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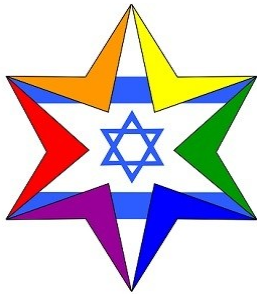
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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

On May 3, we will be showing the recent documentary, **October 8**, in the Fellowship Hall to our congregation, First Friends, the entire religious community of Whittier and La Habra, and as far and wide as the Jewish Federation of the San Gabriel Valley. We feel that its message has major implications to the larger Jewish and religious community because it details how Hamas used certain methods to gain public support for Palestine and the Palestinians over Israel.

This documentary was conceived by Debra Messing (*Grace* from *Will and Grace*) and has her thoughts embedded in the film together with Rabbi David Wolpe, Senior Rabbi Emeritus from Sinai Temple, LA (who was a lecturer at Harvard Divinity School when the attack occurred) and the son of the Hamas leader who masterminded the attack who is now very pro-Israel against his late father's and family's wishes, based on his comments in the film. You will hear from prominent Jewish students at several universities who feared for their lives during the protests on their campuses. You will also see the aftermath of the attack from some key sites in southern Israel.

I hope you have seen the flyer and made your reservations to join us for this most important show of solidarity with our people worldwide!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hi Everyone,

Passover is over for another year. Our Beth Shalom Seder was so very enjoyable! The menu was great. The brisket was extra good and the only complaint I received (really a comment, not complaint), was that the dollop of whipped topping on the dessert tasted like real dairy whipped cream. Panache assured me that it was dairy-free and made with Coconut Cream, powdered sugar and dairy free milk powder! I'll take a comment that something tasted too good to be pesadic or dairy free any day!! We had more people than ever with a total of 30. It was lots of fun.

We had 27 of us at our family seder the next day and even though I am always exhausted afterwards, it is one of my favorite times of the year. I made my own gefilte fish because I don't like the bottled kind and still use my mother's recipe. Having everyone in our very diverse and wonderful family read the Hagadah and participate made it worth all the work and more!

An unexpected offer to host a showing of the documentary, October 8, had us changing our plans by substituting it for the Lunch & Learn we were originally planning. It will be shown on May 3. I know it will be heavy and hard to watch, but it is important for us all to know what is going on.

One reminder - Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 8. We will be sending out the announcements a few weeks ahead of time. Please save the date so we will have a quorum of members present. If we don't have a quorum, we can't hold any votes which include budget and slate of officers.

Shalom

Lila

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Our next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome.**

**Message Michelle for details.**



## HOW TO VIEW **BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER** ON **YOUTUBE**

Beth Shalom of Whittier will be moving 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.

## Donations

**Myra Becker** - Mi Shebeirach prayers for loved ones

### Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Lila Held	Sandra Kanian	Sister
	Sally Held	Sister-in-Law
	Julius Bromberg	
Michelle Hess	Jacob Sandler	Grandfather
	Richard Hess	Husband
	Edward Sandler	Uncle
Sidney & Sandra Paul	Ann Lehman	Mother of Sandra
	Theodore High	Brother-in-Law of Sandra
	Rhea Seagull	Cousin of Sandra
	Harry Paul	Father of Sidney
	Mary Torren Paul	Mother of Sidney
Myra Becker	Jennie Beckelman	Grandmother
	George Becker	Father-in-Law
	Minnie Becker	Mother-in-Law
Paul Jaffe	Miriam Jaffe	Mother



PLEASE JOIN

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

In Celebrating

*The Festival of SHAVUOT*



SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

LEWANDOWSKI SHAVUOT ORGAN PRELUDE 7:40 PM,  
SERVICE 7:45 PM (YIZKOR MEMORIAL PRAYERS WILL BE RECITED)

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

In the sanctuary at  
FIRST FRIENDS

A SHAVUOT CHEESECAKE ONEG  
WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE IN THE FOYER

THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST  
ON OUR YOU TUBE CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>

## Omer

Our RABBIS tell us that when the Israelites left Egypt on their journey to the promised Land they knew that somewhere along the way they would camp and witness the most thrilling event of ever: the revelation of G-d to people. They could not picture what was going to happen. There was only one way to find out wait and see.

Moses told them they would not have to wait very long. It would only be a 49 day wait from the second day after they left Egypt. On the 50th day they were to receive the Torah revealed by G-d. Day by day they came closer to understanding their divine mission.

According to the Torah, when the Israelites reached Canaan they were to make it a holy land. In the spring time 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 on the second day of Passover. From that day seven weeks were to be counted. This was called "counting the omer". On the 15th day another offering was brought to the Temple: the offering of first fruits, "Bikurim". The days of the "omer" were of great joy and celebration.

Unfortunately these days were changed to sorrow in the time of Rabbi Akiva. It was during the days of the "omer" that a terrible plague attached his students. Some 24,000 of them died. From that time on the days of the "omer" are remembered and observed as days of mourning in consideration of the tragedy.

Laws of the "omer" The "omer" is counted for seven full weeks beginning with the second night of Passover. It is counted in the evening after the "Ma'ariv" service. The blessing praising G-d's name and acknowledging the fulfillment of the commandment is recited. This is followed by counting the number of weeks and days that have passed in the "omer".

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

Lag Ba' "omer" In contrast to the other days of the omer the "omer" the 33 day is a day of rejoicing. History tells us that none of Rabbi Akiva's students died of the plague on this day. It was also on this day that Bar Kochba, a famous Jewish general living in the time of Rabbi Akiva, won a great victory in the revolution of the Jews against the Romans. On this day none of the laws of mourning apply. This day of festival is called "Lag Ba' omer". Lag being the letters for 33, "Ba' omer" meaning "in the omer".

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cantors Assembly has decided to honor our own Spiritual Leader, Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, with the Hazzan Moses J. Silverman Award for Service to the Cantors Assembly. It is presented every 3 years and only to a Cantor in the field who has done the most work for the Cantors Assembly, the cantorate, and Judaism in general. Hazzan Lance had to be nominated for this honor.

Hazzan Silverman was a renown and beloved cantor at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago for 46 years. Moses J. Silverman was the fifth generation in his family to serve as a cantor. He was a national leader of the American Cantorate and Cantors Association of America from 1963 to 1965 and served as national president of the Cantors Assembly from 1963 to 1965 and also served as a dean of the organization. In addition to his reputation in religious circles, Hazzan Silverman trained actor and singer Danny Thomas in the cantorial arts for the lead role in the movie "The Jazz Singer." Subsequently, Thomas repaid that favor by performing at the 25th anniversary of Hazzan Silverman's cantorate. On his 40th anniversary at Anshe Emet, Jan Pearce, a great operatic tenor and Cantor, sang a tribute to Hazzan Silverman.

In his 20's, Hazzan Lance met Hazzan Silverman. Hazzan Lance had to be in Chicago for a wedding, and the day before on Shabbat Morning, he went to hear Hazzan Silverman at his synagogue. At that time, Hazzan Silverman was in his late 60's then with a huge mane of white hair and he commanded the pulpit. After the service, Hazzan Lance went up and introduced himself and Hazzan Silverman rolled out the red carpet for him making sure his maintenance staff set up a table for both of them at the oneg following the service and then taking Hazzan Lance upstairs to his office where we spent time talking and playing some of his recordings. Hazzan Silverman was a wonderful colleague and great gentleman to all who knew him. Hazzan Lance has always remembered his kindness and still sings his composition for *Hineni* every year on the second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

Hazzan Lance will receive this most prestigious honor at the Cantors Assembly national convention this month in New Jersey. We are all thrilled and excited for him to receive this milestone recognition of his work.

## 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**.

**May 2--Service--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken**

**May 9--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**May 16--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**May 23--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**May 30--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**June 1--Erev Shavuot Yizkor--7:40 pm--Prelude; 7:45 pm--Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

### Happy Birthday

Blue Bartikofsky	May 5
Myra Becker	May 5
Daniel Held	May 8
Alberto Herrera	May 8
Maggie Singer	May 10
Steve Baptista	May 20
Irving Bartikofsky	May 25

### 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)**

### Candle Lighting Times

**May 2 - 7:20**

**May 9 - 7:26**

**May 16 - 7:31**

**May 23 - 7:36**

**May 30 - 7:41**



### Tribute Cards

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



**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Hope Greenwood	John Greenwood	Husband
Lila Held / Joann Eres	Sally Held	Aunt
	Julius Bromberg	
Sherman & Marilyn Esterson	Benjamin Rose	Father of Marilyn
	Abe Esterson	Father of Sherman
Paul Jaffe	Miriam Jaffe	Mother
Michelle Hess	Richard Hess	Husband
	Martha Steinhauer	Aunt
David E. Weiss	Harold Weiss	Brother
Susan Lieberman	Jack Lieberman	Father-in-Law
Myra Becker	Martin Becker	Ex-Husband
Russ Shane	Morton Shane	
Samuel Pearlman	Rachel Pearlman	Mother
	Bernice Pearlman	Wife
Deborah Jacobson	Karen Jacobson	Mother
Joel Golden	Ida Freedman	Grandmother
Barry Neville	Bonnie Neville	Wife
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Rebecca Goldberg	Grandmother
Russ Shane	Morton Shane	Father
Samuel Pearlman	Rachel Pearlman	Mother
Jeffrey Kolnick	William Cutler	Grandfather
Ellen Singer	Stanley Feldman	Father
Sidney Paul	Edith Gottlieb	Step Sister
Susan Kramer	Michael Falk	Father

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

William Lieberman	Anna Lieberman	Jeanette Slater	Isaac Sherman
Alice Unger	Miriam Schneiderman	Morton Kramer	Sol Kain
Evette Pollack	Sally Dim	Rose Roy	Joseph Ross
Rebecca Sandow	Murray Fishelberg	Mildred Slonka	Toby Rosen
Isaac Rosenberg	Herbert Litt	Yetta Cohen	Louis Altshuler
Alfred Goldstein	Louis Zevin	Richard Gross	Oscar Yamin
Rena Schannon	Helen Braidman	Tillie Fishelberg	Samuel Rosen
Robert Solomon	Louis Lieblich	Ida Koizim	Nathan Leopold



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### Iyar - Sivan 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p Shabbat Service	3 5 Iyar Parashat Tazriya- Metzarah  12:00p Documentary & Discussion
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Shabbat Service	10 12 Iyar Parashat Aharei Mot - Kedoshim
11	12	13	14 1:00p Book Club	15 7:00p Board Meeting	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 19 Iyar Parashat Emor
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 26 Iyar Parashat Behar - Behoukotai
25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30p Shabbat Service	31 4 Sivan Parashat Bemidbar