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HAZZAN'S NOTES

This month, Sisterhood will be celebrating its annual service for our congregation on January 17. The Sisterhood members will be chanting the prayers, coordinating the English and Hebrew readings, and speaking at the sermon spot in the service. This will be a wonderful time for Sisterhood to show their commitment to their Judaism and our synagogue. There will also be a lovely repast at the oneg following the service that they will make sure has their trademark of excellence upon it. We continually thank Sisterhood for all they do for us each year and every week with their commitment to provide onegs and the love and care with which they see to their diligent perseverance of making sure all goes well with our congregation.

Also, at the very end of this month, Shabbat evening, January 31, we will welcome Aryell Cohen back to our bimah to play the Harris pipe organ in the Meeting House for us while our organist, Mark, is on a well-deserved vacation with his wife in Peru. Aryell is the premier Jewish pipe organist in the world at this point as well as a dear friend. As you may remember, he is also the international Past-President of the Guild of Temple Musicians. We will also be celebrating the birthday of the pipe organ's builder, Mr. Harris, at this service. It will be a very special time for all who attend. Invite your friends and family to this very special event because this will be a Shabbat service you will remember for a long time!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

CLERGY SCHEDULE

January 3 — 7:30p Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

January 10 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

January 11 — ***Siddur Kol Shalom:***

9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall/9:45 am Kol Shalom service in the Meeting House (Sanctuary)—Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

January 17 — 7:30p ***Annual Sisterhood Shabbat***—Members of Sisterhood will officiate

January 24 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

January 31—7:30p Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28th, at 12:30 at Rita's house. We will be reading and discussing "The First Mrs. Rothschild" by Sara Aharoni. As always, bring a dairy lunch; the hostess will provide drinks and dessert. If you have any questions, please call either Myra or Michelle.





January

Candle Lighting Times

January 3 — 4:38

January 10—4:44

January 17—4:51

January 24—4:57

January 31—5:04



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January Birthdays

<i>Robin Weintraub</i>	<i>January 1</i>
<i>Abdon Barembaum</i>	<i>January 2</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>January 19</i>
<i>Jay Weinschenker</i>	<i>January 31</i>

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you all
A Happy Birthday !!

Contact the Temple office
to sponsor an Oneg in
honor of a loved one's
birthday or anniversary—\$18.00.
And anytime, any amount donation
is always appreciated.



From Our President

I hope you all had a Happy Hanukkah. Our Beth Shalom month ended with a bang with a beautiful and inspirational Hanukkah service by Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson. The service featured our beautiful new Hanukkiah for the second year. We had a good crowd and all enjoyed the lovely Sisterhood Oneg afterwards with sufganiyot and Hanukkah cookies.

During the month I met with Nick Edmeier from the Whittier Museum. We discussed hanging some pictures and possibly placing an artifact in the display area set aside for religious institutions of Whittier. So far I have identified the Charter of Beth Shalom from 1957 and a frameable size blueprint of our old building drawn by Sid Paul. Nick has offered to have someone interview people about their memories of the beginning and early days of Beth Shalom as well as later memories of anything you think is important and interesting to preserve. He would have someone record the interview and store all the interviews in their archives. He will also copy all of our old pictures and put them in the archives. I am trying to get a list together of people who would be interested in being interviewed. If you would like to do that, please call the office and let Erica know. Interviews would be conducted at your convenience.

Just a reminder that Purim is getting close and, as usual, we will have our Shalach Manot project with hamentashen and other goodies. Not long after that will be Passover and once again a seder on the first night, catered by Panache. Save the date! It's always a fun evening.

We'll talk again next year. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

....Lila

Save the date

Wednesday, April 8th

Temple Beth Shalom Community Shabbat First Night Pesah Service and Seder

Hazzan Lance H Tapper Officiating
Mark Peterson, Accompanist



Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed

Ruth Becker
Brina Bressler
Sophie Carnow
Freda Cipes
Sadie Dreyfuss
Ida Brooks Fink
Helen Fleischman
Louis Freedman

Observed By

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Dear Departed

William Kerman
Manuel Klasky
Abraham Rubin
Naftali Saleweizek
Beatrice Unger Snow
Joseph David Unger
Rebecca Wiener
Sylvia Zober



Parashas Shemos

The parashas Shemos will be read in synagogues on the 21st of Tevet (January 18) 2020/5780. In this reading Shemos (Numbers) the second book of the Torah, starts out with the names of the 20 people who emerged from Jacob's loins. Joseph was in Egypt and was second only to Pharaoh in esteem. It is concisely a conjunction that relates to the conclusion of Genesis (46:8). In fact, the opening phrases of Shemos and Genesis 46:8 are the same. (Shemos 1:5)

The narrative of the exile continues during which "Joseph died and all his brothers and that entire generation. The children of Israel were fruitful, teemed, increased and became strong-very, very much so; and the land became filled with them." (1BID 1:6-7).

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "behold! The Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they not increase" (1BID 1:8-9) and join forces with our enemies". He then orders that all the Israel male children be drowned at birth.

Other events in the Parasha are in the following summary:

1. Four month old Moses is put into a Basket and set into the Nile River
2. Moses is saved by Pharaoh's daughter
3. Moses kills an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite and flees for his life to Midian.
4. G-d speaks to Moses out of a burning bush and tells him that he and his brother Aaron will liberate the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.
5. Pharaoh imposes hard labor upon their Israelite slaves who built the cities of Pithom and Raamses. Jews did not build any pyramids.

Significant Concepts and Values:

1. Justified civil disobedience—The Hebrew midwives Shefra and Puah refuse to carry out Pharaoh's command to kill male Israelite babies. This was due to their fear of G-d. They believed in the sanctity of life and that there is a higher power than Pharaoh who make moral demands on human beings. This is the first recorded case of civil disobedience in defense of a moral cause.
2. G-d is seen differently by each generation—When G-d reveals Himself to Moses at the burning bush, G-d calls Himself—"I will be what I will be." (Shemos 3:13) Every generation conceives of G-d differently, and in every age G-d is likely to reveal Himself n new ways. In the Amidah prayer G-d is called G-d of each of the patriarchs who saw G-d in a different way.
3. Humility— When Moses is called by G-d to return to Egypt to lead the Jewish people to freedom, his first response is a question. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and free the Israelites from Egypt?" (Shemos 3:11-12) This was showing true humility. For true humility to G-d is answered by Micah when said that what G-d requires of us is to do right, love goodness and walk humbly with G-d (Micah 6:8).

....Sam Pearlman



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Joel Kudler

Alita Sevin

Eileen Wiseman

Jeffrey Kolnick, in memory of Jackie Kolnick & Lea Kolnick

Oneg Donations

Alita Sevin – Birthday

Jim & Alita Sevin—Anniversary

David Starkman—Birthday

In honor of Rick Bertz

Jeffrey Turkel in honor of Robert Lieberman, Martin Harold Turkel,
Frieda Turkel and William Turkel

Yahrzeit Donations

Name

Richard & Michelle Hess

Joel Kudler

Jordan Pollack

Rita Rubin

Beloved Departed

Emmanuel Morzinsky

Sondra Janet Kudler

William Pollack

Gail Goodstein

Relationship

Uncle of Michelle

Wife

Father

Sister

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
<i>Etta Arnold</i>	<i>Susan Liebermann</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Ruth Beck</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Mordechai Blankstein</i>	<i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Bertha Weiner Cohen</i>	<i>Harriet Mustin</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Pearl DeMase</i>	<i>Hope Greenwood</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Dora Fleischmann</i>	<i>Mariam Brookfield</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Willy Fleischmann</i>	<i>Miriam Brookfield</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Meyer Forman</i>	<i>Jordan Pollack</i>	<i>Father of Yvette</i>
<i>Rose Goldberg</i>	<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Steven Hock</i>	<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Brother of Aaron</i>
<i>Leigh Hess</i>	<i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Father of Richard</i>
<i>Mary Kolnick</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Grandmother of Jeffrey</i>
<i>Samuel Kuhn</i>	<i>Harris & Pauline Kuhn</i>	<i>Father of Bernard</i>
<i>Pheney Margolis</i>	<i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Elzer Melcer</i>	<i>Eli & Frieda Melcer</i>	<i>Father of Eli</i>
<i>Siegbert Mergruen</i>	<i>Christel Mergruen</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Max Moskowitz</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Pauline Newman</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Bertha Paul</i>	<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Sidney</i>
<i>Evelyn Resnick</i>	<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Sister of Sidney</i>
<i>Samuel Robins</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Dorothy Rubin</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	
<i>Julius Schwartz</i>	<i>Richard & Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Uncle of Michelle</i>
<i>Irene Shapiro</i>	<i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Sidney Shreiber</i>	<i>Norma Shreiber</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Esther D Tapper</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Harold Louis Tapper</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Socorro Torres</i>	<i>Mina Cano & Hermelindo Vences</i>	<i>Grandmother of Mina</i>
<i>Robert Unger</i>	<i>Russell Unger</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Jean Vinetsky</i>	<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Sue Weintraub</i>	<i>Robin Weintraub</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Elliot Weiss</i>	<i>David & Myra Weiss</i>	<i>Father of David</i>
<i>Rose Weiss</i>	<i>David & Myra Weiss</i>	<i>Mother of David</i>
<i>Helen Zuckoff</i>	<i>Eli & Frieda Melcer</i>	<i>Aunt of Frieda</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.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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1. Last Name _____ First _____

Hebrew Name _____

2. Last Name _____ First _____

Hebrew Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ - _____ Work () _____ - _____

Cell 1: () _____ - _____ Cell 2: () _____ - _____

1. E-mail Address: _____ 2. E-mail Address: _____

Cohen 1 ___ 2 ___ Levite 1 ___ 2 ___

Birth Date: 1. ___/___/19___ Birth Date 2. ___/___/19___

Anniversary Date ___/___/___

Please send me Yahrzeit Notices for:

_____	D.O.D. _____	Relationship _____
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I/We request membership at Beth Shalom of Whittier in the following category:

Membership includes High Holidays and all Life Cycle Events. Membership may be paid in 10 monthly billings.

_____ Family Membership

_____ Couple Membership

_____ Single Membership

_____ Student Membership

_____ Associate Membership (Must be full member at another synagogue. No voting privileges)

Your membership is enriched when you participate directly in the various activities of the Congregation. Please list and/or select your special volunteer interests here.

Fund Raising ___ Serving on the Board ___ House and Grounds ___ Band/Choir

For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) we have declared a moratorium on Dues. This has been a transitional year for us and we appreciate those members who stayed with us through our move and were paid members last year or are new and would like to try us out without having to pay dues. We do still need you to fill out this membership form for our records. We will re-visit the dues issue during the year but rest assured that no one is ever turned away because of lack of ability to pay dues.

Thank you

Rose Hills Covenant Lawn Gravesites



Gravesites for Sale

\$2,150 per plot

Beth Shalom has burial plots in Rose Hills' Jewish Section, Covenant Lawn, and is offering them for sale.

A comparable gravesite outside the Jewish section would cost \$4,000. If you are interested in purchasing one or more site, please contact Irving Bartikofsky or the Beth Shalom office.

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Tevet - Shevat 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *Office Closed	2	3 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 7 Tevet Vayigash
5	6	7	8	9	10 7:30p Shabbat Service	11 14 Tevet Vayehi Siddur Kol Shalom 9:00a Breakfast 9:45a Service
12	13	14	15	16 7:15p Board of Directors Meeting	17 7:30p Sisterhood Shabbat	18 21 Tevet Shemot
19	20	21 12:00p Book Club @ Rita's	22 1:00p Sisterhood Meeting	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 28 Tevet Vaera
26	27	28	29	30	31 7:30p Shabbat Service with Guest Aryell Cohen	



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