# Beth Shalom of Whittier

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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes

Dear Friends,



In September we begin the climb up the "holy mountain" in earnest toward our High Holyday season (Yamim Noraim). We increase our introspection and fervor toward these days with each day this month.

At the end of the month, we will have our annual Selihot preparation toward these auspicious days in October. This year we will have the

most incredible Selihot observance our congregation has ever had.

First, we will have cheese, fruit, and desert, September 28, beginning at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Then, in the Meeting House (Sanctuary) beginning at 7:25 pm with the prelude and then 7:30 pm for the service we will recite our beautiful Selihot liturgy from our specially prepared booklets for our congregation. Accompanying me this year will be a specially augmented group of our Beth Shalom Singers for this service and the famed Aryell Cohen playing and conducting all of us in this amazing choral transcendent service—one you have not heard the likes of before!

Please see the details in our flyer here in this Mishpacha and join us for this most rousing start to our High Holyday season this year!

Hazzan Lance H. Japper, Hon DMus

## **From our President**

Hello Everyone,

This has been a busy month with setting things up for this new fiscal year. Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships and updated your information. I know it may seem like just one more piece of paperwork but it really is important for the smooth running of the synagogue.

There will be a lot of High Holiday preparation going on behind the scenes in September. If you are interested in High Holiday Honors, please call or email the office. Michelle and I will be calling around as well. We really enjoy having a lot of participation at High Holidays.

I just returned from a Held family reunion in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were about 80-100 relatives there at a lovely park with a lake and waterfall. Seven of us went from here and it was great fun. I brought with me, 4 grandchildren, my daughter and her fiancé. Hopefully, we didn't scare him away! My late husband was the oldest of 12 children. The weather was very good to us and we had a great time.

September 28<sup>th</sup> will bring us to Selihot. We will have our usual special desserts before the service that night as well as cheese and fruit. Aryell will be playing the organ for us as Hazzan Lance leads the service and the choir will be singing. It will be a very special night as we usher in the High Holiday season. I hope to see a good turnout as it is a Saturday night.

Shalom,

Lila

	<b>Donations</b>					
Delaine Shane - in memory of Kent Mannis & Morton Shane Ann Kanahele – Book of Remembrance						
Yahrzeit Donations						
<u>Remembered by</u>	<b>Beloved Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>				
Dorothy Wiener	Leonard Wiener	Husband				
Marilyn Esterson	Leah Esterson	Mother of Sherman				

#### **High Holiday Greetings**

Publish a High Holiday greeting to your Beth Shalom of Whittier family and friends. Email the office at bswoffice@verizon.net with the wording and greeting of your choice made from below. Please mail a check in the amount of \$18.00 to the Temple office at 6762 Washington Ave, Whittier, CA 90601. Your greeting will be designed and appear in the October Mishpacha, just in time for Rosh Hashanah.

- A. Rosh Hashanah Greetings From Your Name Here.
- B. Rosh Hashanah Greetings From Your Name and Family Name Here
- C. Rosh Hashanah Greetings Have a sweet New Year! Your Name Here
- D. Rosh Hashanah Greetings To all at Beth Shalom From Your Name Here and Family

#### Rosh Hashonah

<u>Significance of Rosh Hashonah</u> To the Jewish people the new year means that we look back through the past year. We try to determine how well we have lived up to the Torah way of life. We take an inventory. How many Mitzvos have we fulfilled? How much charity have we given. How often have we acted wrongly to others. We must make a thorough self-examination. We must detect our mistakes.

Again we find the answer by the process of inventory. Just as we plan our coming year to not make past mistakes, so our Jews make a resolution to improve our way in accordance with the ideal of Torah.

Rosh Hashonah is the day of judgement. On this day all of humanity must give an account of its deeds in the past year, to G-D. If they have been good to others and have lived a life of honesty and kindness, they are more certain of being inscribed for a good year.

On Rosh Hashonah Jews all over the world assemble in synagogues to ask forgiveness from G-d. They repent for their sins and honestly resolve to improve their conduct in the coming year. To ensure a good year, there must be three actions on our part: repentance, prayer, and clarity. We must repent of our sins in sincere prayer to G-Dand promise that in the coming year we will improve in our fulfillment of Mitzvos. We must show our sincerity by acting justly toward others for we are all children of G-D and we all deserve to share in the blessings He has granted.

<u>Other Names</u> Rosh Hashonah occurs on the first and second days of the Hebrew month of "Tishrei". As its name implies, it is the beginning of the year. Although it lasts fro two days, it is considered as one long day. It is also known by the following names: Yom Hazikoron" the day of remembrance: "Yom Teruah", the day of sounding, and "Yo Ha'din", the day of judgement.

<u>Yom Hazikoron</u> On this day G-D remembers the deeds performed by every human being during the past year. In turn, every Jew asks G-D to have mercy and to consider their good deeds and the good deeds of their forefathers.

<u>Yom Truoh</u> This name refers to the sounding of the Shofar. When we hear it we become aware that we should repent. The sound recalls to us Abraham and the sacrifice of his son Isaac. It brings to mind the relation of the Torah to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. In essence, it is a call to duty of all Jews to fulfill their duty to G-D, to Torah, and to Israel.

<u>Yom Ha'Din</u> The day of judgement upon which the future of all human is decided. This judgement by G-D is based upon the following: the individuals action during the past year and their resolution to improve their ways in the coming year.

<u>Slichos</u> On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashonah we begin to recite prayers of penitence; they are called in Hebrew "Slichos". The first Slichos service begins after midnight. It is recited every morning until Rosh Hashonah. If the holiday begins on a Monday or Tuesday, the services begin on Saturday night a week earlier.

<u>Custom of Tashlich</u> On the fist day of Rosh Hashonah, late in the afternoon, it is customary to stand near a flowing river or stream and recite a special prayer to G-D asking forgiveness. We ask G-D to cleanse us of our sins and cast them like bread crumbs into the water. For we regret them and resolve not to sin in the future. This prayer is called in Hebrew, "Tashlich" which means casting away.

Good Yom Hoa,

Sam Pearlman

# BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR



# A BEAUTIFULLY HAUNTING SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR THE HIGH HOLYDAY SEASON

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

at

First Friends 13205 Philadelphia St., Whittier, CA 90601

Cheese, Fruit, and dessert in the Fellowship Hall-6:45 PM

Prelude in the Sanctuary at 7:25 pm Service Begins at 7:30 pm

### **OFFICIATING:**

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader The Beth Shalom Singers Aryell Cohen, Organist/Choir Master

> The prelude and service will be simultaneously broadcast on our Facebook Page: Beth Shalom of Whittier

## **Clergy Schedule**

**Current policy for Beth Shalom Services:** We are open as usual to members, former members and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors. Any major events will require pre-registration and/or tickets. We will continue to have security guards on the premises and reserve the right to inspect any bags or purses. All others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier.** 

September 6--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

September 13--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

September 20--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

September 27--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

September 28--Selihot--6:45 Cheese, Fruit, and Dessert; 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Choral Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Aryell Cohen--Organist/Choir Master

#### 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 <u>www.facebook.com</u> and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

## Candle Lighting Times

September 6 - 6:54 September 13 - 6:44 September 20 - 6:34 September 27 - 6:24





#### Beth Shalom of Whittier Birthdays

- Joann Eres Jayson Gallegos Benjamin Held
- September 2 September 22 September 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 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

## **Tribute Cards**

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

Yahrzeit						
Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship				
Steve Baptista	Grace Galvin	Mother-in-Law				
Russ Shane	Norma Aaron Lader	Grandmother				
Kathleen King	Gilbert Gaal	Father				
Jay Weinschenker	Irving Weinschenker	Father				
Michelle Hess	George Friedman	Uncle				
	Florence Morzinsky	Aunt				
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Phil Goldberg	Father				
Revekah Martinez and Raquel Covarrubias	Caleb Kane F. Mora Martinez	Son				
Susan Lieberman	Yetta Aronowitz	Grandmother				
	William London	Brother-in-Law				
Mona Di Natale	Max Lifschitz	Grandfather				
Miriam Brookfield	Max Bruchfeld	Grandfather-in-Law				
	Rosa Bruchfeld	Grandmother-in-Law				
Anita Horowitz	Samuel Altman	Father				
	Mary Altman	Mother				
Dan Franden	Samuel Randall					
Rachelle Fragola	Bella Douglas Zucker	Mother				
Don Emas	Melvin Emas	Father				
Shirley Malin	Eleanor Chain	Aunt				
Dorothy A. Wiener	Paul Wiener	Father-in-Law				
Ande Mass	Andrea Diedrichs	Sister				

#### Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

	Dear Departed		
Paul Goldenberg	Samuel Cohen	Lawrence Roseman	
David Bohrer	Mathis Fisher Abraham Levin		
Harris Fisher	Jack Sherman Max Higer		
Benjamin Klugman	Irving Bix	llona Meszoly	
Bert Yank Levy	Morris Sheinman Shirley Kenwood		
Jacob Lerman	Mildred Weiss	Mildred Weiss Albert Berenston	
Jean Brantz	Maxine Berkowitz		

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.

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

On Tuesday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m. we will be reading "The Women".

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE MEETING AT A NEW TIME.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.

If you have any questions, please call either Michelle or Myra.

Happy Reading Everyone.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 4 Elul Parashat Shoftim
8	9	10	11	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 11 Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei
15	16	17 11:00a Book Club	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 18 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 25 Elul Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech 6:45p Selihot Reception 7:25p Prelude 7:30p Selihot Service
29	30					