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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

July brings us the completion of the Book of *Bemidbar* in our annual cycle of Torah reading and also will begin the reading of the last book of the Torah *Devarim* (Deuteronomy) which we know was completed under the watch of King Josiah during the latter First Temple period. It is a modernization of the laws from the previous books and updates to the Jewish codes of law and ethics that give us great insight into how our ancestors morphed from very ancient days till that point during the First Temple period.

This month also encompasses the *Drei Vochen* or 3-week period from the minor fast of the 17th of Tammuz to the great fast of Tisha B'Av. This is a low point in our yearly cycle of fasts and festivals. We mourn the destruction of both the great temples and the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem, not once, but twice, first by the Babylonians and then by the Romans. We also mourn the terrible things that have happened to our people over time so that we may never forget them. Once Tisha B'Av passes, we begin a 7 week period upward toward the High Holyday season. As we begin our spiritual ascent to the lofty heights of those holidays, we remind ourselves that we too have short comings that need to be addressed. More on this I will discuss in my article for the August *Mishpacha*.

B'vrachah,

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a nice June. I am certainly happy that it looks like we are finally getting rid of that June Gloom!

Beth Shalom had a very nice and active June. Our major social activity was going to the La Mirada Theater to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. It really was a great production with music from different eras, including Elvis Presley as a Pharaoh! It was lively, funny and the singing and dancing were just great. The afternoon was much enjoyed by the 20 of us who were there. We are looking forward to doing more of this type of activity in the future.

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, we had our Annual Meeting. Our proposed budget for the next fiscal year was passed as well as our slate of officers. Each of our VP committee chairmen gave reports and it was great to look over the things we did last year. The budget only had minor changes in it and we are doing well financially. Jordan reported on our very conservative investment strategies.

We are looking forward to a very interesting and enjoyable year and hope that you all keep supporting Beth Shalom and attending services when you can. So many of us have vacations planned that we won't have any major social events over the summer. We are looking forward to High Holidays in September.

Shalom,
Lila

Donations

Myra Becker - in appreciation
Irving Bartikofsky

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Myra Becker	Daniel B Beck, MD	Father
	Irving Ninberg	Uncle
Michelle Hess	Leon Morzinsky	Father
	Benjamin Steinhauer	Uncle
Jeffrey Kolnick	Murray Kolnick	Father
Sandra Paul	Morris Lehman	Father
Rita Rubin	Morey Gnessin	Brother
Bernard Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Wife

Tribute Cards

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

Respect for the Torah and Holy Books

We as Jews can trace our history from creation to our present times. The first part, the Five Books of Moses is our Torah. It is our approach as Jews to the most sacred symbol of our faith.

The Torah Scroll The Torah is given the utmost of our respect and honor. It must be kept in a special place in the synagogue and taken out only when it is to be used or repaired. When the Torah is carried during the services we must rise as a sign of respect. When the Torah is read in the synagogue, we must remain quiet and follow the reading.

It is one of the greatest honors to be called up to the Torah to recite the blessings. Every time we thank G-d for giving us the Torah. In essence, we affirm our belief that the Torah is truth, and we bless His name for giving us the privilege of teaching Torah to the world.

Lastly we thank Him for giving the blessing of ever lasting life to the Jewish nation so that it can continue to teach the right way of life to the world.

It is a great "Mitzvah" to donate a Torah scroll to the synagogue. It is an even greater "Mitzvah" to copy a Torah oneself.

When someone carries the Torah scroll in the synagogue, he must be very careful for, if he drops it, he, and all who are present are obligated to fast or redeem their fast by giving charity.

Holy Books It is the duty of every Jew to buy holy books such as: the Bible, prayer books for various holidays, and books of Jewish Law. One should set aside a certain period of the day to study these books. It is a great "Mitzvah" to lend holy books to friends so that they, too, may learn about their religion.

All holy books must be given proper respect. It is forbidden to place them on the floor. They must not be thrown about. They must be placed right side up when they are carried or put on the table. A holy book may be used only for the purpose for which it was made-for study.

When a Torah scroll is no longer fit for use, it is forbidden to throw it away or burn it. It must be brought to the rabbi, who will bury it according to Jewish law. This law also holds true for holy books.

Above all, let us always remember that a holy book contains the words of G-d and His Name. When we handle it with respect, we are showing respect to G-d. When we ignore respect, we are showing disrespect to Him.

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.

July 7--7:30 pm service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

July 14--7:30 pm service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

July 21--7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

July 28-- 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

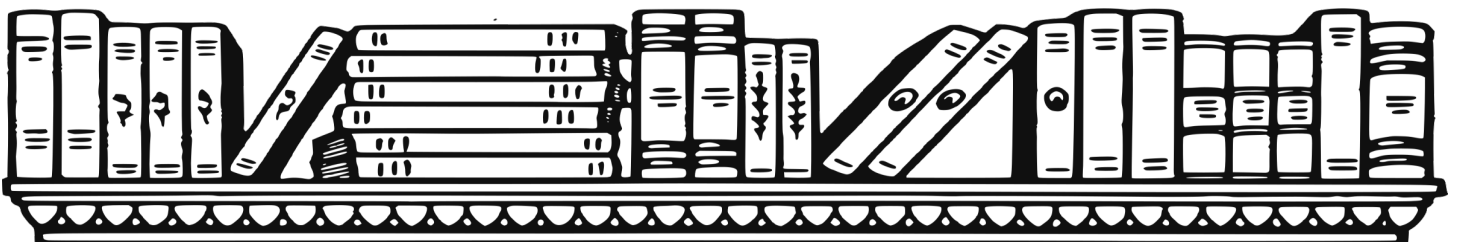
Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 am (NOTE: time change).
We will be reading and discussing "Syrian Sunset" by Howard Kaplan.
Author, Howard, will be joining us.

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.



July

Candle Lighting Times

- July 7- 7:50
- July 14 - 7:48
- July 21 - 7:44
- July 28 - 7:40



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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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

July Birthdays

Hope Greenwood July 9

Lila Held July 10

July Anniversaries

Robert & Sarah Held July 9 - 29 Years

Mark & Maggie Singer July 24 - 30 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>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Miriam Militeanu</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Mark Singer</i>	<i>Sarah Singer</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Aaron Freedman</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Ruth Koh</i>	<i>Herbert Koh</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Lila Held & Joann Eres</i>	<i>David Kuperstein</i>	<i>Nephew/Cousin</i>
<i>Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Morris Lehman</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Daniel Beck</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Ida Ninberg</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Sol Beckelman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Ruth Stillman</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Harry Aronowitz</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Donald D Tapper</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Isadore Golden</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Murray Kolnick</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Bernard Starkman, David Starkman & Jacqueline Starkman</i>	<i>Madelaine Starkman</i>	<i>Wife, Mother, & Grandmother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Leon Morzinsky</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Liz Herrera</i>	<i>Ines Lamb</i>	<i>Mother</i>

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed		
<i>Jerome Weiss</i>	<i>Dorothy Branson</i>	<i>Fanny Eison</i>
<i>Louis Kraus</i>	<i>Sydney Fink</i>	<i>Bina Sherman</i>
<i>Marge Weiss</i>	<i>Robert Balma</i>	<i>William Zelinkoff</i>
<i>Fannie Klein</i>	<i>Bea Fuhrman</i>	<i>Molly Pinck</i>
<i>Lena Wasserman</i>	<i>Rose Weitzman</i>	<i>Peter Herman</i>
<i>Ida Lander</i>	<i>Rabbi Morris Moskowitz</i>	<i>Edith Weinberg</i>
	<i>Seymour Weinstein</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.

July 2023 ★ Tamuz - Av 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12 Tamuz Parashat Chukat/Balak
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:30p Shabbat Service	8 19 Tamuz Parashat Pinchas
9	10	11	12	13	14 7:30p Shabbat Service	15 26 Tamuz Parashat Matot/Massei
16	17	18 11:00a Book Club	19	20 7:00p Board Meeting	21 7:30p Shabbat Service	22 4 Av Parashat Devarim
23	24	25	26	27	28 7:30p Shabbat Service	29 11 Av Parashat Vaetchanan
30	31					