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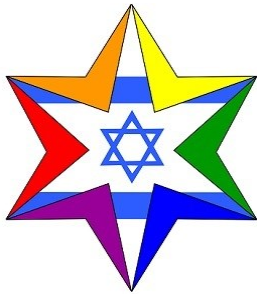
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

October provides us with the gateway to the Fall. In our tradition that comes from Europe, this Jewish month is known as *Marcheshvan* or the "bitter" month of Cheshvan since in Europe it begins to get darker and colder at this point in the year. Usually for us, in the greater southern California area, the weather stays warm, and in some years, downright hot. We might experience the "bitterness" of Cheshvan in a slightly different way.

Our tradition teaches us that after the *Yamim Noraim*, if we have taken stock of our lives properly, we begin again with a new zeal and exuberance of life. COVID-19 has been such a harsh reality for several of our fellow congregants that it sometimes feel hard to be able to find that in all that has happened over the past year and more. We came together as a community in prayer, thanksgiving, and reflection. Now, we must move forward as a community toward all that can be in our bright future.

Join us in person when you can. Join us online if you cannot join us in person. But...join us. We need you, we miss you, we care about you, we long for you. Our sole purpose in being a small but still vibrant community is to make sure we connect with you. Please connect with us. We are continually here for you.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

It was wonderful to see so many of you, either in person at High Holiday Services or online. As usual, Hazzan Lance, the choir and organ master did a fantastic job and started our religious year off in grand fashion. Thanks to David Starkman and Rick Bertz for the great shofar blowing and to Ana Maldonado for her rendition of Kol Nidre on the cello.

We were happy to welcome several new families in person and online. We are always so happy to be able to do that.

I am cautiously optimistic about things opening up more as more people are being required to be vaccinated and booster shots are recommended and becoming available. The numbers from LA County Public Health have been holding steady lately and are well down from the recent surge that we experienced. I have been attending most services in person and I feel quite comfortable doing so because I know that everyone there has been fully vaccinated and wears a mask. We also social distance during services and block off the first few rows so that we are social distanced from the clergy and organist. We are fortunate to have plenty of room to do that.

That being said, I know that not everyone feels comfortable being back in the building and I want you all to know that if you are not comfortable with in person services yet, please don't feel obligated to come for any reason. We are continuing to broadcast our services and fully understand if you prefer to watch from home.

If anyone would like to come to services and needs a ride, please call the office.

Stay safe and healthy.

Shalom,
Lila

Tribute Cards

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

Bereshit (Genesis 1-68)

The Torah portion Bereshit will be read in the synagogue on Shabbat October 2, 2021/5782. It is the first portion of the first book of the Torah. It is quite long as it deals with creation of the world by G-d and his interface with the animals and human beings whom he created in one week. I will try to summarize this creation in the following paragraphs:

Creation of the universe and the human race

1. First Day: Light
2. Second Day: Firmament
3. Third Day: Sea, land, and vegetation
4. Fourth Day: Heavenly bodies
5. Fifth Day: Fish and birds
6. Sixth Day: Land animals and humans
7. Seventh Day: Shabbat, Day of Rest

Freedom of Choice - Sin and Punishment

Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit and are expelled from the Garden of Eden

Cain and Abel

G-d accepts Abel's superior offering. Cain becomes jealous and kills his brother Abel. Cain learns of this punishment by G-d, which is to wander the earth.

Concepts and Values

1. People are G-d's partners

In general, the Torah is a book of instructions meant to offer guidance for living a godly life. A primary concern in this portion is that of G-d the creator. Creation is a continuous process in which humans are partners with G-d.

2. Sin

Sin is a mistake, an abuse from the blessings we learned from our parents, teachers, and in school. Reward and punishment are seen in our every action. Each good deed is its own reward, each sin, its own punishment. Every action that a person does will bear a consequence.

3. Freedom of Choice

Judaism teaches that all humanity has been endowed with freedom to choose between right and wrong. Our angels do not have that freedom, that are robots to G-d's will, you see G-d has advance knowledge of the choice each individual will make.

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Clergy Schedule

All our services now are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof may attend in person with a mask and all others may watch on our Facebook page.

October 1--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

October 8--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander **NOTE:** Services will be in person only. Services will not be broadcasted on Facebook.

October 15--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

October 22--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

October 29--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

Our next book is "Letters for Emily" by Camron Wright. We are meeting at Michelle's house on Wednesday, October 13th at 12:30, with a Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

As usual we bring our own lunch and our hostess provides drinks and dessert.

Everyone is welcome. Come even if you have not read the book.

Happy Reading.

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



October

Candle Lighting Times

October 1 - 6:18

October 8 - 6:09

October 15 - 6:00

October 22 - 5:52

October 29 - 5:44



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

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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

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

Christine Grijalva	October 5
Dorothy Wiener	October 10
Rick Bertz	October 12
Mina Cano	October 12
Arlene Norton	October 12
Christel Mergruen	October 14
Seth La Borwit	October 14
Sandra Paul	October 22
Kathleen King	October 28
Hermelindo Vences	October 28

Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday!!



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4. In G-d's Image

Our Tanach (the full 24 books of the Jewish Bible) states that humans are made in G-d's image. Concisely, this means that people should follow the attributes of G-d. For instance, just as G-d clothed Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21), so too we should clothe the needy who have no clothing. Just as G-d visited Abraham, who was ill. So too we should make our visits to the sick (Genesis 18:1). All acts of justice and well being are closely connected with the concept of being in G-d's image (Genesis Rabbah 8:13).

5. Symbolic meaning of Hebrew letters

The first word of the Torah is Bereishis meaning in the beginning. Each letter stands for a word that has a unique meaning, upon putting the together they form a pattern of beautiful life.

Be stands for bitachon -faith. It means to believe in G-d even in difficult times.

Rosh stands for ratzon – will. People often find excuses for themselves, blaming things on others. You see each person has a will, and with willpower, we can change our own life for the better.

Aleph stand for ahavah – love. People who do not love think only of themselves. To be able to love another is to requisite a life of fulfillment. Rabbi Akiva once said “Love your neighbor as yourself”. It is the most important verse in the entire Torah. All the rest is commentary.

Shin stands for shetikah – silence. There is in life a time to speak, and a time to be silent. When we learn the times to be silent we automatically become better listeners.

Yud stands for yirah – reverence. Our religious faith teaches that everything a person does should reflect reverence for G-d. Words for health and sustaining life become our reverence to G-d.

Tav stands for Torah – each of us has had a life enhanced through the wisdom of the Torah. It teaches us how to live with each other and with G-d our creator. Essentially, it teaches us to do justly and love mercy, to live a life of goodness.

Thus, we have BERESHIT

BITACHON - faith

ROTZON - willpower

AHAVAH - love

SHETIKAH- silence

YIRAH- reverence

TORAH- the source of all these qualities

Shalom -Sam Pearlman

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Yizkor Book Donations

Ann Kanahale

High Holy Day Pledge

Myra Becker, Elvia Garcia, Michelle Hess, Ann Kanahale, Arlene Norton, Sidney & Sandra Paul, Claire Rademacher, Robert & Rita Rubin, Alita Sevin, Klara Wein, and Dorothy Wiener

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Mona Di Natale	Laura Cirulnick	Cousin
Michelle Hess	Hyman Morzinsky	Grandfather
Shirley Malin	Eleanor Chain	Aunt
Sandra Paul	Celia Bolasny	Aunt
Rita Rubin	Abraham Gnessin	Father
Bernard Starkman	Jack Starkman	Father
Klara Wein	Joseph Wein	Husband
Robin Weintraub	Robert Weintraub	Father

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Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
Myra Becker	Moses Bell	Uncle
	Solomon Bell	Grandfather
Charles & Lila Held	Roth Bromberg	Mother of Lila
Joann Eres		Grandmother
Jordan Eres		Great Grandmother
Jay Devore	Milton Devore	Father
Alberto & Liz Herrera	Humberto Espinoza	Uncle of Liz
Dan Franden	Frances Finkelstein	
Robert & Rita Rubin	Abraham Gnessin	Father of Rita
	Doris Rubin	Mother of Robert
Lynn Briggs-Cantu	Yakov Goldmann	Father
Millie Hock	Dora Hock	
Anita Horowitz	Stephen Horowitz	Son
Paul Jaffe	Ben Jaffe	Father
Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock	Max Kolnick	Grandfather of Jeffrey
Mona Di Natale	Sarah Lifshitz	Grandmother
Richard Lasher	Ethel Lipshitz	
David & Myra Weiss	Abe Michlin	Father of Myra
Revekah Martinez	Delfina Pinto	Grandmother
Bernard Roseman	Eugene Roseman	Brother
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Al Silvers	Grandfather
	Malvina Tapper	Aunt

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed

Esther Baileys
 Morris Becker
 Sophie Cooper
 Louis Dreyfos
 Oscar Kropf

Observed By

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Dear Departed

Jacob Ruthberg
 Bruce Sarkin
 Minnie Sarkin
 Isaac Ziskin

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.

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Tishrei - Cheshvan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 26 Tishrei Parashat Bereshit
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Shabbat Service Service *Note: Services will be in person only - services will not be broadcasted on Facebook	9 3 Cheshvan Parashat Noah
10	11	12	13	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 10 Cheshvan Parashat Lekh Lecha
17	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Service	23 17 Cheshvan Parashat Vayera
24	25	26	27	28	29 7:30p Shabbat Service	30 24 Cheshvan Parashat Hayei Sarah
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