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HAZZAN'S NOTES

As we remember the beginnings of our people this month during the readings from the book of Shemot (Exodus), we think about how important it is to have maintained our identity throughout these millennia. As Anti-Semitism has been rearing its ugly head again in this part of the 21st century, we need to find added solace that people persecute that which they do not understand or find different or antithetical to themselves. Educating others, who are not Jews, to what the Jewish experience provides us and the world is a means to driving Xenophobia and hatred of Jews especially back into the dark shadows where it belongs. Ignorance breeds contempt and violence but understanding and education brings tolerance and understanding. Jews have made a difference in the world and brought light, not darkness, where they reside. Jews have made the world a better place with all that we have accomplished and given back to the world. Our resolute striving to being about L'takein Olam b'Malchut Shaddai (the eternal kingdom of the Divine in the world) has made us that beacon which others have striven to emulate. May we always strive to be the best we can be in our world and continue our existence in this community and the world with a continued great presence and function of moral compass.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper



Everyone is Welcome

CLERGY SCHEDULE

February 7 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

February 14 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

February 15 — ***Siddur Kol Shalom:***

9:00 am breakfast in the Fellowship Hall/9:45 am Kol Shalom service in the Meeting House (Sanctuary)—Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

February 21 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

February 28 — 7:30p Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson



BOOK CLUB NEWS

*Our next meeting will be on Tues, February 18th at Christel's .
The book is "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict.
On March 17th we are going to read and discuss "The Muralist" by B.A. Shapiro.
We will meet at Maxine's.*

*As always, bring a dairy lunch; the hostess will provide drinks and dessert.
If you have any questions , please call either Myra or Michelle.*





February

Candle Lighting Times

February 7 — 5:11

February 14—5:18

February 21—5:24

February 28—5:30



This is Our Mishpacha

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Birthdays

Charles Held	February 6
David Weiss	February 22

Anniversary

Charles & Lila Held—61 Years
February 1

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

Contact the Temple office
to sponsor an Oneg in
honor of a loved one's
birthday or anniversary—\$18.00.



And anytime, any amount donation
is always appreciated.

From Our President

I hope everyone had a great first month of the year. Beth Shalom has been rolling along with our usual beautiful and inspirational services by Hazzan Lance accompanied by Mark Peterson. I am happy to say that our attendance on Friday nights has been holding up and actually increasing. It is a great feeling for all of us on the Board to see that people are coming and enjoying what Beth Shalom has to offer. I sometimes joke that they couldn't pay me enough to do this job so it's a good thing that I (and all of us on the Board) are volunteers! Our pay is the happy smiles we see on Friday nights and other occasions when we get together. Our lowest attendance in January has been 19 people and with our small congregation, that is a very good percentage.

The Sisterhood Shabbat was very enjoyable, see article below. The Shabbat service with Aryell Cohen playing the organ and the Mr. Harris, the organ's architect in attendance will be on January 31st so I will write about it next month. I can tell you that I am very much looking forward to the evening.

Best Wishes to all of you,
...Lila

More Thoughts on Lovingkindness

With a loving heart as the background, all that we attempt, all that we encounter will open and flow more easily.

Begin with an inner dialogue:

May I be filled with lovingkindness.

May I be safe from inner and outer dangers.

May I be well in body and mind.

May I be at ease and happy.

And they transition to others wishing well to a wider circle of friends:

My you be filled with lovingkindness.

May you be safe from inner and outer dangers.

May you be well in body and mind.

May you be at ease and happy.

Then gradually extend to picture and include community members, neighbors, people everywhere, animals and all beings, the whole earth.

Finally, include the difficult people in your life, even your enemies, wishing that they too may be filled with lovingkindness and peace.

~~~Anonymous

## Sisterhood Shabbat



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, January 17. Ann and I grateful to the women of Beth Shalom who participated: Lila Held, Klara Wein, Liz Herrera, Myra Weiss, Susan Lieberman, Christine Singer-Luna, Christel Mergruen, Rita Ruben, Cathleen Cavanaugh, Sandra Paul, Diane Chesler and Evelyn Litwin.  
Each woman a hero in her own way.

Our message of lovingkindness was also well-received and touched everyone who was there.

Ann Kanahele  
Alita Sevin  
Ritual Committee



## **Parashas Shema**

### **Devarim 6:4**

"Hear, O Israel the Lord is our G-d the Lord is one." These words of monotheism, are recited in our daily prayers, every day in the morning service of Shacharis and the evening service of Mariev. They are also said every evening before retiring. It is Israel's confession of faith. The worshippers proclaim their allegiance to the Kingdom of Heaven and a joyful submission to G-d's laws and commandments (Torah). They proclaim that the G-d of Israel is one and the only one of the Jewish people. The words of Shema in Hebrew are plural. They mean to all the world, that the G-d of all other gods worshipped by people are submissive to the one G-d of our Jewish people. Concisely our G-d alone is G-d, who was, is, and ever will be.

The opening sentence of the Shema occupies the true meaning of the Jewish religion. Every other Jewish belief turns upon it: all goes back to it; all flows from it. It is our faith in the oneness of the human race: The prophet Malachi formulated that truth in the following words:

"Have we not one Father  
Hath not one G-d created us  
Why then do we deal treacherously with  
one against his neighbor!"

Martyrs The Shema was the last cry of most Jewish martyrs before their death. It was the expression of their unshakable faith. For even though they personally were facing in many cases a cruel death, they nevertheless continued to believe in the one G-d as the Father of all our people. It is of the utmost importance for us to keep alive the undaunted faith of our martyrs. In that way we dedicate ourselves to the Kingdom of Heaven where lives justice and peace that gives us courage in the face of danger and meaning to the struggle of life.

Conclusion Out of the 5,845 verses of the Torah the one verse, the Shema, is the inscription for Israel's banner of faith and victory. Throughout all of literature there is probably no words found that can be compared to the intellectual and spiritual influence of them upon all of humanity. The six word statement of the Shema have become the battle-cry of the Jewish people for over 25 centuries.

....Sam Pearlman

*Welcome to Beth Shalom of Whittier!!*

*Mark Hilliard*



## Donations

Jay Weinschenker—in honor of Lila Held  
Alita Seven—in honor of Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

## Oneg Donations

Robin Weintraub—Birthday  
Abdon Barembaum—Birthday  
Susan Lieberman—Birthday  
Jay Weinschenker—Birthday  
Ann Kanahele in honor of Kim’s Birthday

## Yahrzeit Donations

| <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Beloved Departed</b>     | <b>Relationship</b>      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Myra Becker</i>               | <i>Ruth Becker</i>          | <i>Mother</i>            |
|                                  | <i>Bella Bell</i>           | <i>Grandmother</i>       |
| <i>Miriam Brookfield</i>         | <i>Dora Fleischmann</i>     | <i>Mother</i>            |
|                                  | <i>Willy Fleischmann</i>    | <i>Father</i>            |
| <i>Christel Mergruen</i>         | <i>Siegbert Mergruen</i>    | <i>Husband</i>           |
| <i>Pauline Kuhn</i>              | <i>Bernard Kuhn</i>         | <i>Husband</i>           |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i>             | <i>Julius Schwartz</i>      | <i>Uncle</i>             |
| <i>Richard Hess</i>              | <i>Leigh Hess</i>           | <i>Father</i>            |
| <i>Pauline &amp; Harris Kuhn</i> | <i>Samuel Kuhn</i>          | <i>Father of Bernard</i> |
| <i>Maxine Berkowitz</i>          | <i>Mordechai Blankstein</i> | <i>Grandfather</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 @ [ddglover@aol.com](mailto:ddglover@aol.com)

## Yahrzeit Observances

### **Dear Departed**

*Morris Aronowitz*  
*George Becker*  
*Jacob Chais*  
*Ethel Chesler*  
*Irving Cirulnick*  
*Mabel Cutler*  
*Paul Devore*  
*Yetta Fink*  
*Jennie Goldberg*  
*Sol Jaffee*  
*Meir Militeanu*  
*Harry Paul*  
*Ida Silberberg*  
*Abe Small*  
*Ida Zuckerman*

### **Observed By**

*Susan Lieberman*  
*Myra Becker*  
*Phyliss Kudler*  
*Joel & Diane Chesler*  
*Mona Di Natale*  
*Jeffrey Kolnick & Rosa Tock*  
*Jay Devore*  
*Bernard Fink*  
*Morton & Helene Goldberg*  
*Eugene Jaffee*  
*Klara Wein*  
*Sidney & Sandra Paul*  
*Judith Silberberg*  
*Dorothy Rubin*  
*Madelon Alpert-Herman*

### **Relationship**

*Grandfather*  
*Father-in-Law*  
*Step-Father*  
*Mother of Joel*  
*Uncle*  
*Grandmother of Jeffrey*  
*Brother*  
*Mother*  
*Mother*  
*Son*  
*Father*  
*Father of Sidney*  
*Mother*  
*Brother*  
*Mother*

## Observing this Yahrzeit

### **Dear Departed**

*Sarah Bernstein*  
*Janchel Groisman*  
*Saul Korduner*  
*William Lyons*  
*Julia Morris*  
*Louis Ossofsky*  
*Max Popkin*

### **Observed By**

*Beth Shalom of Whittier*  
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### **Dear Departed**

*Esther Rosen*  
*Sylvia Squier*  
*Frances Storm*  
*Bernard Weissman*  
*Benjamin Winter*  
*Harvey Ziskin*

*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.*



# Beth Shalom of Whittier

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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1. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell 1: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 2: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

1. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cohen 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ Levite 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_

Birth Date: 1. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/19\_\_\_ Birth Date 2. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/19\_\_\_

Anniversary Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Please send me Yahrzeit Notices for:

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I/We request membership at Beth Shalom of Whittier in the following category:

Membership includes High Holidays and all Life Cycle Events. Membership may be paid in 10 monthly billings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Couple Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (Must be full member at another synagogue. No voting privileges)

Your membership is enriched when you participate directly in the various activities of the Congregation. Please list and/or select your special volunteer interests here.

Fund Raising \_\_\_ Serving on the Board \_\_\_ House and Grounds \_\_\_ Band/Choir

For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) we have declared a moratorium on Dues. This has been a transitional year for us and we appreciate those members who stayed with us through our move and were paid members last year or are new and would like to try us out without having to pay dues. We do still need you to fill out this membership form for our records. We will re-visit the dues issue during the year but rest assured that no one is ever turned away because of lack of ability to pay dues.

Thank you



**Sunday ~ February 16 ~ 5:00pm**

**PRE-CONCERT RECEPTION ~ 4:00PM**

3635 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807



# CANTORS CONCERT

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# February 2020

## Shevat—Adar 5780

| Sunday                                                                                       | Monday         | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                         | Thursday                                  | Friday                         | Saturday                                                                          |
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|                                                                                              |                |                                        |                                   |                                           |                                | 1 6 Shevat<br>Bo                                                                  |
| 2                                                                                            | 3              | 4                                      | 5                                 | 6                                         | 7<br>7:30p Shabbat<br>Service  | 8 13 Shevat<br>Shira<br><br>Siddur Kol Shalom<br>9:00a Breakfast<br>9:45a Service |
| 9                                                                                            | 10 Tu B'Shevat | 11                                     | 12                                | 13                                        | 14<br>7:30p Shabbat<br>Service | 15 20 Shevat<br>Yitro                                                             |
| 16<br>Cantor's Concert<br>with participation<br>from Hazzan Lance<br>H. Tapper<br>*See flyer | 17             | 18<br>12:00p Book Club @<br>Christel's | 19                                | 20<br>7:15p Board of<br>Directors Meeting | 21<br>7:30p Shabbat<br>Service | 22 27 Shevat<br>Mishpatim                                                         |
| 23                                                                                           | 24             | 25                                     | 26<br>1:00p Sisterhood<br>Meeting | 27                                        | 28<br>7:30p Shabbat<br>Service | 29 4 Adar<br>Teruma                                                               |



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