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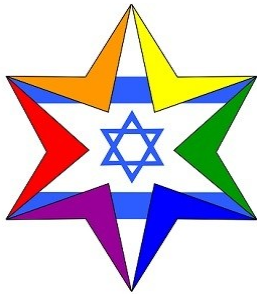
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### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

Now in the month of July, we begin our summer sojourn of travel and relaxation in these normally hot days. This month I will be traveling to 3 countries where Jews have lived for hundreds, if not thousands of years.

Italy has been a home for Jews who left the Levant (Israel) for thousands of years now. The *Nusah Roma* or Jewish traditions of Rome have been in place there since ancient times. They are one of the Jewish communities that uses the organ and a male choir in worship with the Rabbi/Hazzanim since very early times. Today, the Chief Rabbi of

Rome, Ricardo da Segni, has a wonderful relationship with the Vatican and the Pope which was recently renewed under the new Pope, Leo XIV. The clergy of the Great synagogue in Rome is headed by the impeccable Rabbi/Hazzan Alberto Funaro, whose loud and clarion voice has been a fixture of the community for many years. The Tuscan Jewish communities in Pisa and Florence have grown more Sephardic in practice in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The synagogue in Florence is one of the largest in the Tuscan area. The Venice Jewish community dates to the Middle Ages and was the first place Jews were placed in a ghetto which is where the word was born. The community boasts 5 synagogues of which 2 are in regular use to this day and their traditions are similar to but somewhat different than Rome.

Malta has boasted a Jewish community for hundreds of years. Though today it is a much smaller community than it has been in the past, the Maltese Jewish community is vibrant and resides mostly on the main island of the island chain. It now only boasts one synagogue, and its clergy are Orthodox. There are @100 Sephardi Jews on the main island at this point.

Montenegro was part of the Yugoslavian community of groups and nation until 2006. Now it is an independent Balkan nation. There is a Jewish community in Montenegro, and it is estimated to have around 400 to 500 members. Judaism is also recognized as the fourth official religion in Montenegro.

I will have much to report back to you in August on this trip!

Whether you stay in town or travel, I hope you take the time to relax and find new Jewish communities and entities to see and learn about and from.

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are saying goodbye to June and hello to July. The Annual Meeting went well. If any of you who couldn't make it have any questions, please let the office know and I will arrange to have myself or another Board member contact you. The budget was approved with very little change. We added a new member to the Board. Oliver Rubenstein has taken the position of VP of Programming with Jay Weinshenker becoming a Member at Large.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Miriam Brookfield was a happy success and a great time was had by all. Miriam answered questions about her life. It was very interesting to hear not only about her time in the Shanghai Ghetto but how she met and fell in love with Howard as well.

July will be a fairly quiet month at Beth Shalom because of vacations. Technically, still in June, Jayson Gallegos will be telling us about his recent trip to Israel. I am looking forward to hearing what his impressions were.

It will personally be busy for me. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, it has become a tradition to grill in my back yard, then go out front to watch the fireworks from several venues near us. Of course, we will then light off some fireworks of our own because we are one of the few cities that still allow them.

Then, mid July will be my daughter Joann's wedding and after that I am scheduled to go to the Canadian Rockies for a couple of days of sightseeing by train and bus with my grandson Jordan. Yes, he's the one that watches over our BSW budget and funds!

I hope all of you have a good month full of peace and good times.

Shalom  
Lila

Dear Beth Shalom family,

Thank you for the special celebration in honor of my 100th birthday.  
And thank you for the lovely birthday cards.  
It was very meaningful to be honored and remembered in this way.

Warmly,  
Miriam Brookfield



## Synagogue (Shule)

The synagogue became a second home to the Jews. When Jews moved to a new town or community it was the first institution they built. The synagogue has served the Jews in times of happiness and times of tears. The rich and the poor, the teacher and the student, the young and the old, all found an opportunity to associate with each other and work together for the benefit of the community.

Throughout the generations, to the present day, the synagogue has served to unite in spirit the Jews in the entire world. It speaks the language of the Jew. You see that within its walls no Jew is a stranger.

Laws of the Service Minyan. In order to conduct a public service whether in Shule or at home, there must be at least 10 Jewish people present. To be counted one must be 12 for young woman and 13 for men. This quorum is called a minyan. The special memorial prayer Kaddish can be recited only when there is at least a minyan. Also the reading of the Torah scroll may take place only when there is at least 10 people present that are of the Jewish faith.

When conducting a service it is necessary that the minyan be present in the room where the service is taken place. If some of the people are in a nearby room they may not be counted in the minyan.

The Cantor (Hazzan) The reader of the service, is considered a person of importance. Our sages tell us that the Hazzan should be chosen wisely. They should be G-d fearing. They should understand the prayers they recite. Above all, they should realize their responsibility as a representative of the people before G-d.

Our Rabbi taught me that there must be friendship and cooperation for a synagogue to function properly. The Hazzan for his service should be appointed by the Rabbi or the president of the synagogue.

To be continued,  
Sam Pearlman

## HOW TO VIEW **BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER** ON **YOUTUBE**

Beth Shalom of Whittier will be moving its service broadcasts from Facebook to YouTube beginning with the broadcast of services on **May 9, 2025, at 7:25 pm**. Here are the simple steps to view services from Beth Shalom of Whittier on YouTube starting that date:

You do not have to sign up or subscribe to YouTube to watch our livestream services or videos on it!

On any computer browser, type in the top search bar: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier> then hit Enter on your keyboard. That will take you to Beth Shalom of Whittier's You Tube Channel!

The first video icon there on our video channel will be the one you want to click on and watch. We will generally have a video icon set at least 20 minutes ahead of the service broadcast time and it will begin at the noted time (7:25 pm, 9:25 am, etc.). You can click on that icon and wait for the video to start.

### Chat Feature on YouTube

Should you wish to use the chat feature on a YouTube livestream, you must have a Gmail email address and password and sign into YouTube at the top right of the YouTube screen where it says **sign-in**. If you do not have a Gmail address, you can create one by clicking on that sign-in at the top right of the YouTube first page and following their instructions. Then each time you watch a livestream you can sign into YouTube and the chat feature will be on the right side of the video you are watching.

## Donations

Myra Becker – Mi Shebeirach prayers for loved ones

## Yahrzeit Donations

### Remembered by

Michelle Hess

Klara Wein

Myra Becker

Sidney & Sandra Paul

Deborah Jacobson

Jeffrey Kolnick

### Beloved Departed

Lillian Sandler

Leon Morzinsky

Rachel Leah Militeanu

Miriam Militeanu

Daniel B Beck, MD

Ida Ninberg

Edith Gottlieb

Sylvia Playberg

Edith Gottlieb

Karen Jacobson

Murray Kolnick

### Relationship

Grandmother

Father

Mother

Grandmother

Father/Grandfather

Aunt

Step-Sister of Sidney

Sister of Sidney

Step-Sister of Sidney

Mother

Father

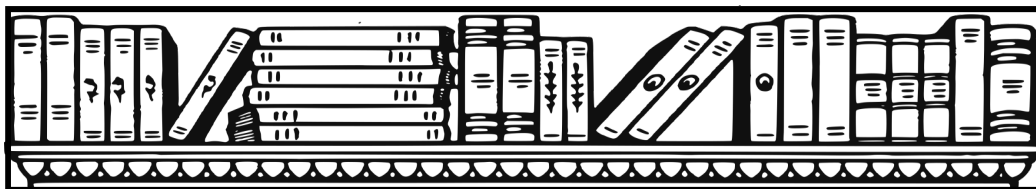
## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15th at 1:00 p.m.**

**The book will be “La Rose” by Louise Erdrich. The book is about a man who accidentally kills his friend's child while hunting, and in an act of atonement, gives his own son, La Rose, to the grieving parents to raise. This deeply moving novel explores the aftermath of this tragedy.**

**All are welcome.**

**Message Michelle for details.**



## 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 Youtube page, <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>.

**July 4--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**July 11--Prelude--7:25 pm; Service 7:30 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty**

**July 18--Service--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken**

**July 25--Service--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken**

### Happy Birthday

Hope Greenwood	July 9
Lila Held	July 10
Rocio Ocampo Cano	July 24

### Happy Anniversary

Mark & Maggie Singer	July 24 - 32 years
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## 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)**

### Candle Lighting Times

July 4 - 7:50  
July 11 - 7:49  
July 18 - 7:46  
July 25 - 7:41



## 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](mailto:michelleh3532@gmail.com)**

**Yahrzeit*****Observed By****Myra Becker**Michelle Hess**Diane Chesler**Mark Singer**Robert Schneiderman and  
Loren Schneiderman**Sherman Esterson**Susan Lieberman**Miriam Brookfield****Dear Departed****Morris Beckelman**Sol Beckelman**Irving Ninberg**Benjamin Steinhauer**Dora Sandler**Abraham Chesler**Shirley Singer**Alan Schneiderman**Leah Esterson**Nat Arnold**Werner Brookfield****Relationship****Grandfather**Uncle**Uncle**Uncle**Aunt**Father-in-Law**Mother**Father**Mother**Father**Brother-in-Law****Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier******Dear Departed****Rabbi Morris Moskowitz**Sarah Litt**Frank Herzog**Sadie Weiss**Ida Forman Lander**Louis H Green**William Fritz**Max Fleischman**Seymour Weinstein**Stanley Ward**Edith Goldstein**Edith Weinberg**Abraham Marovitz**State Abrams*

*July 2025*

*Tamuz - Av 5785*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 7:30p Shabbat Service	5 9 Tamuz Parashat Chukat
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30p Shabbat Service	12 16 Tamuz Parashat Balak
13	14	15 1:00p Book Club	16	17 7:00p Board Meeting	18 7:30p Shabbat Service	19 23 Tamuz Parashat Pinechas
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30p Shabbat Service	26 1 Av Parashat Matot / Massei
27	28	29	30	31		