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### HAZZAN'S NOTES

Now that Shavuot has concluded and we are, by the Jewish calendar, in the summer months, I will be speaking, at Shabbat services, about the Book of Numbers (Bemidbar) which we read this month. This is the book which discusses the wanderings of our people in the desert before they were allowed to settle in the land of Canaan permanently. We know this book was written sometime after Genesis (Bereshit) and Exodus (Shemot) and before Leviticus (Vayikra) and Deuteronomy (Devarim). It highlights changes in our people's thoughts and practices from what came before which I will highlight during my sermons on each week's portion (parsha). The book of Numbers is also thought of as the book of morals because it teaches moral precepts through story telling on ideas heretofore not mentioned in the Torah. I know you will want to tune in each week and find these stories of interest and comfort.

During this month, we will also be upgrading the quality of our service broadcasts through the introduction of additional cabling and equipment that will help stabilize and enhance your video picture and audio sound quality of the broadcasts. COVID-19 has given us a mechanism for our synagogue to do more outreach to those who do not regularly attend services and who wish to take part even from afar. We have people who regularly attend now from as far away as Texas and from all over Southern California down to San Diego, not just the Whittier area or Los Angeles County. Though we all cannot wait for the day when we can all see each other in person and participate together in an interactive service again, this new broadcast situation has given us pause to look beyond our area and bring in those who wish to participate as part of our community.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*



Everyone is Welcome

## From our President

Reopening services in our building...

There is much being said and written about the reopening of houses of worship. I want to take this opportunity to let all members and friends of Beth Shalom of Whittier know how your Board views this issue and what we plan on doing.

Of course we believe that houses of worship are essential institutions. We also believe that in accordance with Jewish law, there is no higher value than Pikuach nefesh, the preservation of human life.

The great majority of our congregants are in the vulnerable (high risk) group for COVID-19. All reopening criteria tell us to encourage people in this group to take extra precautions. Therefore we believe we must take extra precautions.

Our synagogue is open. Our synagogue never closed. Our synagogue is not a building. It is the people and the community, and we continue to help each other. It is the prayers we offer regularly, if not in person then online, for the wellbeing of our congregation and loved ones. We still get together from our homes to fulfill the religious obligations of saying Kaddish and prayers for the holidays as well as hearing Hazzan's teachings on the week's Torah portion.

In keeping with our values, we will listen to the wisdom of the medical professionals to guide us on when we can safely reopen our building for services. We do not believe that time is here yet. We are also making plans to hold High Holiday Services online. We would love it if things change enough so that we could be in our building by then. However, we have to be practical and plan for the fact that with the number of people that attend services for High Holidays it will be especially difficult to make it safe. Things like reading from the Torah, aliyahs and marching the Torah around are almost impossible to do while keeping 6 feet apart. We will let you all know of our plans as the time comes closer.

We do plan on continuing to live stream our services even after we are back to normal services in the building. We believe that will be beneficial for people who are housebound or just can't drive at night. Please see our Weekly News or call the office for detailed directions on accessing our live streamed services on Facebook.

....Lila

## Let's Get Busy

Watch the Weekly Email every week for Stay-in-Place activity suggestions. Some of the ideas that have already been suggested include how to visit a library by using your library card and going to your local library online to set up an account for borrowing.

The Internet **Public Library** is also a good place to access newspapers, magazines and reference works. Nearly 100 links that will take site visitors to websites offering free **online** books. Links are updated regularly and include descriptions to help you find what you're looking for. <https://archive.org/>

Also, if you're looking for galleries or museums to visit, [Google's arts and culture collection](https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en) has virtual tours of 500 top attractions around the world, including national galleries from around the world, individual artist museums, and even the Eiffel Tower.

And while it's almost impossible to recreate the strange grace and tranquility of aquariums and although they are closed to the public, Monterey Bay Aquarium has added a number of [live cams](https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams) to let you keep an eye on the jellyfish, kelp forest, coral reef, and even the penguins, completely free.

Even though you can't jump on a plane, you can still see some of the [world's most famous views thanks to Google street view](https://www.timeout.com/travel/14-world-famous-city-views-you-can-see-from-your-sofa). Feast your eyes on Paris from the Sacre Coeur or take a look at the Thames from the top of the Shard. You can even take a walk along the river and see if Google's cameras captured anything unusual.

These are a few of the ideas already shared on the Weekly Email. There will be more so be sure and check each Thursday. Also don't forget to let us know any ideas you have for making staying at home a more enriching experience by sending an email to [shalomalita7@aol.com](mailto:shalomalita7@aol.com).

....Alita

## ***CLERGY SCHEDULE***

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

June 5—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

June 12—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

June 19—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

June 26—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**

*We are reading “Bullets of Palestine” by Howard Kaplan,  
who will join us for our discussion. .*

*We are meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, June 10th, at 12:00 p.m.*

*All are welcome to attend. Please call me for Zoom invite.*

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





# June

## Candle Lighting Times

**June 5 —7:44**

**June 12—7:47**

**June 19—7:49**

**June 26—7:50**



### **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.  
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## Birthdays

Joel Chesler	June 2
Jo Ann Golden	June 5
Joel Golden	June 6
Diane Chesler	June 12
Christine Singer	June 14
Mark Singer	June 18
Barry Neville	June 29

## Anniversaries

- Joel & Diane Chesler-June 4, 8 years
- Stanley & Susan Kramer, June 10, 58 years
- Abdon & Lenore Barembaum, June 13, 21 years
- Sidney & Sandra Paul, June 22, 68 years
- Steve & Eileen Baptista, June 30, 36 years

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



## Sisterhood Donations

Rita & Robert Rubin—in memory of Richard Hess

## Temple Donations

Alita Sevin—in memory of Richard Hess

Charles & Lila Held—in memory of Richard Hess

Jay Weinschenker—in honor of the outstanding services Hazzan Lance has provided online.  
Hoping everyone is healthy and we'll be praying together again soon.

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Alita Sevin

## Yahrzeit Donations

### **Name**

*Myra Becker*

*Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle*

*Michelle Hess*

*Sidney & Sandra Paul*

*David Weiss*

### **Beloved Departed**

*Minnie Becker*

*Martin Becker*

*Rebecca Goldberg*

*Lillian Sandler*

*Martha Steinhauer*

*Ann Lehman*

*Morris Lehman*

*Theodor High*

*Edith Gottlieb*

*Sylvia Playberg*

*Harold Weiss*

### **Relationship**

*Mother-in-Law*

*Ex-Husband*

*Grandmother*

*Grandmother*

*Aunt*

*Mother of Sandra*

*Father of Sandra*

*Brother-in-Law of Sandra*

*Sister of Paul*

*Sister of Paul*

*Brother*

# 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 @ [ddglover@aol.com](mailto:ddglover@aol.com)

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**Yahrzeit Observances**

<b><i>Dear Departed</i></b>	<b><i>Observed By</i></b>	<b><i>Relationship</i></b>
<i>Harry Aronowitz</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Ruth Stillman</i>		<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Daniel B. Beck</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Sol Beckelman</i>		<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Ida Ninberg</i>		<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Ida Forman Lander</i>	<i>Jordan Pollack</i>	<i>Mother of Yvette</i>
<i>Aaron Freedman</i>	<i>Joel &amp; Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Grandfather of Joel</i>
<i>Isadore Golden</i>		<i>Grandfather of Joel</i>
<i>Gertrude Handler</i>	<i>Mark Handler</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
	<i>Debra Lynn Davis</i>	<i>Grandmother of Sal</i>
<i>Herbert Koh</i>	<i>Ruth Koh</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Murray Kolnick</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kolnick &amp; Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Father of Jeffrey</i>
<i>David Michael Kuperstein</i>	<i>Charles &amp; Lila Held</i>	<i>Nephew of Lila</i>
<i>Ines C. Lamb</i>	<i>Alberto &amp; Liz Herrera</i>	<i>Mother of Liz</i>
<i>Morris Lehman</i>	<i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Father of Sandra</i>
<i>Sylvia Playberg</i>		<i>Sister of Sidney</i>
<i>Helen Moss Michlin</i>	<i>David &amp; Myra Weiss</i>	<i>Stepmother of Myra</i>
<i>Miriam Militeanu</i>	<i>Klara Wein</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Lillian Sandler</i>	<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Leon Morzinsky</i>		<i>Father of Richard</i>
<i>Sarah Singer</i>	<i>Mark &amp; Maggie Singer</i>	<i>Grandmother of Mark</i>
	<i>Eunice Singer</i>	<i>Mother of John</i>
<i>Madelaine Starkman</i>	<i>Bernard Starkman</i>	<i>Wife</i>
	<i>David Starkman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
	<i>Jacqueline Starkman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Donald D. Tapper</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H. Tapper</i>	<i>Uncle</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.*

### **Observing this Yahrzeit**

#### **Dear Departed**

Robert Balma  
Dorothy Branson  
Fanny Eison  
Sydney Fink  
Bea Fuhrman  
Peter Herman  
Fannie Klein  
Louis Kraus  
Ida Lander

#### **Observed By**

Beth Shalom of Whittier  
Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### **Dear Departed**

Rabbi Morris Moskowitz  
Molly Pinck  
Bina Sherman  
Lena Wasserman  
Jerome Weiss  
Marge Weiss  
Rose Weitzman  
William Zelinkoff



### **A statement from the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys**

#### **Jewish Federation Stands with Peaceful Protestors and Condemns Acts of Violence and Lawlessness**

The Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys is mourning the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers, and others who have died as the result of police brutality.

We stand with not only the African American community, but also with people of conscience everywhere who are angry, sad and have stood and called for positive change to begin immediately.

We stand in solidarity with peaceful protestors demanding such change. We strongly condemn the violent acts of looting and lawlessness that have usurped the protestors' messages.

As Jews, we are ordered in Deuteronomy 16:18 with the words *Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof* ("justice, justice you shall pursue"). Not only are we commanded, but we also have a moral responsibility to stand up, and to act, when we see injustice in the world.

There is another teaching and belief that we value deeply and it is found in Genesis 1:26, the understanding of *B'tzelem Elohim* – the idea that we are ALL created in the image of G-d. This value is further exemplified in the words of the Declaration of Independence when it states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These words have meaning, value and carry the same importance today as they did over 240 years ago.

We encourage everyone to remember the message Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke about when he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The Jewish Federation will continue working with leaders of ALL communities towards our collective efforts for equal justice and fairness for all.

*June 2020*

*Sivan –Tammuz5780*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 14 Sivan Naso
7	8	9	10 12:00p Book Club	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 21 Sivan Beha-Alotekha
14	15	16	17	18 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 28 Sivan Shelah-Lekha
21	22	23	24	25	26 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 5 Tammuz Korah
28	29	30				



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