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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month we read the first third of the book of Shemot (Exodus) in the Torah. These sections share the makings of the Israelite nation and people and propel us toward the celebration of Pesah a few months down the line. We read of Moses' plight with the Egyptians and the Israelites move from slavery to freedom.

After now visiting Egypt, I see how connected the biblical stories are to reality. It is possible that our demi-patriarch, Joseph, could have risen to become a vizier or Pharaoh in Egypt based on artifacts that have recently been found. Or, that Moses may have been Pharaohs Tutmoses III or Tutmoses IV or even Amunhotep IV, commonly known as the reformer Pharaoh, Akhenaten who believed in one God. All of these now show the direct connection between our biblical stories and what may have actually happened in Egypt. Egypt, the land called in Hebrew, *Mitzrayim*, is the narrow place/land where the Nile covers the nearby soil with silt every year that allows vegetation to grow. This mighty river shows us how our ancestors lived in Egypt all that time before leaving to become free.

Let us hope that the conflict in nearby Gaza comes to an end speedily and that the Palestinian and Israeli peoples can learn to live in peace together.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

December was certainly a busy month for many of us. Our Beth Shalom Hanukkah dinner, was great fun. The food was delicious and it was really nice to have so many of us there together. The service was beautiful and thought provoking as usual. I hope you all had a beautiful and happy Hanukkah, wherever and however you celebrated.

I took some vacation time. Actually, two short cruises, one as a relaxing getaway and the other to celebrate my grandson Joey's 21st birthday. I was on the ship on the first night of Hanukkah and am pleased to say that they had a Cantor onboard who led a service and the cruise line provided latkes and sufganiyot at the service and also offered a brisket and potato latke meal in the dining room.

Please note the flyers in this Mishpacha about our two January events. RSVPs are really important, so we know how much food to provide for the lunch and tickets for the play are limited.

I hope you are all well and please remember that we are here for you. If you need a call, just to hear a friendly voice and shmooze a little bit, just let the office or me know.

Shalom,
Lila

Donations

Myra Becker - in appreciation of Mi Shebeirach prayers for loved ones

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

Myra Becker

Arlene Norton

Rita Rubin

Beloved Departed

Morris Beckelman

Moses Bell

Bella Bell

Ruth Beck

Pauline Newman

Lou Binke

Arnold Winett

Jean Vinetsky

Gail Gnessin Goodstein

Relationship

Grandfather

Uncle

Grandmother

Mother

Aunt

Uncle

Brother

Mother

Sister

Tribute Cards

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



*Beth Shalom of Whittier
Adult Education Program
Jews of Morocco*

Time: 12 Noon, Saturday, January 13



*“Scratch a Moroccan, find a Berber;
scratch a Berber, find a Jew.”**

**David Hart, Berber Activist*

*Did you know that Jews have been in
Morocco for over 2000 years?*

*Rita and Bob Rubin will speak about
the special place Jews have held
throughout Moroccan history and
share their experiences from their
trip to Morocco this past May.*

*Lunch will be provided, and reservations are required by
January 5, 2024 (by email to bswoffice@verizon.net or by
phone to (562) 941-8744).*

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 PRESENTS



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

Saturday, January 20, 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.

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SERVICES

There are three prayers recited every day: (1) "Shacharis", (2) "Mincha" (3) "Ma'ariv".

Shacharis This is the first service of the day and is recited at any time from sunrise until noon. It is the longest of the three services. The two most important parts are the "Shema" and "Shemoneh Esrei". On Mondays and Thursdays in addition to the regular service the Torah is read after the "Shemoneh Esrei" prayer has been recited by the congregation and the cantor.

Mincha This is the afternoon service, recited from about 1:00 p.m. until sunset. It is a short service that is divided into three parts: the opening prayer, "Asrei", the "Shemoneh Esrei", and the closing prayer "Oleinu". "Oleinu" is the closing prayer of every service. When our people take time out of business in midday to recite a service to G-d, they deserve a short prayer.

Ma'ariv - The "Shabbos" evening service may not be recited until Shabbos is over. This service is the same as the weekday "Ma'ariv" with the addition of a special paragraph in the "Shemoneh Esrei" that officially proclaims the end of the Sabbath. Before the "Oleinu" another version of this prayer is recited aloud to proclaim to all that the Sabbath is over. This prayer is called the "Havdalah".

In reading last month's article on the "Siddur" you now have a general idea to the contents of the "Siddur". Surely you will agree that it is a priceless treasure. Like the Torah, the more we attend Friday night services and study the "Siddur" the more we learn about our deepest religion and our personal faith. The "Siddur" has served the Jewish people for more than a 1000 years in times of sorrow and joy. The next time you attend a service just stop and think of how many people all over the world are reading the same prayers at this very moment. Millions raise their voices to G-d in solemn prayer. You are part of this great spiritual army of Judaism.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

BOOK CLUB NEWS

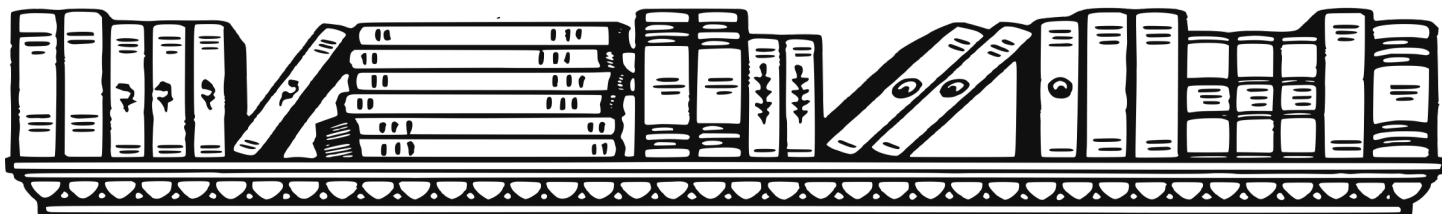
Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 12:30p. The book is "The Mother-Daughter Murder Night" by Nina Simon.

This is a fun, easy read. Nina Simon was one of the Federation's Jewish Book Festival in 2023,
AND the book was on The NY Times Sellers list.

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.



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**.

January 5--7:30 pm--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

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

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

January 26--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.

Candle Lighting Times

January 5 - 4:40

January 12 - 4:46

January 19 - 4:53

January 26 - 5:00



Happy Birthday!!!

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| Robin Weintraub | January 1 |
| Susan Lieberman | January 19 |
| Jay Weinschenker | January 31 |

**Beth Shalom of Whittier
wishes you a happy birthday!!**

This is Our Mishpacha

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to appear in the next issue, the submission
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**The editor welcomes comments and
suggestions. bswoffice@verizon.com**

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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.

Tevet - Shevat 5784

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 7:30p Shabbat Service | 6 25 Tevet Parashat Shemot |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 7:30p Shabbat Service | 13 3 Shevat Parashat Va'era 12:00p Lunch & Learn - <i>Jews of Morocco</i> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 12:30p Book Club | 17 | 18 7:00p Board Meeting | 19 7:30p Shabbat Service | 20 10 Shevat Parashat Bo 2:00p La Mirada Theatre - <i>Mystic Pizza</i> |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 7:30p Shabbat Service | 27 17 Shevat Parashat Beshalach |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |