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**ANNUAL POT-LUCK, SERVICE AND CHANUKAH PARTY**

**Friday, December 23, 6:00pm**

The pot-luck, service and party should be loads of fun, so please consider attending. These events are open to members and non-members alike. We will eat, light candles, sing songs, play the dreidel game and have gifts for the children.

*Happy Chanukah, from the Board of Trustees.*

**Annual Meeting—Save the Date**

The annual congregational meeting is on **Sunday, December 11 at 3:00pm.**

Members, if you are unable to join us for the congregational meeting, please fill out the proxy in your upcoming mailing, sign it and return it in the envelope enclosed. We need your vote on the slate of trustees and the 2012 budget.

**ELEANOR & RICHARD BRENNER EDUCATIONAL SERIES**



There are three more simulcast events this fall. You may pre-pay \$35.00 for all three programs, or pay \$15 for a single admission.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 5:30 pm**

**John Bolton, Ethan Bronner, Richard Perele, Nazie Eftekhari & Alex Traiman** will discuss the threat of a nuclear Iran with clips from the documentary *Iranium*.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 6:15 pm**

**Michael Freund** will moderate the story of "Finding a Lost Tribe of Israel: The Bnei Menashe of India."

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 5:30 pm**

**Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court**, "Making Our Democracy Work."



**¡Celebrate! The Jewish Experience in Spanish-Speaking Countries.**

Two events—Friday, November 11 and Sunday November 13. See page 6 for details.



**FALL CLASSES WITH RABBI MARTIN LEVY**

• **Introduction to the History of Kabbalah from the 2nd to the 16th Century**

The class centers on the origins of Kabbalah and how it has influenced our modern world. The class meets each Wednesday at 7:30pm.

• **Hebrew Classes**

Classes continue on Thursdays at 2:15pm. Join this great group of adult students for Hebrew instruction as we focus on reading and studying Hebrew verbs and learning about our prayers.

• **Sunday Family Education Morning** On Sunday, December 4, from 10am to 12pm, we will have our second family education study session. Our discussion topic is "Chanukah, Our December Dilemma." Bagels and cream cheese will be provided. All our welcome. Please RSVP to 820.2991.



In the beginning of our beginnings, God created the universe using the Torah as a master blueprint. We learn this from a classic Midrash which explains the idea of “beginnings,” in the opening Genesis verse. Just as an architect needs plans to design a skyscraper, so the Almighty needed Torah as a unique guide for the design and flowering of this place called earth. With one stroke of the pen, our Sages began the interpretive process, explaining to future generations that every phrase in the Bible contains within it “seventy facets” or meanings. Our Jewish heritage is replete with words, and later commentators penned new words to explain the words of the Almighty. That is one of the contributions of Rashi, the French exegete and scholar. Rashi, writing also in French, added hundreds of new words to the medieval French vocabulary in order to explain the biblical verses. We could argue that our Jewish creativity has been weaned on the power of words.

Though the Holy Days seem already a sweet and distant memory, the words from the prayerbook still resonate within us. The plaintive sounds of the shofar echo in our ears, as we recall the shofar service: “there is no forgetfulness in Your presence, nothing hidden from your sight.” The inspiring melodies sung by our cantor, and the chanting of Torah and Haftarah blessings, reminds me of the beauty and strength of our Heritage, and the people who follow that inheritance. We have been renewed and the tasks of the winter season await us—to bolster

the inner and outer soul of our congregation. We have to secure the future of our congregation through deeds and *tzedakah*. The words keep coming back to us: “our days are like the fleeting grass,” each day is a gift and disappears so quickly. Each of our good deeds triggers a Jewish memory; it reminds us of the “ish” in Jewish. We take our words to heart, and ask the Almighty to hear the stirrings of our heart. As we sang last month, “may the words of our lips find favor before You, o God.”

In another month, we will be bombarded with the words and melodies of the winter holidays. Chanukah begins just a few days before that other national holiday. Sometimes we forget the importance of Chanukah, which means “rededication,” because we are caught up in the madness of shopping and secular celebrations.

Chanukah is about focusing our energies on the vitality of the Jewish enterprise, and reminding ourselves that assimilation is not the answer to a stronger Judaism. Our ancestors thought they could become like the Hellenists, and yet maintain their Jewish identity, only to find that Antiochus Epiphanes thought the best way to deal with the Jews was to deny them their religious and civil liberties. In the end, we fought an unusual battle, defeating the Syrians (Greeks), and were able to maintain our religious identity. But that freedom did not last all that long. Today our freedoms are guaranteed by the American constitution. Still we constantly need to remind ourselves of the message of religious freedom, which is the real message of Chanukah. We must rededicate ourselves to our ideals, and maintain the real spirit of Chanukah: that our community is an expression of the divine word, and our goal is to improve this world and continue in our journey towards learning and doing good deeds.

B’shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin W. Levy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Martin W. Levy  
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## Dear Friends,

As the cold weather moves in, the warmth of the High Holy Days still lingers. Rabbi Levy gave us much to think about with his inspiring sermons. With Cantor Linder's beautiful voice, our choir was something to behold. The music under the directorship of Kay Fowler was inspiring. Our own Sonny Rapoport spent many months organizing the music and the choir.

This past month I conducted a very informal survey concerning why people belong to Congregation Beit Tikva. Many congregants immediately responded that the friendliness of our congregation attracted them to our Temple. As I have aged, I noticed that often people want to be recognized for who they are and what they are going through. A simple, "Hi, how are you?" can change a person's mood, usually for the better. Each Friday before services I hear people catching up with one another. We validate and create friendships with our concerns for each other. It truly is a special attribute of our congregation.

A second reason people have joined our Temple is our great adult education series. One person told me the classes have enriched their understanding of Judaism. When this person attends services, he understands the meaning of the prayers. Instead of simply repeating the prayer, this person now knows the history behind it, the reason it was added to the service and the cultural significance of the prayer. As the Torah is recited, parts of class discussions float through one's mind, "Oh, yes, Rabbi Levy said this about that passage last week!" We indeed are so fortunate to have Rabbi Levy in our midst. He is wise as well as knowledgeable.

People have joined simply to be with other Jews and create friendships. It is a joy to be with folks who support Israel and are of like mind on other issues as well. As one woman put it, these people are my family. They understand what it means to be Jewish. Our congregation offers support to those who

are experiencing difficult times. In my life, I find much comfort during services when the *mishabayrach* is recited. Every week, while my son was serving in Iraq, he was mentioned. I felt there was a kindness and concern in our congregation I didn't feel anywhere else.

I mention these ideas to remind us of what a unique community we have. Our congregation, Rabbi, executive director, other employees and the building need supporting. There is still time to make a year end donation. The board of trustees and I would greatly appreciate any donation you can make.

Last, but certainly not least, is a huge thank you to Bob Hillman and Ned Siegel for all their hard work in putting together our year end Salsa and Spice and Everything Nice! fund raising event. Also, thank you to all the folks who donated an item for the silent auction, made a dinner or dessert or came and participated! Together, we can keep our doors open, keep the friendships growing and become better Jews through our prayers and actions.

Shalom,

**Kate Shane**

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# High Holy Days 5772/2011



## Social Action Update

The Interfaith Community Shelter will soon re-open following an extensive renovation. Congregation Beit Tikva will once again, join dozens of other faith-based organizations in providing meals to the homeless. Please contact me if you have an interest in either helping with cooking or serving a dinner.

For those who are interested in individual community volunteerism, just know that there are many opportunities. The Santa Fe United Way Office maintains a listing of agencies seeking help from volunteers. You'll get similar information when you google "Volunteer Opportunities in Santa Fe." There will be yet more possibilities at the website for the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteers



(www.newmexserve.org).

And please remember our own Congregation Beit Tikva community when thinking about social action. We're all interested in helping the Santa Fe community but are equally interested in helping those who are near and dear to us. Notify our Mitzvah Committee Chairperson, Michele Goldman, if you know of a member who is ill or in need of assistance. At the holidays, remember those who are alone. Caring is a large part of what Congregation Beit Tikva is all about!

*Sandra Levine*

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## Our Donations to the Food Depot

Thank you to members and friends who visited us over the High Holy Days and brought 75 bags of food, which was donated to Santa Fe's Food Depot. They were most grateful.

### ¡Que Viva La Jewish Fiesta!

"Salsa, Spice & Everything Nice"

**November 5**

Remember to get your tickets for dinner, Calcutta, silent auction and salsa dancing! Call 820.2991, Ned Siegel at 670.3967, or Bob Hillman at 983.7797 or 470.2904.

## Upcoming Hadassah Programs

**Sunday, November 6, 2:00pm**—Save the date and plan to come to our next event.

Join us for a discussion of **Jewish Genetic Diseases with Juli Horwitz Kite**. Ms. Kite is certified as a genetic counselor by the American Board of Medical Genetics and is also a New Mexico licensed genetics counselor. She came to Santa Fe in 1989 and works as a Genetics Coordinator for Genzyme Genetics.

Ms. Kite will provide information and will discuss several common and rare conditions that are prevalent in the Ashkenazi population. The discussion will cover inheritance patterns, treatment and testing options. This is sure to be a very interesting afternoon. Suggested donation is \$10.00. The event will be held at the home of Reggie Klein, 2619 Via Berrenda, 505-438-8150.

**Chai Tea Tuesday, December 6, 3:00pm**—

Recognize our Chai Members at Fuego in La Posada Hotel, 330 East Palace Avenue.

Pull out your hat and gloves (optional) and join us for high tea at La Posada. Plans are being made for a delightful afternoon of food and fun. Phyllis Kapp's daughter Debbi Brody is a poet who will talk and recite her poetry about "Creativity in the Family." We will also be recognizing our wonderful Chai members. Susan Berk is our event chairman. Please send your reservation and check for \$18 per person by November 28th to:

Carol Pava, Treasurer, 261 Plaza Canada Santa Fe, NM 87501

As always, our programs are open to members and friends. For more information or questions, please contact one of us.

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## November Birthdays

Michele Goldman	November 4
Henry Joseph	November 7
Gabriel Green	November 10
Jerilyn Silver	November 10
Jerry Wertheim	November 11
Robert Sherman	November 18
Jerry Bork	November 23
Sally Lowen	November 24
Eileen Mandel	November 29
Rabbi Leonard Helman	November 30
Ned Siegel	November 30

## November Anniversaries

Gail & Sonny Rapoport	November 2
Viv & Irv Abrams	November 6
Jerilyn & A David Silver	November 22
Marilyn & Larry Cohen	November 26
Barbara & Jerry Bork	November 27



### IN MEMORIAM:

Aaron Ingerman  
September 27, 1914 –  
October 21, 2011

## Call for Membership Directory Listings

To update your information for the new directory, please email [beittikva@aol.com](mailto:beittikva@aol.com) or call 820.2991. Don't forget to check your listing or add your information for the business directory section.

## December Birthdays

Barbara Bork	December 1
Angelina Vera	December 3
Phyllis Kapp	December 5
Nancy Lewis	December 7
Edward Mazria	December 7
Heidi Hahn	December 9
Marilyn Cohen	December 10
Jacqueline Bell	December 13
Janie Sisikin	December 13
John Goldman	December 15
Lee Ingerman	December 15
Paul Lichtenstein	December 16
Barbara Marco	December 19
Sheila Benveniste	December 24
MaryCarole Wertheim	December 25
Paul Grace	December 26
Sherry Bell	December 28
Binnie Postelnek	December 28

## December Anniversaries

Barbara & Philip Gudwin	December 14
Linda and Jim Cohen	December 19
Susan & Gary Katz	December 19
Ethel & Bernard Kolbor	December 20
Marlene & Marvin Maslow	December 21
Edith & Ernest Schwartz	December 29



**Congregation Beit Tikva** is planning two events in conjunction with the ADL's **Celebrate! The Jewish Experience in Spanish-Speaking Countries.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11** Enrique Chmelnik

Lubinsky, Director of the new Memory & Tolerance Museum in Mexico City will speak after our Friday evening service. His topic is the wave of Jewish immigration to Mexico that fled Nazi Germany at the beginning of WWII and how Mexico became a refuge for Jews during the Holocaust. He will also discuss the Jewish community in Mexico today.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 2:00PM** we will be showing *The Last Sephardic Jew* a widely acclaimed Spanish movie with Ladino and English subtitles. It is the story of a young rabbi originally from Sarajevo, who journeys from Jerusalem, throughout the Jewish Diaspora to Toledo, Spain looking for places where his Sephardic ancestors lived for five centuries. Through interviews and visits to historic sites he explains his efforts to keep alive the Sephardic legacy and culture.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DONATIONS

### General Fund

Naomi Becker – In memory of Carol Becker, mother of Naomi  
 Naomi Becker – In memory of Sidney Becker, father of Naomi  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gail Rapoport  
 Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Jerome Chapman, brother of Al  
 Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Goldie Sigal, sister of Al  
 Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Evalyn Schwartz, sister of Al  
 Sofia Culley – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Elsie Hartog-Gobey – In memory of Albert Julius Hartog and Lillian Hartog  
 Ruth Getz-Koval – In memory of Burton Getz, father of her son Eric  
 John Guffey & Barbara Somerfield –

In memory of Betty Goldsmith Guffey, mother of John  
 Gail Karr – In memory of Philip Kaplan, father of Gail  
 Gary & Susan Katz – In memory of Ralph Littman  
 Ruth & Leonard Koval – In memory of Martin Berger  
 Peggy & Todd Myers – In memory of Kevin Prindible, brother of Peggy  
 Fred Reid – In memory of Gertrude Reid, mother of Fred  
 Fred Reid – In memory of Flora Codman, sister of Fred  
 Kathleen Richkind – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Bruce James McNickle, brother of Connie  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Orville McNickle, father of Connie  
 Irma & Ralph Thaler – In memory of Herman Thaler, father of Ralph

### Rabbi Helman's

#### Discretionary Fund

Sherry & Richard Levin – In memory of Irvin Metz, father of Sherry

#### CHAI Brick Walkway

Julia, Lance & Jacqueline Bell  
 Jan & Howard Hendler  
 Fred Reid  
 Joan & Herman Scheinberg  
 Susan Swartzberg  
 Don Young

#### CHAI Brick Walkway Bench

Barbara & Armon LaMont for the Leah Bell Kellogg Family

#### Adult Education Fund

Linda and Jim Cohen  
 Phyllis Kapp

#### High Holy Days End-of-Year Appeal

Beth Beloff & Marc Geller  
 Ruth & Len Koval  
 Eileen Mandel  
 Teresa Pierce & Mort Morrison  
 Linda & Dirk Wassner

## CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVA 2012 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES NOMINEES

**President:** Kate Shane  
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**Past President:** Paul Grace  
**Treasurer:** Steven Lowen  
**Recording Secretary:**

#### New Trustees:

Philip Goldstone  
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 Robert Hillman  
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 Gary Katz  
 Henry Lewis  
 Stephen Lowen  
 Don Miller  
 Elliot Rapoport  
 Ned Siegel

#### Thank you to our retiring board members:

Irv Abrams  
 Juli Horwitz Kite  
 Sandy Levine  
 Connie Trujillo

### Thank You Oneg Sponsors

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#### SEPTEMBER

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 Michele & John Goldman

#### OCTOBER

Barbara & Armon LaMont  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork  
 Kimberly & Simon Stertzler

## There is Still Time to Buy a Brick or a Bench

Join with others who have bought a brick or a bench. It is not too late; there are forms available at the synagogue or you can contact Jerry Bork at 473.9162, cell 516.680.3910, or [jerrybork@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybork@gmail.com).

The dedication of the benches has been moved to a later date to facilitate delivery and installation. The date for the dedication and honoring of the premium donors is to be announced. Please contact Jerry Bork with any questions.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**ANNUAL  
MEETING:**

The annual  
congregational meeting  
will be on **Sunday,**  
**December 11, 2011**  
**at 3:00pm.**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TORAH PASSAGES**

**November 5** Genesis  
*Lech Lecha* 12.1 – 17.27  
The history of the Jewish people  
begins, Abraham & Sarah and  
the call of God to go forth to  
Canaan

**November 12** Genesis  
*Vayera* 18.1 – 22.24  
Destruction of Sodom &  
Gemorrah, Lot's escape and  
Lot's wife becomes a pillar of  
salt, Birth of Isaac and God's  
testing of Abraham

**November 19** Genesis  
*Chaye Sarah* 23.1 – 25.18  
Death and burial of Sarah  
Isaac marries Rebecca

**November 26** Genesis  
*Toldot* 25.19 – 28.9  
Birth of twins, Jacob & Esau  
Jacob and the birthright, Isaac's  
blessing, Jacob flees

**December 3** Genesis  
*Vayetze* 28.10 - 32.3  
Jacob's dream, Jacob's labors  
His two wives, Leah & Rachael  
Birth of Jacob's children

**December 10** Genesis  
*Vayishlach* 32.4 – 36.43  
Jacob's fear of Esau, Jacob  
becomes Israel, The reunion with  
Esau, The return of Jacob to  
Bethel, The death of Isaac

**December 17** Genesis  
*Vayeshev* 37.1 – 40.23  
The story of Joseph, The coat  
of many colors, Joseph and his  
slavery in Egypt, Joseph the  
student of dreams

**December 20** First Night of  
Chanukah

**December 24** Genesis  
*Miketz* 41.1 – 44.17  
Joseph's interpretation of the  
Pharaoh's dreams, His promotion  
to leadership in Egypt, Joseph's  
brothers come to Egypt, Joseph  
tests his brothers

**December 31** Genesis  
*Vayigash* 44.18 – 47.27  
The family of Joseph & his  
brothers are reunited, Peace and  
harmony in ancient Egypt

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

<i>November 4</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	<i>December 2</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
<i>November 11</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Members of the congregation	<i>December 9</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
<i>November 18</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	<i>December 16</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Members of the congregation
<i>November 25</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	<i>December 23</i>	Friday 6:00pm Chanukah Pot-luck 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
		<i>December 30</i>	Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy