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WELCOMING EVENT IN ELDORADO— SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Reception and Presentation Reaches Out to the Community



Rabbi Martin Levy, Cantor Michael Linder, board members and congregants will host a reception for all unaffiliated Jews of the area, on **Sunday, April 10, from 2:00-4:00 pm** at the Eldorado Community Center. Ads are appearing in two local publications and we expect a crowd, so volunteers are needed. Please see page 5 for more details on this event.

Welcome Passover—Second Night Community Seder on **Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 pm at Quail Run**. Read more details and fill out the reservation form on page 4.

ELEANOR & RICHARD BRENNER EDUCATIONAL SERIES



TUESDAY MAY 3, 6:00 pm
Howard Gardner and David Brooks: On Truth, Beauty and Goodness

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 6:00 pm
Rebecca Traister Talks with Nora Ephron about Politics, Life and the Future of Women

SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH EVENT

In Honor of
Yom Hashoah, Holocaust
Remembrance Day



Congregation Beit Tikva and the Anti-Defamation League present *Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust*, an Anker Productions Film, narrated by Gene Hackman.

The event is on **Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 pm**, at the synagogue, and there is no charge for this community program. Reservations are required for this event. Please call 820-2991 by Friday, April 29. See page 5 for a description of the film and for more information.



Interfaith Shelter
"Hosting" Evening—
Wednesday, April 27

See page 7 for more information on how you can join others from Congregation Beit Tikva for this special *mitzvah*.



A cartoon that appeared some years ago showed a family gathered around the Seder, while in the kitchen every inch of space was cluttered with dishes, cups, pots, etc. The mother of the household has a forlorn look on her face as she says to her teenage daughter helping with the dishes, “and they call Passover the festival of freedom?”

Passover, which we usher in on a Monday evening, is referred to in our prayers as “Z’man Chayrootaynu,” the season of freedom. But anyone who knows about Pesach knows that our freedom is by no means absolute. It is hedged by restrictions and obligations. Many in the Jewish world are hindered in their desire to celebrate. Surely the ability of our Jewish troops to celebrate Pesach is hindered by the threat of insurgencies throughout the world. Many in America will have trouble celebrating Passover because of the economic hardships and unemployment too many are facing.

As a matter of fact, no Jewish festival impinges on our freedom of action as much as this festival. Our diet is rigidly prescribed. The Haggadah provides the words we speak and the songs we must sing. Even the memories are carefully recounted. In the Haggadah we read, “in every generation a person is obliged to look upon himself as though he/she personally went out from Egypt.” Notice the impact of those words. We are obliged to do more than eat and sing, we are retelling a story and imagining that we ourselves, in this moment, were like slaves in Egypt.

It is we who felt the taskmaster’s lash, we who shed tears with the mortar for bricks. Ours were the bent backs that became straight as we fled slavery. We have to place our minds, our consciousness, on a different level. That’s not easy to do, given that we are so caught up in our own daily needs and concerns.

Our tradition summons us to develop one of the crucial qualities for humane, compassionate living, a sympathetic imagination that allows us to put ourselves in another’s shoes. This is what Walt Whitman intended as he wrote: “I never ask the wounded person how he feels, I myself become that wounded person.”

In our society, there seems to be a real shortage of this element of compassion. Reality shows exploit and embarrass contestants, as if this is a fun exercise. Trash talking is a part of all professional sporting events. Putting others “down” seems to be the cool way to act.

Judaism says just the opposite. We are to help elevate the other, our neighbor, and the stranger. For we were strangers in the land of Egypt.

One of my most poignant Seders was celebrated with congregants from the Home for the Blind in NYC. One congregant named Sydney, was a fastidious man who was born blind, deaf, and without speech. Despite these disabilities, Sydney was an active member of the schul who knew the exact time of services, and when to stand and when to sit. Sydney loved the Kiddush prayers.

I learned to communicate with Sydney by spelling words in his palm, one letter at a time. From this noble man I learned that there are those who truly know not how to ask, yet they are desirous of participating as Jews. Sydney knew about the “Four Kashas,” and he loved the taste of Passover wine. In one of my poems I wrote, “Who knows what he knows/ he pressed matzah to his lips/ his smile said L’chaim.”

On a certain level, all of us are sometimes mute. We talk, gossip, we judge, but such speech does nothing to ennoble the lives of others. But with compassionate speech we can create a new world, bringing healing and reconciliation to others. Each of us communicates in a different voice—these voices change, expressing our joy and sorrow. The importance of positive speaking begins when we read the Haggadah stories. My friend Sydney taught me the power of muted speech. Let us speak with open hearts and thankful voices when we sit down at the Seder table.

B’shalom,

Handwritten signature of Martin W. Levy

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Ongoing Classes with
Rabbi Levy

ADULT EDUCATION:
Wednesday evenings, at
7:00 pm.

HEBREW CLASSES:
Thursdays at 2:30 pm.

Dear Friends,

As we have seen these past few weeks, the earth is changing; earthquakes shake the earth's crust, a tsunami wiped out life in an instant. Death of a dear one leaves a hole in our lives that only memories can fill. Yet, as tragedies strike, life is a force that is strong and strives to carry on. In the early years of the 1990's drought, my friends' home burned to the ground. Two days later I visited them with supplies our friends had collected. What struck me was that among the burned wood and ashes was a spring flower, a narcissus, reaching up for light.

That force of nature renews its self every spring. As Jews we also renew our commitment to God. We remember our freedom from the Pharaoh and slavery as we read the Seder Haggadah. This year we will be celebrating our Second Night Community Seder on Tuesday, April 19th beginning at 6:00p.m. This is a time we can join together as a community to remember our legacy and our covenant with God. Please be sure and send in your registration form you will find in this bulletin.

On April 10th from 2-4 pm we will reach out to the Eldorado community with a reception to introduce our congregation. Please attend and bring a non-affiliated friend.

I am adding a quote from *Hasidic Tales*, edited by Andrew Harvey. "The soul manifests in three ways, called the Three Garments of the Soul: thought, word and deed. When these are done selflessly, they like the soul itself are transparent to God and allow the Light of the Divine to flow through them. Your thoughts are free of selfishness; your words are free of deceit; your actions are free of coercion. But when the Garments are stained by selfishness, dishonesty and exploitation, the purity of the soul no longer shines through them. The Garments

become opaque, and God appears hidden from the world. It is not that the Divine Light no longer shines, it is that you no longer allow the Divine Light to shine through you." Several people in our congregation have been working quietly for us with acts of selflessness. Michele Goldman organized a wonderful Shabbat Across America. We were blessed with music sung by Cantor Linder and his wife, Rita. Burt Krohn, with his steady presence,

accompanied them on the piano. Valerie Frost did the Congregation a great deed when she polished all the silver at the synagogue. Our Torah was resplendent with its newly polished crown. For Purim, Julie Horowitz Kite, Barbara Cohen and our religious school students made wonderful hammentashen for our Purim party. Sandra Levine brought Queen Esther's poppy seed cookies as well. Ned Siegel organized our Tuesday Dinner Club. These are just a few of our congregants contributions that I would like to thank publicly for their hard work. As always, our Cantor, Michael Linder and

Rabbi Levy work tirelessly for Congregation Beit Tikva. If I have forgotten you, please let me know.

On Wednesday, April 27th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. our congregation will be "hosting" dinner at the Interfaith Shelter. Please call Sandra Levine at 466-4041 to help. This is such a needed service for our community. It will be a great Mitzvah for all involved.

Shalom,

Kate Shane

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT PASSOVER

Congregation
Beit Tikva

Rabbi Martin W. Levy
Cantor Michael Linder
Founding Rabbi Leonard Helman

Welcome Passover —

Second Night Community Seder

Join us for a traditional 4-course meal with wine and
a Passover service.

Children are especially welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011 at 6:00 pm, Quail Run, 3101 Old Pecos Trail
Conducted by Rabbi Martin W. Levy
& Cantor Michael Linder

PASSOVER REGISTRATION FORM



of Member adults _____ @ \$50 per person _____
of Non-Member adults _____ @ \$60 per person _____
of Member children 6-12 _____ @ \$15 per child _____
of Non-Member children 6-12 _____ @ \$20 per child _____
of Children under 6 _____ @ no charge

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Baskin Haggadahs will be provided. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 13.**

Space is limited. Reservations must be accompanied by a check made out to

Congregation Beit Tikva, sent by mail to **P.O. Box 24094, Santa Fe, NM 87502.**

For more information, please call the office at 505.820.2991. Visa/MC is available.

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

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TUESDAY MAY 3, 6:00 pm

Howard Gardner and David Brooks: On Truth, Beauty and Goodness

Howard Gardner is the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The author of 25 books, including *Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the 21st Century*. David Brooks is an Op-Ed columnist for The New York Times and an acclaimed author.

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 6:00 pm

Rebecca Traister Talks with Nora Ephron about Politics, Life and the Future of Women

Rebecca Traister covered the 2008 presidential election for *Salon*. She has also written about women in politics, media and entertainment from a feminist perspective for *Salon*, *The New York Observer*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *the Nation* and *Elle*. Nora Ephron is the author of the several bestselling books. She wrote and directed the hit movie *Julie and Julia* and has received Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay for *When Harry Met Sally*, *Silkwood*, and *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Thank You...

... to **Valerie Frost** for responding to our need to have the synagogue silver polished. She did it all! Come in and be dazzled by the silver crown, rimmonim, breast plate, pointers and candle sticks, and even all the kitchen silver. And, to our Purim hammentashen makers. All delicious:



Juli Horwitz Kite, Kate Shane and some from Plaza



Bakery thanks to **Barbara Cohen**. We had a great time at the Purim on Ice party. And let us not forget the poppy seed cookies from **Sandy Levine**.

Eldorado Welcoming Reception Reaches Out to the Community

We are having a reception and presentation by Rabbi Levy, Cantor Linder, board members and congregants for all unaffiliated Jews of the area at the Eldorado Community Center on **Sunday, April 10th, from 2:00-4:00 pm**. The Center is in Eldorado, at 1 Hacienda Loop. Please come and help introduce our congregation to the people in the Eldorado area. If you know of anyone we should contact, please call Steve Lowen at 466-8688. Volunteers are needed!

IN HONOR OF YOM HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

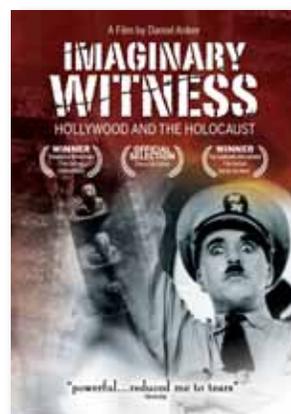
Congregation Beit Tikva and the Anti-Defamation League

present—

Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust

An Anker Productions Film, Narrated by Gene Hackman

Sunday, May 1st, 4:00 p.m. at Congregation Beit Tikva



Opening comments by Rabbi Martin Levy. There is no charge for this community program. Reservations are required at 820-2991 by Friday, April 29th.

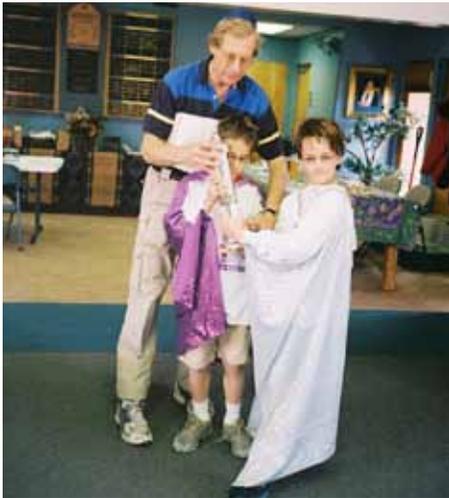
The story of the American film industry's complex and fascinating response to the horrors of Nazi Germany. Utilizing selected excerpts from extraordinary and some rarely-seen films, and told through the first-hand accounts of directors, actors, writers, and producers, the film covers some of Hollywood's most important movies, including *The Mortal Storm*, *The Great Dictator*, *The Search*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Pawnbroker*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *Schindler's List*. The film takes us from American ambivalence and denial during the heyday of Nazism, through the silence of the post-war years, into the present day. It asks hard questions about the uneasy relationship between American popular culture and the Holocaust, about the responsibility of filmmakers in their portrayal of history, and about the power of film itself to affect the way we look at ourselves. 1:30 minutes

Co-sponsored by Jim and Linda Cohen

Shabbat Across America



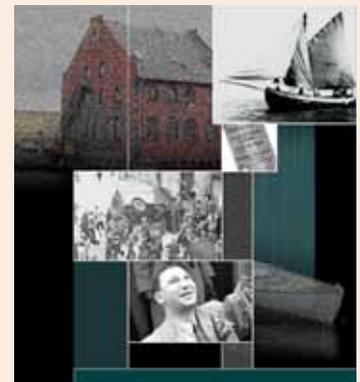
Religious School Purim Party and Purim on Ice



A Special Screening of *The Danish Solution*

On **Wednesday April 6 at 7:30** at the synagogue, we will have a special screening of an international documentary film about the rescue of the Jews in Denmark during World War II. We will welcome Karen Cantor and Camilla Kjaerulff, the directors of this HBO documentary *The Danish Solution*.

They will provide us with an insider's view of the film making process. Their movie has won numerous awards from the international film community. Please join us for this marvelous film, and a chance to speak with the writers and directors of this powerful project. *There is no charge to attend this event.*



APRIL DONATIONS

General Fund

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Jody Ellis & Marcia Muth – In memory of Margaret Jaffe, friend of Jody & Marcia

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Book, CD & DVD Sale

On **Sunday, May 15** we will have a book, CD and DVD sale. Please start saving the items that you wish to donate. You may start dropping your donated items off at the synagogue on Wednesdays during the day or Friday nights for storage. Call Sally & Steven Lowen for more information or to volunteer to organize the donated items 466.8688.

Dinner Club is canceled for April.

Enjoy the Passover holiday evenings with friends and family! See you soon with a new dining location.

Congregation Beit Tikva "Hosts" Dinner at the Interfaith Shelter

Congregation Beit Tikva will be the "host" for dinner at the Interfaith Shelter (Cerrillos Rd.) on **Wednesday night, April 27, 5:00-9:00 pm.**

This means that we're responsible for providing the food, setting up, serving, and cleaning up for approximately 75 people. If some of the cooks are available to stay the 4 hours after delivering the food to the Shelter that would be wonderful! If not, different people are needed to stay for the 4 hours. You are not expected to make a full course for 75 people. Five people, for example, could split the main course for the dinner, making 5 separate dishes, each enough for 15 people. The food should be ready to serve when you bring it; there are no kitchen facilities at the Shelter. We'll need salad, side dishes, main dishes, and desserts.

Please call **Sandy Levine at 505-466-4041** (levinesy@comcast.net) if you're interested in volunteering for this project. We'd all be doing a great Mitzvah!

April Birthdays

Vic Middlekauff	April 3
Josie Stern	April 3
Bessy Berman	April 5
Norton Bicoll	April 5
Todd Wertehim	April 6
Judy Feldman	April 7
Stuart Rosenberg	April 11
Irma Thaler	April 13
Rita Grant	April 15
Bunny Lichtenstein	April 19
Fred Reid	April 19
Henry Lewis	April 20
Steve Flance	April 25
Doreen Hurtig	April 26

April Anniversaries

Al & Marlyn Kempenich	April 17
Michele & John Goldman	April 17
Rita & Michael Linder	April 28

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MARCH

Shabbat Across America
 Valerie Frost
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 Ruthie & Len Koval

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APRIL TORAH PASSAGES

April 2 <i>Tazria</i>	Leviticus 12.1 – 13.59 Laws of childbirth, leprosy
Shabbat Hachodesh	Special Consecration of Nisan, most eventful month in the history of Israel
April 9 <i>Metzora</i>	Leviticus 14.1 – 15.33 Purification after childbirth & from leprosy, physical impurities, diagnosis & treatment
April 16 <i>Achrei Mot</i>	Leviticus 16.1 – 18.30 The day of atonement, confession of sin, immortality
Shabbat Hagadol	The great Sabbath, always precedes Passover
April 23 <i>Chol Hamoed</i>	Sabbath during Passover
April 30 <i>Kedoshim</i>	Leviticus 19.1-20.27 Rules re: holiness, parents, Sabbath, idols, weights & measures, ethical commandments

APRIL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<i>April 1</i>	Friday 7:30 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy Sermon: Skin Diseases and Social Justice
<i>April 8</i>	Friday 7:30 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy Sermon: The Western World Begins with Nisan
<i>April 15</i>	Friday 7:30 pm Service led by members of the congregation
<i>April 22</i>	Friday 7:30 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy Sermon: The World According to Matzah Ball
<i>April 29</i>	Friday 7:30 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy Sermon: Is Holiness Possible for Us?