



## Our Mishpacha

### Inside This Issue

#### Articles

Hazzan's Notes  
Religious  
Connection

#### Schedules/Times

Clergy Schedule /  
Candle Lighting Times

#### Thank You

Donations

#### Message from The President

#### Celebrations

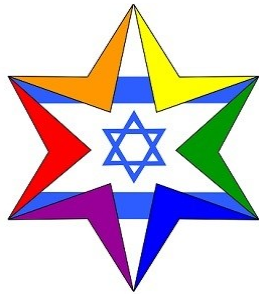
Birthdays  
Anniversaries

#### Book Club

#### Yahrzeits

Monthly Observances

#### Monthly Calendar



Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

At the end of this month, we begin our Jewish ritual Spring observance with Pesah. Normally, Pesah lines up closer to the solar move into Spring in March, but with this year being a leap year in our calendar, it is literally a month later into solar Spring than usual.

We invite all of you to take part in our synagogue Seder on the First Night of Pesah as well as the service that precedes it where we will pray for dew which waters our plants throughout the Spring and Summer months. This prayer, known in Hebrew as *Tal*, is only recited on this beginning of the festival to remind us of our agrarian roots and the importance of the Barley harvest to our people in ancient and modern times. It is a beautiful Medieval poem asking God to remember us for life through dew's water.

At the end of the festival, we will pray the Yizkor Memorial prayers remembering those who are no longer with us whom we miss at this festival. The many Seders of our youth still give us vivid memories we have of loving family time together.

Hag Sameach!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits and good health. It has been a busy month for Beth Shalom. We had a Lunch & Learn given by Hazzan Lance, a Shabbat dinner, catered by Lascari's and a Purim service led by Rabbi Ken. They were all well received and enjoyable.

The Lunch & Learn taught us many things about the Friday night services, including when to bend and the proper way to do that as well as when to join in singing and when not to do that! The next Lunch & Learn on April 13<sup>th</sup> will be a continuation of all of that as it applies to holiday services. You will definitely enjoy it if you come. Of course lunch will be served.

The Shabbat dinner was delicious as always and gave us a really nice chance to socialize and shmooze with our friends. The turnout was very nice for both events.

Purim was fun as always and we enthusiastically booed Haman and cheered for Esther and Mordecai.

On the personal front, I spent another weekend at the beach, and 4 days on a cruise to Catalina and Ensenada with several grandchildren on their Spring Break.

April will be almost as busy with another Lunch and Learn and our Passover Seder. Please remember to RSVP, especially for the Seder as that is catered by Panache and we need a pretty firm number.

I hope that many of you can come out for these events. We do put a lot of effort into planning them and the socialization is really good for us all. If you need a ride, let the office know.

Shalom,  
Lila

### Donations

Alita Sevin      Donation made to the Hazzan Discretionary Fund  
                            Donation made to the General Fund in appreciation to Michelle Hess

### Yahrzeit Donations

#### Remembered by

Miriam Held  
Michelle Hess  
Sandra Paul

#### Beloved Departed

Joseph Held  
Sarah Schwartz  
Rhea B Seagull

#### Relationship

Husband  
Aunt  
Cousin

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

On April 16th, we are reading "The Wind Knows My Name" by Isabel Allende. "The lives of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi-occupied Europe and a mother and daughter fleeing twenty-first-century El Salvador intersect in this ambitious, intricate novel about war and immigration" (*People*).

We are continuing to meet on Zoom.  
Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.

If you have any questions,  
please call either Michelle or Myra.

Happy Reading Everyone.

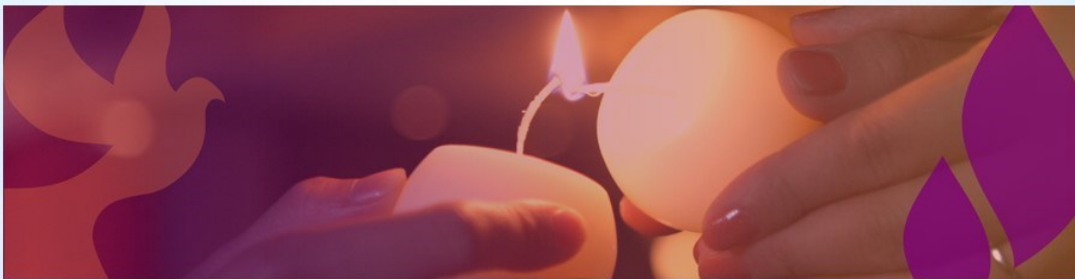




# Beth Shalom of Whittier Lunch and Learn

## Rabbinics/Hazzanics 201 - The Festival Services

Hazzan Lance will provide a tour of the Festival service liturgy (Rosh Hodesh, Hanukkah, Purim, Pesah, Shavuot, Sukkot) to include why we pray, what we pray, how we pray, and why the prayers are placed when and where they are in services.



**Saturday, April 13, 2024--12:00-2:00 pm**

**Lunch will be provided.**

**RSVP to the temple office by April 5,  
by email: [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) or  
by phone: 562-941-8744.**

**Join your shul friends for an afternoon of interesting  
learning and delicious nosh.**

**Please note: during these troubled times, in person services and events will only be open to members, former members, and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors.**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER INVITES YOU TO*



*OUR FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER*

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**

**AT  
FIRST FRIENDS**

**PESAH PRELUDE AND SERVICE FOR ALL  
BEGINS @6:25 PM IN THE SANCTUARY  
FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR RESERVED GUESTS**

**THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE ONLY WILL ALSO BE STREAMED  
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SEDER**

**PLEASE EMAIL AT [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) OR  
CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744**

**THE SEDER IS COMPLIMENTARY FOR MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST  
NON-MEMBERS OR ADDITIONAL GUESTS \$75/PERSON, PREPAID BY THE RSVP DATE**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 12, 2024, BY 3:00PM**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US

**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH AND PESAH YIZKOR**



*SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH SERVICE*

Friday, April 26—Pesah Organ Prelude—7:25 pm, Service—7:30 pm

*PESAH YIZKOR SERVICE*

Sunday, April 28—Pesah Organ Prelude @7:25 pm, Service @7:30 pm

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

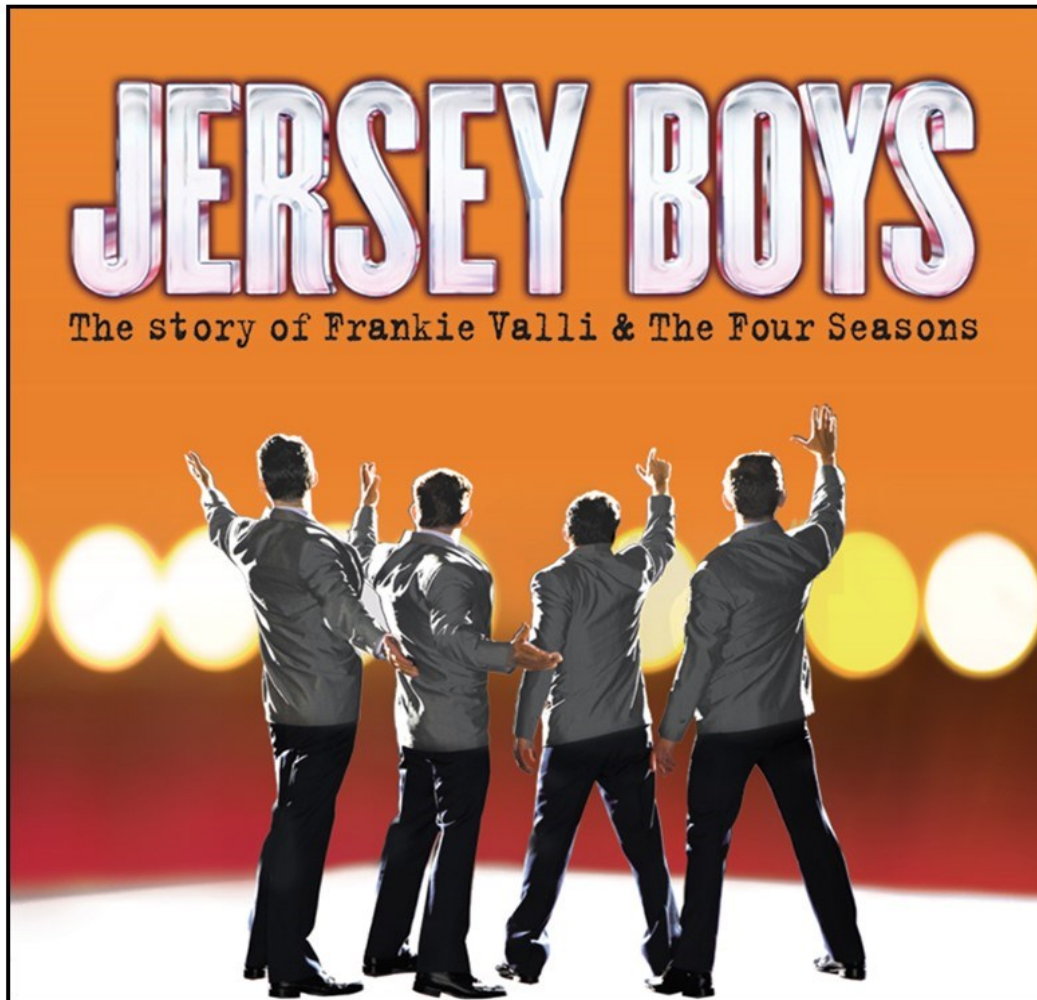
**BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT FIRST FRIENDS**

**AND SIMULTANEOUSLY STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**





**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS**



**Join your Beth Shalom friends and family for  
an afternoon at the theatre!**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 ★ 2:00 p.m.**

La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts  
14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada 90638

There are a limited number of tickets, reserve yours today by  
calling or emailing the Temple office.

Tickets are free for MEMBERS ONLY plus one guest.

We do not have any extra tickets for sale.

Tickets can be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

Let the office know if you need transportation.

[bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) ★ (562) 941-8744

## Pesach

One of the most delightful holidays in our religion is Passover (Pesach in Hebrew). It is our oldest holiday - it marks the anniversary of the birth of Israel as a people. There is much that we can learn from its history. Passover is celebrated from the 15th through 22nd day of the Hebrew month Nissan. The first two and the last two days are called "Yom Tave" the middle four are called "Chol Hamed".

It is customary to begin the study of Pesach 30 days before the holiday. This is in order to become familiar with all regulations of the holiday.

The Story Passover begins with the story of Joseph, the son of Jacob. He was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and was finally brought to Egypt. Due to his wisdom and foresight he became a great man second only to the Pharaoh. Joseph brought Jacob and his brothers and their families; which consisted of 70 people to the Egyptian area of Goshen. There they lived happily for many years.

Eventually, Jacob and his 12 sons died. Joseph's family grew larger as years passed, a new Pharaoh arose. He chose to neglect the Jews and their contributions that Joseph made possible to the welfare of Egypt. This wicked man imposed heavy taxes upon the Jews and subjugated them to slavery. Pharaoh feared some day the Jews would take over his kingdom. The Jews built the fortresses of the cities of Pithom and Ramises with their slave labor.

Despite the harsh treatment the Jews received, they grew in number and became stronger. Pharaoh in turn issued an edict to kill all the new born sons of the Jews. This he felt would be the solution to his problem.

The plight of the Jews grew steadily worse, until G-d in His kindness and mercy sent them Moses, and his brother Aaron the sons of Amram to appear before Pharaoh. They asked him in G-d's name to allow the Jews to go into the wilderness to worship their G-d. Pharaoh refused. Moses then performed a miracle. He threw down his rod and it became a snake. He wanted to convince Pharaoh that he came in the name of G-d. Pharaoh was not impressed by this miracle and he refused again. G-d then began to punish the Egyptians with severe plagues. It was not until the 10th plague, the slaughter of the first born males of every Egyptian family, that the will of Pharaoh was broken. He himself was a first born and he feared for his own life. In the middle of the night, Pharaoh's own son lay dead before him. He called for Moses and Aaron and begged them to take the Jews out of Egypt. Moses gathered the Jews together and left Egypt in haste.

Haggadah This Hebrew word means "telling". It is the title of the book used for the "Seder" service. It tells the above story in detail. The story of our peoples fight for life and liberty. It reveals the glory of true freedom. It tells us that its everyone's duty in every generation to look upon themselves as though they personally had come out of Egypt. Yes Pharaoh was their ruler, he tried to be their god. He made a costly mistake for it was the will of G-d that the Jews leave Egypt and devote themselves to Him as His nation. No human being can set themselves up as god.

Gut Yom Tov, Gut Chol Hamoed!

Shalom,

Sam Pearlman

## Adult Education



The last Lunch and Learn was special. It was right up there with some of the best lunch and learns I've ever been to. Hazzan Lance outdid himself not only by bringing kosher deli but after we ate he had lessons on shabbat services laced with questions and answers.

We could have called it 'everything you wanted to know about Shabbat but were afraid to ask'. We had a nice turn-out and all of us left the meeting with more knowledge than we had going in.

Our next meeting will be April 13th so save the date. What can be more fun than learning and eating with friends.

If you have an idea for Lunch and Learn please call Jay Weinschenker 562-965-8287 or email him at [bronxwest@aol.com](mailto:bronxwest@aol.com).

Shalom

Jay

## Clergy Schedule

**Current policy for Beth Shalom Services:** We are open as usual to members, former members and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors. Any major events will require pre-registration and/or tickets. We will continue to have security guards on the premises and reserve the right to inspect any bags or purses. All others may watch on our Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**.

**April 5--7:30 pm Service--**Rabbi Ken

**April 12--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 19--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 22--*Erev Pesah/First Seder*--6:25 pm Prelude; 6:30 pm Festival Service** in the Sanctuary--Hazzan Lance and Ty; **Seder** (by reservation only) in the Fellowship hall--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 26--*Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah*-- 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**April 28-- *Erev Pesah Yizkor*-- 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](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

## Candle Lighting Times

April 5 - 7:00

April 12 - 7:05

April 19 - 7:11

April 26 - 7:16



## Beth Shalom of Whittier April Birthdays

Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	April 6
Eileen Baptista	April 11
Ann Kanahele	April 14
Jessica Espinoza	April 16
Bernard Starkman	April 17
Raquel Covarrubias	April 24
Michelle Hess	April 30

## Anniversary

- 0 -

## 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](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)**

## Tribute Cards

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



**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<i>Richard Lasher</i>	<i>Raymond Lipshitz</i>	
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Bobbie Golden</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Ann Kanahale</i>	<i>Arlene Berry</i>	<i>Sister-in-Law</i>
<i>Sidney Paul</i>	<i>Mary Torren Paul</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Sharon Tapper Miller</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Dora Aronowitz</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Steve Baptista</i>	<i>Charles Baptista</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Joel Golden</i>	<i>Bernard Golden</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Lila Held</i>	<i>Sandra Kanian</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Joann Eres</i>	<i>Sandra Kanian</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Sol Sherman</i>	<i>Eva Sherman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Kathleen King</i>	<i>Robert Gaal</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Theodore High</i>	<i>Brother-in-Law</i>
	<i>Ann Lehman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Minnie Becker</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Jacob Sandler</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
	<i>Edward Sandler</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Dan Franden</i>	<i>Betty R. Randall</i>	
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Sam Shinder</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Anita Horowitz</i>	<i>Jacob Horowitz</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Robert Klein</i>	<i>Sam Klein</i>	<i>Father</i>

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

<i>Sylvia Kostura</i>	<i>Beatrice Shapiro</i>	<i>Arthur Eisen</i>
<i>Etta Eisen</i>	<i>Ruth Goldenberg</i>	<i>Sally Seltzer</i>
<i>Abraham Carnow</i>	<i>Bessie Bohrer</i>	<i>Dennis Taisch</i>
<i>Bernard Korduner</i>	<i>Milton Kraus</i>	<i>Flora Popick</i>
<i>Sarah Werner</i>	<i>Joe Freedman</i>	<i>Rachael Friedman</i>
<i>Murray Roy</i>	<i>Harry Weiss</i>	<i>Ted Snitzer</i>
<i>Etta Weiss</i>	<i>Leo Biegel</i>	<i>Charles Appleman</i>
<i>Miriam Novak</i>	<i>Theodore Jesilow</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.*

## *Adar II - Nissan 5784*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 27 Adar II Parashat Shemini
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 5 Nissan Parashat Tazria  2:00p Lunch & Learn (by reservation only)
14	15	16 12:30p Book Club	17	18 7:00p Board Meeting	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 12 Nissan Parashat Metzora
21	22 Erev Pesach  6:30p First Night Pesah Service and Seder (Seder by reservation only)	23 Passover Day One	24 Passover Day Two	25 Passover Day Three	26 Passover Day Four  7:30p Shabbat Hol Haoed Pesah Service	27 19 Nissan Passover Day Five
28 Passover Day Six  7:30p Pesah Yizkor Service	29 Passover Day 7	30 Passover Day 8				