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Everyone is Welcome

### HAZZAN'S NOTES



Dear Friends,

This month we complete our High Holyday season with the extended festival of our gladness and joy, *Sukkot and Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah*. The Torah tell us to celebrate this festival for seven days with an additional eight day of solemn assembly which is *Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah*.

Normally, we would be putting up our Sukkah right after Yom Kippur and procuring our Lulav and Etrog for the Sukkot service. This year, things are different, as they have been for all our other festival celebrations in 2020. Because Sukkot begins on Shabbat, there is no waving of the Lulav and Etrog as is custom on Shabbat, so you will not see them on our Erev Sukkot broadcast. Also, due to COVID, we are not assembling, and therefore, we will not be putting up our communal Sukkah either. And, because we are not assembling, you will also not see the customary Hakafot (processions) with the Torahs as you would on a normal Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. But, we do hope that those who do have a Sukkah will put theirs up this year and maybe host people for al fresco dining as is customary and is also happening with so many restaurants at this point.

We know these are trying times, but we hope to bring you as much light and joy as we possibly can through it all. We hope our broadcasts are an inspiration to you and give you the connections you need and want from us. Remember, **OPT IN!** Our community needs you as much as you need us during these very trying times.

Moadim L'Simchah—Happy Festivals to you all!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*

## From our President

What a month!

Preparations for High Holy Days are always busy and hectic but this year, with the COVID pandemic and new rules for just about everything, it was even more so than usual.

The bottom line is that our livestreamed services were Fantastic. We knew that many synagogues were filming ahead and not livestreaming. We chose to film our actual service. Our services were as true to what we usually do as possible within the pandemic restraints.

Hazzan Lance was superb in his beautiful and awe inspiring renditions of the prayers. Mark Peterson did a wonderful job with his organ and piano accompaniments. Dr. Ana Maldonado's cello rendition of Kol Nidre was beautiful and Shofar blowers Joel Chesler and David Starkman were great. Our choir was wonderful and we were happy to have them on both days of Rosh Hashonah this year. Everyone was properly distanced for safety. We livestreamed a full service and we were able to participate appropriately at home. We did not open the Ark or take out the Torah to protect it against contamination.

We had hundreds of views from around the world of our services on Facebook. We were able to reach more people than we had ever imagined. We have been receiving many comments from people on how great our services were and how much they meant to them.

Let me tell you that for a small synagogue, we did great! We held our own with the big guys and I am very proud of all involved with the services. The services were so very beautiful and meaningful and it really felt like we were there.

As Hazzan Lance says at every service and is so true, we could never have done this to anywhere near the professional level that you saw without the work of Jim Sevin as our film and sound technician. Jim is a real treasure.

Wishing you all a good and sweet year and may you all be inscribed in the book of life for a life of health and happiness in 5781.

Lila Held

## Let's Get Busy

Selichot, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services have been even more meaningful this year. Seeing in 5781, unable to be together for the Holidays has been challenging, stressful and yet rewarding. Through the magic of technology, ingenuity, artistry and talent, Beth Shalom of Whittier was able to bring beautiful Services to us via Facebook Live. Hazzan Lance Tapper brought us inspiration through song, chants and spoken word. The Beth Shalom Singers and Mark Peterson filled out the experience we were all so fortunate to have this unusual year.

Sukkot, Oct 2-9, without a Community Sukkah presented another challenge. One solution was to create your own Sukkah and I hope many of you were able to do that. At the end of this article is a link for DIY Sukkahs that was in our Weekly Bulletins. Please submit pictures of you and your sukkah to Erica in the Office so she can include them in the November Mishpacha...we can't be together but we can still share our experiences.

We look forward to seeing what you have done.

Chag Sameach!

Alita Sevin

<https://kosheronabudget.com/building-decorating-your-sukkah-on-a-budget/>



## Our Torah



As you all probably know, Beth Shalom of Whittier owns four Torahs. The most we need for services throughout the year is three. When we ordered a portable Aron Kodesh, we purchased one that would hold three Torahs. A larger one would have been exceedingly difficult to move from place to place on the bimah. We have been storing the 4<sup>th</sup> Torah in Hazzan Lance's office.

The Board discussed what we should do with this 4<sup>th</sup> Torah. It did not seem right to have it sitting idle when there were so many communities in need of one.

We were unanimous in wanting it to go to a community that really needed it and would otherwise not have a Torah. That immediately brought to mind, Kulanu. They are an organization that was established in 1994 and supports isolated, emerging and returning Jewish communities around the world. They have put on presentations at Beth Shalom several times and some of our members have been actively involved with them for years.

I contacted them and they were thrilled. This donation will enable a congregation to have full services on Shabbat, holidays and all Torah-reading days. They will move from using a paper printed Torah or a Chumash to the "real thing".

They quickly got back to us with a synagogue high on their list that had a climate-controlled place for the Torah. The synagogue is in Honduras. It is Comunidad Sephardita de Honduras HaChavim. They are a group consisting of anousim (marranos), who are very observant. They are ecstatic to be receiving the Torah and for them this is proof that G-d has blessed their ancestors for keeping the faith in hiding for so many generations. These are people who never would have been able to buy a Torah on their own.

The Torah will be picked up by a member of their congregation and flown back to Honduras with him. They are buying a seat on the airplane for the Torah. Hazzan has dressed the Torah in its white mantle. It is wrapped in tellism and is in a plastic wheeled container. We are keeping the accoutrements and they will be displayed in the new display case that we are having built in the lobby of our office suite. We expect this to happen sometime after October 31<sup>st</sup> to give them time to take care of the complications of traveling with COVID restrictions. Kulanu is working with them on the travel arrangements.

Kulanu will arrange for a plaque for the Torah with wording of our choice to say where it came from. Kulanu was very thankful for the donation and said we could rest assured that our Torah will have a second most cherished life.

We on the Board feel that this is most certainly the right thing to do. This Torah will bring years of blessings and happiness to a new community. For the first time, they will have a real Torah to use on Torah reading days. Our beloved Torah will continue to be loved and treasured.

...Your Board of Directors

### 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.

We have 7 plots available and have had people ask us to hold 3 of them so if you are interested, please let us know.

## ***CLERGY SCHEDULE***

**Note: All Beth Shalom services at this time, will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page.**

**October 2--Erev Sukkot--**7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**October 9--Erev Shimini Atzeret/Sinchat Torah--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**October 10--Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Yizkor Service--**9:23 am--Prelude, Service--9:30 am--Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**October 16--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**October 23--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**October 30--** 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

### **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.



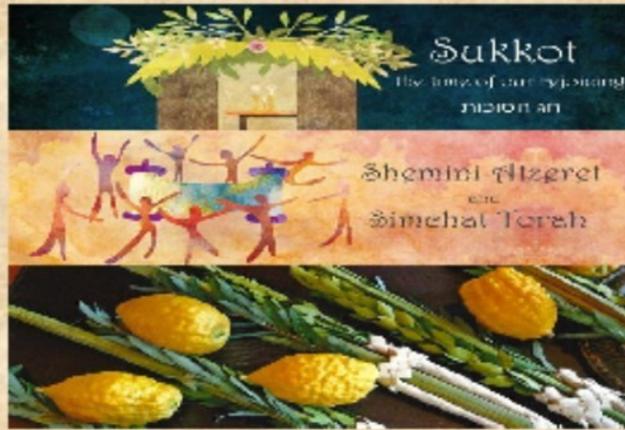
## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Our October 14th book is ***"The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohen Loigman.***  
This is the author's debut novel about a "heart-wrenching, gripping multigenerational story, woven around the deepest of secrets".

Join us at 12:30 pm

If you have any questions or for a Zoom invite,  
please call either Myra or Michelle.





**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**THE ONLINE CELEBRATIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*  
**OF THE FESTIVALS OF JOY, GLADNESS, AND REJOICING**  
**EREV SUKKOT**

OCTOBER 2—Sukkot Organ Prelude at 7:23 pm/Service at 7:30 pm

**SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH**

EREV--October 9—Festival Organ Prelude at 7:23 pm/Service at 7:30 pm

YIZKOR--October 10—Festival Organ Prelude at 9:23 am/Service at 9:30 am

**OFFICIATING:**

**Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader**  
**Mark Peterson, Accompanist**

**The Sukkot and Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Mahzor**  
**will be uploaded to our Facebook page**  
**after Yom Kippur prior to Sukkot.**



# October

## Candle Lighting Times

**October 2 —6:16**

**October 9—6:06**

**October 16—5:58**

**October 23—5:50**

**October 30—5:42**



### **This is Our Mishpacha**

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on or near the first of the month.

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to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline  
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please call the office (562) 941-8744.

Printed copies are also available in our lobby.  
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The editor welcomes comments and suggestions.  
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## Birthdays

Christine Grijalva	October 5
Dorothy Wiener	October 10
Rick Bertz	October 12
Mina Cano	October 12
Arlene Norton	October 12
Christel Mergruen	October 14
Seth La Borwit	October 14
Sandra Paul	October 28



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

## Temple Donations

**Arlene Norton**—general donation

**Myra Becker**—in appreciation of Mi Shebeirach

**Alita Sevin**—in honor of those celebrating their birthday in the month of October:

Rick Bertz, Mina Cano, Christine Grijalva, Seth La Borwit, Christel Mergruen,  
Arlene Norton, Sandra Paul, and Dorothy Wiener

## High Holy Day Donations

**Phyllis and Marshall Sindelman and Family**—

in honor and appreciation of Hazzan Lance and Rosh Hashanah Service

**Revekah Martinez**—Rosh Hashanah Tzedakah

## Yahrzeit Donations

### **Name**

*Michelle Hess*

*Sandra Paul*

*Klara Wein*

*Dorothy Wiener*

### **Beloved Departed**

*Hyman Morzinsky*

*Celia Bolasny*

*Joseph Wein*

*Paul Wiener*

### **Relationship**

*Grandfather*

*Aunt*

*Husband*

*Father-in-Law*

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 @ [ddgrlover@aol.com](mailto:ddgrlover@aol.com)

## Yahrzeit Observances

<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Moses Bell	Myra Becker	Uncle
Solomon Bell		Grandfather
Dorothy Berry	Ann Kanahela	Mother
Pearl Blankstein	Maxine Berkowitz	Mother
Ann Brezak	Millie Hock	Sister
Anna Brickel	Lila Held	Grandmother
Laura Cirulnick	Karen Fritz and Mona Di Natale	Cousin
Milton Devore	Jay Devore	Father
Beryl Feldman	Richard Rothenberg	Sister
Blanche Franden	Richard Franden	Mother
Abraham Gnessin	Rita Rubin	Father
Doris Rubin	Robert Rubin	Mother
Yakov Goldmann	Lynn Alice Briggs-Cantu	Father
Henry Handler	Mark Handler and Debora Davis	Grandfather
Stephen Horowitz	Anita Horowitz	Son
Ben Jaffe	Paul Jaffe	Father
Jackie Kolnick	Jeffrey Kolnick	Mother
Morris Marks	Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Aunt's Father
Hyman Morzinsky	Michelle Hess	Grandfather
Pearl Rowe	Sam Rowe	Wife
Abraham Singer	Mark Singer and Eunice Singer	Grandfather of Mark

## Observing this Yahrzeit

<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>
Morris Becker	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Joseph Morris
Louis Dreyfos	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Bruce Sarkin
Morgan Erlich	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Davis Sarkin
Arthur Fleischman	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Minnie Sarkin
Leonard Grill	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Sheldon Schannon
Oscar Kropf	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Lydia Sussman
Wandor Meszoly	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Elsa Toll

*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

2020-2021 5780-5781

PLEASE PRINT

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021) 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

# October 2020

## *Tishri –Heshvan 5781*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Erev Sukkot 7:30p Sukkot Service	3 15 Tishri Sukkot
4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30p Erev Shimini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service	10 22 Tishri 9:30a Shimini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Yizkor Service
11	12	13	14 12:30p Book Club Zoom Meeting	15 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	16 7:30p Shabbat Service	17 29 Tishri Bereshit
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:30p Shabbat Service	24 6 Heshvan Noah
25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30p Shabbat Service	31 13 Heshvan Lekh Lekha



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