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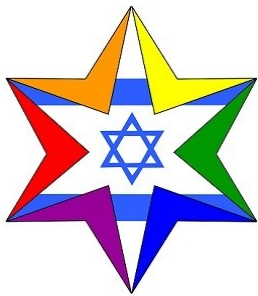
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Everyone is Welcome

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As Spring has come and many of us are or will be getting vaccinated, we feel that we are slowly coming out of our quarantine to a new world. It has now been over a year since we left all we knew to be set at home for such a long period. Soon, we hope, we may all see each other again for services and other wonderful events.

On April 2 and 3, we will conclude our celebration of Pesah this year with a Shabbat Pesah evening service and a Shabbat Morning Pesah Yizkor service in tribute to those we miss at this time of the year. Please consult our Pesah flyer for times of these services. We know you will want to attend!

On Sunday, April 25, I will teach a class on zoom about the differences between the Exodus and Deuteronomy Ten Commandments and the historical context each fits in. This is quite interesting, especially during Sefirah in preparation for Shavuot where we read the 10 Commandments and celebrate their birth. Please check the flyer contained in this Mishpacha and call or email the office with your request for the zoom link so you can enjoy learning these similarities and differences in texts. I hope to be able to give a very clear picture of what was happening with our people at each writing and how we received these commandments in each of the generations involved in receiving them.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

Good Pesach to all. Our Passover service and livestream seder were great. They were inspirational as always and of course Hazzan's voice as he sang the prayers was beautiful and awe inspiring. I know many people were able to have at least small gatherings for seders as more and more of us are fully vaccinated. I hope it was a happy holiday for all.

The light at the end of the tunnel is definitely brighter, but please, keep up the CDC recommendations for wearing masks and social distancing. We don't want to blow it now! We are too close to the end to take unnecessary chances that might put the finish line further away.

As we have said before, we are following our religious guidelines to preserve life and health and therefore are not going to rush being back together no matter how much we might emotionally want to do that. I have been coordinating with First Friends and we agree that our best guess at this time is that mid to late summer looks likely for meeting in person again. Hopefully, that will put us back together in some form for the High Holidays. There most likely will still be some restrictions but we will not know what they are until much closer to that time. Rest assured that we are watching the situation closely and developing several possible scenarios. Our intentions are to continue with our livestreaming for people who cannot come in person or do not feel safe coming into the building, for the foreseeable future.

Shalom,
Lila

Beth Shalom of Whittier
Erev Pesach and First Seder Service via Facebook
March 27, 2021





Shavuot First Day

The festival of Shavuot occurs in the year 5781 (2021) on the sixth and seventh days of Sivan. The translation of Shavuot is the word weeks. The holiday is celebrated at the end of seven full weeks of counting the Omer from the second day of Passover.

“Shavuot” is also known by three other names: 1) “Z’man Matan” - The Time of Giving our Torah, 2) “Chag Ha Katzir” - The Holiday of Reaping’ and 3) “Chag Habikurim” - The Holiday of First Fruits. Since “Shavuot” is a harvest festival it is customary to decorate the home and synagogue with tree branches, fruits and flowers. Eating dairy products rather than meat for the main meal is also a popular custom on the holiday. A dairy verse in the Song of Songs by Solomon also linked the Torah to milk and honey.

Counting the “Omer” An omer (half-gallon) of barley-the first to ripen of the grain sown in winter-was solemnly cut in the field, and the yield of this sheaf was brought to the sanctuary as a token of gratitude to the lord of the harvest. We solemnly count the 49 days between the first Day of Passover and the eve of Shavuot, the anniversary of the giving of our Torah. In essence we count the days from the anniversary of our departure from Egypt till the festival of Shavuot (the giving of the Torah). The entire Omer Season is a period of semi-mourning as the seven weeks in later centuries are filled with sad memories to Israel. These include: 1) Pestilence that caused the deaths of thousands of Rabbi Akiva’s followers, 2) Massacres by crusaders in the year 1096.

During the month of Iyar, Jews abstain from weddings and rejoicing—except on the 18th of Iyar which is the 22 day of omer (hag b’omer), when there was a cessation of the above plague in Akiva’s. The actual counting of the omer is done towards the close of the Evening Service. Each Jew is to count for themselves, even after the omer offering could no longer be brought to the Temple.

The story of Shavuot will continue in the May edition of the Mishpacha.

Sam Pearlman



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INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

PESAH

WITH US THIS YEAR



VIRTUALLY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

EREV PESAH AND FIRST SEDER SERVICES

Saturday, March 27—Pesah Organ Prelude @5:37 pm, Service and Seder @5:45 pm

SHABBAT 7th DAY PESAH AND YIZKOR SERVICES

EREV—Friday, April 2—Lewandowski Pesah Organ Prelude @7:23 pm, Service @7:30 pm

YIZKOR—Saturday, April 3—Pesah Organ Prelude @9:23 am, Service@9:30 am

HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, OFFICIATING
MARK PETERSON, ACCOMPANIST

THE EVENINGS AND MORNING PESAH MAHZORIM
WILL BE UPLOADED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
THE WEEK OF EREV PESAH

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

PRESENTS A CLASS TAUGHT BY

HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, SPIRITUAL LEADER

ON



THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXODUS AND DEUTERONOMY VERSIONS OF THE **TEN COMMANDMENTS**

on Sunday April 25 at 10:00 am. by Zoom

Please RSVP to our Temple office by email at: bswoffice@verizon.net or by phone at 562-941-8744 NO LATER than Tuesday, April 20 to receive the Zoom link for the class.

We know you will enjoy this intellectually stimulating discussion about one of the most important pieces of legal literature in our tradition.

Clergy Schedule

Note: All Beth Shalom services at this time will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page.

April 2-- *Erev 7th Day Pesah* -- 7:23 pm -- Lewandowski Pesah Organ Prelude, Service --7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 3-- *Pesah Yizkor* -- 9:23 am -- Pesah Organ Prelude, Service--9:30 am -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 9-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 16-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 23-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 30-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

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

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 13th, at 12:30 pm.
The book is "A Bend in the Stars" by Rachel Barenbaum.

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 5 —5:35

March 12—5:41

March 19—6:46

March 26—6:51



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**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.

# Birthdays

- Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle April 6
- Eileen Baptista April 11
- Ann Kanahela April 14
- Bernard Starkman April 17
- Michelle Hess April 30

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday!!

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Donations

Evelyn Litwin - in memory of Marilyn Near

Revekah Martinez - Pesach Services

Elias Telles

Shirley Malin

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Joel and Diane Chesler	Ethel Chesler	Mother of Joel
Mona Di Natale	Sam Shinder	Father
	Lena Shinder	Mother
Michelle Hess	Jacob Sandler	Grandfather
	Edward Sandler	Uncle
Sidney & Sandra Paul	Rhea B. Seagull	Cousin
	Mary Paul	
	Theodore High	
Jay Weinschenker	Gregory Weinschenker	Cousin

Tribute Cards

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

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed

Charles Henry Appleman

Mike Bromberg

Sally Dim

Theodore Jesilow

Sol Lance Kain

Morton Kramer

Anna Lieberman

William Lieberman

Aaron Marovitz

Miriam Novak

Mary Pinck

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Dear Departed

Bessie Prog

Joseph Ross

Rose Roy

Rebecca Sandow

Abraham Sarkin

Miriam Schneiderman

Isaac Sherman

Jeanette Slater

Maurice Storm

Alice Unger

<i>Observed By</i>	<i>Dear Departed</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
<i>Abdon & Lenore Barembaum</i>	<i>Moishe Barembaum</i>	<i>Father of Abdon</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Martin Becker</i>	<i>Ex-Husband</i>
<i>Ann Kanahale</i>	<i>J. Wesley Berry</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Charles & Lila Held</i>	<i>Julius Bromberg</i>	
	<i>Sally Held</i>	
<i>Joel & Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Ida Freedman</i>	<i>Grandmother of Joel</i>
<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Abe Goldberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Betty Goldberg</i>	<i>Step-Mother</i>
<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Rebecca Goldberg</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Richard Hess</i>	<i>Husband</i>
	<i>Edward Sandler</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Martha Steinhauer</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Anita Horowitz</i>	<i>Jacob Horowitz</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Paul Jaffe</i>	<i>Miriam Jaffe</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Robert Klein</i>	<i>Sam Klein</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Lehman Ann</i>	<i>Mother of Sandra</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Jack Lieberman</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
	<i>Mina Lieberman</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Barry Neville</i>	<i>Bonnie Neville</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Marty Norton</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>David Rosen</i>	<i>Lena Nuckowitz</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Samuel Pearlman</i>	<i>Rachel Pearlman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Richard Franden</i>	<i>Betty R. Randall</i>	
<i>Sherman & Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Benjamin Rose</i>	<i>Father of Marilyn</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Lena Shinder</i>	<i>Mother</i>
	<i>Sam Shinder</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>David E. & Myra Weiss</i>	<i>Harold Weiss</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Beth Shalom of Whittier</i>	<i>Evette Pollack</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.

April 2021
Nisan–Iyar 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Erev 7th Day Pesah 7:30p Shabbat Service	3 21 Nisan 7th Day Pesah 9:30a Pesah Yizkor Service
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Shabbat Service	10 28 Nisan Parashat Shemini
11	12	13 12:30p Book Club	14	15 7:00p Board of Director's Meeting	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 5 Iyar Parashat Tazria-Metzora
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 12 Iyar Parashat Ahare-Kedoshim
25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30p Shabbat Service	



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