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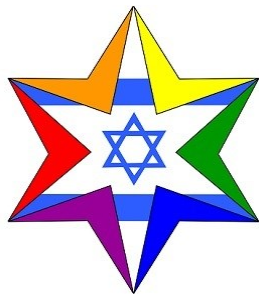
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Everyone is Welcome

## Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

During January we transition from reading the book of *Bereshit* (Genesis) into the book of *Shemot* (Exodus). We move from talking about the extended family of Jacob (now called *Israel* or *Yisrael*) into a full people who lived in Egypt (*Mitzrayim*, the narrow place) and had harsh masters who were jealous of their work and did not wish to remember the great works of Joseph, their Vizier (*Yosef*, the one who continues the tradition).

We are reminded through this transition how people forget others' contributions and fall on old myths and conspiracy theories that allow, in our case, the promulgation of antisemitism and xenophobia toward our people and others. It is no surprise that history reminds us of these issues now that the world is finally dealing as a whole with COVID-19 and now RSV which threatens our very existence.

Jews have, and will always be, a light unto the nations and a help to others as well as ourselves. We believe in *Tzedakah* and the help that is necessary to maintain the worldwide community of people. As the Torah teaches us in *parshat Noah*, there are those who are righteous in all faiths and beliefs that aspire to the greatness of humanity. We, together with them, continue to keep communities and nations moving forward toward the light and away from darkness.

B'vrachah,

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

# From our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good month. Mine was quite busy as I am having part of my kitchen redone and will be getting most of the flooring in my house replaced next month.

We had most of the family over for Hanukkah for the first time since Covid. It was great to be able to do even a scaled down version and I hope you all had a good holiday.

Our Beth Shalom Hanukkah dinner and service was absolutely wonderful. We had a good turnout and everyone loved and had good things to say about the food, Hanukkah goodies and door prizes. Thank you Joann (Eres) for donating some of your lovely Hanukkah craft work.

The service was very enjoyable with just the right combination of seriousness and fun. Thank you Hazzan Lance and Ty. Lance went on a vacation right afterwards. I wonder if we wore him out! Just teasing!!

Shalom,  
Lila

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Myra Becker

Lila Held

Michelle Hess

Rita Rubin

### Beloved Departed

Frieda Katz

Bella Bell

Ruth Beck

Ruth Kuperstein Bromberg

Joseph Kuperstein

Sandra Kuperstein Kanian

Emmanuel Morzinsky

Gail Goodstein

### Relationship

Aunt

Grandmother

Mother

Mother

Father

Sister

Sister

## Donations

Myra Becker - Names on Mi Shebeirach list

Arlene Norton - in memory of Eunice Singer

Alita Sevin - in memory of Eunice Singer and High Holyday Pledge

Lila Held - in memory of Eunice Singer, Yizkor Book Donation, and Cantor's Discretionary Fund

## 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).

## Religious Symbols

During the months of January (Tevet - Shevat) and February (Shevat - Adar) 5783 there are no Jewish holidays. I will discuss instead three important symbols of our religion; the tallis (prayer shawl), the Tephillin (two black cubes), and the Mezuzah).

Mezuzah (Oblong Case) Do to its practicality the Mezuzah is observed every day by most Jews. So I will discuss it here first with its relationship to both the Tallis and Tephillin. You see all three are taken from the Torah. As a matter of fact it is taken from the same Torah paragraph as the Tephillin. The last sentence of that paragraph reads; "and you write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates".

Laws of the Torah An enumeration of these words of G-d contains seven elements as follows:

1. The belief that there is only one G-d.
2. To love G-d with all our heart , and might.
3. That these words of G-d be upon our heart.
4. That we teach these words to our children.
5. That we discuss and speak of these words in our homes, when we are traveling, when we are awake and when we go to bed.
6. That we put these words upon our arms and between our eyes.
7. That we write these words upon our doorposts and gates

A sofeir "scribe" writes this paragraph, which contains all these laws, on a piece of parchment. He uses the Torah script which is a bit different from the regular Hebrew script. This piece of parchment is rolled up and put in an oblong case. The case is then attached to the doorpost. This fulfills the commandment properly.

Laws of the "Mezuzah"

1. It is a commandment to put the "Mezuzah" upon every doorpost of every room except the bathroom. If a room has many doors, each door must have a "Mezuzah"
2. If a court, a Jewish city or providence is surrounded by a gate, the gate must have a "Mezuzah".
3. The "Mezuzah" is put upon the right side of the entrance on the upper third of the doorpost. When the fixing is completed we recite a special blessing honoring the name of G-d (see sider) who commanded us to do so. The "Mezuzah" should be put closer to the outside of the doorpost and slanted with its top pointing inward.
4. Upon moving from our homes, when another Jew moves in do not remove the "Mezuzah". You may leave it as a gift or ask the new tenant to buy it.
5. It is a custom to touch the "Mezuzah" and then kiss the hand, when we enter or leave a Jewish house. In this way we are reminded of G-d and remember to follow His ways. Jewish people who follow the "Laws of Mezuzah" properly and with a perfect heart will rarely sin.

The reminder of "Mezuzah" shows them the right way of life. It would certainly be a wonderful world if all people were to follow them. They would be blessed with everlasting "Peace".

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

## Clergy Schedule

**Beth Shalom Services:** All services are in hybrid mode. Vaccinated people with proof 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.

**January 6--7:30 pm Service--**Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

**January 13--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**January 20--7:25pm--Prelude; 7:30 pm Service--**Hazzan Lance and Ty Woodward

**January 27--7:30 Service--**Rabbi Kenneth Milhander

### 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](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up with a username and password and then you can access our page at that point.

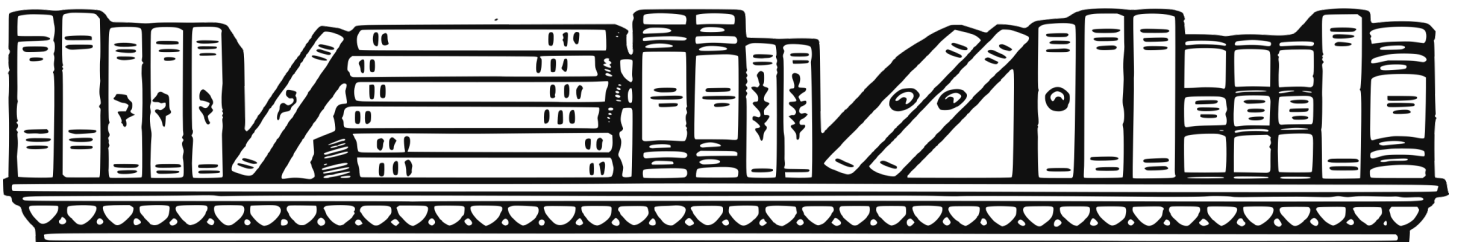


## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Beth Shalom Book Club will be reading "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict on Tuesday, January 10th, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 14th, at 12:30 p.m. we will be reading "The Choice: A Novel of Love, Faith and Talmud" by Maggie Anton.

Happy reading everyone.

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



# January

## Candle Lighting Times

January 6 - 4:41

January 13 - 4:48

January 20 - 4:54

January 27 - 5:01



### This is Our Mishpacha

**Our Mishpacha is published monthly, on or near the first of the month.**

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**The editor welcomes comments and suggestions. [bswoffice@verizon.com](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.com)**

## Birthdays

Robin Weintraub	January 1
Abdon Barembaum	January 2
Susan Lieberman	January 19
Jay Weinschenker	January 31

## Anniversary

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Beth Shalom of Whittier wishes you a happy birthday!!

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## 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.

**Yahrzeit**

| <b>Observed By</b>    | <b>Dear Departed</b> | <b>Relationship</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Millie Hock           | Rose Goldberg        | Mother              |
|                       | Steven Hock          |                     |
| Jeffrey Kolnick       | Mary Kolnick         | Grandmother         |
| Russell Unger         | Robert Unger         | Son                 |
| Myra Becker           | Ruth Beck            | Mother              |
|                       | Pauline Newman       | Aunt                |
|                       | Dorothy Rubin        |                     |
| Robin Weintraub       | Sue Weintraub        | Mother              |
| Miriam Brookfield     | Willy Fleischmann    | Father              |
|                       | Dora Fleishmann      | Mother              |
| Michelle Hess         | Julius Schwartz      | Uncle               |
|                       | Leigh Hess           | Father-in-Law       |
| Mina Cano             | Socorro Torres       | Grandmother         |
| David Weiss           | Elliot Weiss         | Father              |
| Hazzan Lance H Tapper | Harold Louis Tapper  | Grandfather         |
|                       | Esther D Tapper      | Grandmother         |
| Susan Lieberman       | Max Moskowitz        | Uncle               |
|                       | Etta Arnold          | Mother              |
|                       | Samuel Rubins        | Grandfather         |
| Sidney Paul           | Bertha Paul          | Step-Mother         |
|                       | Evelyn Resnick       | Sister              |
|                       | Harry Paul           | Father              |
| Christel Mergruen     | Siegbert Mergruen    | Husband             |

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

|                    |                |                |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sylvia Zober       | Brina Bressler | Joseph Unger   |
| William Kerman     | Louis Freedman | Jordan Pollack |
| Manuel Klasky      | Beatrice Snow  | Sylvia Squier  |
| Helen Fleischman   | Ruth Becker    | Esther Rosen   |
| Naftali Saleweizek | Sophie Carnow  |                |
| Ida Fink           | Freda Cipes    |                |

*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.*

# January 2023

## Tevet - Shevat 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday                  | Friday                      | Saturday                                       |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2      | 3                      | 4         | 5                         | 6<br>7:30p Shabbat Service  | 7<br>14 Tevet<br>Parashat Vayechi              |
| 8      | 9      | 10<br>12:30p Book Club | 11        | 12                        | 13<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 14<br>21 Tevet<br>Parashat Shemot              |
| 15     | 16     | 17                     | 18        | 19<br>7:00p Board Meeting | 20<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 21<br>28 Tevet<br>Parashat<br>Birkat Hachodesh |
| 22     | 23     | 24                     | 25        | 26                        | 27<br>7:30p Shabbat Service | 28<br>6 Shevat<br>Parashat Bo                  |
| 29     | 30     | 31                     |           |                           |                             |                                                |



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