



Beth Shalom Weekly Update

Thursday, July 3, 2025 to Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus Parashat Chukat

Shabbat Service - July 4, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening 7:30 pm

SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

Erica will work from home Tuesday - Friday, 10:00a-4:00p. The Beth Shalom office will now be open by appointment only. Our office phone and email will continue to be attended to during office hours.

10:00a-4:00p Tuesday-Friday
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Yahrzeit

Myra Becker
in memory of
Morris Beckelman, grandfather
Irving Ninberg, uncle

Robert Schneiderman and
Loren Schneiderman
in memory of
Alan Schneiderman, father

If you know of someone who is ill, had surgery, or just needs a call now and then, please let us know so we can reach out. Thank you.

LIVE SERVICES

Beth Shalom of Whittier has moved its service broadcasts from Facebook to YouTube. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details and instructions.

Clergy Schedule

Virtual Services: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>
*Services and events are once again open to in person. Services will continue to broadcast on YouTube simultaneously for those who cannot attend in person.

July 4--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

July 11--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

July 18--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

July 25--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

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

August 8--6:00 pm--Shabbat Dinner in fellowship Hall

(by reservation only!); **7:25 pm--Prelude and service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty

Parashat Chukat: Summary

Torah Reading: Numbers 19:1 - 22:1
Parashat Chukat

By Nancy Reuben Greenfield

*God instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the red heifer;
Miriam dies; Moses hits a rock to bring forth water
rather than speaking to it; Aaron dies.*

God said to Moses and Aaron, 'Speak to the sons of Israel and find a completely red cow on which there is no blemish and no yoke has ever come. You shall give it to Eleazar, the priest, and he shall take it outside the camp and slaughter it. This cow shall then be made into an offering and those that participate in the sacrifice shall be unclean until the evening.

'Remember this everlasting statute,' God continues. 'One who touches the corpse of any human soul becomes unclean for seven days. If the corpse is in a tent, all that is within the tent is also unclean. There is a purification process involving water for people and their possessions. If one does not purify oneself after a state of uncleanness, that soul shall be uprooted from Israel. Anything unclean must be made clean and pure before coming in contact with the holy Sanctuary.'

The entire community of Israel came into the wilderness of Tzin and settled down in Kadesh. Miriam died in Kadesh and was buried there.

In Kadesh, there was no water for the community and the people assembled against Moses and Aaron. They said, 'Why

Service Attendance

If you are not a member, coming with a member or known to someone who will be at the service, please call the office before coming to any of our services. We do have security guards at all of our services and events.

Beth Shalom Services: We are open for in person services. If you are not yet comfortable coming to services in person, please tune in virtually by visiting our YouTube page, <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch.

Book Club: Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15th, at 1:00pm. The book will be "La Rose" by Louise Erdrich. The book is about a man who accidentally kills his friends child while hunting, and in an act of atonement, gives his own son, La Rose, to the grieving parents to raise. This deeply moving novel explores the aftermath of this tragedy. All are welcome. Contact Michelle with any questions.

Simcha Sharing Let the office know of your good news and we will share it in the next weekly. Weddings ★ Births

Tribute Cards To send a Tribute Card, please contact Michelle Hess. Her e-mail is: michelleh3532@gmail.com

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Hope Greenwood - July 9

did you bring us here in the wilderness to die? Why did you take us from Egypt in order to bring us to this evil place? There are no figs or wine or pomegranates. There is not even water to drink.'

Moses and Aaron went to the Tent of Appointed Meeting and fell on their faces. The glory of God appeared to them. God said to Moses, 'Take your rod and assemble the community. Then you and your brother Aaron speak to the rock before the people's eyes. You shall then bring forth water from out of the rock for the people and their animals.'

Moses and Aaron then gathered the congregation before the rock and Moses said to them, 'Listen now, O rebels, shall we bring forth water for you from this rock?' Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock with his staff twice and abundant water came forth and the people and their animals drank.

HOW TO VIEW BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER ON YOUTUBE

Beth Shalom of Whittier has moved its service broadcasts from Facebook to YouTube beginning with the broadcast of services on **May 9, 2025, at 7:25 pm**. Here are the simple steps to view services from Beth Shalom of Whittier on YouTube starting that date:

You do not have to sign up or subscribe to YouTube to watch our livestream services or videos on it!

On any computer browser, type in the top search bar: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>

then hit Enter on your keyboard. That will take you to Beth Shalom of Whittier's You Tube Channel!

The first video icon there on our video channel will be the one you want to click on and watch. We will generally have a video icon set at least 20 minutes ahead of the service broadcast time and it will begin at the noted time (7:25 pm, 9:25 am, etc.). You can click on that icon and wait for the video to start.

Chat Feature on YouTube

Should you wish to use the chat feature on a YouTube livestream, you must have a Gmail email address and password and sign into YouTube at the top right of the YouTube screen where it says **sign-in**. If you do not have a Gmail address, you can create one by clicking on that sign-in at the top right of the YouTube first page and following their instructions. Then each time you watch a livestream you can sign into YouTube and the chat feature will be on the right side of the video you are watching.