Beth Shalom of Whittier

Conservative Progressive Judaism

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HAZZAN'S NOTES

This month allows us to focus on the last and most recently written book of the Torah, Deuteronomy (*Devarim*). At the very beginning of this month, we read the updated ten commandments in Deuteronomy and they then set the stage for the rest of the *parshiyot* we read the rest of this month.

We re-learn the updated laws that had been originally set forward in Exodus, Numbers, and Leviticus. Here, in First Temple language, we learn quite clearly how far our people had come in certain key areas but were still very lacking in others. We see that in times of plenty and peace, our people fell out of concern for our religion and people. Our very moral fiber was beginning to fall away toward a more secular view of the world. The sacrifices in the temple were almost literally taken for granted and our people were slowly beginning not to come to Jerusalem for the *Regalim* (the pilgrimage festivals: Sukkot, Pesah, and Shavuot) and the time from *Yom Teruah* (Rosh Hashanah now) through *Shemini Atzeret* and the spring return from *Pesah* to *Shavuot*.

In the chapters of this book, we learn how our people needed to be brought back to their grounding as Jews. King Josiah made sure through these chapters we found new meaning and new urgency for our traditions. This ultimately helped our people when some hundreds of years we were sent off to exile in Babylonia, our original homeland, and had to fend for ourselves among our forebearers who knew not our religion and traditions and found us an alien people in their midst. Although the great Babylonian Talmud was created in this period, we lost all that we had in Jerusalem because we didn't listen early enough to the cries for the understanding of our faith.

Thus, in our time, when we feel small comfort and hope due to COVID-19, we need to know that our tradition always beckons us back to learn and understand what we neglected before. We can find solace and hope in our lives if we but re-invest ourselves in our customs and laws that made us strong and everlasting for our 5000 years. As we feel the heat of summer and the difficulties of this virus, may we also find truth and solace in our traditions and customs that bring us joy, wisdom, and light

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

From our President

Hello Everyone,

July seems to have zipped by and here it is August already. I hope you all enjoyed the 4th. Fireworks are legal in my city and they were going off all around us. It was really quite a display. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as possible under the current circumstances. Most of all, I hope you are all keeping safe. Please remember that we are here if you need anything or just want to hear a friendly voice. We don't mind if you kvetch a bit either. We all have those days!

We are heavy into High Holiday preparations. It will be very different this year and we have no experience to call on. Keeping safe and healthy and not spreading this illness to our friends and loved ones is paramount. We can count our blessings because we have a place to stream services from that will physically accommodate us and we have the means to buy, borrow and use the necessary equipment. We are very fortunate to have enough space to socially distance the professional choir, Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson and to also bring in and socially distance, shofar blowers and our cellist at the appropriate times.

Erica is keeping up with the usual tasks that go into running a business. My thanks to all the Board Members who are doing everything necessary to keep Beth Shalom of Whittier running. A few of us will be going to the storage unit soon to get things that will be needed for High Holidays and I will be measuring the furniture and accessories we have in there so we can make our office area look more homey. Hopefully, soon after we open up again, we will have our rooms and foyer decorated with our own things.

Have a good and safe month, Lila

ROSE HILLS CEMETERY PLOTS

We will be raising the price for the plots that we have available at Rose Hills as of September 1, 2020. The new price will be \$3,500 for each plot which brings us in line with what other synagogues are charging for these gravesites. We will honor our current price of \$2,150 until September 1st and for anyone who has paid and started the paperwork process before then. If you want to do the mitzvah of pre-planning, please call the office. They can give you information as to what gravesites are available and get you in touch with Irving Bartikofsky who is handling this for the Board. We have 12 plots available and have had people ask us to hold 8 of them so if you are interested, please let us know.

Let's Get Busy

We've all spent the majority of the last few months finding ways to get by. It's okay if you're starting to feel the hopelessness creep in, though. The first step to is to acknowledge it.

Why not take some advice from those who have overcome all the issues we're experiencing now? Take stock of the moment to remind yourself that the pandemic will come to an end one day. Here are some inspiring quotes from leaders, authors, and celebrities.

- "Life is a menu, so remember whatever you order for your life is what's gonna be delivered to your table." Tyrese Gibson
- "Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats." Voltaire
- "People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day." A.A. Milne
- "People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing that's why we recommend it daily." Zig Ziglar, Author
- "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." Charles Schulz, Illustrator
- "Optimist: Someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's more like a cha-cha." Robert Brault, Author
- "There's never enough time to do all the nothing you want." Bill Waterson, Cartoonist

Just in case you missed them the first time around, here are a few of the ideas that have already been included in the Weekly Bulletin. There will be more so be sure and check each Thursday.

Open Culture has a great list of <u>1150 free films</u> you can watch online right now. If you have an eligible university or library card, you might also have access to Kanopy which offers thousands more film options for free.

Whether you're into sharks, revolutions, or serial killers, you'll find something interesting to watch. Some great sites include <u>Documentary Tube</u>. <u>Top Documentary Films</u>, and <u>Documentary Heaven</u>.

"How a Century-old recording revealed the lost world of African-American Cantors" https://www.henrysapoznik.com/post/how-a-century-old-recording-revealed-the-lost-world-of-african-american-cantors? fbclid=lwAR2vOQzYFKDl87lb6hKZqSHEVTMzDwydM-BhPXfePTDHFC2W-YY9FWBZTcE

Thank you, Rita Rubin for sharing this information: The Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program shares the joy of Judaism, builds community, and celebrates our Jewish heritage with a rich adult education program and unique family experiences. Whether it is picking apples for Rosh Hashana, celebrating Shabbat while camping, clapping along with Jewish Blues or Rock musicians, hosting a community-wide Shabbat Alive outdoors, learning with internationally-known scholars, making life-long Jewish friends at family and adult retreats, or providing distance learning programs during a pandemic, CSP has programs to offer for all ages.

CSP live-streams programs on their <u>CSP Facebook site</u> and shares recordings on their new <u>CSP YouTube Channel</u> (please visit and subscribe!). If you are interested in our I-tunes archive of over 200 programs, you can listen at this <u>LINK</u>.

Let us know if you have tried any of these things and how it worked out. Also did you get any other ideas to share? Send me an email at shalomalita7@aol.com and we'll get your ideas and comments into the Weekly and Mishpacha.

I look forward to hearing from you.

....Alita



Parashas Re'eh

(Deuteronomy 11:26:16:17)

The Torah portion (Parashas) for the 25th of Av 5780 (15 August 2020) is Re'eh the fifth portion in the fifth book of the Torah (Deuteronomy). It is the first of three sidros (Re'eh, Softim and Ki' Seitze) that contain the bulk of the commandments found in Deuteronomy. Moses began by putting the commandments into view saying that the choice of accepting the Torah is nothing less than the choice between blessing and curse.

<u>Summary</u>— A listing of significant chapters include the following: 1. Destruction of places of idolatry; 2. Prohibition of private alters; 3. Prohibition against eating blood; 4. Attitude to false prophets and seducers; 5. Prohibition of heathen abuses; 6. Clean and unclean animals; 7. Tithing; 8. The year of release; 9. The three pilgrimage festivals.

<u>Key Concepts</u>—1. Freedom of choice -"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse", Deuteronomy 11:26. Moses points out the paths of happiness and misfortune. He says that it is up to each of us to choose which path to take. The good life is dependent upon our ongoing choices, not upon what we did or intended to do in the future. 2. Tithing—"you shall surely tithe all of the increase of your seed", (Deuteronomy 14:22). This refers to a 10th of all the yearly produce that was set aside for the sanctuary. Currently, it is the custom to give a 10th of one's gross income to the shule.

Mitzvot—1. The three pilgrimage festivals. According to the Torah every Jew was required to appear in Jerusalem on three festival occasions each year—Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot (Deuteronomy 16:16). During these visits they should not come empty-handed, and they should bring three animals for three different sacrifices. Today, Jews are expected to celebrate the festivals with the same flavor and enjoyment as in Temple times. The only current change is that there are no sacrifices. Donations to charity or to institutions of learning are the present-day equivalent. "Three times a year everyone of your males will appear before G-d." Deuteronomy 16:16

2. Charity—The Torah states, "you shall not harden your heart, but you shall surely open wide your hand to him", (Deuteronomy 15:7-8) In our Judaism, giving charity is considered a virtue. In assisting the poor, one must never do so half-heartedly or grudgingly. In addition to monetary support one must also extend a hand of wholehearted encouragement, (Deuteronomy 15:8).

...Sam Pearlman

CLERGY SCHEDULE

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

August 7—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 14—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 21—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

August 28—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 and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Wed, August 19th at Noon. We will be reading "The World That We Knew" by Alice Hoffman.

*Note: Book Club meets virtually via Zoom.

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



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

INVITES YOU TO



A HAUNTING CHORAL SERVICE

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S HIGH HOLYDAY SEASON 5781

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

BROADCAST ONLINE AT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Organ Prelude at 7:23 PM

SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

OFFICIATING:

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader The Beth Shalom Professional Singers Mark Peterson, Organist/Conductor

The Selichot Prayerbooklet will be uploaded to the Facebook page the week of September 7 prior to the service.



HIGH HOLYDAYS 2020-5781

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV—SEPTEMBER 18: Organ Prelude at 7:23 pm/Service at 7:30 pm FIRST DAY—SEPTEMBER 19: Organ Prelude at 9:23 am/Service at 9:30 am SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 20: Organ Prelude at 9:23 am/Service at 9:30 am

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE—SEPTEMBER 27: Organ Prelude at 6:07 pm/Service at 6:15 pm YOM KIPPUR—SEPTEMBER 28:

MORNING: Organ Prelude at 9:23 am/Service at 9:30 am

MINCHAH (AFTERNOON), YIZKOR, NEILAH: Organ Prelude at 4:06 pm/Services at 4:15 pm

OFFICIANTS:

Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Spiritual Leader
The Beth Shalom Professional Singers
Mark Peterson, Organist/Conductor
Dr. Ana Maldonado, Kol Nidre Cello Soloist

We use the Mahzor Hadash for all services.

All are Welcome to watch our service broadcasts.

There is no charge for our services, but donations to Beth Shalom are encouraged.

For further information, please call our synagogue office at: 562-941-8744

Beth Shalom of Whittier August 2020 Our Mishpacha



August

Candle Lighting Times

August 7 -7:29

August 14-7:21

August 21-7:13

August 28-7:04

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

Birthdays

Jordan Eres August 19

Liz Herrera August 20

Jerry Landau August 21

Samuel Pearlman August 27

Anniversary

Alberto & Liz Herrera, August 20 32 years

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



Temple Donations

Jay Weinschenker—in honor of Barry Neville and his service on the Board

Joel Kudler and family—in loving memory of wife and mother, Sondra J. Kudler

Alita Sevin—in honor of the Birthday/Anniversary of:

-Hope Greenwood July 9

-Lila Held July 10

-Joseph Lebovitz July 16

Mark & Maggie Singer July 24, 27 years

-Jordan Eres August 19

-Liz Herrera August 20

-Jerry Landau August 21

-Samuel Pearlman August 27

-Alberto & Liz Herrera August 20, 32 years

Ways & Means Fund Alita Sevin

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Myra Becker	Sol Beckelman	Uncle
	lda Ninberg	Aunt
	Morris Beckelman	Grandfather
Rita Rubin	Morey Gnessin	Brother
Maxine Berkowitz	Fred Blankstein	Father
Pauline Kuhn	Anna Gross	Mother
Michelle Hess	Dora Sandler	Aunt
Jay Weinschenker	Evelyn Weinschenker	Mother

Tribute Cards

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

Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed	Observed By	Relationship
Samuel Altman	Anita Horowitz Father	
Yetta Aronowitz	Susan Lieberman Grandmother	
Howard Brookfield	Miriam Brookfield	Husband
Max Bruchfeld		Grandfather-in-Law
Rosa Bruchfeld		Grandmother-in-Law
George Friedman	Michelle Hess	Uncle
Florence Morzinsky		Aunt
Grace Galvin	Eileen Baptista	Mother
Phil Goldberg	Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Father
Carol Zur Hilliard	Mark Hilliard Mother	
Max Lifschitz	Mona Di Natale	Grandfather
Caleb Kane F. Mora	Rebecca Martinez	Son
Ida Michlin	Myra Weiss	Mother
Louis Rosen	Esther Dobrin	Father
Louis Vinetsky	Arlene Norton	Father
Evelyn Weinschenker	Jay Weinschenker	Mother
Irving Weinschenker		Father
Leonard Wiener	Dorothy Wiener	Husband
Murray Zuckerman	Madelon Alpert-Herman	Father

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed	Observed By	Dear Departed
Albert Aronowitz	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Lawrence Roseman
Irving Bix	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Max Segarnick
David Bohrer	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Morris Sheinman
Samuel Cohen	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Jack Sherman
Arthur Diamond	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Louis Slade
Robert Feder	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Mildred Weiss
Arthur Fishbein	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Francis Winter
Harris Fisher	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Walter Popkin
Mathis Fisher	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Benjamin Klugman
Dora Friedman	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Jacob Lerman
Freda Friedman	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Abraham Levin
Paul Goldenberg	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Bert Levy
John Harber	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Eve Levy
Jacqueline Herman	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Mary Levy
Max Higer	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Lillian Lovitch
Sarah Jaffe	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Ida Markovitz
Shirley Kenwood	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Ilona Meszoly
Nathan Klasky	Beth Shalom of Whittier	

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.

High Holiday Greetings

With Virtual High Holiday Services this year, one of the things we will miss is that person-to-person Greeting. We can exchange best wishes in the chat on our Facebook Live Services, but in order to reach all our Beth Shalom Family, we will publish in next month's Mishpacha, your greetings.

We have a variety of styles for your greeting. Select the one you want and for a donation of \$18, your High Holiday Greeting will appear in the September issue of our Mishpacha.

Please send your choice to Beth Shalom by August 17. Use email (<u>bswoffice@verizon.nel</u>), snail mail the handy order form to 6726 Washington Ave, Whittier 90601 or phone (562-941-8744) and reserve your Greeting today.





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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Membership includes High Holidays billings. Family Membership Couple Membership Single Membership Student Membership Associate Membership (Mus		. Membership may be paid in 10 monthly r synagogue. No voting privileges)
Your membership is enriched when list and/or select your special volunt Fund Raising Serving on the B	eer interests here.	the various activities of the Congregation. Please and Band/Choir
been a transitional year for us and w paid members last year or are new as	e appreciate those member nd would like to try us out a for our records. We will r	ave declared a moratorium on Dues. This has s who stayed with us through our move and were without having to pay dues. We do still need e-visit the dues issue during the year but rest ty to pay dues.
Thank you		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11 Av Vaethanan
2	3	4	5	6	7 7:30p Shabbat Service	8 18 Av Ekev
9	10	11	12	13	14 7:30p Shabbat Service	15 25 Av Re'eh
16	17	18	19 12:00p Book Club Zoom Meeting	20 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	21 7:30p Shabbat Service	22 2 Elul Shoftim
30	24	25	26	27	28 7:30p Shabbat Service	29 9 Elul Ki Tetze



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