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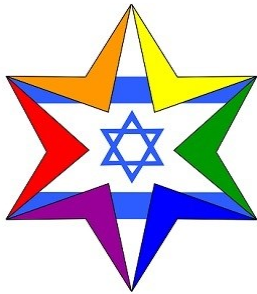
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

Shavuot dominates our focus in June this year. *Z'man Matan Torateinu* (The time of the giving of the Torah to our people) is the main religious focus of this festival which was originally a harvest festival of the wheat ingathering—*Hag Habikkurim*.

Some of the traditions of Shavuot include the intake of dairy foods in commemoration of the verse in the Torah likening the Torah to the purity of milk and the land which was considered a "land golden of milk and honey" (*Eretz Zavav Halav udvash*). We will, in fact, have cheesecake at our oneg on June 11 when we will have our Erev Shavuot service. Also, Erev Shavuot is considered the Yahrzeit of King David and those more traditional stay up all night studying in remembrance of this fact. We also recite the Ten Commandments while standing to re-imagine what it was like to receive the law from God on Mount Sinai. And...just prior to the recitation of the Ten Commandments, we recite an Aramaic Piyyut known as *Akdamut* whose melody is used throughout the service and at every Festival Kiddush in the tradition of the Eastern European Jews. During our service, we will hear both the Eastern and Western European melodies for *Akdamut* used in various ways throughout the service, even in the prelude and postlude. *Akdamut* is a very obsequious Piyyut describing the life of the Israelites throughout history and how we try, as a people, not to be swallowed up by the mythical Leviathan monster that comes in many forms in many ages to destroy us. This is probably even more poignant now in our day.

We hope you will join us on June 11 for Shavuot!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope May was a good month for you all. Mine was busy and interesting.

From Beth Shalom, we went to the La Mirada Theatre to see Jersey Boys and it was very good. The production was excellent. We all enjoyed it and are looking forward to seeing what play will be next. It is extra enjoyable when we all go as a group like this.

A couple of weeks later, Hazzan Lance put on a very interesting Lunch & Learn and showed us a video on Cantors in the movies. It was fun and interesting and topped off with a delicious kosher deli lunch.

I have been especially busy on the personal front. My grandson Daniel who is autistic and in the Life Skills program at Pacifica High School, is graduating this year. This month he was a soloist, singing Viva Las Vegas, with the Pacifica Dancers backing him up as a chorus line, for their end of the year show. The next week, his teachers and the other seniors in his class went to the Prom together. They hired a party bus and had an absolute ball. Quotes from Daniel, "I danced a lot. I danced with a girl!!" and "It was a night to remember". It is unbelievable how supportive the school and students have been during his 4 years there. Graduation in 3 days. Daniel is a regular attendee at Shabbat Services.

There will be some changes in the office but hopefully they won't really be noticeable. Erica and her husband are moving out of state. She will be working remotely and we will have someone come in a couple of days a week, as needed, to pick up mail, do the banking and other things that do have to be done in person. It should work well but if there is a glitch or two, we ask for your patience.

Shalom,
Lila

General Donations

Myra Becker - Mi Shebeirach and Yizkor Prayers
Delaine Shane - in memory of nephew, Lon Edward Jacobs

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Myra Becker	Minnie Becker	Mother-in-Law
	Martin Becker	Ex-husband
Mona Di Natale	Sam Shinder	Father
	Lena Shinder	Mother
Michelle Hess	Richard Hess	Husband
	Martha Steinhauer	Aunt
Arlene Norton	Marty Norton	Husband
Sandra Paul	Theodore High	Brother-in-Law
	Ann Lehman	Mother

PLEASE JOIN

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

In Celebrating

The Festival of SHAVUOT



TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

LEWANDOWSKI SHAVUOT ORGAN PRELUDE 7:25 PM,
SERVICE 7:30 PM (YIZKOR MEMORIAL PRAYERS WILL BE RECITED)

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

at

FIRST FRIENDS

13205 Philadelphia Street, Whittier

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THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER



Beth Shalom of Whittier

LUNCH AND LEARN

STUMP THE HAZZAN

This Lunch and Learn will be in a question and answer format. Hazzan Lanez will open himself up to all burning questions you have about Judaism and hopefully....answer them all! Bring your most interesting questions to see if you can stump him!

Join your Beth Shalom friends for a fun afternoon of learning and nosh.

Saturday, June 22, 2024 ★ 12:00 – 2:00 PM

RSVP's are required by June 14,

by email: bswoffice@verizon.net

or by phone: 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.



June 5784 24 Iyar to 30 Sivan Late Sprint and Early Summer

The above dates bring us to the expressed adjective of increasable. This refers to the green plenty that is present and how they multiply. It is a month of increase for trees, leaves, grapes, and many animals bearing offspring. On the other hand we can have burning heat. That is when all living things and the greens must use their multitudes to get water and nutrients from wind and earth. In reality it is a season of consuming, when life must gather itself to fulfillment.

Shavuot

At this time of year we Jews celebrate the holidays of Revelation. These are the days of wisdom that comes from the joining of our humanity with the greatness of G-d. Shavuot is a biblical festival that is both a harvesting and a celebration of the Revelation of Sinai. Shavuot falls on the sixth of Sivan at the end of the 49 days of Omer. It is a two day holiday that often is celebrated as a wedding between the G-d given Torah and Israel. G-d's Torah is often looked upon as the wedding contract in this setting.

Shavuot is also associated with the great forces of nature: fire, thunder and the joining of both humans and animals with their mates. It is the season of fire and water. That is the outer fire of the sun's heat and the inner rain of the Torah as it embraces our human hearts. Rabbi Block's grandfather, an ageless teacher of mine, compared it to the burning heat of Mount Sinai under the many clouds of Devine Presence. To him and our class it evoked the swirling image of flame and mist.

Revelation

To examine the Torah is a multiple task. The meaning of any sacred text according to Rabbinic Midrash are part of divine Revelation (Midrash Tanchuma Shemot 25; Exodus Rabbah 28:4). In essence, Torah is a tree of life that must grow to stay alive. The growth is our Midrash. It is the Jewish way of seeking new and reviving old meanings in the text. As my old teacher put it: "as life changes with its multiplicity, Jews will try to create a new midrash in every generation". This is my fourth generation. In each I have found that by the tread of coming together to learn we give our Torah a new and lasting life. Our Jewish holidays of Revelation spring joins us with HESED; the G-d given flow of abundance and love. We believe in G-d's power to heal and to add through us his people, a better world. May it be thorough; work, art, science, literature, and the fertility of our minds and bodies.

In essence, we are leaves on the tree of life (ETZ HAYIM). We are part of my teachers vast multiplicity that is Revelation of faith and a loving caring G-d.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

BOOK CLUB NEWS

On , Tuesday, June 18th we are reading "The Thread Collectors: A Novel" by Shauna J. Edwards. In 1863: An ingenious young Black woman embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Meanwhile, in NYC, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army.

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**.

June 7--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

June 11--**Erev Shavuot Yizkor**--7:25 pm Lewandowski Shavuot Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 14--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 21--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 28--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Alan Kelly Crawley

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

June 7 - 7:22

June 14 - 7:27

June 21 - 7:32

June 28 - 7:37



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.

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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. bswoffice@verizon.com

Beth Shalom of Whittier May Birthdays

Miriam Brookfield	June 4
Jo Ann Golden	June 5
Joel Golden	June 6
Diane Chesler	June 12
Mark Hardie	June 14
Mark Singer	June 18
Robert Held	June 19
Barry Neville	June 29

Anniversaries

- Russ & Delaine Shane - June 20 - 31 Years
- Sidney & Sandra Paul - June 22 - 72 years
- Steve & Eileen Baptista - June 30 - 40 years

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
Sidney Paul	Edith Gottlieb	Step-Sister
	Sylvia Playberg	Sister
Sandra Paul	Morris Lehman	Father
Susan Kramer	Michael Falk	Father
Kathleen King	Dorothy Gaal	Mother
Klara Wein	Rachel Militeanu	Mother
	Miriam Militeanu	Grandmother
Lila Held / Joann Eres	Jenny Kuperstein	Grandmother / Great Grandmother
	David Kuperstein	Nephew / Cousin
Mark Handler / Debora Davis	Gertrude Handler	Grandmother
Michelle Hess	Lillian Sandler	Grandmother
Mark Singer	Sarah Singer	Grandmother
Joel Golden	Aaron Freedman	Grandmother
Ruth Koh	Herbert Koh	Father
Myra Becker	Daniel Beck	Father
Susan Lieberman	Ruth Stillman	Aunt

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

Yetta Cohen	Louis Altshuler	Alfred Goldstein
Richard Gross	Louis Zevin	Rena Schannon
Oscar Yamin	Helen Braidman	Tillie Fishelberg
Samuel Rosen	Ida Koizim	Nathan Leopold
Louis Lieblich	Robert Solomon	Jack Lyons
Seymour Prog	Elenor Roth-Herman	Jerome Weiss
Dorothy Branson	Fanny Eison	Louis Kraus
Sydney Fink	Bina Sherman	

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.

**Beth Shalom of Whittier Members
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 23rd, 10:00 a.m.**

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. This is our chance to hear from all of you and for us to tell you how we are doing and what we plan for next year.

Iyar - Sivan 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 24 Iyar Parashat Behoukotai
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:30p Shabbat Service	8 2 Sivan Parashat Bemidbar
9	10	11 7:30p Shavuot Service	12	13	14 7:30p Shabbat Service	15 9 Sivan Parashat Naso
16	17	18 12:30p Book Club	19	20 7:00p Board Meeting	21 7:30p Shabbat Service	22 16 Sivan Parashat Behalotecha 12:00p Lunch & Learn (by reservation only)
23 10:0a Congregational Mtg.	24	25	26	27	28 7:30p Shabbat Service	29 23 Sivan Parashat Shelach Lecha
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