Beth Shalom of Whittier

Conservative Progressive Judaism

July 2024 Sivan - Tamuz 5784



Our Mishpacha

Inside This Issue

Articles

Hazzan's Notes Religious Connection

Schedules/Times

Clergy Schedule / Candle Lighting Times

Thank You

Donations

Message from The President

Celebrations

Birthdays Anniversaries

Book Club

Yahrzeits

Monthly Observances

Monthly Calendar



Everyone is Welcome

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

Late in this month we begin a three-week period which is the darkest and lowest part of our liturgical year. The beginning marker for this period is the minor fast known as the 17^{th} of Tammuz (July 23 this year). This begins the period known in Yiddish as the *Drei Wochen* (three weeks). From the 17^{th} of Tammuz until Tisha B'Av (the 9^{th} of Av) these three weeks reflect the darkest, most intense introspection our people endures every year.

During these three weeks we remind ourselves of all of that has happened to our people and how we are now the remnant of what was and continue to improve our lot even after all the atrocities that have befallen us. This year will be especially heightened due to the war with Hamas which literally has shaken our people and land to its core.

Poignantly, to remind us of this period of introspection, we sing a special melody to Lecha Dodi during these three weeks. This melody for the *Drei Wochen* Lecha Dodi is the tune to a Medieval Kinah (Lamentation) we chant on the "Black" Fast of *Tisha B'Av* called *Eli Tziyon*. We will sing this tune each of those Shabbat Evenings during this period. Many of you, I know, know the tune, and sing along. But, it is important to understand its origin and its solemn nature.

I will speak more about *Tisha B'Av* in my August Hazzan's Notes, but wanted to give you the back story on the period before it here during this month's prep period for it.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well. June has been a very busy month with Shavuot, a Lunch & Learn and the Annual Congregational Meeting. On Shavuot we welcomed Jessy as being a new Jew and full member of our congregation. Jessy completed all the requirements, went to the mikvah, was interviewed by the Bet Din and is now officially Jewish. Jessy's family was there and it was a beautiful and emotional occasion.

The Lunch & Learn subject "Stump the Hazzan" was interesting and fun and brought out some little known facts from the Torah.

Thank you to those of you who attended the annual meeting. We will be sending out current year membership forms to all members. It is very important to have them filled out and returned so we can keep accurate records of who our members are and what their status is (full, associate or life members). If we don't hear from you, we will attempt to contact you by phone or email, but, if we still don't get a response from you, we will have to take you off our membership rolls. Without charging dues, we have no other way to know who our members are!

I will be on vacation for most of July. I am on a short cruise the beginning of the month and then I am going on a 2 week trip to Switzerland with my grandson Joey. The office is running smoothly and Erica's working remotely is going well.

Please be careful in this heat and keep hydrated.

Shalom, Lila

Due to circumstances Sam will not have an article this month, but will be back next month.

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Michelle Hess	Lillian Sandler	Grandmother
	Leon Morzinsky	Father
Sidney Paul	Sylvia Playberg	Sister
	Edith Gottlieb	Step-Sister
Sandra Paul	Morris Lehman	Father
Bernard Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Wife
Klara Wein	Rachel Militeanu	Mother
	Miriam Militeanu	Grandmother

BOOK CLUB NEWS

On July 23rd, we are reading "The Matchmaker's Gift" by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Named a Best Book of fall 2022 by many magazines. A teenage newly arrived in 1920s NYC struggles auto follow her calling as a matchmaker. 70 years later, her cynical divorce-attorney granddaughter realized she has very inconveniently inherited the family gift for matching soulmates.

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.



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.**

July 5--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

July 12--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

July 19--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

July 26--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

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

July 5 - 7:50

July 12 - 7:48

July 19 - 7:45

July 26 - 7:41



Beth Shalom of Whittier Birthdays

Hope Greenwood July 9
Lila Held July 10
Rocio Ocampo Cano July 24

Anniversaries

Robert & Sarah Held - July 9 - 30 years Mark & Maggie Singer - July 24 - 31 years

Welcome to Beth Shalom of Whittier

Suruba Wechsler

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

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit						
Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship				
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Donald D Tapper	Uncle				
Joel Golden	Isadore Golden	Grandfather				
Jeffrey Kolnick	Murray Kolnick	Father				
Bernard Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Wife				
David Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Mother				
Michelle Hess	Leon Morzinsky	Father				
	Benjamin Steinhauer	Uncle				
Myra Becker	Ida Ninberg	Aunt				
	Sol Beckelman	Uncle				
	Irving Ninberg	Uncle				
	Morris Beckelman	Grandfather				
Elizabeth Herrera	Ines C Lamb	Mother				
Susan Lieberman	Harry Aronowitz	Uncle				
Robert Schneiderman/Loren Schneiderman	Alan Schneiderman	Father				
Diane Chesler	Abraham Chesler	Father-in-Law				
Merv Friedman	Theresa Friedman	Mother				
Sherman Esterson	Leah Esterson	Mother				
Rita Rubin	Morey Gnessin	Brother				

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed

Marge WeissRobert BalmaWilliam ZelinkoffFannie KleinLena WassermanBea FuhrmanMolly PinckRose WeitzmanPeter HermanRabbi Morris MoskowitzIda LanerSeymour WeinsteinEdith WeinbergSarah LittLouis Green

Stanley Ward

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.

Sivan – Tamuz 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 30 Sivan Parashat Korach
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 7 Tamuz Parashat Chukat
14	15	16	17	18	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 14 Tamuz Parashat Balak
21	22	23 12:30p Book Club	24	25	26 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 21 Tamuz Parashat Pinechas
28	29	30	31			