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### Hazzan Notes

Welcome to our interim facility at First Friends in uptown Whittier. As we sojourn here for a few months, we begin to feel most acutely like our ancestors who wandered in the Judean and Sinai deserts on their way to their eventual home.

This month we celebrate the festival of our freedom and peoplehood, Pesah. We will begin the celebration with an Erev Shabbat Pesah service in the sanctuary beginning at 5:45 pm on Friday night, April 19. We will recite the evening festival and Shabbat liturgy as well as the famed once a year prayer for dew (Tal). This beautiful prayer shows the majesty of the poetry in which we ask the divine to continue to provide moisture to our land so that we may continue to grow and provide food to sustain our lives. This will be followed in the Social Hall with a congregational Seder for those who reserve ahead. The Seder acutely reminds us of our struggles to become a free and independent people. It is also a time to enjoy the fruits of our continued communal strength and coming together as one family.

The following Shabbat will focus on the concluding part of the festival and the reading of how our ancestors came across the Reed Sea to freedom from the Torah and our Yizkor Memorial prayers. Though we will not yet have our new virtual Memorial Board to see our dear departed names for this festival, we can remember them in our minds and hearts and always keep them close to us. Pesah was and is always a time to bring families together to celebrate being Jewish!

May this festival of freedom and joy bring you closer to your family and friends and to our community and may you always know that we stand together as a strong unit at Beth Shalom!

*Hazzan Lance H Tapper*



Everyone is Welcome



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER  
INVITES YOU TO*



*OUR COMMUNITY  
SHABBAT FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER*

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER OFFICIATING  
MARK PETERSON, ACCOMPANIST**

***FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019***

***BETH SHALOM'S INTERIM HOME***

**FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH  
13205 PHILADELPHIA STREET  
WHITTIER CA 90601-4386**

THE SERVICE BEGINS AT 5:45 PM IN THE SANCTUARY  
FOLLOWED BY THE SEDER IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR RESERVED GUESTS

~~~~~***IMPORTANT***~~~~~

**PLEASE RSVP THROUGH THE TEMPLE  
OFFICE. CALL ANGELA AT (909) 720-6964**

**ADULTS--\$55 EACH PERSON  
CHILDREN UNDER 10--\$30 EACH CHILD  
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 12,2019**

## ***April Clergy Schedule***

**April 5 - 7:30** Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**April 12 - 7:30** Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**April 19 - 5:45 Erev Shabbat Pesah** - Service in the Sanctuary with Hazzan Lance Mark Peterson. 6:30 - **Seder** in the Social Hall with Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson for reserved guests.

**April 26 - 7:30** Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson

**April 27 - 9:30 am Saturday - Shabbat Pesah Yizkor** - Hazzan Lance and Mark Peterson.

## *Beth Shalom Recent Departed*

***In the past five month's we have lost 4 of our long time members.***

*Linda Faden - November 10, 2018*

*Dorothy Rubin - December 24, 2018*

*Toby Pinck - February 12, 2019*

*Max Cutler - February 21, 2019*

***They will be truly missed.***

## **Yahrzeit Donations**

| Name          | Beloved Departed | Relationship                 |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Michelle Hess | Sarah Schwartz   | Aunt of Michelle Hess        |
| Myra Becker   | Jennie Beckelman | Grandmother of Myra Becker   |
| Myra Becker   | George Becker    | Father-in-Law of Myra Becker |
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# APRIL



## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

April 5 - 6:59

April 12 - 7:04

April 19 - 7:09

April 26 - 7:15

**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 those 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.**

**This is Our Mishpacha - Angela Borunda**

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Beth Shalom of Whittier  
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Our Temporary New Home

Members of First Friends and Beth Shalom are meeting on April 14, 2019

At 12:30 for a Potluck and fellowship event.

Please, no meat dishes. Dairy is ok, Salads and vegetable dishes are great.

Please sign up and tell us how many in your party, and what you are bringing.

The sign in sheet is located in the lobby of First Friends. We hope to see you there.



# The Move...

The last week of March was very, very busy. We are moved out of our building and into our interim quarters at First Friends. Our new mailing address is 6726 Washington Ave, Whittier, CA 90601. Much of our furniture and belongings are in storage. Our religious items are with us, as are the things we need for day to day work and activities. Escrow is closed, the keys are turned over and a new religious group (Buddhist) will soon be renovating our old building. I am happy it will continue to be a religious institution and not be torn down.

Our phone number and email address remain the same. Angela continues to efficiently run the office and you can call her if you have any questions. Our office area consists of offices for Angela and Hazzan and a conference/sisterhood room as well as some storage space.

There are bound to be some glitches along the way but we will handle them as they happen. We have a very nice area for our Oneg Shabbats and have an area already planned for our Sukkah. Our hosts, the Friends, have been extraordinarily helpful and hospitable. This should be a really valuable experience for all of us.

We continue to search for a permanent location in our own building. Hopefully, it will happen soon but in the meantime we will have beautiful, meaningful services in this location where we have been so genuinely welcomed.

Lila

Thanks so much to all who helped with the packing and moving

Jay Weinschenker  
Alita Sevin  
Lisa Neville  
Jordan Eres  
Rudy Duarte  
Rick Bertz  
Ben Held  
Joe Held  
David Starkman  
Hazzan Lance  
Susan Kramer

Jim Sevin  
Michelle Hess  
Barry Neville  
Joann Eres  
Angela Borunda  
Anne Kanehele  
Matt Held  
Mark Singer  
Blanca's  
Lila Held  
Stanly Kramer

# From Our President

## And the Story Continues . . .

As we shared our last service in the Hawes St. building, the emotions and memories were evident on people's faces. The service was beautiful and meaningful as usual. During the Oneg, many people came back to the sanctuary to look around, touch the familiar ark and torahs or just sit and reminisce.

I planned on writing an article on our "new beginnings". But that is not really true. We are not at all beginning "new". We are continuing on. Yes, we are going to a new building but we are continuing the story that was started by the Whittier Jewish Community Center and then the groundbreaking for this building in 1955.

This building has been wonderful for us. Many of the people here for the last service were once students here and were confirmed or had their Bnai' Mitzvahs here. Some converted to Judaism and had their first experiences as Jews here. Some were 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generations of their families to worship here and some were fairly new to Beth Shalom.

Just when I was standing there feeling like I was leaving a piece of my mother behind, my grandson came to stand by me and say that great-grandma would be so happy and proud that we are making sure that Beth Shalom would be able to continue on. That was when I knew that this is a continuation of our story, not a new story. It is a new chapter but who knows what wonderful things might be in store for our community as this story continues to be written.

This building has given us so much – and it continues to give. The final gift this building has given us is to provide us with the financial means to continue on as a community. We have the flexibility to make a new building into a home for us, and keep us solvent for years to come. Who knows what could happen during that time? Those chapters are not yet written. We are fortunate to have dedicated congregants who work hard to make the dream of the continuation of Beth Shalom a reality.

The future is up to you. We have the means to continue on. If enough of you believe in the dream, we can accomplish it. How will you write the next chapters? We are a family. Although this coming year will be different, we can make it great. Are you with us?

Lila





## Beth Shalom – (House of Peace)

We are now located in our temporary housing at the First Friends religious abode in Whittier on Philadelphia Street. We are a conservative synagogue which means devotion to Halakhah (Jewish Law) while attuned to modern sensibilities-women participate equally in all aspects of our congregation in all its services.

I am glad that Beth Shalom is still alive, and will contribute to its contribution of prayer to our one G-d. This is emphasized in our Shema Prayer, "Hear, O Israel: The lord our G-D, the lord is one." (Deut 6:4) This is the most important single sentence in the Jewish world. It is recited in our daily morning service (Shacharis) and evening service (naariv). This prayer swears our allegiance to G-d to his law of justice, mercy, freedom and equality. It means that we love our people and want to dedicate them to the service of G-d, his law, and his chosen people.

## Spiritual Orientation

In our sanctuary, if you are a new member, please introduce yourself, you are among friends. If you come to services regularly, you will learn our customs and how to participate. In turn you will be spiritually elevated. Jewish tradition teaches that praying (Davening) is a form of meditation, when entering a meditative mood you become in contact with your soul. This enables you to open yourself to other people, and give love to them and to G-d. Always remember, Beth Shalom is always G-d's house and also your house.

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## Davening

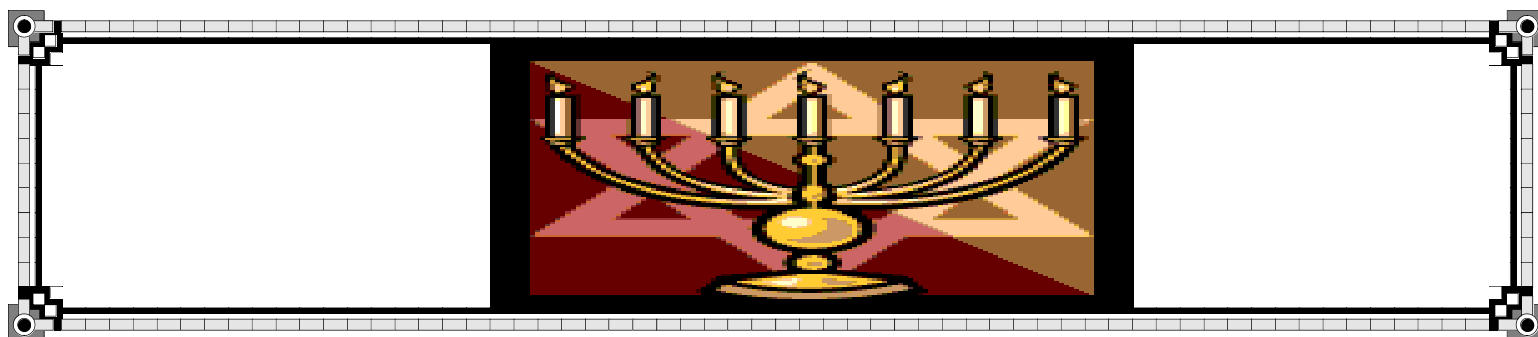


Read prayers aloud or whisper them, moving your lips (in Jewish prayer, reading silently is not considered praying). Try to say the prayers with feeling, mean what you say. Reflect on the prayers and try to understand them. Do not be surprised if some of them express ideas contrary to your own views. Part of your work in Jewish prayer is to become familiar with traditional views. Focus on the parts that speak to you. Try to keep up; with the congregation, but do not worry if you lag behind. Do not rush and lose your meditative mood. If you skip a prayer here or there, it is OK. If you lose your place in the Siddur, ask the person next to you and they will be glad to help.

If you do not read Hebrew, please the English. If you are reading the Hebrew, without understanding it, then read the English occasionally to reflect on what you are saying. When reciting the prayers in Hebrew, consider the words in the Holy tongue as vehicles carrying your innermost thoughts and deepest spiritual longings to G-d. When the congregation sings a melody for a prayer, consider the spiritual messages of the melody as primary and the words as secondary. If you feel comfortable doing so, it is a good practice occasionally during the service, to utter short personal prayers for what you need or what a friend or a loved one needs.

Our services are open to all of G-d's children. I pray that each of you will join together to praise G-d, and serve him with thanks and everlasting love. Please join us for the Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush that follows our prayers.

*Sam Pearlman*



## Shalach Manot Donations

Neal Flaxman      Alita Sevin      Evelyn Litwin      Christel Mergruen

Richard & Michelle Hess      Claire Rademacher      Joel Kudler

Dorothy A, Wiener      Sidney & Sandra Paul      Joel Chesler

Richard & Rita Rubin      Bernie Starkman      Hope Greenwood

Devborah Miranda      Joseph & Barb Lebovitz      Rebecca Martinez

Arlene Norton      Abdon Barembaum      Norma Shreiber

\*If you don't see your name. your donation may have appeared in last month's Mishpacha

We want to thank those who help put the Purim gift bags together...

We have lots of folks to thank for their help and support:

Lila and Chuck Held      Joann Eres      Rudy Duarte

Jordan Eres      and      Karla Gonzalez

And a Big thanks for the drivers who delivered the gift bags.

David Starkman, Irv Bartikofsky, Jordan Eres, Joann Eres, Mark Singer and Rudy Duarte

## Thank You—Oneg Donations

Norma Shreiber . Sid & Sandra Paul . Maggie Singer

For your contributions to our Oneg Shabbats for March!!

Norma Shreiber said her last good byes to Beth Shalom of Whittier, and her friends. She has been a long time member, and has touched many hearts, We wish her good health, and many happy memories.

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

*Beth Shalom's Book Group is alive and well. On March 26, the ladies met at Rita's home. The book read was "Moving Day" By Jonathan Stone.*

*Our next Book Group meeting will be announced at a later date.*

# Thank you

***To All Who Support Our Temple***

*April Yahrzeit Observances*

| <i>Dear Departed</i> | <i>Observed By</i>                 | <i>Relationship</i>                 |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rebecca Barembaum    | Abdon & Lenore Barembaum           | Wife of Abdon                       |
| Arlene Berry         | Ann Kanahele                       | Sister-In-Law                       |
| Phil Berry           | Ann Kanahele                       | Uncle                               |
| Sandra Kanian        | Charles & Lila Held                | Sister of Lila                      |
| Charles Baptista     | Eileen & Steve Baptista            | Father of Steve                     |
| Lena Blankstein      | Fred Blankstein & Maxine Berkowitz | Mother                              |
| Sharon Tapper Miller | Hazzan Lance H Tapper              | Cousin                              |
| Bernard Golden       | Joel & Jo Ann Golden               | Father of Joel                      |
| Bobbie Golden        | Joel & Jo Ann Golden               | Mother of Joel                      |
| Florence Rubin       | Lisa & Miguel Sandoval             | Grandmother of Lisa                 |
| Robert Herman        | Madelon Alpert-Herman              | Husband                             |
| Zisha Mandel         | Michael & Liora Barr               | Father of Liora                     |
| Minnie Becker        | Myra Becker                        | Mother-in-Law                       |
| Toby Leibowitz       | Norma Shreiber                     | Sister                              |
| Robert Meyer Oran    | Renee Oran                         | Husband                             |
| Edward Sandler       | Richard & Michelle Hess            | Uncle of Michelle                   |
| Jacob Sandler        | Richard & Michelle Hess            | Grandfather of Michelle             |
| Ann Lehman           | Sidney & Sandra Paul               | Mother of Sandra                    |
| Mary Torren Paul     | Sidney & Sandra Paul               | Mother of Sidney                    |
| Dora Aronowitz       | Susan Lieberman                    | Grandmother of Susan                |
| Sol Talan            | Toby Pinck                         | Father of Gail Willson, Wendy Wolff |

*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.*

## *April Yahrzeit Observances*

### *Dear Departed*

### *Observed By*

*Charles Henry Appleman*

*Leo Biegel*

*Bessie bohrer*

*Etta Eisen*

*Arthur Eisen*

*Abraham Carnow*

*Joe Freedman*

*Rachael Friedman*

*Ruth Bette Goldenberg*

*Theodore Daniel Jesilow*

*Bernard Korduner*

*Sylvia Kostura*

*Milton Aaron Kraus*

*Miriam Wiener Novak*

*Flora Popick*

*Murray A. Roy*

*Abraham Sarkin*

*Sally Gertrude Seltzer*

*Beatrice Shapiro*

*Ted Snitzer*

*Dennis Alan Taisch*

*Etta Huberfeld Weiss*

*Harry Weiss*

*Sarah Werner*

*Beth Shalom of Whittier*

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# CELEBRATIONS

## April Birthdays



|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| <i>Eileen Baptista</i>       | 4/11 |
| <i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i> | 4/11 |
| <i>Ann Kanahele</i>          | 4/14 |
| <i>Julius Aznoff</i>         | 4/16 |
| <i>Bernie Starkman</i>       | 4/17 |
| <i>Anne Lesser</i>           | 4/21 |
| <i>Madelon Alpert-Herman</i> | 4/26 |
| <i>Michelle Hess</i>         | 4/30 |

## April Anniversaries

*David E. & Myra Weiss* 4/10 54st anniversary

*Beth Shalom of Whittier*

*Wishes you all*

*Happy Birthday And Happy Anniversary*



Donations are greatly appreciated!



Watch this space for all upcoming Sisterhood activities. Our regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. You will find us in the Conference Room at our new location at 6726 Washington Avenue (at Philadelphia).

Please come join us in planning events while we grow into the future.

### *Suggestion Box*

There are so many questions and concerns with any change of location and moving forward. We need a space to ask questions, take a stand, to voice opinions and get information.



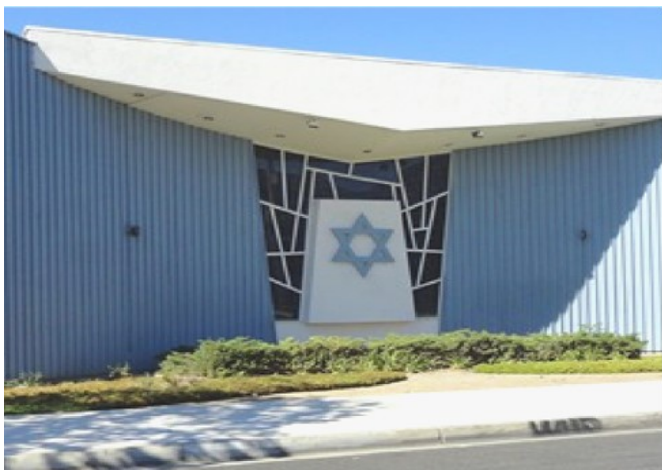
Suggestion Box is just the place to go. Please email your suggestions, questions and opinions to: [whittiersynagogue@aol.com](mailto:whittiersynagogue@aol.com) or phone them in to our office, 562)941-8744

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Thank you...*

*Alita Serin*





## Beth Shalom of Whittier

Our last day at the 14564 Hawes Street address in Whittier was on March 28. I believe for all of us, it was one of the saddest days, as we all had wonderful memories there...

Remember our new temporary office address at First Friends

Beth Shalom of Whittier

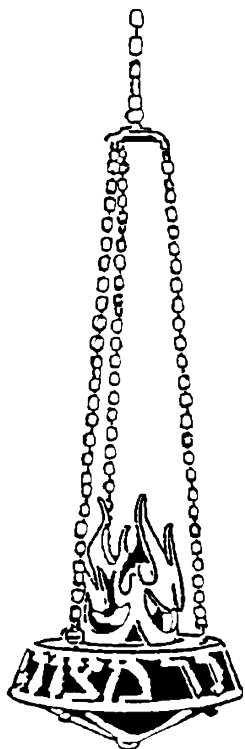
6726 Washington Ave.

Whittier, Calif. 90601

Until further notice, if you need to get in touch with our office until our phone is connected, please call Angela at (909) 720-6964 or call our regular number (562) 941-8744 and leave a message.

*April 2019*

| Sun                                                                                                               | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu                                       | Fri                                                                                                                                               | Sat                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4                                         | 5<br>7:30—Hazzan<br>Lance and Mark<br>Peterson                                                                                                    | 6                                            |
| 7                                                                                                                 | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11<br>Sisterhood Board<br>Meeting— 1:00pm | 12<br>7:30—Hazzan<br>Lance and Mark<br>Peterson                                                                                                   | 13                                           |
| 14<br>Meet and Great<br>Potluck with First<br>Friends and Beth<br>Shalom at 12:30<br>Sign up and bring<br>a dish. | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                                        | 19<br>5:45pm Erev Shab-<br>bat Pesah service,<br>Hazzan Lance and<br>Mark Peterson.<br>6:30 Seder in the<br>Social Hall for re-<br>served guests. | 20                                           |
| 21                                                                                                                | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                                        | 26<br>7:30 Erev Shabbat<br>Pesah Yizkor -<br>Hazzan Lance and<br>Mark Peterson                                                                    | 27<br>9:30am Sat.<br>Shabbat Pesah<br>Yizkor |
| 28                                                                                                                | 29  | 30  |     |                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |



## *Beth Shalom of Whittier*

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