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Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

On June 4, we will celebrate the culmination of the last seven weeks of counting the Omer from Pesah with the festival of Shavuot. Shavuot is the original celebration of the barley harvest from the farmers in the fields in Israel. As with all three *regalim*, each is a celebration first and foremost of our agrarian roots as a people. In this case, religiously, with Shavuot, we also mark the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai after the Israelites wandered in the desert since the exodus from Egypt at Pesah.

At this service we will mark this auspicious festival by reading the Ten Commandments which were first traditionally given at Mt. Sinai. We will also chant part of the lengthy Aramaic poem, which has become associated with this festival, *Akdamut*. This religious poem or *piyyut* has been in our liturgy since Medieval times for Shavuot. It tells of God being acclaimed as a lawgiver and creator, the Torah as God's gift to us, and how we will be redeemed through the Torah. There are two tunes for *Akdamut*, one from Eastern Europe, the other from Western Europe, which will both be heard during this service whether in preludes/postludes or actual service liturgy besides the time we sing it at the actual *Akdamut* recitation. And, we will, as we do at every *regel*, recite the *Yizkor* memorial prayers at the end of the service.

The Shavuot service will take place on Saturday night, June 4 at 7:55 pm for Shavuot prelude and 8:00 pm service. We hope you will want to attend in person, but the prelude and service will be broadcast also on our Facebook page.

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper

From our President

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe how quickly Spring is going or that Summer is almost here. On May 13th, we had our Shabbat Service in Fellowship Hall (Social Hall) because the Meeting House was being used by the church. Actually, that will be an annual occurrence because First Friends Church needs to use it one Friday night around this time every year. We took the opportunity to have food delivered from Lascari's Restaurant in Whittier. It really worked out well. The food was great (all dairy) and was an easy setup and cleanup. If anyone has any favorite local restaurants that might be a candidate for future luncheons or dinners, please pass the names on to the office. It would be great to have a list to choose from. We did have an in person minyan so we were able to have a full service. There is no camera setup in Fellowship Hall so we could not broadcast on Facebook. It was a very enjoyable evening and it felt very good to be together for the service.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday June 12th at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please attend, if at all possible, as we need a quorum so we can vote on the Budget for next year and our Slate of Officers. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve on the Board, please call and let Erica know or call me directly. We do hold our Board Meetings on Zoom to make it easier for everyone. Letters with further information will be going out to all members. Refreshments will be served.

The world has been a scary place these past weeks. Take care of yourselves and each other. If you need to hear a friendly voice, just contact one of us or leave a message at the office that you would like one of us to contact you.

To leave this on a lighter note – my grandson Daniel, who is on the spectrum and takes things very literally, asked me when I was going to get a new grandpa. I told him that I was not going to do that and after thinking for a minute he asked if we could get a fish! We now have a Beta fish named Finn. I'm not sure how his mind went from a grandpa to a fish but I'm okay with it!

Shalom,
Lila

Shavuot

Laws of Shavuot The festival of “Shavuot” occurs on the sixth and seventh days of the Hebrew month Sivan 5188 (5 and 6 June, 2022). “Shavuot” in English means “weeks”. The holiday is celebrated at the end of seven full weeks of counting the “OMER” from the second day of Passover.

The newly freed children of Israel faced an important problem, namely freedom. In numbers they were a nation of 600,000 men with women and children needing law, the Torah, and the adoption of a permanent constitution for all generations.

They were to receive this from G-d through their leader, Moses. Concisely, in itself the Torah was to be flexible so that it could meet the needs and problems for all people forever at all times without change.

The people needed proof that the Torah was given to them by G-d; a proof that would win the loyalty of Jews throughout the generations. So G-d made known His will to Moses that the Israelites would have the privileged to witness the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It was there that after about six weeks since they left Egypt that the Jews camped in a place called Sinai. After communion with G-d, Moses called the Israelites together for this message from G-d: “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will listen to my voice and keep My covenant then you will be a treasure to Me among all peoples: for the earth is mine. And you will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Shmos 19:4-6)

The people heard the message from G-d and accepted the covenant. They promised to obey all the laws without question “Na’aseh V’nishma” was their cry; we will follow and observe the laws even before we hear any reasons for them. After Moses with their reply to G-d he told them to prepare themselves for the great event. After three days of preparation; the people gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai and waited. Moses alone went up.

“And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there was thundering and lightening and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud so that the people trembled...and Mount Sinai was altogether in a smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire...and the whole mountain quaked greatly” (Shmos 19:16). At that moment 600,000 Israelites and their families heard a voice from G-d proclaiming the first and second commandments. (Shmos 20:1-2).

So you see, the Torah is truly a “tree of life” that nourishes all who wish to partake of its fruits. It is a living Torah, one that is bearing new fruit for those who obey and study it. This serves to enlighten the world and teach man how to live happily with his fellow man. This is the Jewish

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BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

In Celebrating
The Festival of SHAVUOT



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

SHAVUOT ORGAN PRELUDE 7:55 PM

SERVICE INCLUDING YIZKOR 8:00 PM

IN THE MEETING HOUSE AT FIRST FRIENDS

13205 Philadelphia Street, Whittier

HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS., OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ORGANIST

THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Clergy Schedule

Beth Shalom Services: All services are 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.

June 3--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

June 4--**Erev Shavuot Yizkor**--Prelude 7:55 pm, Service 8:00 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

June 10--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

June 17--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

June 24--Prelude 7:25 pm, Service 7:30 pm--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.

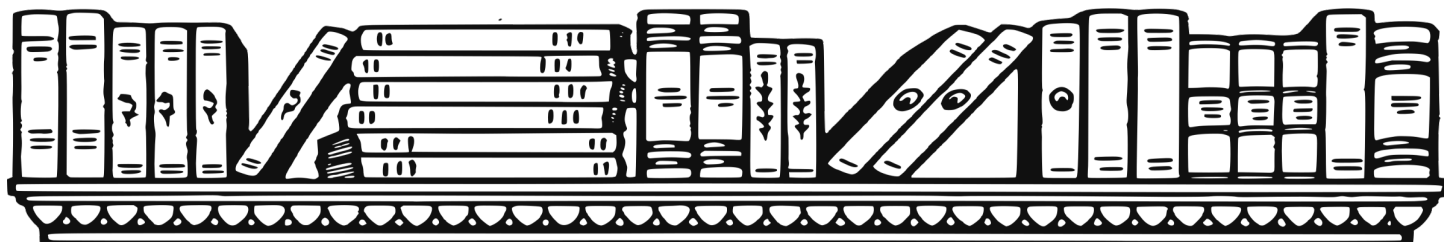


BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Beth Shalom Book Group is Tuesday, June 14 at **1:00 pm** (please note time change). The book is "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin.

Happy reading everyone.

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



June

Candle Lighting Times

- June 3 - 7:42
- June 10 - 7:46
- June 17 - 7:48
- June 24 - 7:50



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

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.

Birthdays

Joel Chesler	June 2
Miriam Brookfield	June 4
Jo Ann Golden	June 5
Joel Golden	June 6
Diane Chesler	June 12
Barack O. Mandela	June 14
Christine Singer	June 14
Mark Singer	June 18
Barry Neville	June 29

Anniversary

- Joel & Diane Chesler - June 4, 10 years
- Stanley & Susan Kramer - June 10, 60 years
- Abdon & Lenore Barembaum - June 13, 23 years
- Sidney & Sandra Paul - June 22, 70 years
- Eileen & Steve Baptista - June 30, 38 years

Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday and happy anniversary!!



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Yahrzeit Donations

<u>Remembered by</u>	<u>Beloved Departed</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Abdon Barembaum	Moishe Barembaum	Father
Myra Becker	Minnie Becker	Mother-in-Law
	Martin Becker	Husband
Michelle Hess	Richard Hess	Husband
	Lillian Sandler	Grandmother
	Martha Steinhauer	Aunt
Ann Kanahele	J. Wesley Berry	Father
Sidney Paul	Edith Gottlieb	Step-Sister
	Sylvia Playberg	Sister

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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contribution to the world. It occurred on the sixth in the month of Sivan seven weeks after our people left Egypt. It is this historic event that we celebrate joyfully with pride on "Shavuot".

Particulars

1. Dairy Meals - Since "Shavuot is a harvest festival, it is customary to decorate the home and synagogue with tree branches, fruit and flowers. Eating dairy products, rather than meat for the main meal is a popular custom on this holiday. That is because at this time of year dairy products are plentiful.
2. Reviewing the Torah On the first night of "Shavuot" it is customary to review selected parts of the Torah and the Oral Law. This renews our appreciation of this precious G-d given gift to our people.
3. Akdomus On the first day of "Shavuot" it is customary in all synagogues to read the poem called Akdomus. It is read after the "Shacharis" service, right before the reading of the Torah. In poetic language it tells the story of G-d and the greatness of G-d and His creations. It also tells of the heroism and joy our people exhibited upholding the Torah.
4. The Book of Ruth On the second day of "Shavuot" the Book of Ruth is read after the Shacharis" service. It is a stor of devotion. It tells how Ruth, was a convert to the Jewish religion. It teaches us that anyone who accepts the Torah and obeys it with sincerity will be a better person for it; his/her reward will be great. Ruth's reward was realized when she married Boaz, but even more so in later generations. For it was her great-grandson, David, who became the second king of Israel. Just as our ancestors, hearing G-d's message at Mount Sinai took it upon themselves to obey the Torah, every Jew should for all generations believe they are also standing there loyal to their G-d and his gift of Torah. Rabbi Block my old teacher once said to me: "Sam, true happiness and a rewarding life can only be achieved by living according to G-d's law and fulfilling His commandments."
5. Yizkor - On the second day of "Shavuot" "Yizkor" is recited before the "Musaf" service. This prayer for the dead is recited on each of the three pilgrimage festivals; "Succos", "Pesach", and Shavuot" and also on Yom Kippur"

Sam Pearlman

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
Myra Becker	Daniel Beck	Father
	Ida Ninberg	Aunt
Susan Kramer	Michael Falk	Father
Joel Golden	Aaron Freedman	Grandfather
	Isadore Golden	Grandfather
Kathleen King	Dorothy Gaal	Mother
Sidney & Sandra Paul	Edith Gottlieb	Step-Sister of Sidney
	Morris Lehman	Father of Sandra
	Sylvia Playberg	Sister of Sidney
Mark Handler & Debora Davis	Gertrude Handler	Grandmother
Ruth Koh	Herbert Koh	Father
Jeffrey Kolnick	Murray Kolnick	Father
Lila Held	David Kuperstein	Nephew
	Jenny Kuperstein	Grandmother
Myra Weiss	Helen Michlin	Step-Mother
Klara Wein	Miriam Militeanu	Grandmother
	Rachel Militeanu	Mother
Michelle Hess	Leon Morzinsky	Father
	Lillian Sandler	Grandmother
Mark Singer and Eunice Singer	Sarah Singer	Grandmother of Mark
Bernard Starkman	Madelaine Starkman	Wife
David Starkman		Mother
Jacqueline Starkman		Grandmother
Susan Lieberman	Ruth Stillman	Aunt
Hazzan Lance H. Tapper	Donald D. Tapper	Uncle

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

Robert Balman	Fannie Klein	Molly Pinck	Lena Wasserman
Dorothy Branson	Ida Koizim	Symour Prog	Rose Weitzman
Fanny Eison	Louis Kraus	Samuel Rosen	Jerome Weiss
Sydney Fink	Nathan Leopold	Elenor Roth-Herman	William Zelinkoff
Tillie Fishelberg	Louis Lieblich	Bina Sherman	Marge Weiss
Bea Fuhrman	Jack Lyons	Robert Solomon	

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.

June 2022
Sivan - Tammuz 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 5 Sivan Parashat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot 8:00p Erev Shavuot Service
5	6	7	8	9	10 6:30p Shabbat Service/ Dinner	11 12 Sivan Parashat Naso
12	13	14 1:00p Book Club	15	16 7:30 Board Meeting	17 7:30p Shabbat Service	18 19 Sivan Parashat Beha-Alotekha
19	20	21	22	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 26 Sivan Parashat Shelah-Lekha
26	27	28	29	30		



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