Beth Shalom of Whittier

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we will already be celebrating the festival of Shavuot, the last one on the liturgical calendar as a gateway to our summer months. This festival celebrates the wheat harvest in the Holy Land and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

The Jewish people had moved from slavery to freedom and now needed guiding principles to distinguish them from the other peoples around them. The 10 commandments and the Torah around them

have guided us from that ancient period to this very day. We try to study and impress upon ourselves the understanding that the divine one has imparted to us, and we can learn how better to treat those around us.

In these days of rising antisemitism and distrust of Jews, we need to rally around our values and shared beliefs to continue to be a light unto the nations and a lamp unto their feet. On June 1, we will gather that evening to begin the mystical celebration of the reception of the law at Mount Sinai and relive again the hearing of the 10 commandments pronounced at Sinai lo those many years ago which still ring through with us today. We invite you to join us and again experience this for yourself. Following that service will be a cheesecake reception which reminds us that true Torah flows like milk and honey.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a good month of May. We had a good turnout (almost 40 people) for the showing of October 8th. As hard as it was to see, it was good to watch it together and discuss it afterwards. Thank you to Hazzan Lance for leading the discussion.

The nice weather has given me the impetus to start my vegetable garden and I have been busy planting vegetables that someone in my family will hopefully eat!

June is a busy month for Beth Shalom. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 8th at 10:00 am. It is very important that we get a quorum so that we can pass a budget and slate of officers for next year. Please come if you possibly can! We will be serving lunch afterwards.

We are celebrating a very special occasion this month. Miriam Brookfield will be 100 years old on June 4th. For those of you who might not know; Miriam is a holocaust survivor of the Shanghai ghetto. We will celebrate on Saturday, June 14th at 12:00 noon, by hosting a luncheon at DeLuca's Italian in Whittier. The flyer is attached. No restrictions for members or non members on this one. There is no charge. Everyone who wants to honor Miriam is welcome. There will be side dishes and a choice of 3 entrees that we will have chosen by then. We have the banquet room and are only restricted by the number that the room will hold. It should accommodate everyone that wants to come but get your RSVP's in as soon as possible. I do love celebrating Simchah's!

I want to wish a Happy Father's Day to all our Father's out there. I was lucky to have had a wonderful father and my children can say the same about their father. That is a real blessing and we are very thankful.

Take care, stay well and hydrated in the heat and remember that we are here if you need us.

Shalom Lila

Annual Congregational Meeting of Beth Shalom of Whittier

Sunday, June 8th, at 10:00 a.m.

Refreshments will follow.

As a member in good standing, you are invited and encouraged to attend and exercise your right to vote.

Associate members do not have voting rights but may attend.



Torah

<u>Torah Effect</u> The time had come for the way of life the Israelites were to receive their law, the Torah, from G-d through their leader Moses. Their Torah was to be so flexible that it could meet the needs and problems of all people everywhere at all times without being changed.

G-d made known his will to Moses that the Israelites would witness their greatest event; the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It was there that they camped after six weeks of travel. After communion with G-d, Moses called them all together for this message from G-d: "you have seen what I did to the Egyptians how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you will listen to My voice and keep My covenant then you will be a treasure to Me among all peoples: for all the earth is Mine. And you will be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Shmos 19:4-6)

The people heard the message from G-d, and accepted the covenant. They promised to obey all the laws without question "Na'aseh v'nishma" was their cry; we will follow and obey". After Moses returned with their reply to G-d. Moses told them to prepare for a great event. After three days of preparation the people gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai and waited. Moses went up the mount alone.

"And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there was thundering and lightning and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud so that all the people trembled... and Mount Sinai was altogether in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire...and the whole mountain quaked greatly." (Shmos 19:16). At that moment 600,000 Israelites and their families heard a voice from G-d proclaiming the first and second commandments: "I am the Lord your G-d who brought you out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me." (Shmos 20:1-3)

Shavuos

The festival of Shavuos celebrates the above on the sixth and seventh days of the Hebrew month of Sivan. (In English June 2 and 3 in 2025.) The English translation of "Shavuos" is weeks. The holiday is celebrated at the end of seven full weeks of counting the "omer" from the second day of Passover. Jews the world over remember this historic event. It has made a lasting impression on them. The story has been handed down through generations to this very day. Our sages tell us that our ancestors were not the only ones who were at Mount Sinai, but the should of every human being that were lived and was yet to be bourn was there with them.

When our ancestors made the promise to accept the Torah without conditions we too made that promise. Perhaps that is why every Jew deep down in their hearts believe in their religion and it's teachings and want to show their allegiance to it in their own way.

Shalom, Sam Pearlman

HOW TO VIEW BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER ON YOUTUBE

Beth Shalom of Whittier will be moving its service broadcasts from Facebook to YouTube beginning with the broadcast of services on **May 9, 2025, at 7:25 pm**. Here are the simple steps to view services from Beth Shalom of Whittier on YouTube starting that date:

You do not have to sign up or subscribe to YouTube to watch our livestream services or videos on it!

On any computer browser, type in the top search bar: https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier then hit Enter on your keyboard. That will take you to Beth Shalom of Whittier's You Tube Channel!

The first video icon there on our video channel will be the one you want to click on and watch. We will generally have a video icon set at least 20 minutes ahead of the service broadcast time and it will begin at the noted time (7:25 pm, 9:25 am, etc.). You can click on that icon and wait for the video to start.

Chat Feature on YouTube

Should you wish to use the chat feature on a YouTube livestream, you must have a Gmail email address and password and sign into YouTube at the top right of the YouTube screen where it says **sign-in**. If you do not have a Gmail address, you can create one by clicking on that sign-in at the top right of the YouTube first page and following their instructions. Then each time you watch a livestream you can sign into YouTube and the chat feature will be on the right side of the video you are watching.

Donations

Myra Becker - Mi Shebeirach prayers for loved ones

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	<u>Relationship</u>	
Lila Held	Jenny Kuperstein	Grandmother	
	David Kuperstein	Nephew	
David Weiss	Harold Weiss	Brother	
Michelle Hess	Martha Steinhauer	Aunt	

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 11th at 1:00 p.m.

The book will be "The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise" by Colleen Oakley.

All are welcome.

Message Michelle for details.



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 Youtube page, https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier.

June 1--Erev Shavuot Yizkor--7:40 pm--Lewandowski Shavuot Prelude; 7:45 pm--Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 6--Service--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

June 13--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 20--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

June 27--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

Happy Birthday

Miriam Brookfield	June 4
Jo Ann Golden	June 5
Joel Golden	June 6
Diane Chesler	June 12
Mark Hardie	June 14
Mark Singer	June 18
Robert Held	June 19
Barry Neville	June 29

Happy Anniversary

Russ & Delaine Shane June 20 - 32 Years Sidney & Sandra Paul June 22 - 73 years

Candle Lighting Times

June 6 - 7:45 June 13 - 7:48

June 20 - 7:50

June 27 - 7:51



This is Our Mishpacha

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Tribute Cards

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Yahrzeit

Observed By **Dear Departed** Relationship Rachel Militeanu Klara Wein Mother Miriam Militeanu Grandmother Lila Held / Joann Eres Grandmother / Great Grandmother Jenny Kuperstein David Kuperstein Nephew / Cousin Sidney & Sandra Paul Sylvia Playberg Sister of Sidney Morris Lehman Father of Sandra Grandmother Michelle Hess Lillian Sandler Leon Morzinsky Father Gertrude Handler Grandmother Debora Davis / Mark Handler Sarah Singer Grandmother Mark Singer Ruth Koh Herbert Koh Father Myra Becker Daniel Beck Father Ida Ninberg Aunt Susan Lieberman Ruth Stillman Aunt Harry Aronowitz Uncle Hazzan Lance H Tapper Donald D Tapper Uncle Joel Golden Isadore Golden Grandfather Jeffrey Kolnick Murray Kolnick Father Bernard Starkman / David Starkman Madelaine Starkman Wife / Mother Liz Herrera Ines Lamb Mother Steve Baptista Eileen Baptista Wife

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier Dear Departed

Elenor Irma Roth-Herman Jack Lyons Seymour Prog Jerome Weiss Fanny Eison Dorothy Unger Branson Louis Kraus Sydney Fink Bina Sherman Marge Weiss Robert Balma William Zelinkoff Fannie Klein Bea Fuhrman Molly Pinck Lena Wasserman

Peter Herman

Rose Weitzman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45p Shavuot Service	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 11 Sivan Parashat Naso
8	9	10	11 1:00p Book Club	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 18 Sivan Parashat Beha'alotecha 12:00p Miriam Brookfield Birthday Celebration
15	16	17	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 Shelach Lecha Parashat Emor
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 2 Tamuz Parashat Korach
29	30					