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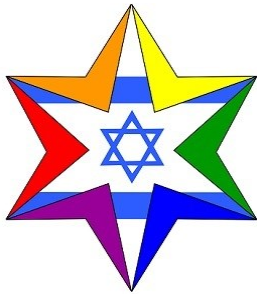
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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

March begins for us the period of frivolity that hits its pinnacle and summit with Purim which we will celebrate on Monday evening, March 6 with a festive prelude beginning at 6:25 pm and service and Megillah reading beginning at 6:30 pm. Every year I come with a new way to express this age old story to our congregation through some topical and interesting and hopefully funny and meaningful way to keep the joy alive in our hearts.

The tradition from the Talmud at Purim is to be in such a mindset as not to know the difference between Mordechai ("good") and Haman ("evil"). Though we would never tell you to be in this state when driving to and from the synagogue, we do recommend that you find a way during the 24 hours of Purim to get into that "headspace" and enjoy this timeless tradition we celebrate every year.

The Hamantasch cookie that is so popular at Purim actually comes from a German tradition of special cookies celebrating special events. It came into fashion especially in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the three-cornered hat was in vogue and it was suggested in the midrash and Talmud that Haman wore a three cornered hat. We all enjoy these special treats and I especially like them filled either with *Mohn* (poppy seeds) or chocolate. A recent vogue of using almond paste and almonds in them is also quite delicious. I know many love the fruit fillings in them and enjoy those for days before and after Purim itself.

Whatever your Purim tradition, come and enjoy Purim with us on March 6! Hag Sameach!

B'vrachah,

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon D'Mus*

# From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all had a good month and survived the storms, winds and even the tornados (can you believe it!!), with a minimum of damage.

I am happy to say that the sun came out in time for our Lunch and Learn last Saturday. It was a great pleasure to meet and hear from Rebeca Orantes. She had so many interesting facts about Judaism in Guatemala and their congregation. She is studying to become their first Rabbi and I'm sure she will make an excellent one. We are hoping to have her back again to learn more about their community. The lunch was delicious and my thanks to Michelle for her work in getting it together. We had a very good turnout and it was so nice to be able to sit around and visit with friends.

Our goal for this coming year is to have Lunch & Learns or other educational programs every other month and events such as dinners or going some places (plays, museums, etc) the other months. Of course, we have to make this fit with special celebrations like Passover and Chanukah. Please understand that Lunch & Learns as well as other educational programs are open to all. However, Shabbat or other dinners like the Passover Seder and Chanukah dinner or events like plays or museums, will continue to be for members. Membership applications are available in the office. If you call Erica, she will be happy to mail one to you.

We have some really interesting things coming up so stay tuned!!

Shalom,  
Lila

## Donations

Myra Becker      Mi Shebeirach: Barbara Garbinski, Edith Binke, Kole Prosku

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Michelle Hess

Klara Wein

Myra Becker

### Beloved Departed

Sarah Schwartz

Esther Friedman

Diane Graham

Meir Militeanu

Jennie Beckelman

George Becker

### Relationship

Aunt

Aunt

Cousin

Father

Great Grandmother

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](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com).



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*

*Celebrates*

*PURIM*



***MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023***

***PURIM ORGAN PRELUDE 6:25 PM***

***SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING 6:30 PM***

***HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON D MUS, OFFICIATING  
TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST***

***THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL BE IN PERSON AND ALSO BROADCASTED ON OUR FACE-  
BOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER***

***WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE AT HOME OR IN THE SANCTUARY  
BY DROWNING OUT THAT EVIL PERSON'S NAME DURING THE MEGILLAH STORY***

***JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY!***

**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**

**INVITES YOU TO**

***A SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER***



**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FIRST FRIENDS**

**THE SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWED BY  
AN ITALIAN PASTA DAIRY SHABBAT DINNER**

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

**THERE WILL BE NO FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST THIS SHABBAT**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THIS SERVICE/SHABBAT DINNER**

**PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 10, 2023**

*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER  
INVITES YOU TO*



*OUR FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER*

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

***WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023***

***AT***

***FIRST FRIENDS***

*PESAH PRELUDE AND SERVICE FOR ALL  
BEGINS AT 6:25 PM IN THE SANCTUARY*

*FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE SOCIAL 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 CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 24, 2023**

## Tephillin

The “Tephillin” idea also originates in the Torah. You can find it in a paragraph that we recite three times a day. Here it is in simplified form: “Hear O Israel, the Lord our G-d. The Lord is One. And you should love the Lord your G-d with all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart. You should teach them well to your children, when you are sitting at home, when you are traveling, when you lie down and when you arise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand and they shall be as bands between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates”. The underlined words above are those from which we learn the law of “Tephillin”.

Through tradition we are taught that the way in which we can fulfill the “Tephillin” Law properly is by putting the words of G-d into two cubes, or square boxes, and strapping one to our left arm for right handed people or strapping one to our right hand for left handed people. Thus we have our righteous hands strapping our arms facing our heart. Then we place the other cube upon our heads between our eyes. In this way the “Tephillin” serve as a sign, just as “Tzitzzi” do to remind us to act in the ways of G-d, to love Him and to teach His laws to our children.

The “Tephillin” further symbolize our devotion of hand and heart to the will of G-d. They remind us that we should give Him praise and honor Him by praying to Him, for prayer is one of the best ways to convey our thoughts.

Putting on the “Tephillin” To show due respect for the “Tephillin” we stand during the whole procedure. When we take them out of their bag, they must be taken out “Shel Yod” for the arm first and then “Shel Rosh” for the head. The “Tephillin” are taken off in the opposite way at the ceremony end. They are worn in the synagogue during weekday morning services except on the Sabbath and holidays. They are also worn when we recite the morning service at home by ourselves. For men, the “Brochos” and all other details of the “Tephillin” service are found in the “Siddur”.

In conclusion, if we put on the “Tephillin” properly and faithfully, they will always be as a reminder and a guide to lead our lives in the ways of G-d according to the true spirit of the Torah.

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

### From the Desk of Adult Education.....



**Rebeca Orantes**

Our last lunch and learn was Saturday February 25th where our guest speaker was Rebeca Orantes. It was well attended and was wonderful seeing friends we haven't seen in a while. Rebeca comes from Guatemala and is here studying at HUC (Hebrew Union College ). She spoke about life as a Jew growing up in Guatemala and the Kulanu Guatemalan community.

Without giving away the subject matter of our next lunch and learn — I'll tell you this much-- you won't want to miss it. The time/date of the guest speaker are still being worked out. Ill keep you posted. Hope to see you there.

Jay Weinschenker

## 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.

**March 3--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**March 6--Erev Purim--6:25 pm Prelude; 6:30 pm Service--** Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**March 10--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**March 17--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**March 24--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**March 31--7:25pm--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 [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Beth Shalom Book Club is scheduled for Monday, March 20th at 12:30pm. Our book is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A nice feel -good book.

Our book for April 25th is the Whittier Community Reads "Solito" by Javier Zamora. There are 60 copies available for check out at the Whittier Libraries, including Spanish copies for those that are interested.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us. Happy reading everyone.

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



# March

## Candle Lighting Times

March 3 - 5:34

March 10 - 5:39

March 17 - 6:45

March 24 - 6:50

March 31 - 6:56



## 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.

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The editor welcomes comments and  
suggestions. [bswoffice@verizon.com](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)

## March Birthdays

Sidney Paul March 7

Susan Kramer March 21

Cathleen Cavanaugh March 23

## March Anniversaries

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you  
a happy birthday!!

## 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 Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### Dear Departed

<i>Frank Slonka</i>	<i>Anna Barnett</i>	<i>Edward Kraus</i>	<i>Abraham Slater</i>
<i>Raymond Brantz</i>	<i>Marilyn Near</i>	<i>Daniel Braidman</i>	<i>Morris Klein</i>
<i>Joel Kudler</i>	<i>Flora Kuhn</i>	<i>Bertha Snitzer</i>	<i>Max Eison</i>
<i>Israel Kleinberg</i>	<i>Sylvia Kostura</i>	<i>Irving Bernard</i>	<i>Beatrice Shapiro</i>
<i>Dora Abramson</i>	<i>Herman Udkoff</i>	<i>Florence Candioly</i>	<i>Arthur Eisen</i>
<i>Etta Eisen</i>	<i>Ruth Goldenberg</i>	<i>Sally Seltzer</i>	<i>Abraham Carnow</i>
<i>Bessie Bohrer</i>	<i>Dennis Taisch</i>	<i>Bernard Korduner</i>	<i>Milton Kraus</i>
<i>Flora Popick</i>	<i>Sarah Werner</i>		



**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Lila Held	Joseph Kuperstein	Father
	Henry Brickel	Grandfather
Jeffrey Kolnick	Lea Kolnick	Sister
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Adele Tapper	Aunt
	Gordon Tapper	Uncle
	Sharon Tapper Miller	Cousin
Myra Becker	Jennie Beckelman	Grandmother
Michelle Hess	Esther Friedman	Aunt
	Diane Graham	Cousin
	Rose Minnie Morzinsky	Mother
	Pauline Morzinsky	Grandmother
Susan Lieberman	Bella Rubins	Grandmother
	David Moskowitz	Uncle
	Robert Lieberman	Husband
Christel Mergruen	Max Cutler	
Jay Weinschenker	Gregory Weinschenker	Cousin
Evelyn Golden Brunelle	Fay Goldberg	Mother
Eileen Baptista	Ray Galvin	Father
Richard Lasher	Raymond Lipshitz	
Irving Bartikofsky	Carmen Bartikofsky	Mother
Mark Hilliard	Ray Hilliard	Father
Marilyn Esterson	Arnold Rose	Brother
Miriam Held	Joseph Held	Husband
Scott Held	Joseph Held	Father
Sandra Paul	Rhea B Seagull	Cousin
Sidney Paul	Mary Torren Paul	Mother
Joel Golden	Bobbie Golden	Mother
Ann Kanahele	Arlene Berry	Sister-in-Law

*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.*

# March 2023

## Adar - Nissan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 11 Adar Parashat Tetzaveh
5	6 6:30p Purim Service	7 Purim	8	9	10 7:30p Shabbat Service	11 18 Adar Parashat Ki Tisa
12	13	14	15	16 7:00p Board Meeting	17 7:30p Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner	18 25 Adar Parashat Vayak'hel Pekudei
19	20 12:30p Book Club	21	22	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 3 Nissan Parashat Vayikra
26	27	28	29	30	31 7:30p Shabbat Service	



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