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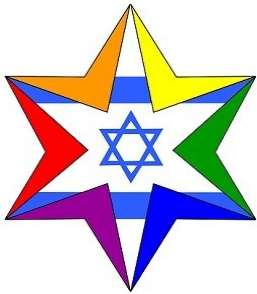
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Everyone is Welcome

HAZZAN'S NOTES



Dear Friends,

On November 6, we will host our annual Shabbat Kristallnacht remembrance service with the liturgy and music this year specifically focusing on the Berlin Jewish Community (Gemeinde) in Germany. I set the focus this year on this specific city's Jewish community because of my recent acquaintance with their new Hazzan, Isidoro Abramowicz, of the most prestigious synagogue in Berlin currently which is on Pestalozzistrasse (Pestalozzi Street—synagogues in Europe are named after the street they are on) in the high end Western Berlin neighborhood known as Charlottenburg (similar to West Los Angeles or Beverly Hills here).

Hazzan Abramowicz is also the Dean of the Geiger Berlin school of Cantorial Studies and has graciously shared with me the entire book of the community's music for Shabbat recently. Many pieces of the music from this volume (which is all hand written, I might add) will be heard during our service including pieces that have never been heard in our synagogue before, but may be familiar to some of our members who grew up in Berlin.

I will be speaking about Kristallnacht and its implications in today's society during the service as well and paying tribute to our gallant co-religionists who stood up to Nazi tyranny and suffered tremendously during its reign of terror. I know you will want to join me in experiencing this wonderful reflection of a great Jewish community that flourishes today as it once did pre-holocaust.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

October was quite a month with holidays. Even though we greatly missed being able to be together, our livestreaming services were wonderful. I continue to be amazed at how a little shul like ours with less than 50 members could put out the quality product that we did. Of course, that is all thanks to Jim Sevin, our tech guy. Without Jim, none of that would have been possible.

It seemed to me that the usual warmth and camaraderie of our services came through loud and clear. I'm not sure how that happened on a video but it did! The comments all help with that and make it fun to connect to people. We reached people all across the country due to modern technology. For anyone who wonders why we use Facebook instead of Zoom, it is in large part so that anyone can tune in and no one needs to be "invited".

Much of my time this month has been taken up with making arrangements for the transfer of our Torah to its new home with the congregation in Honduras. I am including a picture of some of the congregants of that community. Kulanu has been making the transfer arrangements and it should be taking place on Nov 11th. They will also have an article about the Torah donation in their monthly publication and I will send out the website info next month.

I hope you are all well and remember that you are not alone. We are all in this together. If you need anything or are feeling lonely, just give any one of us a call or call the office and someone will call you.

Shalom to all

Lila



Let's Get Busy

This is listed for seniors but when you are spending more time inside than out, these activities work for any age. Give them a try. I am.

Top Senior-Friendly Exercise Routines

[Chair Yoga for Seniors: Reduce Pain and Improve Health](#)

[3 Easy Tai Chi Videos for Seniors Prevent Falls, Improve Balance and Strength](#)

[Head to Toe Gentle Seated Chair Exercises for Seniors Improve Range of Motion](#)

[12 Easy and Gentle Seated Stretching Exercises for Seniors in 4 Minutes](#)

[Seated Tai Chi for Seniors: 3 Simple Routines Improve Flexibility and Well-being](#)

[Easy & Effective 10 Minute Chair Exercises for Seniors](#)

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

Coloring is an activity that can be adapted for any level. Plus, there are hundreds of free pintables available online.

There are printable pages for Desktop and Laptops. You will need your own pens/pencils/crayons, etc.

Here are some of the [Free Coloring Pages for Seniors: Our Top 5 Picks](#).

Note for iPad Users: I am having a very satisfying experience with the Free App from the App Store, "Happy Color", no printing necessary...just use your touch screen. It is 'color by numbers', easy and really a wonderful way to get away from it all

Listen to Audiobooks

[Audiobooks](#) (books on tape) allow your older adult to listen to almost any book they like.

Borrow them from the local library, [buy them](#) from a retailer, use the free [National Library Service](#) home delivery, or find them online for free with [Libby](#) or [Librivox](#).

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for this section or the Weekly, Stay-at-Home-Corner.

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Alita Sevin



Die Neue Synagoge in der Oranienburgerstrasse
(The New Synagogue built in the 19th century on Oranienburgerstrasse in Berlin)

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

presents

A special Shabbat Evening Service

featuring the liturgy and music of the Berlin Jewish Community
in remembrance of Kristallnacht

Friday, November 6, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Broadcast on our Facebook page: Beth Shalom of Whittier

HAZZAN LANCE H. TAPPER, SPIRITUAL LEADER
MARK PETERSON, ORGANIST

*A SPECIAL PRAYERBOOKLET FOR THE SERVICE
WILL BE UPLOADED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
THE WEEK OF THIS SERVICE*

CLERGY SCHEDULE

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

November 6--German Kristallnacht Service-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 13-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 20-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--7:30 pm -- Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

November 27-- 7:23 pm --Prelude, Service--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

Wednesday, November 18th at 12:30 pm we will be discussing "Gateway to the Moon" by Mary Morris.

In the words of the *New York Post* "it is a sweeping generational tale that stretches from the Spanish Inquisition to modern-day New Mexico beginning with Luis de Torres, a Spanish Jew who accompanies Columbus as his interpreter."

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





November

Candle Lighting Times

November 6 —4:36

November 13—4:31

November 20—4:28

November 27—4:26



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

Stanley Kramer	November 4
Rita Rubin	November 13
Samuel Gonzales	November 24
Klara Wein	November 25
Evelyn Litwin	November 30

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



Tribute Cards

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

I Did It My Way

Do the following words sound familiar?

“Frankly, I consider myself a spiritual person. I don’t really need all these rituals and details to feel close to God. I relate to God in a way that feels right to me, and I’m sure that’s okay with Him.”

In other words does it really matter all that much if I use an etrog or a lemon on Sukkot, or if I shake a palm branch or a cornstalk, or if I sit in a sukkah or in a tent?

The Holiday of Sukkot is brimming with all sorts of nitpicking details. The question is, do they really matter?

We have had to approach all the Holidays differently in this year of Covid.

Let’s look forward to discussing our conclusions next year when we hope to be back in our Community Sukkah.

(Adapted from an excerpt in “Judaism in a Nutshell” by Simon Apisdorf)

Thank you for sharing your Sukkah:



Robert & Rita Rubin



Alita Sevin

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.

We have 7 plots available and have had people ask us to hold 3 of them so if you are interested, please let us know.

Temple Donations

Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock—in memory of Jackie Kolnick

Alita Sevin—in honor of November birthdays:

Stanley Kramer, Rita Rubin, Shmuel Gonzales, Klara Wein, and Evelyn Litwin,

in honor of Jim Sevin, and

in honor of Rabbi Beliak—grandson, Menachim's, Bar Mitzvah

High Holy Day Donations

Eugene Jaffe

David Silverstein— in honor of Hazzan Lance, Mark Peterson, and the Quartet, as well as Jim Sevin,
For providing such a magnificent High Holy Day experience

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Alita Sevin

Yahrzeit Donations

Name	Beloved Departed	Relationship
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock</i>	<i>Jackie Kolnick</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Sarah Lifschitz</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
	<i>Laura Cirulnick</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Robert & Rita Rubin</i>	<i>Abraham Gnessin</i>	<i>Father of Rita</i>
	<i>Doris Rubin</i>	<i>Mother of Bob</i>
<i>Robin Weintraub</i>	<i>Robert Weintraub</i>	<i>Father</i>

High Holy Day Pledge

<i>Abdon & Lenore Barembaum</i>	<i>Ann Kanahale</i>	<i>Robert & Rita Rubin</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Stanley & Susan Kramer</i>	<i>Alita Sevin</i>
<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Rebecca Martinez</i>	<i>Ilene Shapiro & Linda Shapiro</i>
<i>Mina Cano & Hermelindo Vences</i>	<i>Christel Merguen</i>	<i>Bernard Starkman</i>
<i>Hope Greenwood</i>	<i>Sidney & Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Klara Wein</i>
<i>Charles & Lila Held</i>	<i>Jordan Pollack</i>	<i>Dorothy Wiener</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Claire Rademacher</i>	<i>Robin Weintraub</i>

Thank you to all who support our Temple.

Yahrzeit Observances

Dear Departed

Ruth Bromberg

Adolph Brookfield

Humberto Espinoza

Frances Finkelstein

Yetta Gnessin

Irwin Handler

Dora Hock

Max Kolnick

Bernard Kuhn

Sarah Lifshitz

Ethel Lipshitz

Abe Michlin

Delfina Pinto

Eugene Roseman

Al Silvers

Ida Silvers

Malvina Tapper

Blanche Starkman

Observed By

Charles & Lila Held

Joann Eres

Jordan Eres

Miriam Brookfield

Alberto & Liz Herrera

Richard Franden

Robert & Rita Rubin

Mark Handler

Debora Davis

Millie Hock

Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock

Harris & Pauline Kuhn

Mona Di Natale

Richard Lasher

David & Myra Weiss

Rebecca Martinez

Bernard Roseman

Hazzan Lance H Tapper

Bernard Starkman

Relationship

Mother of Lila

Grandmother

Great Grandmother

Father-in-Law

Uncle of Liz

Mother of Rita

Uncle

Brother of Sel

Mother of Aaron

Grandfather of Jeffrey

Husband of Pauline

Grandmother

Father of Myra

Grandmother

Brother

Grandfather

Grandmother

Aunt

Mother

Observing this Yahrzeit

Dear Departed

Betty Stieber Allen

Esther Baileys

Morris Baileys

Sophie Cooper

Isaac Ziskin

Observed By

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Dear Departed

Linda Faden

Shirley Unger Gordon

Jacob Rutberg

Molly Schneiderman

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.

November 2020

Tishri –Heshvan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p German Kristallnacht Service	7 20 Heshvan Vayera
8	9 Kristallnacht	10	11	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 27 Heshvan Hayei Sarah
15	16	17	18 12:30p Book Club Zoom Meeting	19 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 5 Kislev Toledot
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving *Office Closed	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 12 Kislev Vayetze
29	30					



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