Beth Shalom of Whittier

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Everyone is Welcome

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month we will be presenting our annual *Kristallnacht* remembrance service on Friday night, November 12. Because of our synagogue and my own personal relationship/partnership with the Rabbi/Hazzan/Gabais of the major synagogue in Berlin—Pestalozzistrasse [Pestalozzi Street] (in Europe they name their synagogues after the street or area they are on or in), we have had unprecedented access to their liturgy and music which we present

in tribute to their traditions, liturgy, and music at this service of remembrance.

Ty Woodward and I will present this traditional service with German prayers included to give all who come in person and watch online a real feel for this great central European Jewish tradition. As always, I will be speaking about Kristallnacht and how Germany and the rest of Europe now deal with anti-Semitism and hatred as it rears its ugly head again in our time. I will also discuss the Jewish rebirth in European countries where Judaism almost was stamped out in the mid-20th century.

The service will begin with a Lewandowski prelude at 7:25 pm that night followed by the service at 7:30 pm. I know you will want attend in-person if you can or online on our Facebook page. This service is always a highlight in our year!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this new month finds you all in good health and will bring many nachas and blessings.

It was a good month with Hazzan Tapper's beautiful and inspirational Shabbat services. He was on vacation for one week and Rabbi Kenneth Milhander subbed for him as usual. We always love having Rabbi Ken here and are happy that he is able to provide us with such enjoyable and informative services. Because Jim Sevin (our broadcast technician) was also on vacation that week, we were not able to livestream the service. We did have an in-person minyan so we were able to have a full Shabbat Service and I can tell you that it was an amazing feeling!

We are really hoping that more people will start to feel comfortable coming back to services in-person. We have done everything possible and recognized as "best practices" by the L.A. County Health Dept. to be safe. That includes everyone being vaccinated, masked and social distancing (we have plenty of room to accommodate our entire congregation and still social distance). Of course we understand if you are not ready to venture out yet and we will continue to livestream as much as possible for your convenience.

It is great to see that the Covid-19 numbers are down at this time, and the booster shots are approved and seem to be easy to obtain for those who qualify.

We have started back to having people participate in the services as we feel is safe and appropriate. We are already having a congregant say the candle blessing and also open the ark for the Aleynu prayer.

More events such as dinners, desserts and classes, that many of you will enjoy and hopefully attend, are being planned. A pasta dinner is currently in the planning stages as is a Chanukah dinner and celebration. Keep your eyes on the Weekly Newsletter for details.

Our ongoing efforts to provide transportation for people who would like to come in person but need a ride is progressing. It will be a combination of people who are able to give someone else a ride and taxi rides reimbursed by us for people who need them. Please call the office if you need a ride. We will be sure you can get here for services.

Have a good November and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Shalom Lila

Our Historical History

No one of us walks alone. Each of us carries the experiences of ancestors wherever he or she roams, along with their problems, traumas, victories, their hope and aspirations. Our thoughts grow out from their thoughts, our destiny is shaped by their goals. At our highest peak they are there. They are holding our hands, pushing us upward. They provide the back upon which we stand. We share that face, that heritage with all of our people.

The above is why our Jewish people are so important. If you want to find peace with any other person in the world, you have to start with your own people. Until then, you haven't yet found peace within your own self. It is only when you find it that you can help all of us find peace for the entire world.

Consider the Jewish people. Each of us is a brother or sister of a great family of many thousands of years. Where one of us walks, there walks sages and martyrs, heroes and heroines, legends and miracles, all the way back to Abraham and Sarah. They are the first Jews who challenged the whole world with their ideals. Their walk, the tears, the blood and the chutzpah of millennial. That is the legacy of those who lived, yearned and died for a world to come, a world that places ideals that come to a reality.

Should we abandon them to join a homogeneous mess? For this no one world benefit. Their destiny is our destiny. In them we are fulfilled, all together. In this oneness relies the future of the entire world.

The Jewish people are a vital organ of a single, wonderful body that breathes with a single set of lungs, pulsates with a single heart that draws from a single well of consciousness. These are people: Inuit, Swahili, Turks, Irocese, and all of us.

If we try to do each other's job we're in a big mess. When we find our place in the grand whole, and do our very best then the world is definitely on the right route toward world peace.

Sam Pearlman

P.S. Our ancient mothers and fathers, all those from whom we learn wisdom—they are not guardians of the past . They are messengers of the future.



Die Neue Synagogue in der Oranienburgerstrasse, Berlin (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 Bristallnacht

Friday, November 12, 2021 Prelude: 7:25 pm; 7:30 p.m. Service

In-Person service with vaccination proof in the Meeting House at First Friends Church, Whittier and also Broadcast on our Facebook page: **Beth Shalom of Whittier**

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, SPIRITUAL LEADER
Ty Woodward, ORGANIST

Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are now in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof and a mask may attend in person, all others may watch on our Facebook page, Beth Shalom of Whittier. When there is a livestream taking place, you can click on it and watch. We encourage anyone who is not yet comfortable coming to in-person services to tune in each week and take part in our services virtually and leave messages of greeting to other who are watching. This is one way we can all stay in touch.

November 5--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

November 12--Berlin Kristallnacht Remembrance Service 7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

November 19--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

November 29--7:25 pm Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

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

The Book Club will be reading "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes. We will be meeting at Michelle's house on Tuesday, November 16th at 4:00 pm. Please note the change in TIME. Everyone is welcome.

Happy Reading.

If you have any questions, or want to join us, please contact either Myra Weiss, or Michelle Hess.



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November

Candle Lighting Times

November 5 - 5:38

November 12 - 4:32

November 19 - 4:28

November 26 - 4:26



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## 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

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

## Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday!!

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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.

There are only a few plots remaining, so if you are Interested, please let us know.

Donations

Eugene Jaffe

Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock in memory of mother, Jackie Kolnick—Cold Weather Shelter Fund

High Holy Day Appeal Donations

Irving Bartikofsky, Joel & Diane Chesler, Hope Greenwood, Charles & Lila Held, Christel Mergruen, and Bernard Starkman

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	<u>Relationship</u>		
Mona Di Natale	Sarah Lifshitz	Grandmother		
Jeffrey Kolnick	Jackie Kolnick	Mother		
Robert & Rita Rubin	Doris Rubin	Mother of Robert		

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November 2021 Yahrzeit

Observed By **Dear Departed** Relationship Bella Bell Grandmother Myra Becker Miriam Brookfield Adolph Brookfield Father-in-Law Edna Devore Mother Jay Devore Shirley Gilbert Ada Kless-Gilbert Robert & Rita Rubin Yetta Gnessin Mother of Rita Morton & Helene Goldberg Max Goldberg Father Mark Handler and Debora Davis Irwin Handler Uncle Harris & Pauline Kuhn Bernard Kuhn **Husband of Pauline** Michelle Hess **Emmanuel Morzinsky** Uncle Grandmother **Ida Silvers** Hazzan Lance H Tapper Mark & Maggie Singer John Singer Father Eunice Singer John Singer Husband Bernard Starkman Blanche Starkman Mother

Observing this Yahrzeit						
Dear Departed	Observed By	Dear Departed				
Betty Allen	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Shirley Gordon				
Morris Becker	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Edna Kleinberg				
Joseph Diamondstein	Beth Shalom of Whittier	Molly Schneiderman				
Linda Faden	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.

Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone,

please contact Michelle Hess with your request @ michelleh3532@gmail.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 2 Kislev Parashat Toldot
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Berlin Kristallnacht Remembrance Service	13 9 Kislev Parashat Vayetze
14	15	16 4:00p Book Club	17	18 7:00p Board Meeting	19 7:30p Shabbat Service	20 16 Kislev Parashat Vayishlah
21	22	23	24	25	26 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 23 Kislev Parashat Vayeshev
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