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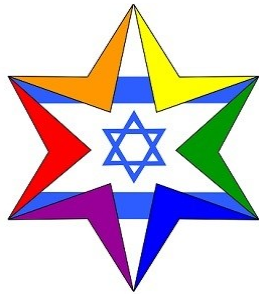
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As we are now in the month of Kislev, we plan for our festival of light, Hanukkah! This year, the Hanukkah festival will again, as it has in so many other years, fall during the Christian celebration of their Christmas. It reminds us that light and joy help us through these darker days and traditions do find ways of melding together even in interesting ways.

Our Shabbat Hanukkah service will be on Shabbat, December 23 in the sanctuary at 6:55 pm with the Hanukkah prelude by Ty Woodward and the service beginning at 7:00 pm conducted by myself and Ty. The service will include the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah known as the *Hanukkah*. And...as I always do, I will recount the story of the Maccabees during my sermon time from the Book of Maccabees. We will also hear the different facets of the hymn *Maoz Tzur* we know so well from its Italian and German musical traditions.

We look forward to having you with us to celebrate this triumph of our people over the Syrian-Greek oppressors and over anti-semitism.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. My family was spread out this year but I did have a very nice dinner with all the trimmings and a pleasant evening. It was cooked by my grandson Ben and daughter in law Sarah and the cleanup was a joint effort by several grandsons so I could just relax and enjoy it (and it was delicious)!

One of the things I am thankful for is that so many more people are coming back in person to our holiday services. A lot of work goes into them and just running the temple in general and seeing people start to come back, makes it all worthwhile.

Hanukkah is just around the corner and I am looking forward to our usual festive Hanukkah service.

We will get back to other monthly events such as dinners, educational programs and luncheons starting in January. Suggestions for topics for educational programs are always welcome.

Shalom,
Lila

Jewish Prayer and Study

Whether we are praying, studying Torah, and the other books of the Tanach, we are reading the words of G-d and show respect. It is forbidden to pray or perform any religious study in the bathroom. All other rooms in our homes are considered proper. Let us always remember to give our religious studies the respect and honor they deserve.

Laws of the Brochos When we receive a gift from a relative or a friend we show our appreciation by thanking them in some way. So how do we show our appreciation to the father of all of us who has given us the greatest gift of all, the gift of life and all the wonders of the world. We thank him. We recite "Brochos" blessings. These are found in most "Siddur" prayer books.

Because the blessings are important we must always concentrate on what we are saying to G-d. When we recite a Brocho to G-d, therefore we must learn the proper blessing beforehand so that when we recite it we do it without hesitation and with meaning. It should come from our hearts.

For example: If we wanted to eat fruit and recited the blessing, for the fruit and then changed our mind about eating the fruit and put it away, we would be reciting a Brocha in vain. Mentioning the name of G-d (which is in the middle of the blessing) in vain would be disrespectful and against the law. We must make up our mind before we recite "Brocha" for anything. In this way, we can avoid disrespect to G-d.

When someone recites a "Brocha" and we are nearby, we should make it a habit to answer "Amen". The Hebrew letters of "amen" are the initials of "El Melech Ne-eman," G-d is a faithful king. It is the Jewish way of saying that all we heard is true.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

Myra Becker

Lynn Briggs-Cantu
Mona Di Natale
Revekah Martinez
Rita Rubin
Bernard Starkman

Beloved Departed

Solomon Bell
Moses Bell
Yakov Goldmann
Sarah Lifschitz
Delfina Pinto
Yetta Gnessing
Blanche Starkman

Relationship

Grandfather
Uncle
Father
Grandmother
Grandmother
Mother
Mother

Donations

Myra Becker - Names on MiShebeirach list

Eugene Jaffee

Lynn Cantu - High Holyday Donation

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.

December 2--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

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

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

December 23--Shabbat Hanukkah--5:45 pm--Gala Dinner in Fellowship Hall (by reservation only)--6:55pm--Prelude; 7:00 pm Service--Shabbat Hanukkah Service in the sanctuary--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

December 30--7:30 Service--Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

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.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, at 12:30 pm. to read and discuss "The Bookwoman's Daughter" by Kim Michael Richardson. Everyone is welcome to join even if only to listen.

Happy reading everyone.

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



December

Candle Lighting Times

December 2 - 4:25

December 9 - 4:25

December 16 - 4:27

December 23 - 4:30

December 30 - 4:35



This is Our Mishpacha

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

Birthdays

David Starkman	December 11
Alita Sevin	December 14
Robert Rubin	December 21
Claire Rademacher	December 25
Deborah Miranda	December 28

Anniversary

Alita & Jim Seven - December 7
37 Years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday and happy anniversary!!

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## 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.

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*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.*

*December 2022*  
*Kislev - Tevet 5783*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                          | Saturday                               |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|        |        |         |           | 1        | 2<br>7:30p Shabbat Service      | 3<br>9 Kislev<br>Parashat Vayeitzei    |
| 4      | 5      | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9<br>7:30p Shabbat Service      | 10<br>16 Kislev<br>Parashat Vayishlach |
| 11     | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16<br>7:30p Shabbat Service     | 17<br>23 Kislev<br>Parashat Vayeishev  |
| 18     | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23<br>7:00p Shabbat<br>Hanukkah | 24<br>30 Kislev<br>Parashat Mikeitz    |
| 25     | 26     | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30<br>7:30p Shabbat Service     | 31<br>7 Tevet<br>Vayigash              |



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