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**Everyone is
welcome.**

Hazzan's Notes



Dear Friends,

This month will begin with my fascinating teaching on May 2 about the Jewish view of angels and the angelic presences in the Torah, prophets, writings, and our tradition. This interesting idea has long been an interest and fascination to and with our people since the first angels appeared to Abram early in the book of Genesis and, by some accounts, even earlier in other sources. I hope you will want to join Oliver Rubenstein and myself as we present a cohesive picture of how our tradition treats this subject in the ways that it does.

Later in the month we will celebrate the last major festival in our liturgical calendar, Shavuot. Shavuot is known as the most mystical of the major festivals and celebrates not only the wheat harvest but also the mystical reception of the Torah by our people at Mt. Sinai where we finally achieve peoplehood and vision. Since the festival takes place this year on Shabbat, we will not only celebrate it at night on May 22, but also with a special Shabbat and Festival morning service on May 23 where we will happily enjoy Aryell Cohen playing for us on both the organ and piano the familiar Shabbat and festival melodies, but also hear those words of the 10 commandments again read for us from the Torah to ground us in all we do. We will also recite the Yizkor Memorial prayers and remember all those we miss during this season, as we had done at Pesah some 7 weeks ago.

I hope you will join us for both the educational day on May 2 and our last liturgical festival of the year on May 22 and 23 for Shavuot!

Hazzan Lance H. Tapper, Hon DMus

From our President

Hi Everyone,

We enjoyed April and our Beth Shalom Seder very much. I am happy to report that the number of participants in our Seder (as well as our Hannukah dinner) have continued to increase this year. We were almost double the attendance this year from last year. As you come to luncheons or dinners for the next 6 months or so, you will be given a fold down tab card to indicate if you thought the food was Great, Good, or Not Good. We appreciate your honest opinions. We are trying to determine which restaurants and food our people like the most.

We are definitely looking forward to May. We are starting off with a Lunch & Learn on May 2nd on the very interesting topic of Angels in the Torah and the concept of Angels in Judaism.

After that we will celebrate Shabbat Shavuot on May 23 with a service, yizkor and a Dairy Lunch. Rumor has it that cheesecake will be involved! Please remember to RSVP when you plan on coming to events so we know how much food to buy.

On a personal note, my grandson Daniel and I went on a cruise with the Autism on the Seas group. They bring staff on board and have respite time every day in addition to reserved time and space for activities on the ship. They have reserved areas for meals and Daniel loves the independence. We got home on a Friday morning and he called me in the afternoon to ask me if I was "too tired". I was a bit confused but it turns out that his dad had told him that we wouldn't go to services if grandma was "too tired". How could admit that I was tired? He loves coming to services and that is such a blessing.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy month of May.

Shalom

Lila

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We enjoyed "The Elephant Whisperer" so much that we are going to read "The Elephant in my Kitchen" by Françoise Malby Anthony, the wife of Lawrence Anthony. It is her account of the daunting responsibility of running Thula Thula without her husband. Filled with extraordinary animals and humans who dedicate their lives to saving them.

We are meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00pm.

Contact Michelle for my information.



SHAVUOS

Laws of Shavuos. The festival occurs on the sixth and seventh days of the Hebrew month “Sivan”. The English translation of Shavuos is “weeks”. This holiday is celebrated at the end of seven full weeks of counting the “Omer” from the second days of Passover.

It was about six weeks after they had left Egypt that the Israelites camped in a place called Sinai. After communion with G-d, Moses called the Israelites together for this message from G-d, “ you have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now, therefore, if you will listen to my voice and keep My covenant than you will be a treasure to me among all peoples! For all the earth is mine. And you will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”. (Shmos 19:4-6).

The people heard the message from G-d and accepted the covenant. They promised to obey all the laws without question. “Na’aseh V’Nishma” was their cry; “we will follow and observe the laws even before we hear any reasons for them.” After Moses returned with their reply to G-d he told them to prepare themselves for the great event. After three days of preparation, the people gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai and waited. Moses alone went up.

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning that there was thundering and lightening and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud so that all the people trembled...and Mount Sinai was all together in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire...and the whole mountain quaked greatly (Shmos 19:16). At that moment 600,000 Israelites and their families heard a voice from G-d proclaiming the first and second commandments: “I am the Lord your G-d who has brought you out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. (Shmos 20:1 1-2)

Yizkor On the second day of “Shavuos” the special memorial prayer “Yizkor” is recited before the Musaf service. This prayer is recited on each of the pilgrimage festivals; “Succos”, “Pesach”, and “Shavuos”, and also on “Yom Kippur”.

Shalom,
Sam Pearlman

PLEASE JOIN
BETH SHALOM OF WHITTIER
In Celebrating
The Festival of SHAVUOT



EREV SHABBAT SHAVUOT

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026—7:25 PM—LEWANDOWSKI PRELUDE AND SERVICE
HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
TY WOODWARD, ACCOMPANIST

SHABBAT SHAVUOT MORNING SERVICE (INCLUDING YIZKOR)

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026—9:25 AM—PRELUDE AND SERVICE
HAZZAN LANCE H TAPPER, HON DMUS, OFFICIATING
ARYELL COHEN, ACCOMPANIST

*A Festive Shavuot Dairy Lunch (including blintzes and cheesecake)
will be provided in the foyer after this service.*

Reservations are a MUST to join us for lunch!

*Please call or email the office by May 15 at 2:00 pm at:
bswoffice@verizon.net or (562) 941-8744 TO RESERVE*

THE PRELUDES AND SERVICES WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

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

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>.

May 1--7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

May 2—12:00-2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall--**Lunch and Learn on Judaism's view on angels**--Hazzan Lance assisted by Oliver Rubenstein--see flyer

May 8-- 7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

May 15--7:30 pm--Rabbi Ken

May 22—7:25 pm--**Erev Shabbat Shavuot**--Hazzan Lance and Ty--see flyer

May 23--Shabbat Shavuot Morning (including Yizkor prayers)--9:25 am--Hazzan Lance and Aryell Cohen--dairy lunch following--see flyer

May 29-- 7:25 pm--Hazzan Lance and Ty

Happy Birthday

Blue Bartikofsky	May 5
Myra Becker	May 5
Daniel Held	May 8
Alberto Herrera	May 8
Maggie Singer	May 10
Steve Baptista	May 20
Irving Bartikofsky	May 25

Anniversary

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Candle Lighting Times

May 1 - 7:19
 May 8 - 7:25
 May 15 - 7:30
 May 22 - 7:35
 May 29 - 7:40



This is Our Mishpacha

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**The editor welcomes comments and
suggestions. 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

Yahrzeit

Observed By	Dear Departed	Relationship
Russ Shane	Morton Shane	Father
Samuel Pearlman	Rachel Pearlman	Mother
	Bernice Pearlman	Wife
Deborah Jacobson	Karen Jacobson	Mother
Joel Golden	Ida Freedman	Grandmother
Barry Neville	Bonnie Neville	Wife
Michelle Hess	Martha Steinhauer	Aunt
	Lillian Sandler	Grandmother
Lila Held	Julius Bromberg	Husband of Ruth
Lila Held / Joann Held	Jenny Kuperstein	Great Grandmother / Grandmother
	David Kuperstein	Nephew / Cousin
Evelyn Goldberg Brunelle	Rebecca Goldberg	Grandmother
Jeffrey Kolnick	William Cutler	Grandfather
Ellen Singer	Stanley Feldman	Father
Sherman Esterson	Abe Esterson	Father
Robert / Loren Schneiderman		
Maryl Briscoe	Lydia Schneiderman	Mother
Sidney Paul	Edith Gottlieb	Step-Sister
	Sylvia Playberg	Sister
Klara Wein	Rachel Militeanu	Mother
	Miriam Lilitanu	Grandmother
Debora Davis / Mark Handler	Gertrude Handler	Grandmother
Mark Singer	Sarah Singer	Grandmother
Ruth Koh	Herbert Koh	Father

Yahrzeit Observed by Beth Shalom of Whittier

Dear Departed

Sally Dim	Rose Roy	Joseph Ross	Rebecca Sandow
Murray Fishelberg	Mildred SlonkaToby Rosen	Isaac Rosenberg	Herbert Litt
Yetta Cohen	Louis Altshuler	Alfred Goldstein	Louis Zevin
Richard Gross	Susan Kramer	Oscar Yamin	Rena Schannon
Helen Braidman	Tillie Fishelberg	Samuel Rosen	Robert Solomon
Louis Lieblich	Ida Koizim	Nathan Leopold	Jack Lyons
Seymour Prog	Elenor Roth-Herman	Jerome Weiss	Fanny Eison
Fanny Eison	Dorothy Branson	Louis Kraus	

Yahrzeit Donations

Remembered by	Beloved Departed	Relationship
Lila Held	Sally Held	
	Julius Bromberg	Husband of Ruth
	David Kupterstein	Nephew
	Jenny Kuperstein	Great Grandmother
Mark Hilliard	Ray C. Hilliard	Father
Sidney Paul	Mary Torren Paul	Mother
Sandra Paul	Rhea B Seagull	Cousin
	Ann Lehman	Mother
	Theodore High	Brother-in-Law
Michelle Hess	Edward Sandler	Uncle
	Jacob Sandler	Grandfather

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.

May 2026
Iyar - Sivan 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30p Pesah Service	2 15 Iyar Parashat Emor 2:00p Lunch and Learn
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30p Shabbat Service	9 22 Iyar Parashat Behar / Behoukotai
10	11	12	13 1:00p Book Club	14	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 29 Iyar Parashat Bamidbar
17	18	19	20	21 7:00p Board Meeting	22 7:30p Erev Shabbat Shavuot Service	23 7 Sivan Shavuot 9:25a Shavuot Service w Yizkor and Lunch
24	25	26	27	28	29 7:30p Shabbat Service	30
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