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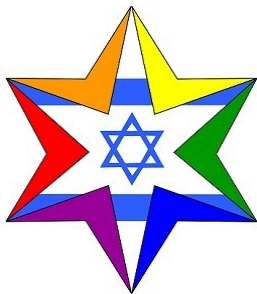
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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

It is with deep honor, great joy, and humility I receive an Honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (the Conservative Movement flagship seminary in the USA) this month on February 2, 2022, for my long and involved pulpit work in several congregations over time and contributions to the cantorate and Jewish clergy in the greater Jewish community. This recognition by the seminary of the Conservative movement is very rewarding for me, and I appreciate all the accolades that have been and will be given to me for my body of work as a Hazzan and Spiritual Leader. I hope to continue to bring honor and pride to our congregation and the larger Jewish community for many more years to come.

We all hope this month that our county COVID numbers drop enough to warrant more of you coming back in person to our services in the Meeting House at First Friends live. It is of vital importance that we try as much as possible to bring a sense of normalcy back to our lives in this way. We ALWAYS welcome you in person with open arms!

And, with the hostage incident at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas still fresh in our minds, we also work and pray toward a lessening of antisemitic feeling and tensions that have been so prevalent in these last few years in our country. Though we are blessed in Whittier to have a community that supports all races, faiths, and creeds, we need to continue to be vigilant, since we do not live on an island here and tensions in our greater southern California area could flair up at any time given a volatile circumstance. All faiths must continue to support each other as they have to continue to keep antisemitism and racism at bay.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

This was a very unusual month for all of us. Because of a combination of vacations, holidays and Covid exposures, we were not able to have services, either in person or online for 3 weeks in a row. We thank all of you who stuck with us and came back in even greater numbers as we resumed services as usual on Jan 14 and 21st.

Antisemitism hit close to home last weekend with the distribution of antisemitic flyers. A police report was made by a congregant, and I have been in contact with the Whittier, Chief of Police, Aviv Bar. This is from his email to me.

I wanted to let you know that over the weekend, we had a distribution of antisemitic flyers in a neighborhood on the east side of the city, covering 4 streets. This despicable act is taking place in various cities and has been reported in the news in recent weeks.

These organizations or sometimes a loose group of individuals distribute such literature so it can receive news coverage and be posted on social media, further advertising their ideology and organization name.

With the recent incident at Beth Israel in Texas, we have briefed our teams about your services on Friday nights for situational awareness.

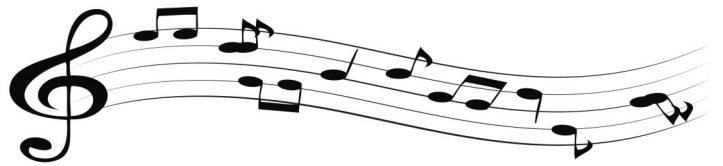
We continue to have security at all our services and the gate around the churchyard has been very helpful in providing an added measure of security.

On a lighter note, we are making progress with our display cabinet project and hopefully when it is completed, we will have an open house to show off our newly renovated offices.

We are also planning on another dinner soon, perhaps Italian this time. It all depends on when we feel it is safe to get together again.

Last but certainly not least, Congratulations to our very own Hazzan Lance Tapper for being awarded an Honorary Doctor of Music Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Detail elsewhere on this page. Way to go Lance!!

Shalom
Lila



Hazzan Lance H Tapper To Be Honored

We are very pleased and proud to announce that The Jewish Theological Seminary will bestow an honorary Doctor of Music degree on our very own Hazzan Lance Tapper.

The convocation ceremony will take place in New York City on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 recognizing cantors for their achievements over many years of distinguished service.

The link to watch the ceremony is –

<https://inspired.jtsa.edu/event/livestream-of-jts-cantorial-convocation-2022/e376544>

You will need to scroll to the bottom and register to watch.

Shabbat

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L	F	S	H	A	B	B	A	T	L
E	C	H	A	L	L	A	H	K	Y
S	E	Y	A	D	R	U	T	A	S
F	R	I	D	A	Y	F	B	W	D
S	S	Y	N	A	G	O	G	U	E
E	K	H	S	I	W	E	J	A	P

candles	challah	family
Friday	Jewish	kiddish
Saturday	shabbat	Synagogue
Torah		

SABBATH - A Day of Freedom

Life in Egypt: as you remember from our Torah the Israelites were enslaved by Pharaoh. They were subjected to his cruel rule against their lives. They labored 24/7 in the hot sun building the cities of Pithom and Rameses. They lived in a world without freedom as this was the privilege of their masters. The day of Sabbath, a day to spend with the family, forgetting the weeks worries, in essences to relax at home, and devote oneself to holy things was unheard of. Pharaoh did not realize that had he given the Israelis a day of rest, once a week, they would return to work with renewed strength and vigor. They would be able to work harder, much better, a new way of life. The time came, however, for the Israelites to give up the above way of life. The Torah was to be their guide and Moses their leader and teacher.

The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness learning the “Mitzvos” of the Torah from Moses. Day after day they came to him with their problems and he judged them according to the laws he had learned from G-d. A new Torah way of life they learned was a wonderful experience.

The Mitzvah of Shabbos: one Mitzvah that shone above all others was the Mitzvah of Shabbos. This was a Mitzvah to G-d, his personal one, it was destined to revolutionize the life of the Israelites and eventually almost the entire civilized world.

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but, the seventh day shall be the sabbath in honor of the Lord your G-d, on it you shall not do any work...and you shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt and that the Lord your G-d brought you out from there by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore has the Lord your G-d commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.” (D’vorim 5:13 - 16)

Just think how far advanced our Torah is to have introduced the seventh day as a day of spiritual and physical rest more than 3000 years ago. How long it took humanity to learn this lesson taught us by G-d!

What is the beauty of Shabbos? How can it make us free? The answer to these questions will be given and discussed in the March edition of the Mishpacha.

~Sam Pearlman



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.

February 4-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

February 11-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

February 18-- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and Lance and Ty Woodward

February 25- 7:25 pm Prelude, 7:30 pm Service--Hazzan and 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.

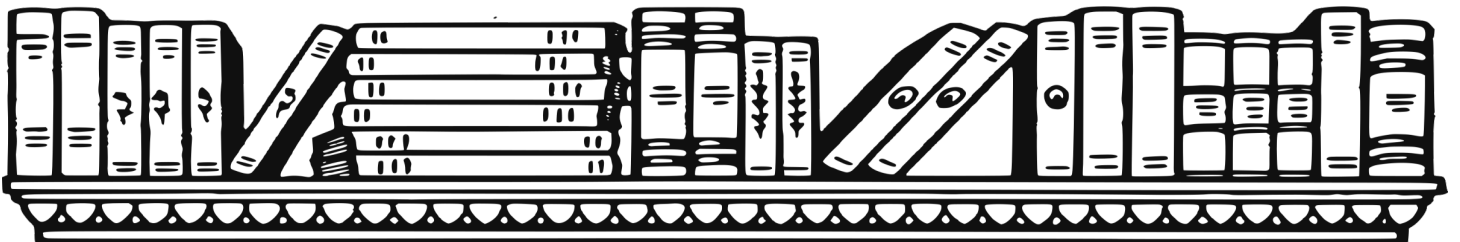


BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8th at 12:30 pm.
 The Book is "And After The Fire" by Lauren Belfer.
 We had a great January (Zoom) discussion meeting.
 As of now, the next meeting will also be on Zoom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Happy Reading.

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



February

Candle Lighting Times

February 4 - 5:05

February 11 - 5:12

February 18 - 5:19

February 25 - 5:25



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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](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)

## Birthdays

Charles Held

February 6

## Anniversary

Charles & Lila Held February 1 (63 Years)

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a Happy Birthday and Anniversary!!



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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1922278>.

Amazon will donate a percentage to Beth Shalom every time you shop.

### 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**

Dorothy Wiener

**Yahrzeit Donations**

**Remembered by**

Eugene Jaffee

Christel Mergruen

Sidney Paul

Klara Wein

**Beloved Departed**

Sol Jaffee

Siegbert Mergruen

Harry Paul

Evelyn Resnick

Bertha Paul

Meir Militeanu

**Relationship**

Son

Husband

Father

Sister

Step-Mother

Father

**Tribute Cards**

To send a Tribute Card in honor or in memory of someone,  
please contact Michelle Hess with your request @ [michelleh3532@gmail.com](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com).

***Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier***

***Dear Departed***

*Dora Abramson*

*Anna Barnett*

*Irving Bernard*

*Daniel Braidman*

*Florence Candioly*

*Max Elson*

*Agnes Fuchs*

*Morris Klein*

*Israel Kleinberg*

*Edward Kraus*

*Joel Kudler*

*Marilyn Near*

*Isidore Pinck*

*Toby Pinck*

*Abraham Slater*

*Bertha Snitzer*

*Frances Storm*

*Herman Udkoff*

*Arthur Unger*

## Yahrzeit

| <b><i>Observed By</i></b>              | <b><i>Dear Departed</i></b>  | <b><i>Relationship</i></b> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Susan Lieberman</i>                 | <i>Morris Aronowitz</i>      | <i>Grandfather</i>         |
|                                        | <i>David Moskowitz</i>       | <i>Uncle</i>               |
|                                        | <i>Bella Rubins</i>          | <i>Grandmother</i>         |
| <i>Irving Bartikofsky</i>              | <i>Carmen Bartikofsky</i>    | <i>Mother</i>              |
| <i>Myra Becker</i>                     | <i>Jennie Beckelman</i>      | <i>Grandmother</i>         |
|                                        | <i>George Becker</i>         | <i>Father-in-Law</i>       |
| <i>Charles &amp; Lila Held</i>         | <i>Henry Brickel</i>         | <i>Grandfather of Lila</i> |
|                                        | <i>Seymour Brickel</i>       | <i>Uncle of Lila</i>       |
|                                        | <i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>     | <i>Father of Lila</i>      |
| <i>Christel Mergruen</i>               | <i>Max Cutler</i>            |                            |
| <i>Dan Franden</i>                     | <i>Robert Franden</i>        |                            |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i>                   | <i>Esther Friedman</i>       | <i>Aunt</i>                |
|                                        | <i>Diane Graham</i>          | <i>Cousin</i>              |
|                                        | <i>Pauline Morzinsky</i>     | <i>Grandmother</i>         |
|                                        | <i>Rose Minnie Morzinsky</i> | <i>Mother</i>              |
| <i>Steve &amp; Eileen Baptista</i>     | <i>Ray Galvin</i>            | <i>Father of Eileen</i>    |
| <i>Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle</i>        | <i>Fay Goldberg</i>          | <i>Mother</i>              |
| <i>Mark Hilliard</i>                   | <i>Ray C Hilliard</i>        | <i>Father</i>              |
|                                        | <i>Sean Hilliard</i>         | <i>Brother</i>             |
| <i>Jeffrey Kolnick &amp; Rosa Tock</i> | <i>Lea Kolnick</i>           | <i>Sister of Jeffrey</i>   |
| <i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>           | <i>Anna Marks</i>            | <i>Grand Aunt</i>          |
|                                        | <i>Adele Tapper</i>          | <i>Aunt</i>                |
|                                        | <i>Gordon Tapper</i>         | <i>Uncle</i>               |
| <i>Sherman &amp; Marilyn Esterson</i>  | <i>Arnold Rose</i>           | <i>Brother of Marilyn</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.*

# February 2022

## Shevat - Adar I 5782

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday               | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                      | Saturday                             |
|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|        |        | 1                     | 2         | 3                         | 4<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 5<br>4 Adar I<br>Parashat Teruma     |
| 6      | 7      | 8<br>12:30p Book Club | 9         | 10                        | 11<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 12<br>11 Adar I<br>Parashat Tetzaveh |
| 13     | 14     | 15                    | 16        | 17<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 18<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 19<br>18 Adar I<br>Parashat Ki Tisa  |
| 20     | 21     | 22                    | 23        | 24                        | 25<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 26<br>25 Adar I<br>Parashat Vayakhel |
| 27     | 28     |                       |           |                           |                             |                                      |