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Everyone is Welcome

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

At the end of this month, we will again celebrate our festival of lights, renewal, and rededication, Hanukkah. Our congregation always celebrates this joyous time with a festive dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by the Shabbat Hanukkah service in the sanctuary where we kindle not only the Shabbat candles but the Hanukkiah with the Hanukah candles in it.

This year, Shabbat Hanukkah takes place on the 3rd night of the festival, and we will enjoy singing the famous German Hanukkah tune for Maoz Tzur as always and as well hear the Italian Ashkenazi version notated by a non-Jewish Italian composer. And...you will also hear one of the famous prayers for Hanukkah, Al Hanissim (for all this miracles), sung as well as part of the service and hear the story again as I read sections of the Book of Maccabees.

Though this year the holiday comes when many in the outside world celebrate a holiday that is much more important on their calendar than this military and religious victory is on our calendar, we still pause to take part and enjoy our festival of lights. We remember how important it is to be in a country where we can enjoy the freedom to celebrate our traditions that may be different from the mainstream around us.

May the light of God's presence always envelope you and especially at this time of year!

Hag Urim Sameach!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hello Everyone,

November has been a busy and fun month. Fiddler on the Roof at the La Mirada Theatre was really a great experience. Jason Alexander did a wonderful job in the role of Tevye. It was without a doubt, a first class production!

The Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration that we joined First Friends in sponsoring, was a delightful experience. Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen made us very proud with their performance of R'tzei. Approximately 10 Faith Communities participated and there were between 120 and 150 people in attendance.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. Mine was very enjoyable and delicious and I didn't even have to cook!

Joann and I had 6 relatives from Minneapolis come out for a long weekend. It was lots of fun. They did comment a bit about the weather not being as warm as they expected. However, their first day back home, they had a high of 40 degrees! No more comments on our cold weather after that!

We will be having a Lunch & Learn on Saturday December 21st. The attached flyer will give you the details. I'm sure it will be very interesting and informative as usual. We will be serving a light lunch. Exact menu to be determined (which is code for – Michelle and I haven't decided yet). Come and learn a little, eat a little and shmooze a little!

The Hanukkah dinner flyer will also be in this Mishpacha. Members – please be sure to RSVP by the date in the flyer. This one is catered by Panache (brisket & potato latkes) and I have to get an accurate count to them by their deadline. It is a sit down dinner and besides the food, the tables have to be set for correct number of people. There is a vegetarian option, let us know if you want that when you RSVP.

Shalom

Lila



Beth Shalom of Whittier Lunch and Learn

Hazzanics 101 - The Musical Prayer Themes (Nusah) of the Entire Year and Why They are Important in our Services

Based on questions/comments from Hazzan Lance's recitation of the *Yahres Kaddish* on *Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah*, Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen together will take us on a musical and intellectual tour of the entire year's prayer chants. They will explain why we use them, when we use them, and how we use them.



Saturday, December 21, 2024--12:00-2:00 pm

(in the FFC Fellowship Hall)

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to the temple office by December 13,

by email: bswoffice@verizon.net or

by phone: 562-941-8744.

Join your shul friends for an afternoon of intriguing conversation and delicious nosh.

Please note: during these troubled times, in person services and events will only be open to members, former members, and anyone who is known to our Board of Directors.



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

INVITES YOU TO OUR

SHABBAT HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

A FESTIVE DINNER AND SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

First Friends

13205 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**6:00 PM—SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER & GIFTS
LATKES, BRISKET, AND SUFGANIYOT--CATERED BY PANACHÉ**

MEETING HOUSE (SANCTUARY)

7:25 PM—PRELUDE

7:30 PM –SHABBAT HANUKKAH SERVICE WITH HANUKKIAH LIGHTING

OFFICIANTS:

**Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader
Ty Woodward, Organist**

DUE TO HEIGHTENED SECURITY

**ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE DINNER AND/OR SERVICE WILL PASS
THROUGH OUR SECURITY TEAM FOR ADMITTANCE.**

**THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE COMPLEMENTARY (NO COST) DINNER MUST CALL
OUR SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 562-941-8744 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.**

THE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19, 2024

Due to circumstances Sam will not have an article this month,
but will be back next month.

High Holyday Appeal Donations

Hope Greenwood
Revekah Martinez
Ande Mass
Sidney & Sandra Paul
Bernard Starkman
Dorothy Wiener

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by

Mona Di Natale

Beloved Departed

Laura Cirulnick
Sarah Lifshitz

Relationship

Cousin
Grandmother

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We have decided to merge the two book clubs. We will meet on the third Tuesday of the month.
The first meeting will be Tuesday, December 17th, at 1:00pm. We will be reading "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn.
For more information contact Michelle.

We are continuing to meet on Zoom.
Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion.

Happy Reading Everyone.



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 Facebook page, **Beth Shalom of Whittier**.

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

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

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

December 27--Shabbat Hanukkah--6:00 Festive Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (By reservation only--see flyer for details);
7:25 pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service in the Sanctuary--Hazzan Lance and Ty

Happy Birthday

Haim Knafo	December 2
Oliver Rubenstein	December 5
Joseph Held	December 9
David Starkman	December 11
Alita Sevin	December 14
Ande Mass	December 21
Ryan Wein	December 24

Anniversary

Alita & Jim Sevin - December 7, 39 Years

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

Candle Lighting Times

December 6 - 4:26
 December 13 - 4:28
 December 20 - 4:30
 December 27 - 4:34



Tribute Cards

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Michelle Hess with your request at michelleh3532@gmail.com

Yahrzeit**Observed By***Miriam Brookfield**Diane Chesler**Delaine Shane**Deborah Jacobson**Myra Becker**Mark Singer**Michelle Hess**Hope Greenwood**Debora Davis & Mark Handler**Jay Devore**Morton Goldberg**Ada Kless-Gilbert***Dear Departed***Adolph Brookfield**Joel Chesler**Sara Landman Kaplan Winkler**Roberta Kaplan Jacobs**David Jacobson**Bella Bell**John Singer**Emmanuel Morzinsky**Isaac Leiboff**Irwin Handler**Edna Devore**Max Goldberg**Shirley Gilberg***Relationship***Father in Law**Husband**Mother**Sister**Father**Grandmother**Father**Uncle**Father**Uncle**Mother**Father***Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier****Dear Departed***Linda Faden**Betty Stieber Allen**Morris Baileys**Molly Schneiderman**Christel Mergruen**Shirley Unger Gordon**Joseph Diamondstein**Edna Kleinberg**Joseph Ward*

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.



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Cheshvan - Kislev 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 6 Kislev Parashat Vayetze
8	9	10	11	12	13 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 13 Kislev Parashat Vayishlach
15	16	17 1:00p Book Club	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 20 Kislev Parashat Vayera 12:00p Lunch 'n Learn
22	23	24	25	26	27 6:00p Hanukkah Dinner (by reservation only) 7:30p Hanukkah Service	28 27 Kislev Parashat Miketz
29	30	31				