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### Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

As we approach winter and our festival of light, *Hanukkah*, we are reminded that out of darkness comes light and hope. As our ancestors, the Maccabees, fought against tyranny and anti-Jewish sentiment; and as we were deemed different and not acceptable to the people around us, we too must face these challenges and meet them head on in our 21<sup>st</sup> century situations that we find ourselves in at this point.

This time of year finds us introspective and concerned about the world in which we live and our community even as it seems to be shrinking in front of us. Yet, it is apparent from what my colleagues have told me from around the world, Judaism is still flourishing and needs to be treasured and promoted as an ideal that all can aspire to enjoy and live up to for their lives. Interest in and conversion to our people is higher than it has been in decades, yet we feel more isolated than before.

The light of truth and knowledge of God's ideals for humanity that Judaism provides needs to guide us toward the thought that our way of life is still a beacon to the world and its environs. We are still a light unto the nations and a lamp toward people's minds and hearts.

May this season of added light and joy bring you some measure of happiness and gladness and may you enjoy our congregational celebration of Hanukkah on Shabbat evening, December 19. Please make your reservations early to attend!

Hag Urim Sameah!

*Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus*

## From our President

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a very nice Thanksgiving. I know we all celebrate in different ways but however you celebrated, I hope it was enjoyable. Mine was split up between several family groups and I loved them all. My son and daughter in law (Bob and Sarah) with 2 of my grandsons (Joey and Daniel) were on a cruise and Jordan and Karla couldn't fit in more than 2 dinners on Thanksgiving so I will have an "after Thanksgiving" dinner at my house in the next week or two.

November was an eventful month. The Shabbat Dinner and Kristallnacht Observance was very meaningful. It is so very important to remember the past in these troublesome days so we can fight to be sure that it is not repeated.

Lance and Aryell did us proud at the WACA Thanksgiving Celebration. They were well received and appreciated.

December will be busy as always. We have a Lunch & Learn on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and our Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner and party on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be brisket and latkes catered by Panache and gifts for all members to make it even more festive. I am in the midst of shopping now! As this is being catered, the RSVPs are very important!

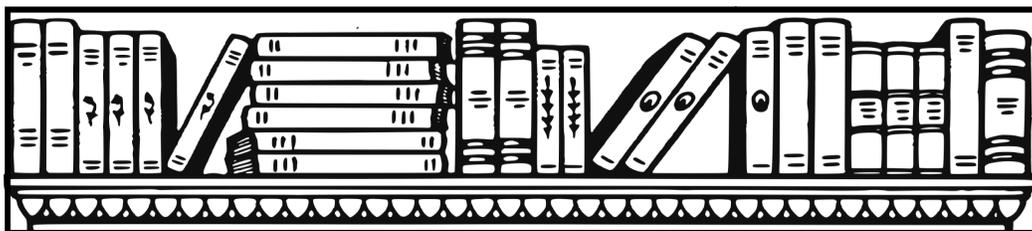
I hope I will see you at our events and services. My best wishes to you all.

Shalom  
Lila

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Our next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00pm. We will be reading "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. The story follows a Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia who travel to Maine each summer to pick blueberries. In 1962, their four year old daughter vanishes from the fields. The story unfolds through Joe, her brother, and Norma, a young white girl with recurring dreams that feel like memories.**

**Contact Michelle for more info.**





**BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER**  
*INVITES YOU TO OUR*  
**SHABBAT HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**  
A FESTIVE DINNER AND SERVICE  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**

13205 Philadelphia St, Whittier, CA 90601

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**6:00 PM—SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER**  
LATKES and BRISKET--CATERED BY PANACHÉ

**SANCTUARY**

7:25 PM –SHABBAT HANUKKAH SERVICE WITH HANUKKIAH LIGHTING

**OFFICIANTS:**

**Hazzan Lance H Tapper, Hon DMus, Spiritual Leader**  
**Ty Woodward, Accompanist**

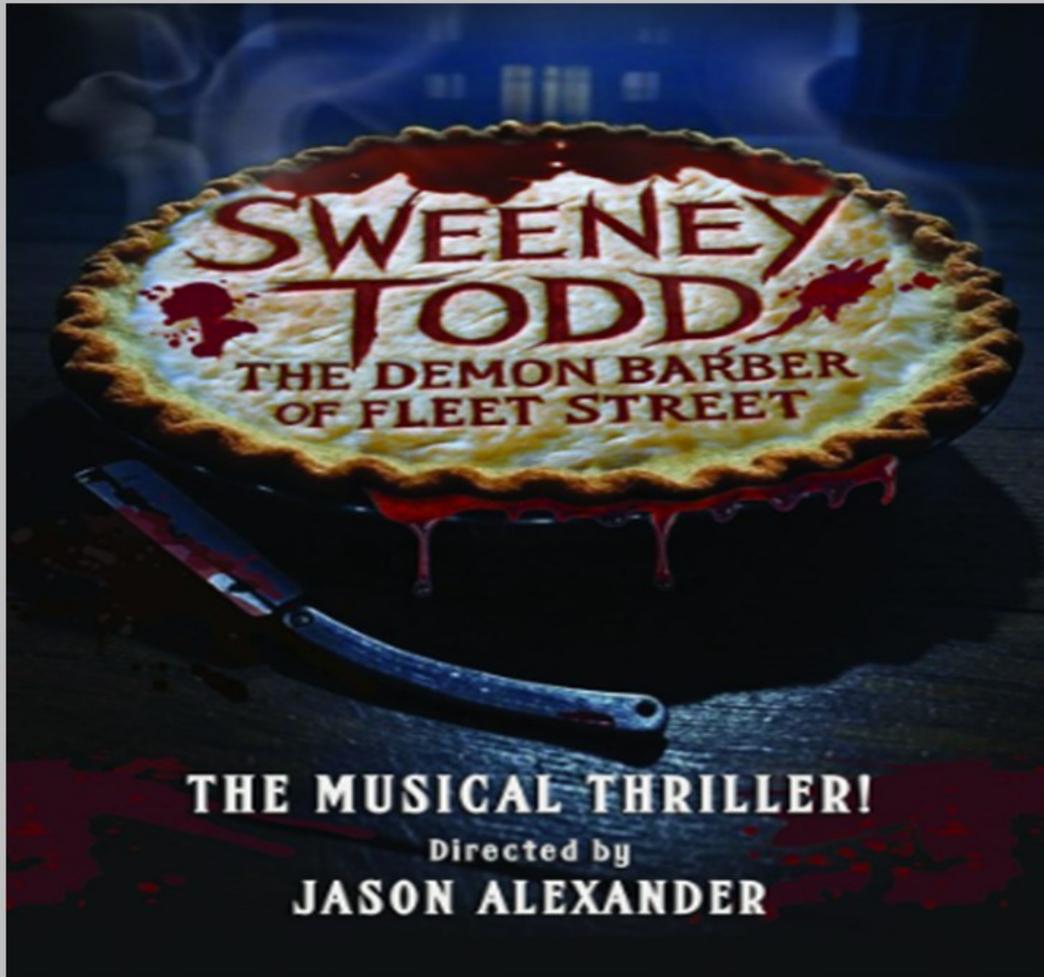
**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE DINNER**  
**MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST MAY ATTEND AT NO CHARGE/**  
**OTHER ATTENDEES WILL BE CHARGED \$48 FOR THE DINNER**

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT**  
**[bswoffice@verizon.net](mailto:bswoffice@verizon.net) or (562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 11, 2025**



# BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER PRESENTS



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

**Saturday, January 31, 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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## Religious Symbols

Two Symbols the “tallis” and the “Tephillin” will be discussed during the next two months. The first will be the “tallis” in December and the second, the “Tephillin” in January issues of the Mishpacha.

The “Tallis” is the prayer shawl that is worn in the synagogue and at home when praying during the daylight hours (6am-12am). It has “Tzitzis” on its four corners and is worn around the shoulders. The “Tallis” come in silk and wool, they may differ in size from a small scarf-like to a large one that reaches the floor.

When putting on the “Tallis” we say the blessing: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d King of the universe, who hast made us holy by Thy commandments and hast us to enwrap ourselves in the “Tallis” entirely.

Some people cover their heads with the “Tallis”. Since it is very easy to be distracted by someone or something in the synagogue or room when praying.

The “Tallis” is worn only by males. It is customary among many Jews not to wear it until they are married. A person serving as a cantor wears a “Tallis” in the morning on weekdays and at all three services on the Sabbath and holidays, whether he is married or not. Although all through the year the “Tallis” is worn by the congregation only in the morning, on Yom Kippur Eve, at the Kol “Nidre” service due to the holiness of the occasion, all males wear “Taliyos”.

There is a law about the “Tallis” that teaches a lesson. It is permissible to take a “Tallis” belonging to someone else and pray in it even though the owner is unaware of it and cannot give his permission. The borrower must not take it out of the synagogue. He must return it to its proper place or put it in the hands of the Rabbi.

Wouldn't this be Stealing?

How could the law give permission for such a thing?

The answer is that the law tells us that no man would object to the use of his property to fulfil a “Mitzvah” as long as the use of it does not damage it in any way. On the contrary he would be proud to have been of help of a “Mitzvah”.

We must always remember that the “Tzitzis” on our “Tallis” are holy since they are being used for a holy purpose. Even when they are too old to be used or by accident they fall off a Tallis” they must not be thrown away. Also, an old “Tallis” must not be thrown away. It must be brought to the synagogue to be taken care of by the Rabbi. Each of the “Tzitzis” must have eight strands no more or no less. It should be fixed and another “Tallis” used until the repair is finished.

The “Tallis” and all other religious articles should be handled with respect and clean hands.

Shalom,  
Sam Pearlman

## 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>.

**December 5--7:25 pm**--Hazzan Lance and Ty

**December 12--7:30 pm**--Rabbi Ken

**December 19--Shabbat Hanukkah--6:00 pm Dinner** (Fellowship Hall by Reservation only!); **7:25 pm Service** (Sanctuary)--Hazzan Lance and Ty

**December 26--7:30 pm**--Rabbi Ken

### Happy Birthday

Haim Knafo	December 2
Oliver Rubenstein	December 5
Joseph Held	December 9
David Starkman	December 11
Alita Sevin	December 14
Ryan Wein	December 24

### Anniversary

Jim & Alita Sevin December 7th - 40 Years

### Candle Lighting Times

December 5 - 4:26  
 December 12 - 4:27  
 December 19 - 4:30  
 December 26 - 4:34



## 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)**

**High Holyday Donations**

Miriam Brookfield

**High Holyday Appeal Donations**

Myra Becker

Hope Greenwood

Ann Kanahele

Revekah Martinez

Alita Sevin

**Yahrzeit Donations**

**Remembered by**

Ann Kanahele

Michelle Hess

Paul Jaffe

Bernard Starkman

**Beloved Departed**

Dorothy Mother

Malcolm Schwartz

Ben Jaffe

Blanche Starkman

**Relationship**

Mother

Cousin

Father

Mother

 **Welcome to BSW** 

**Joshua Flaum**

## Yahrzeit

<b>Observed By</b>	<b>Dear Departed</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<i>Deborah Jacobson</i>	<i>David Jacobson</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Delaine Shane</i>	<i>Roberta Kaplan Jacobs</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Bella Bell</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Jay Devore</i>	<i>Edna Devore</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Morton Goldberg</i>	<i>Max Goldberg</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Mark Singer</i>	<i>John Singer</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Ada Kless-Gilbert</i>	<i>Shirley Gilbert</i>	
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Emmanuel Morzinsky</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Hope Greenwood</i>	<i>Isaac Leiboff</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Pearl DeMase</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Arlene Norton</i>	<i>Arnold Winett</i>	<i>Brother</i>
	<i>Jean Vinetsky</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Steve Batista</i>	<i>Dorothy Baptista</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>Lou Binke</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
	<i>Ruth Beck</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Glenda Hilliard</i>	<i>Wife</i>
<i>David E Weiss</i>	<i>Rose Weiss</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Oliver Rubenstein</i>	<i>Doris Lundquist</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Mary Kolnick</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Russell Unger</i>	<i>Robert Unger</i>	<i>Son</i>

### Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

#### Dear Departed

<i>Shirley Unger Gordon</i>	<i>Joseph Diamondstein</i>	<i>Edna Kleinberg</i>
<i>Joseph Ward</i>	<i>Anna Rose Fruchtman</i>	<i>Sadie Dreyfuss</i>
<i>Sylvia Zober</i>	<i>William Kerman</i>	

## *Kislev - Tevet 5786*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30p Shabbat Service	6 16 Kislev Parashat Vayishlach 12:00p Lunch & Learn
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	13 23 Kislev Parashat Vayeshev
14	15	16	17 1:00p Book Club Meeting	18 7:00p Board Meeting	19 6:00p Hanukah Dinner 7:30p Hanukah Shabbat Service	20 30 Kislev Parashat Miketz
21	22	23	24	25	26 7:30p Shabbat Service	27 7 Tevet Parashat Vayigash
28	29	30	31			

## 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.