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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

We are now in the process of counting the omer between Pesah and Shavuot. This daily process reminds us how we should focus ourselves on keeping our Judaism in the forefront of our lives and how yearly we prepare ourselves to again receive the law, as did our ancestors, on the celebration of Shavuot, 7 weeks from Pesah. You will hear us count the omer weekly during Shabbat services and we hope this will be a great reminder to focus your attention on how important you Judaism and Beth Shalom are to you in your life.

On May 13, we will uniquely celebrate Shabbat in the Fellowship Hall at First friends as another group will be using the Meeting House that night. ALL will be welcome to come in person to this service which will begin 1 hour earlier at 6:30 pm and followed by an Italian dairy pasta Shabbat dinner at no charge to all who wish to attend. You will need to let our office know if you plan to attend this wonderful event so we can plan accordingly for dinner. The last time we did this before COVID, we had a very nice sized crowd, and we hope you will want to attend again with us for this very special Shabbat celebration.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you have all had a good month.

We had lots of activity at Beth Shalom this month. We had a marvelous Seder and Passover Service. I was out of town but everyone tells me that the food was great (thanks to Panache) and the Seder Service was very well done by Hazzan Lance accompanied by Ty Woodward.

We were able to have two Torah services this month with enough people in person so that we could have aliyahs and actually take the Torahs out and read from them. What a blessing to be able to get back to this point.

First Friends Church is continuing to upgrade their sound system which has caused a few glitches in our Facebook broadcasts but hopefully that is taken care of now. My thanks to all who helped with the troubleshooting and work arounds that allowed us to actually broadcast, even if it was slightly delayed. My thanks to all of you who were understanding and patient and stayed with us as this was being accomplished.

We are looking forward to our Italian dinner on May 13th. We will have both the dinner and Shabbat Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember that we will not broadcast that night's service as we just can't broadcast from there and the sanctuary is not available that night. See the flyer for details.

If anyone has any ideas for an event, please either call me or the office. In the planning stages are a class and an open house (when our office renovation is completed). Both would include a lunch or other refreshments as appropriate.

Shalom
Lila

Counting the Omer

The Israelites approached Moses and asked him how long would they journey before G-d's revelation. Moses told them that they wait from the second day after they left Egypt it would be 49 days. On the 50th day they were to receive the Torah revealed by G-d.

According to the Torah, when the Israelites reached Canan, they were to make it a holy land. In the springtime when the first sheaves of grain were to be harvested, thanks were to be given to G-d. Before any of the new grain could be eaten a special "OMER" (measure of grain) offering was to be brought to the Temple. This omer offering was to be brought on the second day of Passover. From that day (OMER one) seven weeks were to be counted Nisan 16, April 17 - 30 equals 15 Omer on May one 2022/5782. On Omer 15 another offering was to be brought to the Temple; the offering of the first fruits, the "Bikurim". The days of the omer were days of great joy and celebration. What could make one happier than looking at a field of golden brown grain waving in the wind?

Unfortunately, these days of happiness changed to sadness many years later in the time of Rabbi Akiva. During these days of the "omer" a terrible plague similar to our Covid 19 broke out and many of his 24,000 students died. From that time on the days of the omer are remembered as days of mourning.

Laws of the Omer: As listed above the days of the omer are counted. They are counted in the evening after the "Ma'ariv" service, concisely. The blessing praising G-d's name and acknowledging the fulfillment of the commandment are recited. This is followed by counting the number of weeks and days that have passed in the omer (they are listed in most siddurs).

Laws of Counting: If one has forgotten to count the "omer" at night it must be counted on the following day, without the blessing. The following night, however, he/she is to count again normally. If he/she accidentally skipped an entire day, he/she should still count but no longer recite the blessing. At the conclusion of the Sabbath or Passover the "omer" is counted before the "Havdalah" service is recited.

Lag Ba'omer: In contrast to the other days of the omer the 33rd day is a day of rejoicing. History tells us that none of Rabbi Akiva's students died on this day. It was also on this day that Bar KOCHEA, known as "Akiva's general" won a great victory in the revolution of the Jews against the Romans. On this day none of the laws of mourning apply. This festival day is know as "Lag Ba'omer". Lag are the Hebrew letters for 33, "Ba'omer" meaning "in the omer".

Sam Pearlman

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

INVITES YOU TO

A SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FIRST FRIENDS

13205 PHILADELPHIA STREET

WHITTIER CA 90601-4386

**THE SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWED BY
AN ITALIAN PASTA DAIRY SHABBAT DINNER**

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST**

THERE WILL BE NO FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST THIS SHABBAT

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SERVICE/SHABBAT DINNER
PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 9, 2022

Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof and a mask 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.

May 6-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

May 13-- 6:30 pm service followed by dinner--Social Hall--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward (reservations required, no Facebook broadcast)

May 20-- 7:25 pm--prelude, 7:30 pm service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

May 27-- 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.

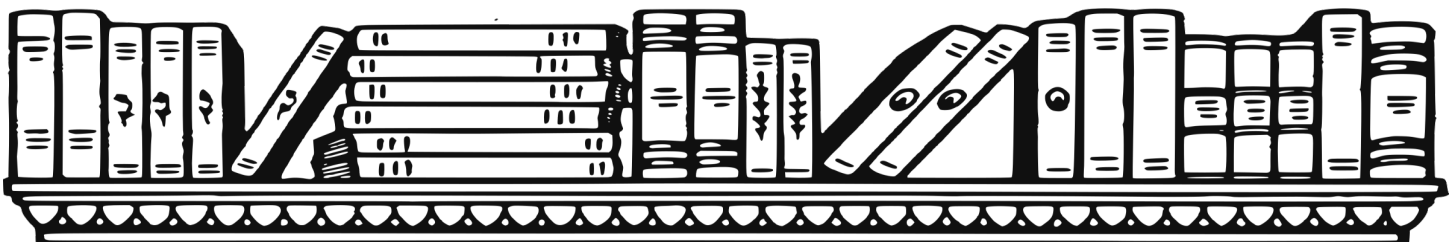


BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Group is Tuesday, May 10 at 12:30 pm.
The book is "By the Grace of the Game" by Dan Grunfeld.
A story of The Holocaust, a Basketball Legacy, and an Unprecedented American Dream.

We will be continuing to meet on Zoom. Happy Reading.

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



May

Candle Lighting Times

May 6 - 7:22

May 13 - 7:28

May 20 - 7:33

May 27 - 7:38



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

Myra Becker	May 5
Alberto Herrera	May 8
Maggie Singer	May 10
Lenore Barembaum	May 11
Steve Baptista	May 20
Irving Bartikofsky	May 25
Susan Rubin	May 25

Anniversary

Robert & Rita Rubin May 30 - 54 Years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday and happy anniversary!!



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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 Donations

Remembered by

Abdon Barembaum

Mona Di Natale

Michelle Hess

Arlene Norton

Sandra Paul

Beloved Departed

Rebecca Barembaum

Sam Shinder

Jacob Sandler

Edward Sandler

Marty Norton

Ann Lehman

Theodore High

Relationship

Wife

Father

Grandfather

Uncle

Husband

Mother

Brother-in-Law

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Abdon Barembaum</i>	<i>Moishe Barembaum</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Martin Becker</i>	<i>Ex-husband</i>
<i>Ann Kanahele</i>	<i>Berry J. Wesley</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Lila Held</i>	<i>Julius Bromberg</i>	
	<i>Sally Held</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>William Cutler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Sherman Esterson</i>	<i>Abe Esterson</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Benjamin Rose</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Ellen Singer</i>	<i>Stanley Feldman</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Ida Freedman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Rebecca Goldberg</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Richard Hess</i>	<i>Husband</i>
	<i>Martha Steinhauer</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Paul Jaffe</i>	<i>Miriam Jaffe</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Jack Lieberman</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
	<i>Mina Lieberman</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Barry Neville</i>	<i>Bonnie Neville</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Marty Norton</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Samuel Pearlman</i>	<i>Bernice Pearlman</i>	<i>Wife</i>
	<i>Rachel Pearlman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>David Weiss</i>	<i>Harold Weiss</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Robert Schneiderman, Loren Schneiderman & Meryl Briscoe</i>	<i>Lydia Schneiderman</i>	<i>Mother</i>

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

<i>Louis Altshuler</i>	<i>Sol Kain</i>	<i>Toby Rosen</i>	<i>Miriam Schneiderman</i>
<i>Helen Braidman</i>	<i>Morton Kramer</i>	<i>Isaac Rosenberg</i>	<i>Isaac Sherman</i>
<i>Yetta Cohen</i>	<i>Anna Lieberman</i>	<i>Joseph Ross</i>	<i>Jeanette Slater</i>
<i>Sally Dim</i>	<i>William Lieberman</i>	<i>Rose Roy</i>	<i>Mildred Slonka</i>
<i>Murray Fishelberg</i>	<i>Herbert Litt</i>	<i>Rebecca Sandow</i>	<i>Maurice Storm</i>
<i>Alfred Goldstein</i>	<i>Evette Pollack</i>	<i>Rena Schannon</i>	<i>Alice Unger</i>
<i>Richard Gross</i>	<i>Oscar Yamin</i>	<i>Louis Zevin</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.

May 2022
Nissan - Sivan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 6 Iyar Parashat Kedoshim
8	9	10 12:30p Book Club	11	12	13 6:30p Shabbat Service/ Dinner	14 13 Iyar Parashat Emor
15	16	17	18	19 7:30 Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 20 Iyar Parashat Behar
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 27 Iyar Parashat Behukotai
29	30	31				



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