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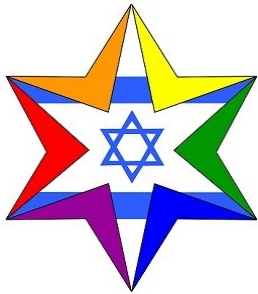
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month we read the second third of the book of Shemot (Exodus) in the Torah. We first read the 10 Commandments in Parshat Yitro in its first iteration here and then we read about the Golden Calf and how the first set of tablets of these commandments were destroyed by Moses and re-constructed as the Israelites learned their lessons about idolatry. We then read about the construction of the portable tabernacle in the wilderness, the *Mishkan (sanctuary)*, or *ohel moed (tent of meeting)* [as it is sometimes referred to]. The lavishness that our ancestors took to construct this reminder of God's presence in their midst was certainly a site to behold in the midst of the Israelite camps. And, finally, we learn of the vestments that Aaron and his sons, the priests, were bequeathed to wear to set them apart from the other Israelites and how that setting apart began the first hierarchy in our people's history which remains a bit of our tradition today with Kohanim (priests), Levites, and then the rest of the children of Israel taking part in the Torah reading.

This second third then continues the molding of the children of Israel into a real nation and making nationhood become a part of their existence and fabric.

Let us also hope that the conflict in Gaza comes to an end speedily and that the Palestinian and Israeli peoples can learn to live in peace together in some fashion.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well and had a good month of January.

Ours was pretty exciting as my daughter Joann became engaged to her long-time boyfriend Rudy. We are all very happy for them.

We had a busy month at Beth Shalom with a very interesting Lunch & Learn with Rita Rubin telling us about the trip to Morocco that she and Bob went on. Very interesting and beautiful pictures. Thanks to Jay for arranging and planning the Lunch and Learn. Thanks to Michelle for arranging the delicious lunch. The next week we went to the La Mirada Theatre to see Mystic Pizza. It was great fun to sit together and see a fantastic show.

Jay is planning another Lunch & Learn for us with Hazzan Lance talking about the Shabbos prayers. Keep an eye on the Weekly's for more information. As always, ideas for topics you would like to learn about are welcome. Just call the office with your ideas and Erica will send them to Jay.

If I don't say it often enough, thanks to Hazzan Lance and Rabbi Ken for their wonderful and inspirational services. And to Martin and Ed for providing us with security at all of our services and events.

Shalom,
Lila

Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Miriam Brookfield	Brookfield Family Yahrzeits	
Mona DiNatale	Irving Cirulnick	Uncle
Michelle Hess	Julius Schwartz	Uncle
	Leigh Hess	Father-in-Law
Sidney Paul	Harry Paul	Father
	Bertha Paul	Step-Mother
	Evelyn Resnick	Sister
Marietta Shreiber Reed	Norma Shreiber	Mother
Klara Wein	Meir Militeanu	Father

Tribute Cards

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



Beth Shalom of Whittier Lunch & Learn

Rabbinics/Hazzanics 101 - The Shabbat Prayer services

What were the Rabbis, Paytanim, and Hazzanim Thinking?

Hazzan Lance will provide a tour of the Shabbat services to include why we pray what we pray and why the prayers are placed when and where they are.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 ★ 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to the Temple office, by February 23,

by email: bswoffice@verizon.net or

by phone: 562.941.8744

Please note: during these troubled times, in person services and events will only be open to members, former members, and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors.

Join your Beth Shalom friends for an afternoon of intriguing discussion and delicious nosh.



Some Interesting Torah Laws

A typical example of attitude in the Torah toward all G-d's creatures is a law concerning birds: The Torah tells us that if we see a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground with young ones or eggs in it and the mother sitting on them we may not take mother and her young together, we must send the other away. This law also applies to the slaughter of animals. The Torah tells us that the mother and her young should not be slaughtered on the same day.

If an animal has caused injury and damage and endangers the lives or wellbeing of the people of the community, however; it is one's duty to kill it.

Physical Injury One is forbidden to cause injury to others by striking them directly or by any other means. Even raising one's hand against a friend or neighbor is considered wrong.

One is forbidden to do anything even on one's own premises that may cause harm or annoyance to one's neighbors. The one who injures one's neighbors even though he/she gives money as compensation for the injury cannot be fully forgiven until they/he/she also receives pardon from the neighbor.

Thefts It is forbidden to steal even a trifle from a Jew or non-jew. Giving short change, short weight or short measure is considered stealing if it is done on purpose.

The following is forbidden:

1. Cheating of any kind (even though it doesn't involve loss of money to the other person)
2. To buy from the thief an article known to have been stolen.
3. To accept any charity from a known thief unless we know that he/she has repented their ways.
4. To derive benefit from anything belonging to our neighbor without his/her knowledge even if we know our neighbor will not mind. The tallis is the only exception to this rule.

Chukim: The laws of SHATNEZ, TATTOOING, and SHAVING There are certain laws in the Torah that were not explained, therefore, we do not know the reasons for them. We are told by G-d through Moses that such laws are to be obeyed. These laws go under the general classification of Chukim.

When Columbus said the world was round, nobody believed him. His theory was investigated and proved correct before it was accepted. So why do we look for reasons in the Torah? Simply, to find out whether the laws in the Torah are right and justifiable. Surely we know that G-d is right in all that He wills. Can we question his ways? Can we question any law He has given us in His Holy Torah? Surely we do not need reasons for that purpose.

We look for reasons that are applicable to our Torah. We want to understand. When our rabbis and Jewish scholars study the Torah they found many deep meanings to the laws given by G-d. Presently, logical reasons were even given for some of the "Chukim". This is the beauty of Torah. You never know everything about it. The more we study it, the more we learn.

In next month's edition I will discuss more about "Chukim". Stay tuned in, maybe "Chukim" were purposely given without reasons, just to test our faith in G-d.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

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**.

February 2--7:30 pm--Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

February 9--7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

February 16--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

February 23--7:25 pm 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 and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

Candle Lighting Times

February 2 - 5:07

February 9 - 5:14

February 16 - 5:20

February 23 - 5:26



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

Beth Shalom of Whittier

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, the 13th of February. The author, AJ Sidransky, will be joining us on Zoom. The book is "The Incident at San Miguel". It is about 2 brothers in Cuba, each on opposite sides of the Castro revolution. The story is based on real people, which the author will explain.

Please be sure to read the book before the meeting so you can enjoy the author's input.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.

If you have any questions, please call either Michelle or Myra.

Happy Reading Everyone.



Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Bernard Fink</i>	<i>Yetta Fink</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Morton Goldberg</i>	<i>Jennie Goldberg</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Jay Devore</i>	<i>Paul Devore</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Morris Aronowitz</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
	<i>Bella Rubins</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>George Becker</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
	<i>Jennie Beckelman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Sean Hilliard</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Lila Held</i>	<i>Seymour Brickel</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Henry Brickel</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Joann Eres</i>	<i>Henry Brickel</i>	<i>Great-Grandfather</i>
<i>Dan Franden</i>	<i>Robert Franden</i>	
	<i>Solomon Finkelstein</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Lea Kolnick</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Adele Tapper</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Gordon Tapper</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i>	<i>Mother</i>
	<i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
	<i>Diane Graham</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
	<i>Esther Friedman</i>	<i>Aunt</i>

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed		
<i>Harvey Ziskin</i>	<i>Benjamin Winter</i>	<i>William Lyons</i>
<i>Frances Storm</i>	<i>Isidore Pinck</i>	<i>Arthur Unger</i>
<i>Agnes Fuchs</i>	<i>Toby Pinck</i>	<i>Anna Barnett</i>
<i>Edward Kraus</i>	<i>Abraham Slater</i>	<i>Marilyn Near</i>
<i>Daniel Braidman</i>	<i>Morris Klein</i>	<i>Joel Kudler</i>
<i>Bertha Snitzer</i>	<i>Max Eison</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.

Shevat - Adar I 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:30p Shabbat Service	3 24 Shevat Parashat Yitro
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Shabbat Service	10 1 Adar I Parashat Mishpatim
11	12	13 12:30p Book Club	14	15 7:00p Board Meeting	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 8 Adar I Parashat Terumah
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 15 Adar I Parashat Tetzaveh
25	26	27	28	29		