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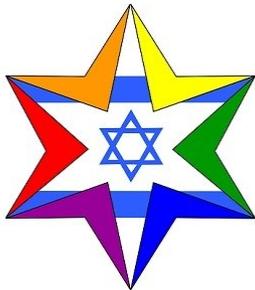
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As we are now firmly ensconced in our Fall festivals and the season itself, we complete the High Holyday season with the end of Sukkot festivals of Sh'mini Atzeret and Simhat Torah. This year they fall on Shabbat, so we will have the added benefit of celebrating both in the evening and morning both great festivals which will cap our season and push us forward into the Fall feeling. They will take place October 6 and 7.

Sh'mini Atzeret (the 8th Day of Assembly) is mentioned as a separate festival in the Torah and in our liturgy, but it is closely related to Sukkot as its end festival. On this day, we not only celebrate with the *Hallel* (Psalms of Praise), but we also recite special prayers only recited on this festival. Among these are the prayer for rain, *Geshem*, which allows us to ask the divine to make sure the crops in Israel are safe and watered as well as our own. The officiants wear white for this as a sign that we pray for our people's literal survival in our national dress, which is white.

Simhat Torah is a later post-biblical added festival that accompanies Sh'mini Atzeret and whose liturgy asks for forgiveness for the final time from the divine before and during the wonderful Hakafot (Torah processions) with all of our scrolls. We also end the yearly cycle of the Torah reading and begin it again with much fanfare and pomp.

The evening service will be more geared toward part 1 of our Simhat Torah celebration where we will carry the Torahs in procession and read the end of the Torah reading. The morning service, where we will be blessed to have Aryell Cohen join us, will include the liturgy for Sh'mini Atzeret including the afore mentioned *Hallel and Geshem*, the Torah processions and ending and beginning the yearly Torah reading cycle of Simhat Torah, and as a capstone, the Yizkor Memorial Prayers as is custom on Sh'mini Atzeret. The composition for *Geshem* was composed by my friend and colleague, Hazzan Meir Finkelstein, and Aryell Cohen played the premier of it which I was privileged to attend at Sinai Temple, Los Angeles. It will be very special to hear Aryell play this reprise for us at our service which you will not want to miss.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah services and every week for our Shabbat services and observances.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon D'Mus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

What a month! Mine started with a bang with a trip to Hawaii. I went with my daughter Joann and grandson Jordan. We swam in the pool and several different beautiful beaches. We ate some of our favorite food and snacks. I have eaten others, but my favorite Shave Ice is still Matsimoto's! We went snorkeling and just enjoyed the beauty of the area.

We came home to jump right into the High Holidays. They were beautiful and inspirational as always. We had excellent attendance on each of the holidays, both in person and online. My thanks to Hazzan Lance for all the work he puts in to all those small details that make these services as wonderful as they are. Also, thanks to all who participated with readings, aliyot, carrying the Torah, Ark openings and everything else that helped make the services so meaningful.

The feeling of seeing all the people there, thoroughly enjoying the services, just filled my heart with happiness. Not only are you all our most valuable assets but you are the reason that the entire Board and myself do all the work that is required to keep Beth Shalom running.

On that subject, I want to give a huge Thank You to all the Board for the work they do all year long and have continued to do through the years. My thanks as well to Erica, for all the work she does. She is invaluable and does more behind the scenes than I could ever mention in this short article.

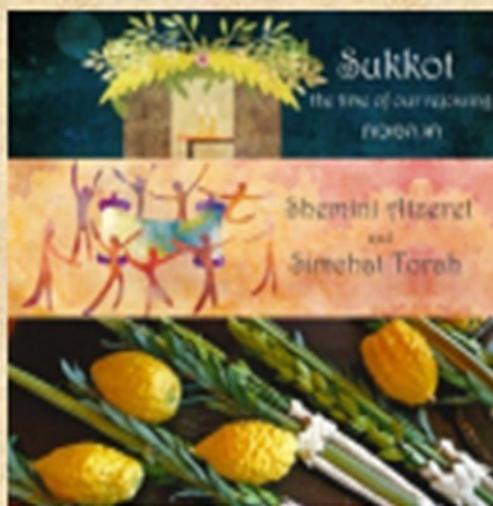
As for the future, I am in the midst of preparation for our Hanukkah dinner on Friday December 8th. Several other events are also in the planning stages, so keep your eyes on the Weekly News!

Shalom,
Lila



The Ritual Committee would like to thank all who participated in our High Holy Day services. It is very rewarding to have so many members willing to help make our services so meaningful. Yasher Koach to all of you.

A huge thank you to Hazzan Lance for wonderful, inspiring services. Your preparation for services and leadership truly exceeds our expectations.



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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 Hakafof 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 Hakafof Processions with the Torahs, ending and beginning the Torah reading cycle, Geshem [The prayer for rain], and the Yizkor Memorial Prayers)

OFFICIATING:

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader
***Ty Woodward, Organist**
#Aryell Cohen, Organist

Succos

The holiday of Succos begins on the 15th day of "Tishrei" the fifth day after Yom Kippur. It's a nine-day celebration of Jewish happiness. Succos honors the time the Israelites lived in temporary dwellings, in huts, during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness before they were permitted to enter the Promised land of Canaan.

Succos is one of the three pilgrimage festivals of "Pesach", "Shavuot", and "Succos" that Jews from all parts of Israel made pilgrimages to the Temple in Jerusalem. Succos days are divided as follows: The first two days are called "Yom Tov" and all the laws of holidays apply. The following four days are called "Chol Hamoed", they are half holidays and are like weekdays. (The holiday laws of "Shabbos" apply except that cooking and carrying are permitted.)

The seventh day is called "Hoshanah Rabbah". The eighth and ninth days are days of Yom Tov where again all holiday laws apply. The eighth day is "Shmini Atzeres" and the ninth day is "Simchas Torah." These two days are added to the seventh-day holiday of "Succos" and are celebrated as part of it.

On the first two nights of "Succos", and on "Shmini Atzeres" and "Simchas Torah", the "Shehechejanu" is also recited. We thank G-d for granting us the blessing of reaching this holiday season in health and happiness.

Succah It is a commandment in the Torah that Jews live in huts during this season for seven days. These huts are called "Succos". Many people construct their own Succos. In this way they are participating more fully in the "Mitzvah". The "Succah" has a temporary roof of baboo sticks or pine branches arranged so that the sky can be seen through them. The roof covering is called "S'chach". When we sit and eat in the "Succah" we truly picture lives of our ancestors as they wandered through the wilderness.

Four Species "And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruits of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the lord for seven days." (Vayikro 23:40). We learn through tradition that there are four species of plant that are to be used as symbols on the holiday of "Succos" these include: "Esrog" - the citron; the Lulov—the palm tree branch; the "Hodos" - the myrtle branch and the "Arovoh" - the willow branch.

Three of the Hodos branches and two of the "Arovoh" branches are tied to the Lulov. Whenever ceremonies are performed with these. Species the "Lulov" is held in the right hand and the "Esrog" in the left hand.

Every morning from the first through the seventh day of "Succos" (except on the Sabbath) we hold the "Esrog" and "Lulov" and recite the blessing honoring the name of G-d who commanded us to fulfill the "Mitzvah".

"Shmini Atzeres" The eighth day of the "Succos" holiday is called "Shmini Atzeres" which is a holiday within itself. In essence, it is a plea from G-d to tarry with Him an additional day and suppress vanity.

On this holiday the morning services, "Shacharis", is the same as the Sabbath "Shacharis". The "Musaf" includes a holiday "Shmoneh Esrei". After the morning service the Torah scroll is read and followed by the "Yiskor" prayer, a memorial service for the dead.

An interesting feature of the above Musaf "Shmoneh Esrei" is when our Cantor recites the "T'filas Geshem". It is a prayer asking G-d for rain during the season so we will have abundant crops. We were and still are a land of agriculture in Israel.

"Simchas Torah" The day after "Shmini Atzeres" is the most joyous and widely celebrated Jewish holiday. It is called "Simchas Torah" which means "The Rejoicing with the Torah". On this day we complete our weekly Torah readings and the year cycle reading of the entire Torah. This is celebrated with song, dance and merriment.

Hakafos On the eve of "Simchas Torah" after the evening "Ma'ariv" service, there is held a joyous Torah procession called "Hakafos" which means "circling". First a prayer called "Atah Horeisa" is recited, then all three Torahs are taken out of the ARK and carried around the synagogue seven times. This is conducted with much singing and dancing by the congregation. It is customary for children to follow the Torah bearers carrying flags. After each procession the Torahs change hands so that every member of the congregation is given a chance to carry the Torahs. After this ceremony the Torahs are put back in the ARK lest one which is placed on the reading table. The eve of "Simchas Torah" is the only time the Torah is read at night.

Gut Yom Tov,
Sam Pearlman

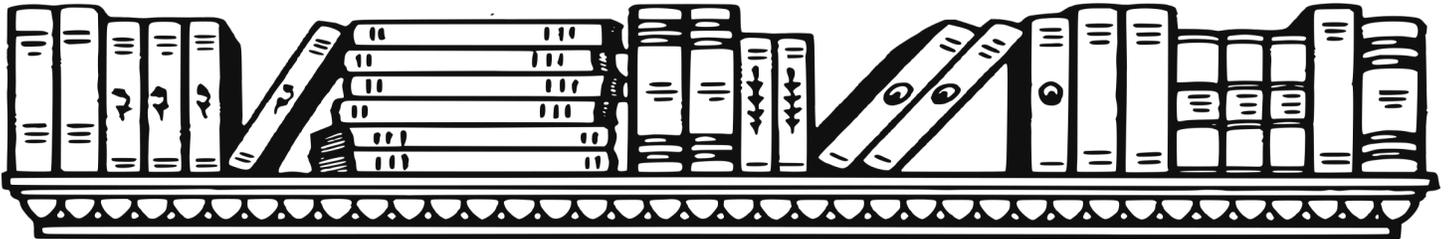
BOOK CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday, October 10th, 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.



High Holy Day Appeal Donations

Irving & Blue Bartikofsky

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Alberto & Liz Herrera

Michelle Hess

Robert & Rita Rubin

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

Michelle Hess

Shirley Malin

Revekah Martinez

Sandra Paul

Bernard Starkman

Klara Wein

Dorothy A. Wiener

Beloved Departed

Human Morzinsky

Malcolm Schwartz

Eleanor Chain

Caleb Kane F. Martinez

Celia Bolasny

Jack Starkman

Joseph Wein

Paul Wiener

Relationship

Grandfather

Cousin

Aunt

Son

Aunt

Father

Husband

Father-in-Law

Tribute Cards

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

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.

October 6--Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

October 7--Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah/Yizkor--9:25 am Prelude; 9:30 am Service--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

October 13--7:30 Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

October 20--7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

October 27-- 7:30 Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

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

October 6 - 6:13

October 13 - 6:04

October 20 - 5:55

October 27 - 5:48



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.

This is Our Mishpacha

Our Mishpacha is published monthly, on or near the first of the month.

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

Happy Birthday!!!

Christine Grijalva	October 5
Dorothy Wiener	October 10
Rick Bertz	October 12
Mina Cano	October 12
Arlene Norton	October 12
Christel Mergruen	October 14
Sandra Paul	October 22
Kathleen King	October 28
Hermelindo Vences	October 28

Happy Anniversary!!!

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday!!

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Ann Kanahele</i>	<i>Dorothy Berry</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Hyman Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
	<i>Malcolm Schwartz</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Jackie Kolnick</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Lila Held & Joann Eres</i>	<i>Anna Brickel</i>	<i>Grandmother/Great Grandmother</i>
<i>Karen Fritz & Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Sarah Lifschitz</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Sam Rowe</i>	<i>Pearl Rowe</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Rita Rubin</i>	<i>Abraham Gnessin</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Robert Rubin</i>	<i>Doris Rubin</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Solomon Bell</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
	<i>Moses Bell</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Paul Jaffe</i>	<i>Ben Jaffe</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Anita Horowitz</i>	<i>Stephen Horowitz</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Jay Devore</i>	<i>Milton Devore</i>	<i>Father</i>

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

<i>Leonard Grill</i>	<i>Arthur Fleischman</i>	<i>Joseph Morris</i>
<i>Morgan Erlich</i>	<i>Minnie Sarkin</i>	<i>Morris Becker</i>
<i>Louis Dreyfos</i>	<i>Oscar Kropf</i>	<i>Bruce Sarkin</i>
	<i>Esther Baileys</i>	

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.

Tishrei - Cheschvan 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah Service	7 22 Tishrei Parashat Shemini Atzeret 9:30a Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simhat Torah/Yizkor Service
8	9	10 12:30p Book Club	11	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 29 Tishrei Parashat Bereshit
15	16	17	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 6 Cheschvan Parashat Noah
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 13 Cheschvan Parashat Lech-Lecha
29	30	31				