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**Everyone is
welcome.**

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

The joy will increase further as we will have another Shabbat dinner this month which we know people enjoy. This time it will take place on March 20, and Rabbi Ken will officiate at the service. The dinner at 6:15 pm and the service at 7:30 pm will both take place in the Fellowship Hall as the sanctuary will be used by the choral group, Bel Canto, for their rehearsal that night. We know you will want to make a reservation to enjoy our Shabbat experience together with dinner and the service as a community!

And...to round out the happiness and joy, we will have 3 special Shabbat services that take place in March. Shabbatot Parah, Hahodesh, and HaGadol all increase our joy and interest toward the celebration of Pesah upcoming at the beginning of April. Shabbat Parah reminds us of the purity with which we come to Pesah by invoking the ancient rite of the red heifer to purify us toward the observance of Pesah. Shabbat Hahodesh allows us to prepare for the exodus from Egypt by rereading that story as if it were yesterday so our minds can be in synch with this formative monument of our peoplehood. And...finally...Shabbat HaGadol! The "Great" Shabbat prepares us finally for Pesah by reminding us that we are connected to Elijah the prophet and the redemption of our people every year when we celebrate Pesah. This Shabbat is also the one where I will speak about the laws of Pesah as our Rabbis and sages have taught us for time in memoriam. This age old tradition gets us finally ready for being a free and important people together.

May your joy increase and happiness abound this month of March!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hi Everyone,

February is a short month but it was a busy one. Mostly personal things like dental cleaning and annual blood tests. All good so far so I am very thankful. We got together with Hazzan Lance and set up next years calendar. We have to do that in advance so we don't find that the room we want is taken by someone else on the date and time that we want to use it. The Friends are very helpful and cooperative, but we do have to work around their church services and events.

The Lunch and Learn was fun and informative. One point of consensus we had was that there was no doubt that the "Laws of Chastity" were written by men. Another interesting point was that the number of days a week you could have marital relations with your wife depended on the status of the type of work you did (CEO's, farmers, etc). Let me just say that rank had its privileges.

Our Friday night services continue to be well supported by our people when we count the in person and online participants. One night recently we had a full minyan in person and that was wonderful.

We are working on a survey that will be mailed to all members as we try to be sure that we are putting our money and efforts into the areas that are enjoyed and important to the congregation.

March will start off with a bang of noisemakers as we celebrate Mordechai and boo Hamen at the Purim service on March 2nd. Rumor has it that some homemade hamantaschen will be served, courtesy of Michelle. We will also be having a Shabbat dinner and service in the Fellowship Hall on March 20th. This is the one Shabbat each year where we cannot use the Meeting House, so we take advantage of it to have a fun and delicious dinner service. Watch for the flyer! Rabbi Ken will be officiating.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy month with many simcha's.

Shalom
Lila

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The next book we are reading is "The Long Bright River" by Liz Moore.

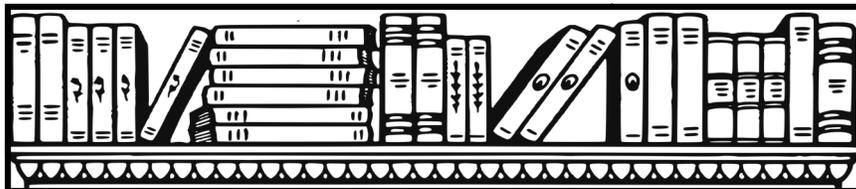
It is a suspense novel about two estranged sisters in Philadelphia.

Mickey is a police officer and Kacey is an addict.

Their lives collide when Kacey disappears.

We are meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 2:00pm. Note the time change.

For more info contact Michelle.





BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER

Celebrates

PURIM



MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING AT 7:00 PM

RABBI KENNETH MILHANDER, HON DDIV WILL OFFICIATE

**THE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SANCTUARY
BY DROWNING OUT THAT EVIL PERSON'S NAME DURING THE MEGILLAH STORY**

HAMANTASCHEN WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE!

JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY!

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER
INVITES YOU TO
A SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE



FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

6:15 PM DINNER/7:30 PM SERVICE

AT FIRST FRIENDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

The service will also be streamed on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>

RABBI KENNETH MILHANDER, HON DDIV, OFFICIATING

Please RSVP so we know how much food to order.
**MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST MAY ATTEND AT NO CHARGE/
OTHER ATTENDEES WILL BE CHARGED \$35 FOR THE DINNER**

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

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: March 12, 2026, at 2pm

BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER INVITES YOU TO



OUR FIRST NIGHT PESAH SERVICE AND SEDER

**HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

**AT
FIRST FRIENDS**

**PESAH PRELUDE AND SERVICE FOR ALL BEGINS AT 6:25 PM IN THE SANCTUARY
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE SEDER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR RESERVED GUESTS ONLY**

**THE PRELUDE AND SERVICE ONLY WILL ALSO BE STREAMED
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/@BethShalomofWhittier>**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THE SEDER
PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS TO: bswoffice@verizon.net OR
CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT (562) 941-8744**

**THE SEDER IS COMPLIMENTARY FOR MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST
NON-MEMBERS OR ADDITONAL GUESTS ARE \$75/PERSON
PREPAID BY THE RSVP DATE**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: MARCH 19, AT 2:00PM

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.

bswoffice@verizon.net ★ (562) 941-8744

BELIEF

Why do we look for reasons in the Torah? Is it to find out whether the laws in the Torah are right? To find whether G-d's laws are justifiable? Surely we know that he is right in all that he wills. Be it right or wrong to us. Can we question his why, his way? Concisely, can we question any law he has given us in His Holy Torah. We do not need reasons for that purpose.

There is another purpose in looking for reasons which are applicable to our Torah. We look for reasons so that we can understand things. In our world subjects like science, mathematics, geography, psychology and astronomy are studied to learn the laws of G-d in nature. We are always trying to learn more about the world we live in by understanding the reasons for things.

Chukim: There are certain laws in the Torah that are not explained and therefore we do not know the reasons for them. We are told by G-d through Moses that such laws are to be obeyed. These laws such: Shatnez, Tattoing, and Shaving go under the general classification of "Chukim". Each of these will be explained in next months issue.

When our rabbis studied the Torah, they found many deep meanings to laws given by G-d. They taught these meanings to their students and studied them among themselves. Logical reasons were given for some "Chukim". Currently, rabbis are finding new ideas in the Torah. We never know everything about it. This is the beauty of Torah. The more we study it the more we learn.

So you see, we don't have to know the reason for a certain law to obey it. Concisely, we obey these laws because they are given to us by G-d. Since He gave them to us, we know that they are right. Who knows, perhaps the "Chukim" were purposely given without reasons, just to test our faith in G-d.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

General Fund Donations

Myra Becker – Mi Shebeirach Prayers for loved ones

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Lila Held	Charles Held	Husband
	Joseph Kuperstein	Father
	Henry Brickel	Grandfather
	Seymour Brickel	Uncle
Marietta Shreiber Reed	Norma Shreiber	Mother

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>.

March 2--7:00 pm--Purim (see enclosed flyer) --Rabbi Ken

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

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

March 20--6:15 pm Shabbat Dinner (by reservation only-see enclosed flyer) then service 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall--
Rabbi Ken

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

Happy Birthday

Sidney Paul	March 7
Joshua Flaum	March 15
Cathleen Cavanaugh	March 23

Anniversary

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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**

Candle Lighting Times

March 6 - 5:36
March 13 - 6:42
March 20 - 6:47
March 27 - 6:53



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

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
Hazzan Lance H Tapper	Gordon Tapper	Uncle
	Sharon Tapper Miller	Cousin
Myra Becker	Jennie Beckelman	Grandmother
Michelle Hess	Esther Friedman	Aunt
	Rose Minnie Morzinsky	Mother
	Pauline Morzinsky	Grandmother
Susan Lieberman	Bella Rubins	Grandmother
	David Moskowitz	Uncle
	Robert Lieberman	Husband
	Dora Aronowitz	Grandmother
Dan Franden	Solomon Finkelstein	
Lila Held / Joann Eres	Henry Brickel	Grandfather / Great Grandfather
Jay Weinschenker	Gregory Weinschenker	Cousin
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Fay Goldberg	Mother
Steve Baptista	Ray Galvin	Father-in-Law
	Charles Baptista	Father
Richard Lasher	Raymond Lipshitz	
Irving Bartikofsky	Carmen Bartikofsky	Mother
Mark Hilliard	Ray Hilliard	Father
Marilyn Esterson	Arnold Rose	Brother
Cindy Held / Miriam Held	Father / Father-in-Law	Joseph Held
Sandra Paul	Rhea B. Seagull	Cousin
Sidney Paul	Mary Torren Paul	Mother
Joel Golden	Bobbie Golden	Mother
	Bernard Golden	Father
Ann Kanahele	Arlene Berry	Sister-in-Law

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed

Raymond Brantz	Marilyn Near	Daniel Braidman	Ruth Goldenberg
Flora Kuhn	Morris Klein	Bertha Snitzer	Abraham Carnow
Joel Kudler	Max Eison	Israel Kleinberg	Dennis Taisch
Sylvia Kostura	Irving Bernard	Beatrice Shapiro	Bessie Bohrer
Dora Abramson	Herman Udkoff	Florence Candioly	Bernard Korduner
Arthur Eisen	Etta Eisen	Sally Seltzer	Milton Kraus
Flora Popick	Sarah Werner	Stanley Kramer	Joe Freedman

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.

March 2026 *Adar - Nissan 5786*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00p Purim Service & Megillah Reading	3	4	5	6 7:30p Shabbat Service	7 18 Adar Parashat Ki Tissa
8	9	10 2:00p Purim Reading	11 1:00p Book Club	12	12 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 25 Adar Parashat Vayakhel / Pekudei
15	16	17	18	19 7:00p Board Meeting	20 6:00p Shabbat Dinner 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 3 Nissan Parashat Vayikra
22	23	24	25	26	27 7:30p Shabbat Service	28 10 Nissan Parashat Tzav
29	30	31				