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Everyone is Welcome

### HAZZAN'S NOTES



This month of April brings us the wonderful festival of Freedom, Pesah, which allows us to celebrate our becoming our own independent people in the face of all odds to become so. During services and the Seders, we pray for and remember our need for dew and the sustenance it brings in the Spring and Summer months to keep our plants and creatures, including us, hydrated to perpetuate all that we do. We remember how we were brought out of Egypt into an uncertain future that eventually brought us over thousands of years of existence for our people.

With the growing pandemic of COVID-19 keeping us mostly at home, you have all now become accustomed to services online. We remember that it is through freedom and free thinking that we have the abilities now to see and receive services this way. Judaism is evolving in many new ways through this crisis and I am confident we will become stronger through it. We need to keep the closeness we have for one another, but in new ways that were not available to us even 20 years ago. We will persevere and survive into a new space that will yet allow Judaism to be manifest in its glory through the balance of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Thus, as we enjoy the Festival of our Freedom to the best we can under these trying circumstances, let us not only celebrate what we have, but strive to continue to persevere toward ridding the world of hatred and bigotry as well. A free and open society helps all of us grow to the potential we can and make of ourselves and our community a place of peace and enjoyment for all.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper*

## From our President

Dear Friends,

This month has been like none other. All of us on the Board as well as Hazzan Lance are doing all that we can to keep us together as a Community while doing everything necessary to keep us safe during this COVID 19 pandemic.

We have live-streamed the last two Shabbat services. The first one was pretty rushed and done from Hazzan's home. He did a great job and we really appreciate all he has done and learned about live-streaming in a very short time! The second service was done from First Friends and set up with the assistance of Lisa Neville and I want to express my thanks to her for all her help. First Friends will also be live-streaming their services from the building on Sundays. They are working to get Wi-Fi to the area which we use as our sanctuary. Believe it or not, Hazzan and Lisa were able to pull off our last service using a hot spot from Lance's phone and an attachment to Lances laptop provided by Lisa. Next week should be even better. Please keep tuning in so we have our virtual minyan.

During these difficult times, community is even more important than ever. The Board has divided the membership list between us so that all of our members will be contacted regularly. We want to be sure that our members are safe and help them if they need anything. One thing we all need is the comfort of talking to someone who cares. If you don't get a call and would like one, please call or email the office and give Erica your phone number.

Erica is working from home and doing a great job of keeping things going. Our regular office phone and email are being forwarded to her during her regular working hours.

Stay safe and remember you are not alone. We are all in this together. I am sending all of you a virtual hug!!

....Lila

## D'var Torah Board Meeting, March 19, 2020

Coronavirus, covid-19 as it is officially known, poses a worldwide health threat. The CDC has tips to help keep us from becoming infected from germs and viruses of any kind, and it is emphasizing those tips in the current crisis. The main advice it has to offer is summed up in a single word: washing. Starting with the Torah, Judaism has been emphasizing that for nearly 4,000 years.

Judaism, in fact, takes health matters of all kinds very seriously, placing a heavy emphasis on washing...us, our clothing, our cooking utensils...and on keeping our homes and workplaces clean.

This emphasis prompted the first generation Babylonian Amora Shmuel to say the "the washing of hands and feet in the morning is more effective than [any remedy] in the world". To the First Century CE sage Hillel, washing your body is a commandment. Human beings, he explained, were "created in the image and form" of God and therefore are responsible for taking care of that "image and form".

This preoccupation with cleanliness led the sages of blessed memory to require that a person had to wash his or her face, hands and feet every day. Hand washing also was required upon rising in the morning, after bathroom visits, after removing shoes (which, after all, carry the filth of the street to them), and both before and after eating food. Given the unsanitary condition of the times, they also decreed that a person had to change into clean clothes before eating.

The food itself had to be washed before being eaten or cooked, all utensils used had to be clean before and after and so had the food preparation area. The academies of Shammai and Hillel even debated whether the floor should be swept after a meal; both agreed that it must be swept but Bet Shammai said to do so before reciting the Grace After Meals, while Bet Hillel said it should be done after.

This Torah originated fixation on cleanliness, washing especially, is echoed by health professionals in our day and we are all practicing today's CDC recommended guidelines for washing.

## Observing Pesah with your Beth Shalom Family and Friends:

(Note: As with all Beth Shalom services at this time, the below services will be held via Beth Shalom of Whittier Facebook page)

**Hazzan Lance will conduct a Modified First Night Seder, Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

**First Morning Pesah Service, Thursday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m.**

**Pesah Yizkor Service, Wednesday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m.**



## Passach

The eight-days of Passover are celebrated in the early spring, from 15th through 22nd of the month of Nisan (8 April– 16 April 2020). It commemorates the emancipation of our people from slavery in ancient Egypt. By following the rituals of Passover, we relive our ancestors experience in achieving the true freedom they gained.

**Overview** For over 2000 years in ancient Egyptian slavery the Israelites were subjected to backbreaking labor and extreme horrors. G-d observed the peoples distress and sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh with a message "Send forth My people, so they may serve Me" (Exodus 7:14). Pharaoh refused to heed G-d's command. G-d then send upon Egypt 10 devastating plagues that afflicted all Egyptians and destroyed everything from their livestock to their crops.

On the midnight of 15 Nisan in the year 2448 from Creation (1313 BC), G-d brought upon Egypt his 10th plague, the killing of all their first born. At the same time G-d spared the Children of Israel "passing over" their homes. Thus we have the name of the holiday. Pharaoh's resistance was broken and he virtually chased his former slaves out of Egypt. The Israelites left in such a hurry that the bread they baked for their exile did not have time to rise. We instead have Matzah—the unleavened bread of affliction, the reminder of the readiness with which our fathers in Egypt followed the call to freedom. Over 600,000 adult males, plus many more women and children, left Egypt on the 15 of Nisan and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as G-d's chosen people.

**SEDER** The Seder service is a get together of family and friends. It is also a typical example of Jewish education: The ceremonies became object-lessons in religion, sacred history, and morality. It is opened by the youngest at the table asking the four questions: of the date; the meal; and the relaxed aura of the people. These are answered by the table reaching of Haggadah which retells the story of Exodus, the ten plagues, and the four cups of wine.

At one point in the Seder it is remarked, "Every Jew should regard himself/herself as if he/she had come out of Egypt". The whole ceremony covers the self-identification of the child with his/her fathers and the fostering of his/her soul with the resolve to take part in the Jewish present and future. Pesah is as timely today as it was thousands of years ago.

....Sam Pearlman

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

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

April 3—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 8—**6:30 pm— Modified First Night Seder** conducted by Hazzan Lance

April 9—9:30 am—**First Morning Pesah Service**

April 10—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 15—9:30 am—**Pesah Yizkor Service**

April 17—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

April 24—7:30 pm Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

May 1—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

*When we finish with the 'Shelter-in-place', we will then read  
"The Muralist" by B.A. Shapiro (book from March).  
Please watch the Weekly Newsletter for next meeting date.*

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





# April

## Candle Lighting Times

April 3 — 6:58

April 10—7:03

April 17—7:08

April 24—7:14

May 1—7:19



### This is Our Mishpacha

Our Mishpacha is published monthly,  
on or near the first of the month.

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to appear in the next issue, the submission deadline  
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## Birthdays

Eileen Baptista	April 11
Ann Kanahale	April 14
Bernard Starkman	April 17
Michelle Hess	April 30

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





## Donations

Jay Weinschenker—Ann & Felix Livits, loss of mother, Galina  
Jeff Kolnick & Rosa Tock—in memory of Lea Kolnick

### **Shalach Manot Bags:**

Claire Rademacher  
Robert & Rita Rubin  
Joel Chesler  
Bernard Starkman  
Hope Greenwood  
Ann Kanahela

## Yahrzeit Donations

<b>Name</b>	<b>Beloved Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<i>Abdon Barembaum</i>	<i>Rebecca Barembaum</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Lou Binke</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Pauline Newman</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>George Becker</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
	<i>Jennie Beckelman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>	<i>Fay Goldberg</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Joel Chesler</i>	<i>Ethel Chesler</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Sarah Schwartz</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i>	<i>Mother</i>
	<i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
	<i>Esther Friedman</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
	<i>Diane Graham</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Ann Kanahela</i>	<i>Arlene Berry</i>	<i>Sister-in-Law</i>
<i>Sidney Paul</i>	<i>Mary Paul</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Jay Weinschenker</i>	<i>Gregory Weinschenker</i>	<i>Cousin</i>

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

## Yahrzeit Observances

<b><i>Dear Departed</i></b>	<b><i>Observed By</i></b>	<b><i>Relationship</i></b>
<i>Dora Aronowitz</i>	<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Charles Baptista</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Eileen Baptista</i>	<i>Father of Steve</i>
<i>Rebecca Barembaum</i>	<i>Abdon Barembaum</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>Minnie Becker</i>	<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Mother-in-law</i>
<i>Wesley J. Berry</i>	<i>Ann Kanahela</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Abe Goldberg</i>	<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Betty Goldberg</i>	<i>Millie Hock</i>	<i>Step Mother</i>
<i>Bernard Golden</i>	<i>Joel &amp; Jo Ann Golden</i>	<i>Father of Joel</i>
<i>Theodore High</i>	<i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Brother-in-Law of Sandra</i>
<i>Jacob Horowitz</i>	<i>Anita Horowitz</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Miriam Jaffe</i>	<i>Paul Jaffe</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Sandra Kanian</i>	<i>Charles &amp; Lila Held</i>	<i>Sister of Lila</i>
<i>Sam Klein</i>	<i>Robert Klein</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Ann Lehman</i>	<i>Sidney &amp; Sandra Paul</i>	<i>Mother of Sandra</i>
<i>Sharon Tapper Miller</i>	<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Cousin</i>
<i>Marty Norton</i>	<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Husband</i>
<i>Lena Nuckowitz</i>	<i>David Rosen</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Betty R Randall</i>	<i>Richard Franden</i>	
<i>Benjamin Rose</i>	<i>Sherman &amp; Marilyn Esterson</i>	<i>Father of Marilyn</i>
<i>David Rubin</i>	<i>Miguel &amp; Lisa Sandoval</i>	<i>Grandfather of Lisa</i>
<i>Florence Rubin</i>	<i>Miguel &amp; Lisa Sandoval</i>	<i>Grandmother of Lisa</i>
<i>Edward Sandler</i>	<i>Richard &amp; Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Uncle of Michelle</i>
<i>Jacob Sandler</i>	<i>Richard &amp; Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Grandfather of Michelle</i>
<i>Eva Sherman</i>	<i>Sol Sherman</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Lena Shinder</i>	<i>Mona Di Natale</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Sam Shinder</i>	<i>Mona Din Natale</i>	<i>Father</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**

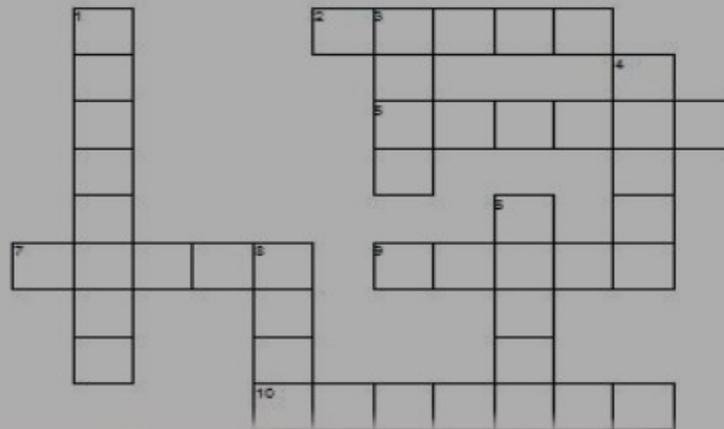
Charles Appleman  
 Leo Biegel  
 Mike Bromberg  
 Joe Freedman  
 Rachael Friedman  
 Theodore Jesilow  
 Anna Lieberman  
 William Lieberman  
 Ted Snitzer  
 Etta Weiss  
 Sarah Werner

**Observed By**

Beth Shalom of Whittier  
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**Dear Departed**

Aaron Marovitz  
 Miriam Novak  
 Mary Pinck  
 Flora Popick  
 Bessie Prog  
 Murray Roy  
 Abraham Sarkin  
 Jeanette Slater  
 Maurice Storm  
 Harry Weiss

**Passover Brain Game****10 Plagues of Egypt****ACROSS**

- 2 First plague; The Nile was turned into \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Fifth plague; All of these died that belonged to Egypt, but not one died that belonged to Israel.
- 7 Tenth plague; \_\_\_\_\_ of every first-born man and beast
- 9 Second plague; Pharaoh's magicians were able to copy this plague
- 10 Eighth plague; These came and ate every green thing in the land of Egypt

**DOWN**

- 1 Ninth plague; This covered the land for three days
- 3 Third plague; Dust of the earth was turned into this
- 4 Fourth plague; Swarms of \_\_\_\_\_ were sent upon the Egyptians
- 6 Sixth plague; The magicians could not stand because they were covered in \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Seventh plague; This fell from heaven with fire and thunder

*April 2020*  
*Nisan—Iyar 5780*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 10 Nisan Tzav
5	6	7	8 6:30 pm Modified First Night Seder	9 9:30 am First Morning Pesah Service	10 7:30p Shabbat Service	11 17 Nisan Pesah
12	13	14	15 9:30 am Pesah Yizkor Service	16 7:15p Board of Directors Meeting	17 7:30p Shabbat Service	18 24 Nisan Shemini
19	20	21	22 1:00p Sisterhood Meeting	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 1 Iyar Tazria-Metzora
26	27	28	29	30	1 7:30p Shabbat Service	2



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