## Beth Shalom of Whittier

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Conservative Progressive Judaism

# Our Mishpacha



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#### Dear Friends,



This month we begin our High Holyday (*Yamim Noraim*) season. The *Selihot* choral service allows us to bring the solemnity and importance of this season to the forefront of our hearts and minds. We begin, in earnest, to pray for our collective understanding of the stock taking we need to do for ourselves at this time of the year.

*Rosh Hashanah* not only is a celebration of the Jewish religious and liturgical New Year, but a time for us to connect ever more firmly with the divine. This is

the time where the liturgy reminds us of the divine's sovereignty over us, our collective remembrance of us through the divine, and the looking ahead toward a future messianic peaceful period heralded by the sounding of the Shofar. Please note this year, that due to Shabbat falling on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, the Shofar will only be blown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Rosh Hashanah as is custom when this occurs this way on our religious calendar.

*Yom Kippur* is our 25-hour day of reflection and internal and communal attempt to learn from what we have done in the prior year and move forward to the potential of what we could and ultimately can become in the coming year. Those who are medically able fast, and all of us spend time feeling this day of Spiritual reflection as a time when we commune with our deep-seated religious laws, values, and customs.

At the end of the month, we begin the festival of joy and happiness—*Sukkot*. We remind ourselves of our ancestors being mobile and living in lean-to huts (*Sukkot*) and the joy of collecting the first fruits of our agricultural harvest. We also pray for the divine's ultimate forgiveness of our transgressions in the *Hoshanot* (Save Us) liturgy we recite standing before the open ark. We enjoy special time with our family and friends during this very special festival of the fall.

We invite you to participate in all of these services together as a wonderful communal Jewish congregation.

Hazzan Lance H. Japper, Hon DMus

#### **From our President**

Hello Everyone,

I'm happy that all of us seem to have survived the big hurricane, turned tropical storm, turned (at least in our area) a day of rain. Having lived with hurricanes as a child in New York City and then with typhoons during the year we lived in Japan, I was probably not as prone to get upset or panic over this one. In my first experience with a typhoon in Okinawa, the trunk lid was lifted off the car we were borrowing, and we found it down the street where it hadn't been able to clear a brick wall. Our 3 children would get excited when a typhoon warning was announced because it meant that we had to expect the electricity to go out, so the two things we did was fill the bathtubs with water (to use to flush the toilets) and eat the ice cream we had in the freezer before it melted! It was always "Is it time to eat the ice cream yet?"

We are working hard to get ready for the High Holidays. I will be calling as many members as I can reach to ask about who wants honors during the services. We will be looking for people to be called to the torah for aliyahs, people to carry the torah, dress the torah, open and close the ark and do readings. If you are a member and you know you would like to do something, please don't be shy, call the office, let them know and I will call you to set it up.

See you in shul.

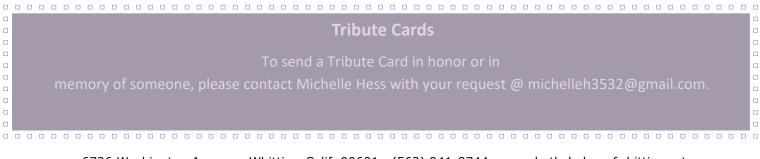
Shalom, Lila

#### **Donations**

Claire Rademacher - High Holiday Donation Myra Becker - Mi Shebeirach Prayers

#### **Yahrzeit Donations**

Remembered by	<b>Beloved Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Joel Chesler	Abraham Chesler	Father
Mona Di Natale	Max Lifschitz	Grandfather
Michelle Hess	George Friedman	Uncle
	Florence Morzinsky	Aunt



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## BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

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## A BEAUTIFULLY HAUNTING SERVICE

#### IN PREPARATION FOR THE HIGH HOLYDAY SEASON

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

at

First Friends 13205 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601

Dessert Reception in the Sanctuary Foyer at 6:45 pm

Prelude in the Sanctuary at 7:25 PM Service Begins at 7:30 pm

The prelude and service will be simultaneously broadcast on our Facebook Page: Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### **OFFICIATING:**

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader The Beth Shalom Singers Alan Kelley-Crawley, Organist/Choir Master



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#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

EREV—SEPTEMBER 15: Prelude at 7:25 pm/Service at 7:30 pm \*FIRST DAY—SEPTEMBER 16: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 17: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am

#### **YOM KIPPUR**

\*#KOL NIDRE—SEPTEMBER 24: Prelude at 6:10 pm/Service at 6:15 pm \*YOM KIPPUR—SEPTEMBER 25:

MORNING: Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am

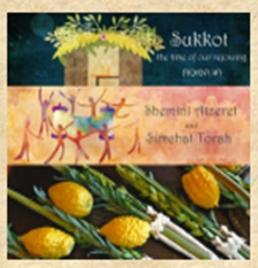
MINHAH (AFTERNOON), YIZKOR, NEILAH: Prelude at 3:55 pm/Services at 4:00 pm

#### **OFFICIANTS:**

## Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader \*The Beth Shalom Singers Alan Kelly-Crawley, Organist/Choir Master #Dr. Ana Maldonado, Kol Nidre Cello Soloist

There is no charge for our services, but donations to Beth Shalom are encouraged.

For further information, please call our synagogue office at: 562-941-8744



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## EREV SUKKOT

\*SEPTEMBER 29-Lewandowski Sukkot Prelude at 7:25 pm/Service at 7:30 pm

## EREV SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMHAT TORAH

\*OCTOBER 6—Festival Prelude at 7:25 pm/Service at 7:30 pm (including the Hakafot Processions with the Torahs and reading the end of Devarim [Deuteronomy])

## SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMHAT TORAH/YIZKOR

#OCTOBER 7—Prelude at 9:25 am/Service at 9:30 am (including the Hakafot Processions with the Torahs, ending and beginning the Torah reading cycle, Geshem [The prayer for rain], and the Yizkor Memorial Prayers)

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#### **Rosh Hashanah**

To the Jewish people Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the year is a time for inventory. We look back through the entire year to determine how well we have lived up to the Torah way of life. How many Mitzvos have we fulfilled? How much charity have we given? How often have we acted wrongly to others? We must make a thorough self-examination.

How can we improve ourselves as Jews? The answer is to not make the same mistakes again. The Jew resolves to improve our ways in accordance with the ideals of the Torah.

Rosh Hashanah is the days of Judgment. On these days all of humanity must give account of its deeds in the past year to G-d. If they have been good to others and have lived a life of honesty and kindness, they are more certain of being inscribed for a good year.

To insure a good year, there must be three actions on our part: repentance, prayer, and charity. We must repent our sins in sincere prayer to G-d and promise that in the coming year we will improve in fulfillment of "Mitzvos". We must show our sincerity by acting justly to others for we are all children of G-d and we all deserve to share in the blessings He has granted.

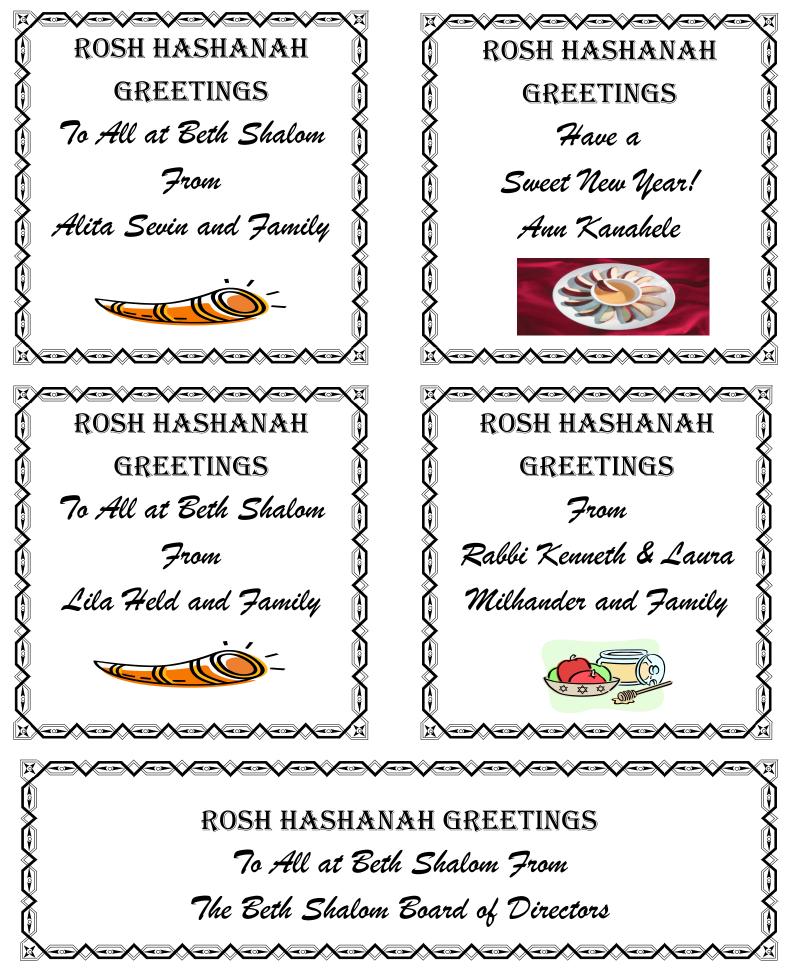
<u>Selihot</u> On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah we begin to recite special prayers of penitence called Selihot. The first Selihot is recited in our Beth Shalom on Friday, September 9th, by our singers in the Meeting House Foyer at 7:25 p.m.

<u>Rosh Hashanah Three Names</u> Although the holydays occur on the first and second days of the month "Tishrei" it is considered the beginning of the year lasting one long day of prayers.

Rosh Hashanah is also known by three other names as follows: <u>Yom Hazikoron</u> - on this day G-d remembers the deeds performed by every human being during the past year. In turn, every Jew asks G-d to have mercy and to consider our good deeds. <u>Yom Teruah</u> - this name refers to the surrounding of the shofar and we become aware of our repentance. It recalls to us the courage of Abraham when he was told to sacrifice his son Isaac. It brings to our minds the revelation of the Torah to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. In essence, the shofar is a call to duty for everyone (man, woman, and children) to fulfill their obligations to G-d, to Torah and Israel. <u>Yom HaDin</u> - Rosh Hashonah is the day of judgement; the day upon which the future of everyone is decided. The judgement by G-d is based upon two things: the individual's action during the past year and their resolution to improve in the coming year.

"L'Shana Tova Tikatevu"

Shalom, Sam Pearlman



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#### **Clergy Schedule**

Beth Shalom Services: All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, Beth Shalom of Whittier. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

September 1--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

September 8--7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

September 9--Selihot--6:45 pm--Dessert Reception in Foyer--6:45 pm; 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance, The Beth Shalom Singers, Alan Kelly-Crawley--Organist/Choir Master

September 15--Erev Rosh Hashanah--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Alan Kelly-Crawley

September 16--First Day Rosh Hashanah--9:25 am--Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance, The Beth Shalom Singers, Alan Kelly-Crawley--Organist/Choir Master

September 17--Second Day Rosh Hashanah--9:25 am--Prelude; 9:30 Service--Hazzan Lance and Alan Kelly-Crawley

September 22--Shabbat Shuvah--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

September 24--Kol Nidre--6:10 pm--Lewandowski Kol Nidre Prelude; 6:15 Service--Hazzan Lance; The Beth Shalom Singers; Dr. Ana Maldonado, Cellist; Alan Kelly-Crawley--Organist/Choir Master

September 25--Yom Kippur--Hazzan Lance, The Beth Shalom Singers, Alan Kelly-Crawley--Organist/Choir Master Morning--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service Minchah (Afternoon), Yizkor, Neliah--3:55 pm Prelude; 4:00 pm Service

September 29--Erev Shabbat Sukkot--7:25 pm Lewandowski Sukkot 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 <u>www.facebook.com</u> and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

#### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Tuesday, September 12th, we are reading "Rebel Daughter" by Lori Banov Kaufman.

On Tuesday, October 17th, we are reading Pam Jenoff's "Code Name Sapphire".

As usual, we meet at 12:30 on Zoom.

Happy Reading Everyone!

If you have any questions, or want to join us, please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



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### September

#### Candle Lighting Times

September 1 - 7:01 September 8 - 6:52 September 15 - 6:42 September 22 - 6:32 September 29 - 6:23



#### 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

## September Birthday

Joann Eres September 2

## September Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday!!

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#### ROSE HILLS CEMETERY PLOTS

If you want to do your family the mitzvah of pre-planning, please call the office.

They can give you information as to what gravesites are available and what steps to take to secure your plot(s).

Plots are \$3500 each.

There are only a few plots remaining, so if you are Interested, please let us know.

Yahrzeit					
Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship			
Dan Franden	Samuel Randall				
	Blanche Franden				
Rachelle Fragola	Bella Zucker	Mother			
Shirley Malin	Eleanor Chain	Aunt			
Don Emas	Melvin Emas	Father			
Anita Horowitz	Mary Altman	Mother			
Dorothy A. Wiener	Paul Wiener	Father-in-Law			
Ande Mass	Andrea Diedrichs	Sister			
Klara Wein	Joseph Wein	Husband			
Howard Weinberg	Louis Weinberg	Father			
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Dorothy C Tapper	Mother			
Irving Bartikofsky	David Bartikofsky	Uncle			
Susan Kramer	Falk Evelyn	Mother			
Sandra Paul	Celia Bolasny	Aunt			
Robin Weintraub	Robert Weintraub	Father			
Toby Pinck	Mqax Pinck	Husband			
Bernard Starkman	Jack Starkman	Father			
Millie Hock	Ann Brezak	Sister			
Mark Handler & Debora Davis	Henry Handler	Grandfather			
Mark Singer	Abraham Singer	Grandfather			

# Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier Dear Departed Jean Brantz Maxine Berkowitz Yetta Becker Betty Lipman Wandor Meszoly Sheldon Schannon Lydia Sussman Elsa Toll Davis Sarkin

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 16 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo		
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Shabbat Service	9 23 Elul Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech 6:45p Selihot Recption 7:25p Prelude/Service		
10	11	12 12:30p Book Club	13	14	15 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	16 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah 9:30a Rosh Hashanah I Service		
17 9:30a Rosh Hashanah II Service	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Shuvah Service	23 8 Tishrei Parashat Ha'azinu		
24 6:10p Kol Nidre Service	25 9:30a Yom Kippur Service	26	27	28	29 7:30p Erev Sukkot Service	30 15 Tishrei Sukkot		