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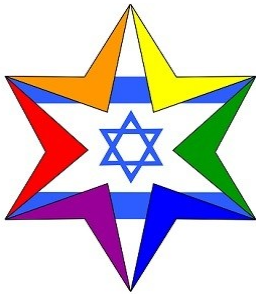
Dear Friends,

April brings us our annual celebration of peoplehood, Pesah! We celebrate as a people moving from slavery to freedom and leaving the shackles of our past behind in Egypt. This always marks a turning point in our year as we celebrate the spring and remind ourselves of the rebirth of life after the winter months.

This year, as we always do, we celebrate Pesah with a congregational Seder for those of us who wish to join together to enjoy this celebration as a community. We fulfill the family obligation to pass on the tradition from one generation to the next which allows our people its continuity through the millennia. I am moved by the fact that most of our congregation finds it meaningful to take part in this celebration together and feel a real communal sense of belonging to a special group that has withstood the test of time. It brings so many wonderful memories back for people to enjoy the stories, music, prayers, fun, and traditions of this night. We are truly an extended family!

Hag Pesah Sameah!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*



Everyone is Welcome

## From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good month.

It was a busy one for Beth Shalom of Whittier. We had a Lunch & Learn, celebrated Purim and had a Shabbat Dinner. They were all educational and fun. It is always great to see people come out for special occasions and to visit and kibbutz for a while. Of course, if food is included, that's even better!

I missed the Shabbat dinner because I was on a cruise to Mexico with 7 members of my family. We had a great time. As you all know, I have been on soft food for awhile now due to dental work. My dentist kept his promise to get at least one temporary crown in so I could eat normally on one side. All I have to say is that I ate an absolutely delicious steak dinner, not once but twice! We saw some shows, played some trivia, gambled a bit and read some books while watching the waves go by. One warning, never bet against my grandsons Joey or big brother Ben in Trivia. Do you know where in the solar system you can find the tallest volcano? Joey knew immediately. I think he was the only one in the room that got it. In case it isn't on the tip of your tongue, it is Olympus Mons and it is on Mars.

Next month will also be busy. Our Temple Seder will be on April 12, the first night of Pesach. This is one that we really have to have an accurate count on for Panache and table settings. See the flyer in this Mishpacha.

We are in the middle of setting up a surprise event and hopefully will have the details in time to be released in this Mishpacha.

Shalom,

Lila

Based on Hazzan Lance's sermon last Shabbat, our synagogue has inquired and has now obtained the rights to show the film, **October 8**. Please see the attached flyer for further information to make a reservation to see this important and gripping film.



**Beth Shalom of Whittier Presents  
a Documentary Movie and Discussion**



**October 8** is a documentary on the emergence of anti-Semitism on college campuses, in social media and on the streets since October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel. It also delves into how Hamas manipulated the media.

Director: Wendy Sachs  
Writers: Nimrod Erez, Inbal B. Lessner, and Wendy Sachs  
Stars: Debra Messing, Michael Rapaport, and Noa Tishby

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 12:00 p.m.**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**All are welcome with a reservation and security check prior to entering.**

**RSVP, by April 24th:**

**by email: [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) or by phone: 562.941.8744**

**Location: First Friends Fellowship Hall  
13205 Philadelphia Street  
Whittier 90601**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER INVITES YOU TO*



*OUR FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER*

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**

**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 ADDITONAL GUESTS \$75/PERSON, PREPAID BY THE RSVP DATE**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 1, BY 3:00PM**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US  
**SHABBAT PESAH YIZKOR**



*SHABBAT END OF PESAH SERVICE*

Friday, April 18—Pesah Organ Prelude—7:25 pm, Service—7:30 pm  
**TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST**

*SHABBAT MORNING PESAH YIZKOR SERVICE*

Saturday, April 19—Pesah Organ Prelude—9:25 am, Service—9:30 am  
**ARYELL COHEN, ORGANIST**

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING**

**BOTH SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT FIRST FRIENDS  
AND SIMULTANEOUSLY STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER****

## Pesach

One of our most beautiful holidays is Passover, which is our oldest holiday. It marks the anniversary of the birth of Israel as a people.

The Story It begins with the story of Joseph, the son of Jacob. Joseph was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. He was finally brought to Egypt. Because of his wisdom and foresight, he became a great man; second in command only to Pharaoh. When Joseph achieved his high position he brought his father Jacob, and his brothers, and entire family of 70 people to Goshen, Egypt. They all lived together for over 400 years of peace.

Time passed and eventually Jacob and his 12 sons died. His family grew larger as the years went by. A new Pharaoh arose on the throne of Egypt. This man did not wish to remember the important contributions that Joseph had made to the welfare and development of Egypt. This wicked man imposed heavy taxes upon the Israelites and subjugated them. Because of their increasing number, Pharaoh was afraid that they may someday take over his kingdom. Eventually the Israelites were forced into slave labor. Never forget that these Jews built the great fortresses of Rameses and Pithom. However, despite the harsh treatment the Israelites received, they multiplied rapidly and became stronger. As a result, Pharaoh issued an edict to kill all the newborn sons of the Israelites. This he thought would be the answer to the Jewish problem.

The plight of the Israelites grew steadily worse and finally G-d in his kindness sent them the great prophet, Moses the son of Abraham. With his brother, Aaron Moses appeared before Pharaoh and asked him in the name of G-d to free the Israelites and allow them to go out 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 the Pharaoh that he came in the name of G-d. The king was not impressed and he refused to let the Israelites go. 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 Pharaoh's will was broken: for he himself was broken for he himself was a first born. In the middle of the night, Pharaoh, whose own son lay dead before him. He called for Moses and Aaron and begged them to take the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses gathered the Israelites together and left Egypt in great haste.

Laws of Passover Passover is celebrated from the 15th through 22nd day of the Hebrew month of "Nissan". The first two and the last two days are called "Yom Tov", the middle 4 days are called "Chol Hamoed". It is customary to begin to study the laws of Passover 30 days before the holiday in order to become familiar with all the regulations of the holiday.

Shalom  
Sam Pearlman

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**Our next book is "The Glassmaker" by Tracy Chevalier.  
It is a charming fable at once a love story that skips through six centuries,  
and also a love song to the timeless craft of glassmaking.  
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th, a at 1:00pm.**

**Message Michelle for details.**



## 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 4--Service--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken**

**April 11--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**April 12--Erev Pesah/First Seder--6:25 pm--Prelude; 6:30 pm Service--Sanctuary--Hazzan Lance and Ty** (all are invited); Seder in Fellowship Hall (reserved guests only!--Hazzan Lance and Ty

**April 18--Erev End of Pesah Service--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**April 19--Shabbat Morning Pesah Yizkor Service--9:25 am--Prelude; 9:30 am--Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen**

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

### Happy Birthday

Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	April 6
Ann Kanahele	April 14
Jessy Espinoza	April 16
Bernard Starkman	April 17
Michelle Hess	April 30

### Happy Anniversary

Jordan Eres & Karla Gonzalez  
April 2 - 3 years

### 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

April 4 - 6:59  
April 11 - 7:04  
April 18- 7:10  
April 25- 7:15



### 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 Donations****Remembered by**

Lila Held

Jeffrey Kolnick

Michelle Hess

**Beloved Departed**

Charles Held

Seymour Brickel

Joseph Kuperstein

Henry Brickel

Lea Kolnick

Rose Minnie Morzinsky

Pauline Morzinsky

Diane Graham

**Relationship**

Husband

Uncle

Father

Grandfather

Sister

Mother

Grandmother

Cousin

**Yahrzeit*****Observed By****Sidney & Sandra Paul**Hazzan Lance H Tapper**Susan Kramer**Steve Baptista**Susan Lieberman**Joel Golden**Lila Held and Joann Eres**Michelle Hess**Myra Becker**Dan Franden**Anita Horowitz**David Rosen**Ann Kanahele**Arlene Norton****Dear Departed****Mary Torren Paul**Theodore High**Ann Lehman**Sharon Tapper Miller**Stanley Kramer**Charles Baptista**Dora Aronowitz**Bernard Golden**Sandra Kanian**Jacob Sandler**Edward Sandler**Minnie Becker**Betty Randall**Jacob Horowitz**Lena Nuckowitz**Wes Berry**Marty Norton****Relationship****Mother of Sidney**Brother-in-Law of Sandra**Mother of Sandra**Cousin**Husband**Father**Grandmother**Father**Sister/Aunt**Grandfather**Uncle**Mother-in-Law**Husband**Mother-in-Law**Father**Husband****Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier******Dear Departed****Etta Eisen**Dennis Taisch**Flora Popick**Harry Weiss**Leo Biegel**Abraham Sarkin**Sally Seltzer**Bessie Bohrer**Sarah Werner**Murray Roy**Charles Appleman**Mary Pinck**Maurice Storm**Ruth Goldenberg**Bernard Korduner**Joe Freedman**Ted Snitzer**Miriam Novak**Bessie Prog**Aaron Marovitz**Abraha Carnow**Milton Kraus**Rachael Friedman**Etta Weiss**Theodore Jesilow**Mike Bromberg*





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### *Nissan - Iyar 5785*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 7:30p Shabbat Service	5 7 Nissan Parashat Vayikra
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30p Shabbat Service	12 14 Nissan Parashat Tzav 6:30p First Night Pesah Service and Seder
13	14	15 1:00p Book Club	16	17 7:00p Board Meeting	18 7:30p Shabbat End of Pesah Service	19 21 Nissan 7th Day of Pesach 9:30a Shabbat Morning Pesah Yizkor Service
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30p Shabbat Service	26 28 Nissan Parashat Shemini
27	28	29	30			