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**Everyone is  
welcome.**

### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

We begin our festival of freedom, Pesah, auspiciously on April 1! Even though there will be some secular frivolity associated with the date, this truly brings a very important celebration on our calendar with the remembrance of how we became a nationalized people who have endured through thousands of years and who have spawned two other major religions that came from the basics of our people's struggle to be a free and independent group among the world's nations.

Pesah not only reminds us of spring rebirth which is the cornerstone of all near eastern cultures and traditions, but it reminds us from where we came, where we are, and where we want and need to be as a people in these difficult times. It is therefore even more urgent that we celebrate this very important festival together as a unified people and feel that Am Yisrael Hai is a truism no one can break.

We pray for dew at this time of year as well (*Tal*) on the first evening of Pesah to remind us that as we move into spring and summer water is still needed to maintain life and keep our people alive and well. When you attend the service right before the Seder, you will experience the majesty of this prayer that elevates our request for this precious commodity to the highest place in the heavens. We, especially here in Los Angeles, understand the need for important water management and can appreciate more than most why this prayer is so important to our lives!

May you have a happy and healthy celebration this year with your/our congregation for our collective celebration of freedom, Pesah!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hi Everyone,

I hope that this month that couldn't decide if it was winter, spring or summer, went well for you.

Everything is going well at Beth Shalom. We had a Shabbat Dinner with the service being in the Fellowship Hall. The meal was delicious and it was a fun change to be in the less formal area for the service. Rabbi Ken officiated and we thanked him for his almost 7 years of being our part time Rabbi. It is harder to broadcast from that area and our apologies for not being online for the first portion of the service. The church is continuing to work to solve the problem.

I tried to reach everyone by phone this month to take a survey. The Board decided to do the survey to get a sense of whether people like or dislike the events and activities we have been having and the importance of services (Shabbat & Holidays), social events and educational activities to our members. If I was not able to reach you by phone, you will be getting a hard copy of the survey in the mail. Your input counts!

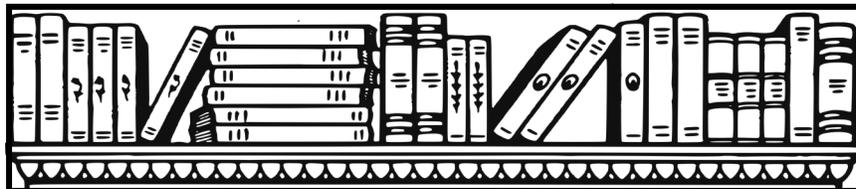
Our condolences to Hazzan Lance on the loss of his brother. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

Have a great April. I hope to see you at our Seder, the La Mirada Theatre or services.

Shalom  
Lila

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**The next book we are reading is called "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. This book is a non fiction account about a herd of wild African game elephants on an African game reserve who are destined to be shot for dangerous behavior when the author intervenes to bring them to Tula Tula wildlife preserve. The book covers Anthony's experiences with the elephants at the preserve. We have agreed to watch the video on Netflix before the meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00pm. Contact Michelle for more info.**



*BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER*  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US  
**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH AND PESAH YIZKOR**



*SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH SERVICE*

Friday, April 3—Prelude and Service—7:25 pm  
Aryell Cohen, Accompanist

*PESAH YIZKOR SERVICE*

Tuesday, April 7—Prelude and Service—7:25 pm  
Ty Woodward, Organist

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING**

**WE WILL ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY STREAM THESE SERVICES  
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>

**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS**



**Join your Beth Shalom friends and family for  
an afternoon at the theatre!**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026 ★ 2:00 p.m.**  
La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts  
14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada 90638

There are a limited number of tickets, reserve yours today by  
calling or emailing the Temple office.

Tickets are free for MEMBERS ONLY plus one guest.

We do not have any extra tickets for sale.

Tickets can be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

Let the office know if you need transportation.

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# *Beth Shalom of Whittier*

## *Lunch and Learn*

Please join us

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm**

for a wonderful lunch and interesting  
in-depth explanation and discussion of  
the role of Angels in Judaism.

*Do they exist? What are their characteristics?*

*How do they manifest themselves?*

*What role, if any, do they play in our lives?*

Hazzan Lance assisted by Oliver Rubenstein will take us  
through this journey of the different facets of  
Angels in our tradition and their role in the  
heavenly abode and our lives.

**Reservations by Friday, April 24th at 2:00 pm**

**562.941.8744 or [bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net)**

## 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>.

**April 1-- Erev Pesah Service and Seder--6:25 pm--Erev Prelude and Pesah Service--**Meeting House (Sanctuary)--(All may attend); Seder follows the service in the Fellowship Hall (Reservations required)--**See Flyer--**Hazzan Lance and Ty

**April 3--Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah--7:25 pm--Prelude and service--See Flyer--**Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen

**April 7--Erev Pesah Yizkor--7:25 pm--Prelude and Service--See Flyer--**Hazzan Lance and Ty

**April 10--Service--7:30 pm--**Rabbi Ken

**April 17--Service--7:30 pm--**Rabbi Ken

**April 24--Prelude and service--7:25 pm--**Hazzan Lance and Ty

### Happy Birthday

Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	April 6
Ann Kanahele	April 14
Bernard Starkman	April 17
Raquel Covarrubias	April 24
Michelle Hess	April 30

### Anniversary

Jordan Eres & Karla Gonzalez  
April 2 - 4 years

### Candle Lighting Times

April 3 - 6:58  
April 10 - 7:03  
April 17 - 7:09  
April 24 - 7:14



## 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)**

## 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

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
Lila Held / Joann Eres	Sandra Kanian	Sister / Aunt
	Sally Held	Aunt
Sandra Paul	Theodore High	Brother-in-Law
	Ann Lehman	Mother
Michelle Hess	Jacob Sandler	Grandfather
	Edward Sandler	Uncle
	Richard Hess	Husband
Myra Becker	Minnie Becker	Mother-in-Law
	Martin Becker	Ex-Husband
Dan Franden	R. Betty Randall	
Anita Horowitz	Jacob Horowitz	Husband
David Rosen	Lena Nuckowitz	Mother-in-Law
Ann Kanahele	Wes Berry	Father
Arlene Norton	Marty Norton	Husband
Marilyn Esterson	Benjamin Rose	Father
Paul Jaffe	Miriam Jaffe	Mother
David E. Weiss	Harold Weiss	Brother
Susan Lieberman	Mina Lieberman	Mother-in-Law
	Jack Lieberman	Father-in-Law

### Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### Dear Departed

Ted Snitzer	Etta Weiss	Leo Biegel
Charles Appleman	Miriam Wiener Novak	Theodore Jesilow
Abraham Sarkin	Mary Pinck	Bessie Prog
Mike Bromberg	Aaron Marovitz	Maurice Storm
William Lieberman	Anna Lieberman	Jeanette Slater
Isaac Sherman	Alice Unger	Morton Kramer
Sol Kain	Miriam Schneiderman	Evette Pollack

## General Fund Donations

Myra Becker – Prayers for loved ones on Mi Shebeirach List

### Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Michelle Hess	Sarah Schwartz	Aunt
	Diane Graham	Cousin
	Esther Friedman	Aunt
	Rose Morzinsky	Mother
	Pauline Morzinsky	Grandmother
Myra Becker	George Becker	Father-in-Law
	Jennie Beckelman	Grandmother

## 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.

# April 2026

## Nissan - Iyar 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Erev Pesah 6:30p Eerev Pesah Service and Seder	2 1st Day Pesah  *Office Closed	3 2nd Day Pesah 7:30p Pesah Service	4 17 Nissan Chol Hamoed Pesah
5 4th Day Pesah	6 5th Day Pesah	7 6th Day Pesah 7:30p Pesah Yizkor Service	8 7th Day Pesah  *Office Closed	9	10 7:30p Shabbat Service	11 24 Nissan Parashat Shemini
12	13	14	15 1:00p Book Club	16 7:00p Board Meeting	17 7:30p Shabbat Service	18 1 Iyar Parashat Tazriya / Metzora
19	20	21	22	23	24 7:30p Shabbat Service	25 8 Iyar Parashat Acharei Mot / Kedoshim
26	27	28	29	30		