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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month of August brings us closer to the High Holyday season as we will bless the last month of the religious year (Elul) during this secular month.

From Rosh Hodesh Elul (August 18) on we truly begin the act of repentance and reflection that takes us toward the High Holyday season. In synagogues where they have a weekday morning minyan, the Shofar would be blown each day except on Shabbat as a reminder of this.

We feel that the end of the 3rd paragraph of the Unetaneh Tokef really begins to ring true for us--*But Repentance, Prayer, and Charity avert our severe decree.* If we learn from our mistakes and foibles and work with, not against each other, we find that doors open and light begins to shine in areas that had not previously illuminated our paths.

Let us all begin then to climb the holy mountain toward the religious pinnacle of these upcoming *Yamim Noraim* (High Holyday season) and let us share with each other our new found abilities to be kind, understanding, and knowledgeable about who we are and before whom we stand.

B'vrachah,

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

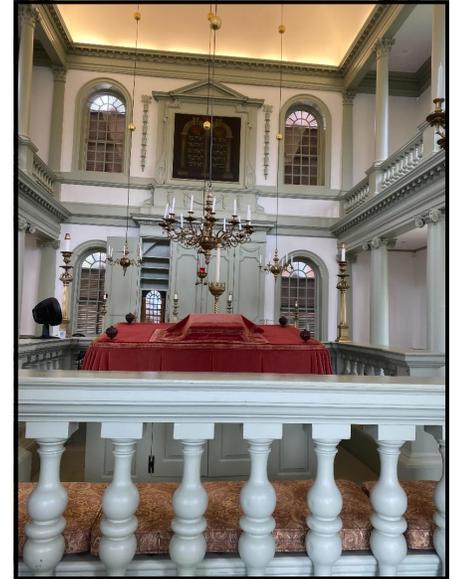
From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a good month of July. It was very enjoyable having Rabbi Ken Milhander with us for three weeks and it gave Hazzan Lance the chance to have a great vacation visiting some fantastic places.

July is always a quiet month as far as having synagogue events because of so many people going on vacations but those will pick up again very soon.

I just returned from a week in Newport, Rhode Island. While I was there, I took the opportunity to attend Shabbat Services in the oldest synagogue building in the United States. The Touro Synagogue congregation was founded in 1658 and the building dedicated in 1763. It is not the oldest congregation in the U.S. (that is Shearith Israel in New York City) but the oldest surviving synagogue building. The history is too long and involved to fit into this article but there is one point that really stood out to me because of our current situation. After the revolutionary war, there were not enough Jews in Rhode Island to take care of the building. The religious artifacts had been sent to New York to Shearith Israel for safe keeping. The building survived because it was taken care of by the Quaker community until the Jewish community could re-establish itself. The more I learn, the more I see how our relationship with the Quaker community is intertwined.



Stay cool, stay well and hope to see you in shul soon.

Shalom,
Lila

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

Michelle Hess

Dorothy A. Wiener

Beloved Departed

Dora Sandler

Leonard Wiener

Relationship

Aunt

Husband

Tribute Cards

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

Everyone's Honor and Laws

Prayer for Helping the Sick There is one type of help that we can offer to the sick that involves a minimum of effort on our part: it is a prayer to G-d to help the sick. This prayer is recited in the synagogue at the Torah reading service on Mondays, Thursdays, and the Sabbath and at any time when the Torah is read. The name of the sick person is submitted to the rabbi or singer who recites the prayer. Upon the passing of one's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, or child, it is Jewish Law to have seven days of mourning called "Shiva" (seven). This is a very important "Mitzvah" for friends and relatives to visit mourners to comfort them. This "Mitzvah" is called "Nichum Aveilim" which means "Comforting the Mourners" and should never be made empty handed. Please don't speak to a mourner till they speak to you first.

Yahrzeit When a human being passes away, they leave a great many memories in the hearts of those who knew them. To family they leave the memory of years of shared happiness. To friends, the memory of the helping hand offered them in time of need. To the world, they leave the memory of devotion to G-d, country, and mankind. Yahrzeit is the Yiddish word for anniversary as Jews we use this term only in reference to the anniversary of death. As rabbis teach the day of a death of a parent or close relative should be marked. We should be reminded of the love and devotion they showed us. We should rededicate each year at the time of the yahrzeit the good teachings and morals they taught us.

On the evening of the yahrzeit we light a 24 hour candle. This candle is a symbol of the soul which lives on after the body has died, and is determined by the Jewish calendar. If you have a problem with this see a rabbi.

Kaddish is a prayer of praise to G-d; it is not a memorial prayer. It is recited by the Cantor during the services. It is also recited by mourners during services for a period of 11 months during the first year, and every following year at the yahrzeit. We recite the "Kaddish" when we mourn in recognition that although G-d has taken away a person loved by us, we nevertheless praise Him for his just acts.

In addition to the yahrzeit day, there are four other days when we recall our departed ones, these are: Yom Kippur, "Sh'mini Atzeret" which is the last day of "Sukkot". "Acharon Shel Pesach", the last day of Passover, and the second day of "Shavuot". On these days a special memorial prayer is recited in the synagogue after the Torah reading. It's title is called "Yizkor". It is customary to pledge a donation to charity on this day in honor of the departed. It is proper for all who have parents that are living to leave the synagogue until the prayer is over since they do not recite it.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

August 4--7:30 pm service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

August 11--7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

August 18--7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

August 25-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

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

Tuesday, August 8th at 12:30 pm we will be reading and discussing "Authenticity Project" by Claire Pooley.

September, we will read and discuss "Rebel Daughter" by Lori Bancov Kaufmann. Date to TBD.

Happy Reading Everyone!

If you have any questions, or want to join us, please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



August

Candle Lighting Times

- August 4- 7:34
- August 11 - 7:27
- August 18 - 7:19
- August 25 - 7:11



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.

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Printed copies are also available in our lobby. \$18.00 per year for non-members.

The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. bswoffice@verizon.com

August Birthdays

Jordan Eres August 19

Liz Herrera August 20

Samuel Pearlman August 27

August Anniversaries

Alberto & Liz Herrera

August 20

35 years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday and a happy anniversary!!

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.

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Louis Vinetsky</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Esther Dobrin</i>	<i>Louis Rosin</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Miriam Brookfield</i>	<i>Howard Brookfield</i>	<i>Husband</i>
	<i>Max Bruchfeld</i>	<i>Grandfather-in-Law</i>
	<i>Rosa Bruchfeld</i>	<i>Grandmother-in-Law</i>
<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Carol Hilliard</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Eileen Baptista</i>	<i>Grace Galvin</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Kathleen King</i>	<i>Gilbert Gaal</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>George Friedman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Florence Morzinsky</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Jay Weinschenker</i>	<i>Irving Weinschenker</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Phil Goldberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Revekah Martinez</i>	<i>Caleb Kane F. Mora Martinez</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Yetta Aronowitz</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Max Lifschitz</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Anita Horowitz</i>	<i>Samuel Altman</i>	<i>Father</i>

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed		
<i>Sarah Jaffe</i>	<i>Lillian Lovitch</i>	<i>Robert Feder</i>
<i>Freda Friedman</i>	<i>Nathan Klasky</i>	<i>Walter Popkin</i>
<i>Jacqueline Herman</i>	<i>Francis Winter</i>	<i>Arthur Diamond</i>
<i>John Harber</i>	<i>Mary Levy</i>	<i>Eve Levy</i>
<i>Ida Markovitz</i>	<i>Arthur Fishbein</i>	<i>Samuel Cohen</i>
<i>Paul Goldenberg</i>	<i>Lawrence Roseman</i>	<i>David Bohrer</i>
<i>Harris Fisher</i>	<i>Mathis Fisher</i>	<i>Abraham Levin</i>
<i>Jack Sherman</i>	<i>Max Higer</i>	<i>Irving Bix</i>
<i>Benjamin Klugman</i>	<i>Bert Levy</i>	<i>Ilona Meszoly</i>
<i>Shirley Kenwood</i>	<i>Morris Sheinman</i>	<i>Jacob Lerman</i>
<i>Mildred Weiss</i>	<i>Albert Berenston</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.

Av - Elul 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 7:30p Shabbat Service	5 18 Av Parashat Ekev
6	7	8 12:30p Book Club	9	10	11 7:30p Shabbat Service	12 25 Av Parashat Re'eh
12	14	15	16	17 7:00p Board Meeting	18 7:30p Shabbat Service	19 2 Elul Parashat Shofetim
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30p Shabbat Service	26 9 Elul Parashat Ki Teitze
27	28	29	30	31		