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### Hazzan Notes

The end of the counting of the Omer between Pesah and Shavuot is at hand and we will celebrate Shavuot (the Festival of the Giving of the Torah and the festival of the wheat harvest) on Saturday night, June 8 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting House (sanctuary) of First Friends.

Mark Peterson and I will officiate and go through the traditional liturgy for the festivals and Shavuot in particular. We will read the 10 Commandments in English together so that all may recall what our ancestors felt when they first received these commandments at the foot of Mt. Sinai. We will chant part of the medieval Shavuot poem known as *Akdamut* which reminds us of our Jewish allegorical history that draws us out of the mythical Leviathan toward the light of our path to the nations. And, as we do for all the pilgrimage festivals and Yom Kippur, we will recite the *Yizkor* memorial prayers to remember our loved ones who could not be here with us to celebrate this festival.

Later, in mid-June, I will be in Europe to visit places where Jews have had small communities who flourished for millennia, but who seem to get short shrift in the modern day. I will be visiting Croatia, Albania, Malta, Crete, Greece, eastern Turkey, and Sicily, among others. I will have much to tell about this trip when I return to the pulpit on July 5.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*



Everyone is Welcome



## *BETH SHALOM*

*INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT*

*ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT 7:30 PM*

*IN THE MEETING HOUSE (SANCTUARY) OF OUR INTERIM HOME –*

*FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH*

*HAZZAN TAPPER WILL OFFICIATE WITH MARK PETERSON*

*YIZKOR MEMORIAL PRAYERS WILL BE RECITED*

*A DAIRY ONEG WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE*

*IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**





June

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

June 7 - 7:45

June 14 - 7:47

June 21 - 7:49

June 28 - 7:50

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**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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**This is Our Mishpacha - Angela Borunda**

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## *From Our President*

We had a very enjoyable Shabbat dinner with an abbreviated service in the social hall on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The pasta was excellent and it was fun to share a meal. We held our annual congregational meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some important changes came out of that meeting. At the top of the list is the fact that the Board of Directors has decided that Beth Shalom will not charge dues for the coming fiscal year. During the year, in accordance with our by-laws, the Board will discuss how we will handle dues in the future. The Board will hold a Town Hall Meeting at a later date to get input on pros and cons of dues before making a decision for the future in this area. Please understand that if anyone is currently in arrears on their dues or owes money for any other commitment; that will not go away or be erased. However, no dues will be charged anyone for this coming fiscal year and that includes anyone who has not been a member and would like to join. This would be a good trial year for anyone who has considered joining or is unaffiliated and would like to try us out. We solicited ideas from the membership on activities they would like to see planned and will be working on implementing those ideas. Stay tuned!

....Lila



## *Suggestion Box*

*Security is the subject most on everyone's mind. There are several areas that cannot be covered enough. As already announced, we have our 3 Security Guards Sam, Ed and Martin back with us for Services and Special Events. Doors not being used are kept locked. All large bags and backpacks cannot be brought into the Sanctuary.*

*We have identified Primary and Secondary Contracts for emergencies: Lila Held, President... (714) 321-0437 and David Starkman, Executive Vice President... (562) 698-5629. We will also be forming a Mass Text list or Phone Tree, and would love to hear from anyone who would like to help.*

*A Security System has been installed outside the door leading to our Office Suite. Angela can see and speak to anyone seeking admission to the office.*

*The main thing is to be alert and aware of your surroundings. Be escorted to your car by Security, or walk in groups. Check on each other. Also remember... See something, Say Something.*

*Please submit your questions, suggestions and comments to:*  
[whittiersynagogue@aol.com](mailto:whittiersynagogue@aol.com)

*....Alita Serin*



**June 5779**

**27 IYAR to 30 SIVAN**

**(Late spring and early summer)**

The above dates bring us to the expressed adjective of increasable. This refers to the green plenty that is present and how they multiply. It is a month of increase for tree's, leafs, grapes and many animals bearing offspring. On the other hand, we can have burning heat. That is when all living things and the greens must use their multitudes to get water and nutrients from wind and earth. In reality it is a season of consuming, when life must gather itself to fulfillment.

### **SHAVUOT**

At this time of year we Jews celebrate the holidays of Revelation. These are the days of wisdom that comes from the joining of our humanity with the greatness of G-d. Shavuot is a biblical festival that is both a harvesting and a celebration of the Revelation of Sivan. Shavuot falls on the eighth of Sivan at the end of the 49 days of Omer. It is a two day holiday that often is celebrated as a wedding between the G-d given Torah and Israel. G-d's Torah is often looked upon as the wedding contract in this setting. Shavuot is also associated with the great forces of nature: Fire, thunder and joining of both humans and animals with their mates. It is the season of fire and water. That is the outer fire of the sun's heat and the inner rain of the Torah as it embraces our human hearts. Rabbi Block's grandfather, an ageless teacher of mine, compared it to the burning heat of mount Sinai under the many clouds of Devine Presence. To him and our class, it evoked the swirling image of flame and mist.

### **REVELATION**

To examine the Torah is a multiple task. The meanings of any sacred text according to Rabbinic Midrash are part of Devine Revelation (Midrash Tanhuma Shavuot 25; Exodus Rabbah 28:4) In essence, Torah is a tree of life that must grow to stay alive. The growth is our Midrash, it is the Jewish way of seeking new and reviving old meanings in the text. As my old teacher put it: "As life changes with its multiplicity, Jews will try to create a new Midrash in every generation". This is my fourth generation, in each I have found by that the thread of coming together to learn we give our Torah a new and lasting life.

Our Jewish holidays of Revelation reflect the growing season itself. Late spring joins us with HESED; the G-d given blow of abundance and love. We believe in G-d's power of heal, and to add through us his people, a better world. May it be through work, art, science, literature, and the fertility of our minds and bodies. In essence, we are leaves on the tree of life (ETZ HAYIM). We are part of my teachers vast multiplicity that is Revelation of faith, and a loving caring G-d.

*.....Sam Pearlman*



*The Next Sisterhood Meeting will be June 26th at 1 p.m. We will meet in the Conference Room at our Office at 6726 Washington Avenue. If you are interested in learning more about the Beth Shalom Sisterhood, what we do and what we plan for the future, please join us.*

*Over the next months, please watch for articles exploring each of the 5 Must Have Qualities in Your Sisterhood as inspired by "Hidden Figures".*

*5 MUST HAVE QUALITIES In ~~~ YOUR SISTERHOOD*

*Inspired by*

*"Hidden Figures"*

- 1) Transparency & Honesty*
- 2) Mutual Support*
- 3) Accountability*
- 4) Celebration*
- 5) Elevation*

*We Look forward to seeing you.*

*Alita Sevin .... Our Sisterhood*





## Oneg Donations



Myra Becker . Maggie Singer . Lenore Barermbaum

Susan Rubin and Robert and Rita Rubin

Thank You for your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats for May!!

### ~~~Oneg Donations~~~

Please note: It was decided and voted that the Oneg Donations for Birthdays and Anniversaries be increased to **\$18.00**. Thank you for your understanding and support...

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

*Beth Shalom's Book Club will be meeting on Monday June 24th at the home of Rita Rubin. The book is called "The Choice" By Dr. Edith Eger.*

# Thank you

***To All Who Support Our Temple***

*June Yahrzeit Observances*

| <i>Dear Departed</i>            | <i>Observed By</i>                                   | <i>Relationship</i>                |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <i>Daniel B. Becker</i>         | <i>Myra Becker</i>                                   | <i>Father</i>                      |
| <i>Michael Falk</i>             | <i>Susan &amp; Stanley Kramer</i>                    | <i>Father of Susan</i>             |
| <i>Aaron Freedman</i>           | <i>Jo Ann &amp; Joel Golden</i>                      | <i>Grandfather of Joel</i>         |
| <i>Joseph Fuchs</i>             | <i>Agnes Fuchs</i>                                   | <i>Father of Gabor</i>             |
| <i>Rose Fuchs</i>               | <i>Agnes Fuchs</i>                                   | <i>Mother of Gabor</i>             |
| <i>Isadore Golden</i>           | <i>Jo Ann &amp; Joel Golden</i>                      | <i>Grandfather of Joel</i>         |
| <i>Edith Gottlieb</i>           | <i>Sandra &amp; Sidney Paul</i>                      | <i>Step-Sister of Sidney</i>       |
| <i>Gertrude Handler</i>         | <i>Debora Lynn Davis &amp; Mark Handler</i>          | <i>Grandmother (Mother of Sel)</i> |
| <i>Herbert Koh</i>              | <i>Ruth Koh</i>                                      | <i>Father</i>                      |
| <i>Murray Kolnick</i>           | <i>Rosa Tock &amp; Jeffrey Kolnick</i>               | <i>Father</i>                      |
| <i>David Michael Kuperstein</i> | <i>Lila &amp; Charles Held</i>                       | <i>Nephew of Lila</i>              |
| <i>Jenny Kuperstein</i>         | <i>Lila &amp; Charles Held</i>                       | <i>Grandmother of Lila</i>         |
| <i>Morris Lehman</i>            | <i>Sandra &amp; Sidney Paul</i>                      | <i>Father of Sandra</i>            |
| <i>W.A. Meissner</i>            | <i>Agnes Fuchs</i>                                   | <i>Cousin</i>                      |
| <i>Helen Moss Michlin</i>       | <i>Myra &amp; David Weiss</i>                        | <i>Stepmother of Myra</i>          |
| <i>Miriam Wein</i>              | <i>Klara Wein</i>                                    | <i>Grandmother</i>                 |
| <i>Rachel Leah Militeanu</i>    | <i>Klara Wein</i>                                    | <i>Mother</i>                      |
| <i>Sylvia Playberg</i>          | <i>Sandra &amp; Sidney Paul</i>                      | <i>Sister of Sidney</i>            |
| <i>Lillian Sandler</i>          | <i>Michelle &amp; Richard Hess</i>                   | <i>Grandmother of Michelle</i>     |
| <i>Lydia Schneiderman</i>       | <i>Meryl Briscoe, Loren &amp; Robert Schneideman</i> | <i>Mother to all</i>               |
| <i>Sarah Singer</i>             | <i>Maggie and Mark Singer</i>                        | <i>Grandmother</i>                 |
| <i>Sarah Singer</i>             | <i>Eunice Singer</i>                                 | <i>Mother of John Singer</i>       |
| <i>Madelaine Starkman</i>       | <i>Jacqueline Starkman</i>                           | <i>Grandmother of Jacquelin</i>    |
| <i>Madelaine Starkman</i>       | <i>David Starkman</i>                                | <i>Mother of David</i>             |
| <i>Madelaine Starkman</i>       | <i>Bernard Starkman</i>                              | <i>Wife of Bernard</i>             |
| <i>Ruth Stillman</i>            | <i>Susan Lieberman</i>                               | <i>Aunt of Susan</i>               |
| <i>Donald D. Tapper</i>         | <i>Hazzan Lance H. Tapper</i>                        | <i>Uncle</i>                       |
| <i>Raymond Weiner</i>           | <i>Teresa Weiner</i>                                 | <i>Husband</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.*



# CELEBRATIONS

## June Birthdays



|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| <i>Joel Chesler</i>  | 6/2  |
| <i>Jo Ann Golden</i> | 6/5  |
| <i>Joel Golden</i>   | 6/6  |
| <i>Diane Chesler</i> | 6/12 |
| <i>Mark Singer</i>   | 6/18 |
| <i>Barry Neville</i> | 6/29 |

## June Anniversaries

|                                       |      |                   |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| <i>Joel &amp; Diane Chesler</i>       | 6/4  | 7th Anniversary   |
| <i>Stanley &amp; Susan Kramer</i>     | 6/10 | 57th Anniversary  |
| <i>Abdon &amp; Lemore Barem, baum</i> | 6/13 | 20th Annicversary |
| <i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>       | 6/22 | 67th Anniversary  |
| <i>Eileen &amp; Steve Baptista</i>    | 6/30 | 35th Anniversary  |

*Beth Shalom of Whittier*

*Wishes you all*

*Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary*





Remember our new temporary office address at First Friends

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6726 Washington Ave.

Whittier, Calif. 90601

Please note:... Our Phone and Internet is now in service.

**(562) 941-8744**

*June 2019*

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed                                      | Thu                             | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|-----|-----|--|---------------------------------|---|---|
|   |     |     |  |                                 |   | 1   |
| 2<br>Annual<br>Congregational<br>Meeting—<br>2:00pm | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6                               | 7<br>7:30-Hazzan Lance<br>and Mark Peterson       | 8<br>7:30 - Saturday<br>Night. <b>Erev Shavuot</b><br><b>Yizkor</b> (Yizkor<br>Memorial Pyayers<br>recited) Hazzan<br>Lance |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                                       | 13<br>7:00pm - Board<br>Meeting | 14<br>7:30 - Hazzan<br>Lance and Mark<br>Peterson | 15  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19<br>1:00pm Sisterhood<br>Board Meeting | 20                              | 21<br>7:30— Shmuel<br>Gongales                    | 22  |
| 23  | 23  | 25  | 26                                       | 27                              | 28<br>7:30 - Officiant to<br>be announced         | 29  |



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