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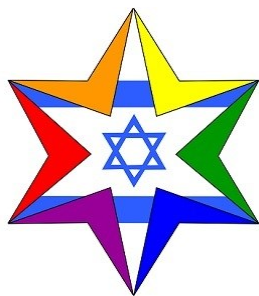
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Dear Friends,

The *Yamim Noraim* commence early this year on Labor Day evening (Monday, September 6) with Rosh Hashanah. The entire month of September will reflect the holiday season this year. This, again, will be a year like no other we have had at Beth Shalom. For the first time in our history, we will be offering services in a hybrid fashion for both in-person worship to those who are vaccinated and can show proof of vaccination and online on our Facebook page as we had done the prior year. This will all happen simultaneously and will be a milestone for our congregation to spread our services far and wide. I can tell you we have people who watch us from as far away as Berlin, Germany.

COVID-19 is still a presence within our area and community, and rest assured, our President and I keep close tabs on the latest COVID protocols and edicts from our county and state. If anything changes regarding in-person worship from the state or county, we will keep you all abreast and make those changes accordingly as needed. Our goal is to provide a quality set of services for all of you with as many safety protocols in place as possible.

I, therefore, also want to remind all of you that the option to worship in person is just that—an option. If you feel more comfortable remaining at home and watching us on Facebook, please feel free to do so. I will be counting a Minyan for each service based on those in the room and those computers online as well. Thus, it is our wish and intent that you worship with us in whatever mode you feel comfortable with and know that we respect and defend your decision whatever that may be in this case. Just worship with us! We need and want your presence with us in whatever fashion you deem appropriate for your level of comfort in these trying times.

I wish you a *Shanah Tovah Umetukah* (a wonderful and sweet New Year) and a *Hag Sameach* (Happy Holiday) and *Moadim L'Simchah* (the festivals are a time of gladness) for Sukkot.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

It has been quite a month. We had a delicious dinner, catered by Panache, to welcome everyone back to in person services. We had a good turnout, and it was wonderful to actually see and talk to people. We will continue with our broadcasts in order to give everyone a choice in when they are ready to come back into the building. If you want to come back in person but need a ride, please call the office and let them know. We will do our best to help you get here.

We are deep into High Holiday preparations. I hope you will join us, either in person or online. I'm sure that everyone will understand that some things will look a little different this year as we are trying to be as safe as possible.

Because of the surge of covid-19 cases due to the Delta variant, we need to back up a bit from what we originally planned as we do our best to keep everyone safe. The Torah reading will be much the same as last year. We are not going to be calling people for Honors or taking the Torahs out of the ark as we hoped to do before the Delta variant got so bad. We will open the ark at the appropriate times during the service so we can see the Torahs.

We will not be having onegs after High Holiday services or regular Shabbat services for the time being because of safety concerns.

The big change this year is that you are welcome to join us in person to listen, read and pray together if you are fully vaccinated and wear a mask. Many of us have greatly missed the camaraderie of praying together during this pandemic. Please decide whether to come in person or watch online for a while longer, based on your own comfort level and health.

I ask everyone to be understanding as the only thing I can say for sure is that the situation will continue to change and we have to change with it. Never a dull moment, is the best way that I can describe these times. We are doing our best but wouldn't be human if we didn't make some missteps as we try to keep up. I can assure you that Hazzan and I continually receive updates from the LA County Department of Public Health and talk to leaders of other houses of worship.

Looking forward to seeing you all, either in person or virtually, for the High Holidays. Most importantly of all – Stay safe and healthy.

Shalom,
Lila

Rosh Hashonah

According to our Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashonah (September 7 and 8, 2021)/Tishrei 1, 5782) the new year, we reflect on the meaning and purpose of human life. We encounter gratitude for what is, regret for what has been, hope and anxiety about what will come and how will we react to it. (Numbers 29:1-2). May this soul searching bring us closer to G-d as we take inventory and renew ourselves.

On Yom Kippur we fast, to focus ourselves on our prayers and a closeness to G-d. Wearing white we try to find and discard all within us that keeps us from necessary change. Concisely, Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur are our poles of the season. Each of our deeds is a seed that determines a path of the future. As we plant our deeds in the world, we pray that we will have the wisdom to make them righteous ones.

10 Days of Penitence The 10 days of penitence beginning with Rosh Hashonah and ending with Yom Kippur are called “Aseres Y'mai Tshuvoh”. These days are designated by G-d as a trial period to find out whether we have truly turned over a new leaf for the coming year as we promised on Rosh Hashonah. Special prayers of penitence are added to the daily services during these days.

The prayer of penitence can bring us forgiveness only for the sins that we have committed against G-d. In order to be forgiven for the sins we have committed against fellow men and women, we must ask forgiveness from the person we have wronged. This must be done before Yom Kippur.

Services Rosh Hashonah begins in the evening with the “Ma'ariv” service on September 6 being read from a special prayer book called a “Machzor” which means “cycle”. The service is mostly the same as the daily Ma'ariv except for a special sentence about the shofar below the Shmoneh Esrei and a special Shmoneh Esrei. After the Ma'ariv it is customary for congregation to wish each other the traditional greeting, “L'shona Tova Tickosaiva”, may you be inscribed (in the book of life) for a good year”.

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Upon returning from the synagogue the Kiddush is recited and the holiday meal is eaten. It is customary to dip a piece of “challah” in honey and eat it at the beginning of the meal to symbolize a good and sweet year. The following morning the entire family attends services. The Shacharis service is longer than the usual holiday “Shacharis” as it contains many added prayers of repentance after the “Shacharis” two scrolls are taken from the ark and six people are called to the Torah. If Rosh Hashonah falls on a Sabbath, seven people are called to the Torah.

After the Torah service the shofar is sounded. The man who sounds the shofar is called the “Baal Tekiyah.” He begins by reciting two blessings: The first blesses G-d who commanded us to hear the shofar. The second is the SHEHECHEYONU. He then sounds the shofar. If Rosh Hashonah occurs on a Sabbath, the shofar is not sounded.

Tashlich On the first day of Rosh Hasonah, in the late afternoon, it is customary to stand near flowing water and recite a special prayer to G-d asking for forgiveness. We do this by casting bread crumbs into the water which represents our sins. We do this and ask G-d to forgive us and resolve not to sin in the future. This prayer is called Tashlich which means “casting away”.

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement The color of Yom Kippur is white. When you enter the synagogue on Yom Kippur eve 15 September/10 Tishret. It concludes the “Ten Days of Penitence”. You will also see that the Holy is covered with a white curtain and the cloth on the pulpit desk is white. The Torah scrolls also have white mantles. The Cantor and organist are wrapped in white. Most of our congregants are wearing white skullcaps. The significance is that white is the symbol of purity. It is an expression of our desire for G-d to purify us by forgiving our sins/wrongs. By devoting ourselves to prayer and fasting for the entire day, we show our sincerity when we ask for forgiveness. That is the great power of Yom Kippur. We promise to improve ourselves through forgiveness for our past sins and endeavor in the coming year to avoid making new ones. That is how we purify ourselves.

Kol Ndrei is the opening prayer of the Yom Kippur services. It was written about the eighth century by an unknown author. In ancient times as well as today, vows to G-d were often made without thinking and many times were not fulfilled. Kol Nidei was composed to officially cancel such vows on Yom Kippur. In lands where Jews were forced to promise and accept another religion it was this prayer that brought them peace of mind on Yom Kippur.

After the congregation assembles in the synagogue and the sun goes down. Two Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and are held by the leaders and elders of the shul. The Kol Nidrei is chanted by the Cantor three times in a tearful melody that reminds us of the centuries of suffering and torture endured by our people.

During the Kol Nidrei service all male worshipers wear Taliyos. This is the only occasion during the year that the Tallis is worn during an evening service.

Sam Pearlman





HIGH HOLYDAYS 2021-5782

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Meeting House (Sanctuary) at First Friends
13205 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601
(All are welcome in-person with proof of Vaccination)

**ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:
BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV—SEPTEMBER 6: Prelude at 7:25 pm/Service at 7:30 pm
FIRST DAY—SEPTEMBER 7: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am
SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 8: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE—SEPTEMBER 15: Prelude at 6:25 pm/Service at 6:30 pm
YOM KIPPUR—SEPTEMBER 16:
MORNING: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am
MINCHAH (AFTERNOON), YIZKOR, NEILAH: Prelude at 4:25 pm/Services at 4:30 pm

OFFICIANTS:

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader
The Beth Shalom Singers
Alan Kelly-Crawley, Organist/Conductor
Dr. Ana Maldonado, Kol Nidre Cello Soloist

There is no charge for our services, but donations to Beth Shalom are encouraged.

For further information, please call our synagogue office at: 562-941-8744



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EREV SUKKOT

SEPTEMBER 20—Sukkot Prelude at 6:55 pm/Service at 7:00 pm

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

SEPTEMBER 24—Prelude at 7:25 pm/Service at 7:30 pm

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH/YIZKOR

SEPTEMBER 27—Festival Prelude at 6:40 pm/Service at 6:45 pm

OFFICIATING:

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader
Ty Woodward, Organist

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.

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

September 6-- **Erev Rosh Hashanah**--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, and Alan Kelly Crawley, Organist/Choir Master

September 7-- **First Day Rosh Hashanah**--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, and Alan Kelly Crawley, Organist/Choir Master

September 8-- **Second Day Rosh Hashanah**--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance, and Alan Kelly Crawley, Organist

September 10--**Shabbat Shuvah**--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

September 15-- **Kol Nidre**--6:25 pm Prelude; 6:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, Alan Kelly Crawley, Organist/Choir Master, and Dr. Ana Maldonado, Kol Nidre cello soloist

September 16-- **Yom Kippur Morning**--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, and Alan Kelly Crawley Organist/Choir Master

Yom Kippur Minchah, Yizkor, and Neilah-- 4:25 pm Prelude; 4:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance, the Beth Shalom Singers, and Alan Kelly Crawley, Organist/Choir Master

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

September 20--**Erev Sukkot**--6:55 pm Prelude; 7:00 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

September 24--**Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot**--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

September 27--**Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**--6:40 pm Prelude; 6:45 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

We are going to read Daughter of Molokai: a Novel by Alan Brennert. We are meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 12:30 pm. In October, we are going to read & discuss "Letters for Emily" by Camron Wright. No date as yet in October. We are now meeting in person and Zoom.

Happy Reading.

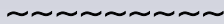
If you have any questions, or want to join us, please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



September

Candle Lighting Times

- September 3 —6:58
- September 10—6:49
- September 17—6:39
- September 24—6:29



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.

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

Birthdays

Joann Eres	September 2
Mark Gibson	September 9
Preston Rosser	September 11
Eileen Wiseman	September 15

Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!!



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Donations

Claire Rademacher

Revekah Martinez—in memory of son, Caleb Kane F Mora Martinez

Yizkor Book Donations

Madelon Alpert-Herman, Maxine Berkowitz, Hope Greenwood, Michelle Hess, Sidney & Sandra Paul,
Claire Rademacher, Robert & Rita Rubin, Ilene Shapiro, and Marietta Shreiber Reed

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Abdon Barembaum	Gitl Barembaum	Mother
Michelle Hess	George Friedman	Uncle
	Florence Morzinsky	Aunt
Dorothy A Wiener	Paul Wiener	Father-in-Law

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed

Yetta Becker
Morgan Erlich
Arthur Fleischman
Leonard Grill
Betty Lipman
Wandor Meszoly

Observed By

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Dear Departed

Joseph Morris
Davis Sarkin
Sheldon Schannon
Lydia Sussman
Elsa Toll

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.

Tribute Cards

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

ADULT EDUCATION

From your Adult Education Committee:

We will be having an adult education class soon after the High Holy days.

Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches.

Any questions or suggestions call Jay Weinschenker at 562-965-8287 or email me : BronxWest@gmail.com

September 2021 Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Irving Bartikofsky</i>	<i>David Bartikofsky</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Ann Kanahele</i>	<i>Dorothy Berry</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>	<i>Pearl Blankstein</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Celia Bolasny</i>	<i>Aunt of Sandra</i>
<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Ann Brezak</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Charles & Lila Held</i>	<i>Anna Brickel</i>	<i>Grandmother of Lila</i>
<i>Karen Fritz</i>	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Stanley & Susan Kramer</i>	<i>Evelyn Falk</i>	<i>Mother of Susan</i>
<i>Richard & Yvonne Rothenberg</i>	<i>Beryl Feldman</i>	<i>Sister of Richard</i>
<i>Dan Franden</i>	<i>Blanche Franden</i>	
<i>Mark Handler</i>	<i>Henry Joseph Handler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Debora Davis</i>	<i>Henry Joseph Handler</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Jackie Kolnick</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Morris Marks</i>	<i>Aunt's Father</i>
	<i>Dorothy C Tapper</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Hyman Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Toby Pinck</i>	<i>Max Pinck</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Sam Rowe</i>	<i>Pearl Rowe</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Judith Silberberg</i>	<i>Louis Silberberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Mark & Maggie Singer</i>	<i>Abraham Singer</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Eunice Singer</i>	<i>Abraham Singer</i>	<i>Father of John</i>
<i>Bernard Starkman</i>	<i>Jack Starkman</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Joseph Wein</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Howard Weinberg</i>	<i>Louis Weinberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Robin Weintraub</i>	<i>Robert Weintraub</i>	<i>Father</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.

September 2021

Elul 5781 - Tishrei 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 27 Elul Parashat Nitzavim
5	6 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	7 9:30a First Day Rosh Hashanah Service	8 9:30a Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service	9	10 7:30p Shabbat Shuvah Service	11 5 Tishrei Parashat Vayelech
12	13	14 12:30p Book Club	15 6:30p Kol Nidre Service	16 9:30a Yom Kippur Morning Service 4:30p Yom Kippur Minchah, Yizkor, and Neilah Service	17 7:30p Shabbat Service	18 12 Tishrei Parashat Ha'azinu
19	20 7:00p Erev Sukkot Service	21	22	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot Service	25 12 Tishrei Sukkot
26	27 6:45p Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service	28	29	30		



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