



## Our Mishpacha

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Everyone is Welcome

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

The month of November this year will have two special events for our congregation.

The first event is our annual commemoration of Kristallnacht. This will take place on Shabbat evening, November 8 with a prelude and service beginning at 7:25 pm. This service, again, is in cooperation with our sister congregation, Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue in Berlin, Germany. Their clergy—Rabbi Jonah Sievers and Kantor Isidoro Abramowicz and their musical staff—Dr. Jakub Stefek and Dimitar Dimitrov, have given us their service and legacy which we now use each year for this remembrance service. The Jewish liturgical music of the great composer Louis Lewandowski permeates this service and was the prevailing music of the time before the WWII. Ty and I will make sure to bring the full flavor of all this through what we do during the service. This year, this service is even more poignant as antisemitism has been on the rise, as we know, and our concerns about another round of fascism taking over in the world has unfortunately become a real concern. We hope you will want to join with us as we bring light into Shabbat and our darkened world with the beauty of this service. A special oneg will take place in the foyer following this service.

Our other special event this month is our co-sponsoring the Whittier Area Clergy Association's (WACA) Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary of First Friends. We are co-sponsoring this community-wide event with First Friends, ourselves, and the Seventh Day Adventist Church that also leases from the First friends. We have invited clergy and groups to participate in this celebration from the greater Whittier environs and hope you will want to attend. This celebration will include some spoken words and reflections, great music from church and handbell choirs, and I and Aryell Cohen will be performing a liturgical piece from our tradition. A very festive and Thanksgiving themed reception will follow this event. We hope you will want to join with us and be a part of this very important community-wide showing of our solidarity!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see so many of you in person this month and to know that the others were watching us online. It has been a marathon of services! My thanks to Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen for their beautiful and meaningful services.

We had a very good showing of people. There was an average of 30 in person at each service and 20 online. That shows me that Beth Shalom is alive and well and the work that the Board and I do is well worth it. I do want to thank the Board for their work and support. That is what keeps us going.

As I mentioned last month, I took my grandson on a 7 day cruise with Autism on the Seas in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and it was a really good trip. The cruise after he turned 18, he had told me very seriously that he was now an adult and could do whatever he wanted to on the ship. I was pretty nervous to ask him but I did ask what it was that he wanted to do. His answer was, eat pizza and ice cream! I breathed a sigh of relief and told him to go for it! He is 19 now and loves this group. He even learned a few new dance moves.

We have lots of events planned for the next few months. We are going to see Fiddler on the Roof in November, have a Lunch and Learn in December, a Hanukkah dinner on December 27<sup>th</sup> and another Lunch and Learn in January. Details will be coming soon.

Keep well and safe.

Shalom

Lila



(Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue—Berlin, Germany)

*Beth Shalom of Whittier*

presents

# A Special Shabbat Evening Service

in conjunction and cooperation with the

**PESTALOZZISTRASSE SYNAGOGUE OF BERLIN, GERMANY**

*featuring the liturgy and music of the Berlin Jewish Community*

**in remembrance of Kristallnacht**

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

*Prelude: 7:25 pm; 7:30 pm Service*

**JOIN US IN PERSON IN OUR SANCTUARY AT:**

**FIRST FRIENDS—13205 PHILADELPHIA ST, WHITTIER, CA 90601**

(Those who are not members must register ahead with our synagogue office at 562-941-8744 and will be subject to a security check when they arrive)

**OR WATCH THE LIVE BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**Beth Shalom of Whittier**

*A Special Oneg will be served following the service in our foyer*

**Officiants:**

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus, SPIRITUAL LEADER*

*Ty Woodward, ORGANIST*

**UNITED IN GRATITUDE:  
ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH**

# **Thanksgiving Celebration**

COMBINED CHOIR, SOLOISTS AND COMMUNITY  
SINGING



**NOVEMBER 24, 2024, 3:00 PM**  
**BRING CANNED FOOD OFFERING**

**First Friends Church  
13205 Philadelphia St  
Whittier, CA 90601**

**Hosted by First Friends Church a Quaker meeting, Beth Shalom of Whittier,  
Whittier Bilingual Seventh Day Adventist Church  
A collaboration of the Whittier Area Clergy Association and Music Directors**

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## The Jewish Calendar

Moon and the Jewish Month Yes there is a difference between the Lunar and solar calendars. The solar (sun) calendar is based upon the revolutions of the earth around the sun and is used by Western civilization. It is the calendar used by the United States of America. The solar year is 365 and one quarter (1/4) days. Each calendar year is a quarter of a day less than a true solar year, therefore, at the end of four calendar years, one day is added (Leap Year) to make up for the one day loss. Our Jewish people calculate their calendar according to the revolutions of the moon around the earth. A lunar is 354 days, that is 11 days less than a solar year.

Problem The Bible tells us that holidays of “Succos”, “Pesach” and “Shavuos” are seasonal. They must occur during specific seasons of the year. As an example, let us consider the holiday of “Pesach” which occurs on the 15 day of the Hebrew month of “Nissan”, correspondingly occurs on the 15 day of April of that year. The following year since the lunar is 11 days shorter than the solar, the holiday of Passover would occur 11 days earlier - the 4th of April. After a number of years Passover, instead of being a Spring holiday, would be a Winter holiday because it might occur in the middle of January. To avoid this the wise men of Israel added an extra month every second or third year. When the leap year occurs, the extra month is added right after the month of Adar. It is called “Adar Sheni”, (which means the second Adar).

The Moon and the Jewish People Just as the moon, day after day, reveals more of itself to us, so that at the middle of the month we see it in its fullness and its beauty, so the Jewish religion from day to day reveals more of itself and is better understood by the nations of the world. One day and I pray that most of us will be present, our people will succeed in teaching the world the full significance of the Jewish way of life. On that time the Jewish religion will shine among the other religions of the world in peace.

As to my understanding of the Talmud put it this way. Just as the moon is sometimes eclipsed and can't be seen, so it is with the Jewish people in world history. However, just as the moon shines brightly the following night, so the Jewish people constantly reappear and can never be destroyed.

The moon does serve us as a reminder of our mission among the people of the world. It has given us courage to continue teaching Torah and service to G-D. For this reason the new moon has always been celebrated by Jews all over the world with song and praise to G-D.

Rosh Chodesh Sabbath On the Sabbath before the new moon, a special prayer is recited asking G-D to bless us with a happy and healthy new month; one devoted to Torah and good deeds. It is customary at this time to announce from the pulpit the day and hour on which the new month begins. This day is called Rosh Chodesh (the head or beginning of the new month).

Sanctification At the beginning of the month when the new moon appears in the heavens, it is an obligation upon all Jews to sanctify the name of G-D and praise him for his creations that illuminate the heavens. This sanctification is usually recited outside the synagogue after the evening service. It is called “Kiddush L. Vonoh”. It is always recited in the open air in order to see the moon shining.

Rosh Chodesh On the days of Rosh Chodesh the prayer “Ya'aleh V'yovo” is added to the “Shmoneh Esret” and “Hallel” (praises) is added to the service as thanksgiving and praise to G-D. Following “Hallel”, the Torah scroll is taken from the Ark and read. Unlike the Sabbath and weekdays, four people are given the honor of blessing the Torah. After the Torah readings the “Musaf” service is recited as in all holidays with a special “Shmoneh Esret” for Rosh Chodesh.

Sam Pearlman

**High Holyday Appeal Donations**

Irving and Blue Bartikofsky  
Myra Becker  
Mina Cano  
Joann Eres  
Joel & Jo Ann Golden  
Lila Held  
Michelle Hess  
Ann Kanahale  
Alita Sevin  
Russ & Delaine Shane  
Suruba Wechsler  
Klara Wein

**High Holyday Donations**

Howard & Betty Green

**General Donations**

Alita Seven – in memory of Myra Weiss

**Yahrzeit Donations**

**Remembered by**

**Beloved Departed**

**Relationship**

Susan Kramer	Evelyn Falk	Mother
Sandra Paul	Celia Bolasny	Aunt
Bernard Starkman	Jack Starkman	Father
Michelle Hess	Hyman Morzinsky	Grandfather
	Malcolm Schwartz	Cousin
Shirley Malin	Eleanor Chain	Aunt
Ann Kanahale	Berry Dorothy	Mother
Jeffrey Kolnick	Jaqueline Kolnick	Mother

## 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**.

November 1--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

November 8--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Kristallnacht Remembrance Service**--Hazzan Lance and Ty

November 15--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

November 22--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

November 24--3:00 pm--**WACA Thanksgiving Celebration at First Friends**--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

November 29--7:30 pm Service--Rabbi Ken

## Candle Lighting Times

November 1 - 5:42

November 8 - 4:36

November 15 - 4:32

November 22 - 4:28

November 29 - 4:27



## 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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**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](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)**

## Happy Birthday

Klara Wein

November 25

## Anniversary

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## Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Michelle Hess with your request at [michelleh3532@gmail.com](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com)

**Yahrzeit**

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Deborah Jacobson	Karen Jacobson	Sister-in-Law
Myra Becker	Solomon Bell	Grandfather
	Moses Bell	Uncle
Irving Bartikofsky	Jennette Suzanne Odom	Niece
Paul Jaffe	Ben Jaffe	Father
Anita Horowitz	Stephen Horowitz	Son
Jay Devore	Milton Devore	Father
Mona Di Natale	Sarah Lifschitz	Grandmother
Revekah Martinez	Delfina Pinto	Grandmother
	Nancy Martinez	Sister
Bernard Roseman	Eugene Roseman	Brother
Jeffrey Kolnick	Max Kolnick	Grandfather
Richard Lasher	Ethel Lipshitz	
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Al Silvers	Grandfather
	Malvina Tapper	Aunt
	Ida Silvers	Grandmother
Liz Herrera	Humberto Espinoza	Uncle
Millie Hock	Dora Hock	
Dan Franden	Frances Finkelstein	
		Mother/Grandmother/ Great Grandmother
Lila Held, Joann Eres, Jordan Eres	Ruth Bromberg	
Mark Singer	Eunice Singer	Step Mother
Bernard Starkman, David Starkman	Blanche Starkman	Mother/Grandmother

**Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier****Dear Departed**

Morris Becker	Louis Dreyfos
Oscar Kropf	Bruce Sarkin
Jacob Rutberg	Sophie Cooper
Isaac Ziskin	Esther Baileys

*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.*



## *Tishrei - Cheshvan 5785*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2 1 Cheshvan Parashat Noach
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Kristallnacht Remembrance Service	9 8 Cheshvan Parashat Lech Lecha
10	11	12	13	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 15 Cheshvan Parashat Vayera
17	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board Meeting	22 7:30p Shabbat Service	23 22 Cheshvan Parashat Chaye Sarah
24 3:00p Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration	25	26	27	28	29 7:30p Shabbat Service	30 29 Cheshvan Parashat Toledot