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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month we will continue our Shabbat afternoon Lunch and Learn series that began so successfully last summer with my session on the Jewish perspective of Abortion and the beginning of life. On February 25 (flyer enclosed), we will hear from Rebeca Orantes, a member of the Guatemalan Jewish community, who will speak to us about her life and community in Guatemala. We will have a lunch brought in for us as did the last time and hear her very timely words in the face of world-wide antisemitism. There will also be a question-and-answer period following her presentation for those in attendance to ask Rebeca questions about her study here and her life back home. We hope you will want to join us for this very special event.

And, as we move from Tu Bishvat, the remembrance of the New Year for trees, at the end of last month, toward Purim at the beginning of next month, we see a sense of forward movement out of the cold of winter toward the rebirth and renewal of Spring that will soon follow. The minor festivals give us pause to remember our traditions even when the weather suggests a more inward journey, with both of these we leave home and plant and tend and then rejoice and celebrate all that nature and then redemption from evil teach us.

B'vrachah,

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all handling our winter weather okay and staying dry. I know we need the rain but I am getting really tired of it! We had several congregants down with Covid this month but thank G-d, they are all recovering well.

January was a quiet month as far as religious activities go. No complaints from me because I am still recovering from Chanukah and celebrating with both Beth Shalom and my family.

I am currently living in the middle of a construction zone as I have had some renovations done on my kitchen and new flooring in essentially all of my house. Vinyl plank flooring will go throughout the house to replace what was 3 different types of flooring in various rooms. I'm sure I will love it when it is done but as half my furniture is in the garage and the other half squeezed into the den and my floors are down to the concrete, I am counting the days!!

I hope you will join us on Feb 25th to hear Rebeca Orantes tell us about her congregation in Guatemala. I am curious as to what Kulanu actually does for them and how their services vary from ours. She is here attending Hebrew Union College. It will be very interesting to hear how different cultures observe and celebrate the holidays and family events and the role of women in their congregation.

Of course, it will also be a great reason to come schmooze and enjoy the bagel and lox lunch!

Shalom,
Lila

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Myra Becker	Lou Binke	Uncle
	Pauline Newman	Aunt
Joel Chesler	Ethel Chesler	Mother
Mona Di Natale	Irving Cirulnick	Uncle
Hope Greenwood	Pearl DeMase	Mother
Michelle Hess	Julius Schwartz	Uncle
	Leigh Hess	Father-in-Law
Sidney Paul	Evelyn Resnick	Sister
	Harry Paul	Father
	Bertha Paul	Step-Mother
Robin Weintraub	Sue Weintraub	Mother

Tribute Cards

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

Our Prayer Shawl - The Tallis

The tallis that we see worn during the weekday morning service, on Shabbos, and all holidays is really a larger form of the "TZITZIS" that boys and men wear under their shirts. This smaller garment is called "ARBA KANFOS" which means four corners.

The Tallis has four Tzitzis and is worn around the shoulders. "tallisos" come in silk and wool, They may differ in size from a small scarf-like to a large one that reaches the floor.

"Tallis" Prayer Blessed art Thou O Lord our G-d, king of the universe, who has made us holy by Thy commandments and hast commanded us to enwrap ourselves in the "Tzitzis". There is also a good reason why some people cover their heads with the "Tallis". It is easy to be distracted in the middle of a prayer by someone or something in the synagogue. By covering ones head with the Tallis, one can concentrate better on what they are praying. The tallis is only worn by males. It is customary among many Jews not to wear a "Tallis" until they are married. A person serving as Cantor wears a "Tallis" in the morning on weekdays and all the services on the Sabbath and holidays whether he is married or not. Although all through the years the "Tallis" is worn by the congregation only in the morning, on YOM KIPPUR EVE, at the KOL NIDRE service, due to holiness of the occasion, all males wear "tallisos"

Holiness We should never forget that the "Tzitzis" on our "Tallis" and "Arba Kanfos" exist for a holy purpose. Even when they are too old to be used or by accident they fall off a "Tallis", they must not be thrown away. They must be brought to the synagogue and placed in the Rabbi's care. Each of the "Tzitzis" must have eight strands. If one is missing, or there are too many, it shall be fixed, until then another "Tallis" should be used. The "Tallis" and all religious articles should be handled with respect. They should be used with honor and with clean hands.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman



LUNCH & LEARN

Beth Shalom Lunch & Learn

with Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus

Rebeca Orantes will talk about her Kulanu Guatemala Community.

There will be a question and answer period afterwards.

Saturday, February 25, 2023

12:00-2:00 p.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at First Friends.

Lunch will be served.

RSVP to the Temple office by February 17th.

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.

February 3--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

February 10--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

February 17--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

February 24--7:25pm--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

The Beth Shalom Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, February 14th to read and discuss Maggie Anton's "The Choice", a Novel of Love, Faith and the Talmud.

As usual, we will be meeting on Zoom at 12:30 pm.

On Tuesday, March 21st the Book Club will be reading "Remarkably Bright Creatures": a Novel by Shelby Van Pelt.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us. Happy reading everyone.

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



February

Candle Lighting Times

- February 3 - 5:07
- February 10 - 5:13
- February 17 - 5:20
- February 24 - 5:26



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.

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

February Birthdays

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February Anniversaries

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## 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**

| <b>Observed By</b>            | <b>Dear Departed</b>     | <b>Relationship</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Klara Wein</i>             | <i>Meir Militeanu</i>    | <i>Father</i>        |
| <i>Eugene Jaffee</i>          | <i>Sol Jaffee</i>        | <i>Son</i>           |
| <i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>  | <i>Dr. L. E. Tapper</i>  | <i>Father</i>        |
| <i>Joel Chesler</i>           | <i>Ethel Chesler</i>     | <i>Mother</i>        |
| <i>Mona Di Natale</i>         | <i>Irving Cirulnick</i>  | <i>Uncle</i>         |
| <i>Marietta Shreiber Reed</i> | <i>Norma Shreiber</i>    | <i>Mother</i>        |
| <i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>        | <i>Mabel Cutier</i>      | <i>Grandmother</i>   |
| <i>Bernard Fink</i>           | <i>Yetta Fink</i>        | <i>Mother</i>        |
| <i>Morton Goldberg</i>        | <i>Jennie Goldberg</i>   | <i>Mother</i>        |
| <i>Jay Devore</i>             | <i>Paul Devore</i>       | <i>Brother</i>       |
| <i>Susan Lieberman</i>        | <i>Morris Aronowitz</i>  | <i>Grandfather</i>   |
| <i>Myra Becker</i>            | <i>George Becker</i>     | <i>Father-in-Law</i> |
| <i>Mark Hilliard</i>          | <i>Sean Hilliard</i>     | <i>Brother</i>       |
| <i>Lila Held</i>              | <i>Charles Held</i>      | <i>Husband</i>       |
|                               | <i>Seymour Brickel</i>   | <i>Uncle</i>         |
| <i>Joseph Grossberg</i>       | <i>Rebecca Grossberg</i> | <i>Wife</i>          |
| <i>Dan Franden</i>            | <i>Robert Franden</i>    |                      |
| <i>Toby Pinck</i>             | <i>Tova Pinck</i>        |                      |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i>          | <i>Sarah Schwartz</i>    | <i>Aunt</i>          |

**Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier****Dear Departed**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Julia Morris</i>     | <i>Benjamin Winter</i>  |
| <i>Louis Ossofsky</i>   | <i>William M. Lyons</i> |
| <i>Bernard Weissman</i> | <i>Frances Storm</i>    |
| <i>Janchel Groisman</i> | <i>Sarah Bernstein</i>  |
| <i>Max Popkin</i>       | <i>Isidore Pinck</i>    |
| <i>Saul Korduner</i>    | <i>Arthur Unger</i>     |
| <i>Harvey Ziskin</i>    | <i>Agnes Fuchs</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.*

# February 2023

## Shevat - Adar 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                      | Saturday                                                 |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|        |        |                        | 1         | 2                         | 3<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 4<br>13 Shevat<br>Parashat Beshalach                     |
| 5      | 6      | 7                      | 8         | 9                         | 10<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 11<br>20 Shevat<br>Parashat Yitro                        |
| 12     | 13     | 14<br>12:30p Book Club | 15        | 16<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 17<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 18<br>27 Shevat<br>Parashat Shekalim                     |
| 19     | 20     | 21                     | 22        | 23                        | 24<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 25<br>4 Adar<br>Parashat Terumah<br>12:00p Lunch & Learn |
| 26     | 27     | 28                     |           |                           |                             |                                                          |



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