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HAZZAN'S NOTES

This month of May we continue to count the Omer in preparation for Shavuot at the end of the month. I know many of us are counting the days as well toward being able to see family and friends in person again and enjoying time outside of our houses in a more relaxed and frequent fashion. The Omer counting is a good way to keep track of the preparation time for both events that are in the offing.

We will celebrate Shavuot on Friday, May 29 with a morning Yizkor service and the recitation of the 10 Commandments which have set the stage for all Jewish law that came after.

We hope, as with all our services under this COVID-19 protocol, that you will tune into us on our Facebook page for the live stream of this festival service as well as our continued weekly Shabbat evening services. Mark Peterson and I continually work diligently to provide you services that fulfill our community's needs in this broadcast fashion. We hope that you continue to glean spiritual fulfillment from them.

Finally, I ask you to continue to post greetings on our live stream chat area for each service and take note of those who are new to our broadcasts so we may contact them after the festival or Shabbat to keep in our contact list. Though these broadcasts came out of necessity, not choice, they have become one of our most successful outreach events and we will be capitalizing on these as this pandemic eases. More to come on this.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From our President

Dear Friends,

I hope the month of May finds you all safe and in good health. All of us on the Board are making phone calls to periodically touch base with our congregants and check on their welfare. Please don't hesitate to call the office or one of us if you are in need of anything and that certainly includes hearing a friendly voice and having someone to talk to for a few minutes.

I hope you were able to have Virtual Seders. I saw some really creative seder plates with drawings or replicas of the usual items that would be on the plates. Our streaming of Hazzan Lance's seder at home and the two regular Passover services went very well and were well attended (virtually of course). It is fun to send and receive comments from people who are tuning in and great to see some people who haven't been here in person for a long time. Please tell anyone you know who might be interested that all are welcome to tune in.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you who are mothers, grand and great grand-mothers. Let us know what creative ways you find to celebrate this year.

Our graduates won't have the usual graduation experience this year. If you will send us their names and what grade they are graduating from or what degree they achieved, we would love to acknowledge them in the June Mishpacha.

Stay safe and well.

....Lila

Israeli Salad



This would be a good side dish for a Lag B'Omer picnic (May 11-12) or to cool down any hot summer day.

INGREDIENTS

2 Kirby or 3 Persian cucumbers, diced
 1 red bell pepper, seeded, veins removed, diced
 10 grape tomatoes, quartered, or 1 beefsteak tomato, diced
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 teaspoon dried parsley or 1 tablespoon fresh minced parsley
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 Fresh cilantro, [za'atar spice blend](#) or additional parsley, for garnish (optional)

PREPARATION

1. Combine cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes, lemon juice, oil, parsley, salt and pepper in medium-sized bowl and mix well.
2. Chill for 1 hour.
3. Just before serving, garnish salad with fresh cilantro or parsley, if desired.

Celebrate Shavuot with your Beth Shalom Family and Friends:

(Note: As with all Beth Shalom services at this time, the below services will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page)

We will celebrate Shavuot on Friday, May 29, 9:30 am, with a Yizkor service followed by the recitation of the 10 Commandments which have set the stage for all Jewish law that came after.



Shavuot

The second of our three agricultural festivals is Shavuot. It is the festival of the wheat-harvest, known as the Feast of Weeks. It is celebrated on the sixth and seventh of the month of Sivan (May 29 and 30), seven weeks after the first day of Pesach' it is also know by the name Pentecost (50th day of Omer). In our tradition it connects with the covenant on Mount Sinai, the "Season of the Giving of our Torah".

First Day of Shavuot Think of Pesah as a birth, Shavuot as a marriage, and the Revelation at Sinai as a wedding between heaven and earth. On the first night of Shavuot a number of Jews stay up until dawn and study Torah. This session is called the Tikun Leil Shavuot (repair of Shavuot eve). In a most meaning way Shavuot, the harvest of the first fruits, celebrates the union of sky and earth. As Rabbi Bloch's grandfather said to me years ago "Son it is like the Torah falling to earth to make our ethical and religious reasoning's fertile for another year.

The Feast of Weeks has no distinctive ceremony. We decorate the synagogue and our homes with flowers and greens to bring new fertility and creativity into our lives.

Second Day of Shavuot "Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke, for the Devine had come down on in fire, the smoke rose like the smoke of a kiln and the whole mountain trembled violently. The blare of the horn grew louder and louder. As Moses spoke, the divine answered him in thunder lit with a voice." - Exodus 19:18-19

In the Babylonian Talmud (Sotah 12a), today, the second day of Shavuot, is also the day that Moses' was conceived. Concisely, the Torah and the human heart are like flour and yeast, combined to make spiritual sustenance. The special Book of Service for this purpose is know as Tikkun hey! Shavos.

The spiritual readings follow: 1st Day, Exodus 19 and 20' Haftorah, Ezekiel 1.
2nd Day, Deuteronomy 15, 19-16, 16; Haftorah, Habakuk 8.
And each day, Numbers 28, 26-31 from a second Safer.

Ruth On the Second Day, The Book of Ruth is read. It is the story of a woman who forsaking idolatry, enters the covenant of Sinai, and joins the Household of Israel. We have here the love for her mother-in-law, Naomi. She gathers grain to feed Naomi and meets Boaz the landowner. He admires her courage. They fall in love and marry. They also become the ancestors, as great grandparents of King David.

....*Sam Pearlman*

CLERGY SCHEDULE

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

May 1—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 8—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 15—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 22—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 29—**9:30 am Shavuot Yizkor service** Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 29—7:30 pm Shabbat Evening service 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

*The book club will be meeting via Zoom till further notice.
We are reading "Song of the Jade Lily" by Kirsty Manning.
Anyone and everyone is invited to join us on Zoom.
Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 12:30.
Please call me for Zoom invite.*

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





May

Candle Lighting Times

May 1 —7:19

May 8—7:25

May 15—7:30

May 22—7:35

May 29—7:40



This is Our Mishpacha

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

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to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline
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Printed copies are also available in our lobby.
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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.
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Birthdays

Myra Becker	May 5
Alberto Herrera	May 8
Maxine Berkowitz	May 9
Maggie Singer	May 10
Lenore Barembaum	May 11
Steve Baptista	May 20
Irving Bartikofsky	May 25
Susan Rubin	May 25

Anniversaries

Mark & Lori Gibson—May 26, 24 years
Robert & Rita Rubin—May 30, 52 years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you all
a Happy Birthday and
a Happy Anniversary!!



Donations

Arlene Norton
Susan Rubin

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Lena Shinder</i>	<i>Mother</i>
	<i>Sam Shinder</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Edward Sandler</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Jacob Sandler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Ray C Hilliard</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Marty Norton</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Jordan Pollack</i>	<i>Evette Pollack</i>	<i>Wife</i>

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

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>Moishe Barembaum</i>	<i>Abdon & Lenore Barembaum</i>	<i>Father of Abdon</i>
<i>Martin Becker</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Ex-Husband</i>
<i>Julius Bromberg</i>	<i>Charles & Lila Held</i>	<i>Husband of Ruth</i>
<i>William Cutler</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Grandfather of Jeffrey</i>
<i>Abe Esterson</i>	<i>Sherman & Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Father of Sherman</i>
<i>Michael Falk</i>	<i>Stanley & Susan Kramer</i>	<i>Father of Susan</i>
<i>Stanley Feldman</i>	<i>Ellen Singer</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Ida Freedman</i>	<i>Joel & Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Grandmother of Joel</i>
<i>Rebecca Goldberg</i>	<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Edith Gottlieb</i>	<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Step-Sister of Sidney</i>
<i>Jenny Kuperstein</i>	<i>Charles & Lila Held</i>	<i>Grandmother of Lila</i>
<i>Jack Lieberman</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
<i>Mina Lieberman</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Rachel Leah Militeanu</i>	<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Bonnie Neville</i>	<i>Barry Neville</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Bernice Pearlman</i>	<i>Samuel Pearlman</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Rachel Pearlman</i>	<i>Samuel Pearlman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Evette Pollack</i>	<i>Jordan Pollack</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Martha Steinhauer</i>	<i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Aunt of Michelle</i>
<i>Harold Weiss</i>	<i>David & Myra Weiss</i>	<i>Brother of David</i>
<i>Lydia Schneiderman</i>	<i>Meryl Briscoe, Loren Schneiderman, and Robert Schneiderman</i>	<i>Mother</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**

Louis Altshuler
 Helen Braidman
 Julius Bromberg
 Yetta Cohen
 Sally Dim
 Murray Fishelberg
 Alfred Goldstein
 Richard Gross
 Sol Kain
 Ida Koizim
 Morton Kramer
 Nathan Leopold
 Louis Lieblich
 Herbert Litt
 Jack Lyons
 Seymour Prog

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Dear Departed

Samuel Rosen
 Toby Rosen
 Isaac Rosenberg
 Joseph Ross
 Elenor Roth-Herman
 Rose Roy
 Rebecca Sandow
 Rena Schannon
 Miriam Schneiderman
 Isaac Sherman
 Mildred Slonka
 Robert Solomon
 Alice Unger
 Oscar Yamin
 Louis Zevin

Shavuot Brain Game

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 8 Iyar Ahare-Mot-Kedoshim
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Shabbat Service	9 15 Iyar Emor
10 Mother's Day	11 Lag B'Omer	12 Lag B'Omer	13 12:30p Virtual Book Club	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 22 Iyar Behar-Behukotai
14	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Service	23 29 Iyar Bamidbar
24	25	26	27 1:00p Sisterhood Meeting	28 Erev Shavuot	29 9:30a Shavuot Yizkor Service/10 Commandments 7:30p Shabbat Service	30 7 Sivan Shavuot
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