Edith Weinbergh*  
*Seymour Weinstein*  
*Rose Biegel Weitzman*  
*William Zelinkoff*

**Observed By**

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# CELEBRATIONS

## July Birthdays

|                         |                                                                                   |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Lynda Bruce</i>      |  | 7/2  |
| <i>Hope Greenwood</i>   |                                                                                   | 7/9  |
| <i>Barbara Lebovitz</i> |                                                                                   | 7/9  |
| <i>Lila Held</i>        |                                                                                   | 7/10 |
| <i>Joseph Lebovitz</i>  |                                                                                   | 7/16 |
| <i>Howard Brokfield</i> |                                                                                   | 7/28 |

## July Anniversaries

*Mark & Maggie Singer*      7/24      30th Anniversary



*Beth Shalom of Whittier*

*Wishes you all*

*Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary*



Donations are greatly appreciated!



Remember our new temporary office address at First Friends


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# July 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed                                         | Thu                                                                                | Fri                                                                    | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     | 1   | 2   | 3                                           |  | 5<br>Kabbalat Shabbat Service:<br>7:30 Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson  | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                                          | 11                                                                                 | 12<br>Kabbalat Shabbat Service:<br>7:30-Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                                          | 18<br>Board Meeting<br>7:00 p.m.                                                   | 19<br>Kabbalat Shabbat Service:<br>7:30-Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Sisterhood Board Meeting<br>1:00 p.m. | 25                                                                                 | 26<br>Kabbalat Shabbat Service:<br>7:30-Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31                                          |                                                                                    |                                                                        |     |

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