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**Everyone is
welcome.**

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

We are concerned and watch events unfold in Israel and around the world regarding our people and place in the world today. Though antisemitism continues to rear its ugly head in different ways in profoundly scary instances, we need to push forward in our efforts to educate the world about our constant support of the best possible and peaceful solutions to world events.

This month of February I will be presenting a Lunch and Learn on February 14 requested by our First Vice-President, David. It will concern itself with the topic of the Jewish views of love and sex. This topic is very broad in Jewish thought and generally revolves around procreation. However, we will be specifically focusing on the texts on this subject from the *Shulkhan Arukh (The Prepared or Long Table)* which is our easy manual of *Halachah (Jewish practical and ritual law)*. Many would say that the Torah and Talmud provide us with our *Hilchot or Halachahs*. However, this manual was developed to be more expedient and easier for religious leaders and lay people to follow what should be done for each instance in our lives that requires a Jewish legal or ethical understanding, i.e. *Halachah*.

Preliminarily, one should understand that Judaism has a very positive view of love, sex, and connection. Sex in Judaism is not only to revolve around procreation, but moreso, to revolve around the joy and happiness one human can give to another. Joy and pleasure within moderation (through sex, wine, and other pursuits) allows us to complete the entire human experience we can have together on this planet. The Rabbis were very practical about this entire notion and when you attend this Lunch and Learn you will find how interesting their notions range on this topic. I look forward to seeing you there!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon D'Mus

From our President

Hi Everyone,

I hope that January was good to you. I can't say that I was fond of all the cold and rain but it's nice to hear that we're not having a drought this year.

We tried something different in January with a Havdalah Service and Dinner. It was very well received and attended and everyone said they really enjoyed it. Rabbi Ken's explanations of the Havdalah customs and the actual service were interesting and to the point and the food was delicious.

I will be on a short cruise this week so I am writing this a few days early. I am looking forward to our play this month at the La Mirada Theater. It is Sweeney Todd and I have heard very good things about it.

On February 14, Hazzan Lance will be having his Lunch and Learn on Love and Sex. It should be very interesting to learn more about what Judaism says on the subject.

I hope you are all well and have a great month of February. As always, please let us know if you have any suggestions for activities or social events.

I will be sending out an email (letter for those without computers), to tell you about something we are thinking of doing this coming year and hopefully getting your thoughts on the subject.

Wishing you all a good and blessed month.

Shalom
Lila

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book we are reading is "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali. It tells the story of Ellie and Homa, two girls from different social classes in 1050s Tehran, whose deep friendship is tested by class differences, family secrets, and Iran's tumultuous political landscape.

We are meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 1:00pm.

For more info contact Michelle.



BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER LUNCH AND LEARN



THE JEWISH TRADITIONS OF LOVE AND SEX

Hazzan Lance will take us on a journey into the Jewish traditions of love and sex through the texts of the Shulhan Arukh (the manual of Jewish traditions and customs). Join us for this fascinating deep dive into our religion's thoughts and feelings on this subject.

WHEN
Saturday,
February 14th
12:00 p.m.

RSVP BY
Thursday,
February 6th
at 2:00 p.m.

By email:
bswoffice@verizon.net
Or by phone:
562.941.8744

**We will not have a Religious Connection article this month.
Please check back next month.**

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>.

February 6--7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

February 13-- 7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

February 14--12:00 pm--**Lunch and Learn**--Hazzan Lance

February 20--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

February 27-- 7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

Happy Birthday

Russ Shane	February 22
David E. Weiss	February 22

Anniversary

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This is Our Mishpacha

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to appear in the next issue, the submission
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the members of Beth Shalom with computers.**

**If you wish a printed copy mailed to you,
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**Printed copies are also available in our lobby.
\$18.00 per year for non-members.**

**The editor welcomes comments and
suggestions. bswoffice@verizon.com**

Candle Lighting Times

February 6 - 5:11
February 13 - 5:18
February 20 - 5:24
February 27 - 5:30



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

General Fund Donations

Myra Becker – in honor of healing prayers for loved ones on the Mi Shebeirach list

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Michelle Hess	Leigh Hess	Father-in-Law
	Julius Schwartz	Uncle
Klara Wein	Meir Militeanu	Father
Sidney Paul	Bertha Paul	Step-Mother
	Evelyn Resnick	Sister
	Harry Paul	Father

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.

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
<i>Marietta Shreiber Reed</i>	<i>Norma Shreiber</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Diane Chesler</i>	<i>Ethel Chesler</i>	<i>Mother-in-Law</i>
<i>Jeffrey Kolnick</i>	<i>Mabel Cutler</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
	<i>Lea Kolnick</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Alberto Herrera</i>	<i>Carmen Medina</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Bernard Fink</i>	<i>Yetta Fink</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Morton Goldberg</i>	<i>Jennie Goldberg</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>Jay Devore</i>	<i>Paul Devore</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Myra Becker</i>	<i>George Becker</i>	<i>Father-in-Law</i>
<i>Mark Hilliard</i>	<i>Sean Hilliard</i>	<i>Brother</i>
<i>Susan Lieberman</i>	<i>Morris Aronowitz</i>	<i>Grandfather</i>
<i>Lila Held</i>	<i>Charles Held</i>	<i>Husband</i>
	<i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Seymour Brickel</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Joann Eres / Jordan Eres</i>	<i>Charles Held</i>	<i>Father / Grandfather</i>
	<i>Joseph Kuperstein</i>	<i>Grandfather / Great Grandfather</i>
<i>Dan Franden</i>	<i>Robert Franden</i>	
<i>Michelle Hess</i>	<i>Sarah Schwartz</i>	<i>Aunt</i>
<i>Hazzan Lance H Tapper</i>	<i>Adele tapper</i>	<i>Aunt</i>

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed		
<i>Louis Ossofsky</i>	<i>Bernard Weissman</i>	<i>Janchel Groisman</i>
<i>Max Popkin</i>	<i>Saul Korduner</i>	<i>Harvey Ziskin</i>
<i>Benjamin Winter</i>	<i>William Lyons</i>	<i>Frances Storm</i>
<i>Sarah Bernstein</i>	<i>Ididore Pinck</i>	<i>Arthur Unger</i>
<i>Agnes Fuchs</i>	<i>Frank Slonka</i>	<i>Anna Barnett</i>
<i>Edward Kraus</i>	<i>Abraham Slater</i>	

Shevat - Adar 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 20 Shevat Parashat Yitro
8	9	10	11 1:00p Book Club	12	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 27 Shevat Parashat Mishpatim 12:00p Lunch n Learn
15	16	17	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 4 Adar Parashat Terumah
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 11 Adar Parashat Tetzavah