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PASSOVER 2014

Join Us for Our
Second Night
Passover Seder
on April 15

Congregation Beit Tikva's annual **Second Night Passover Seder** will be held at the synagogue this year on **Tuesday, April 15** with festivities beginning at 6:00 pm. Walter Burke will be catering the event. Please join us for a beautiful service led by our Rabbi Levy and Cantor Linder, followed by a complete traditional meal of brisket or a vegetarian option. Since seating is limited, we ask that you return the form included in this bulletin on page 4. For questions please contact the co-chairs Regina Klein 438.8150 or Kate Shane 470.9448.



Purim Megillah Reading on
Friday, March 14

Our Megillah reading for Purim is on **Friday, March 14** at 7:30 pm. Come in costume if you wish. We have the gragger noise makers and there will be Hammantashen at the oneg dessert following services. See page 11.

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FINAL PRESENTATION FOR THE SEASON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Karen Armstrong and Thomas Cahill, with Rabbi Jennifer Krause— "Meeting of the Minds: On Compassion." Don't miss the last 92nd St Y presentation for this season. See details on page 5.

Shabbat Across America
Friday, March 7

On Friday, March 7 at 6:00pm we will celebrate our 18th year participating in **Shabbat Across America** with congregations across the country. Sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach non-profit, this event always provides a special bonding of congregational experiences from coast to coast. We have participated every year the program has been offered. Please join us for a pot-luck dinner and service.





to enjoying a lifetime of happiness. Thomas Mann interprets “and you will be a blessing” to mean, “you shall have a destiny.” The lives of women and men who undertake a great project are rarely an unclouded blessing. Had I listened to my Grandma Louise, who was dubious about the rabbinical world, I would have headed for another graduate degree.

Had I known being a rabbi involves accepting a destiny, I might have been too frightened to embark on this wonderful career. But I took a leap of faith before I knew all the details. I can't think of another profession more challenging or one that involves so much patience.

I was once asked by a congregant, “if you knew in advance what was involved, would you have chosen the rabbinate as your career?” I replied in jest, “being a rabbi is no job for a nice Jewish boy.” Then I rephrased the question and asked my friend, “knowing what is involved, and if you had a choice, would you choose Judaism as your faith?” I believe that all of us choose to be Jewish, and it entails a profound responsibility to accept the challenges of being Jewish.

Abraham was not given a choice by the Almighty. When God orders Avram, “go forth from your native land, from your father's home, to a land that I will show you,” our patriarch was not given a choice. Avram, who became Abraham, (the great father of nations, as the Rabbis explain his name), was offered a challenge and a destiny. God did not ask Moses or Jeremiah if they wanted to become a prophet; rather he ordered Moses, “I will send you to Pharaoh and you shall free my people, the Israelites, from Egypt.” The Almighty drafted Jeremiah even before he was born: “before I created you in the womb I selected you. Before you were born, I consecrated you, I appointed you to be a prophet concerning the nations.”

The Holy One apparently does not ask for volunteers. Why? Perhaps because, He does not want to be turned down!

Being a blessing to future nations is not equivalent

There were times when I wanted to put down the task, but the satisfaction of knowing that I am playing a part in the future survival of Judaism has always meant so much to me.

Truly we can say this about many professions. If a teacher, nurse, engineer, lawyer, social worker or doctor knew what was totally involved before he or she made the commitment, we would be hard put to unequivocally say, “I will surely choose this profession.”

Looking back at our ancestors, we give thanks that Abraham and Sarah did accept their mission and in so doing, they brought new souls into our nascent faith. Our ancestors possessed that talent to plan for the future, and thus they could reach out to new souls and welcome them into our marvelous Jewish world. Still our task remains the same: to welcome new souls into our congregation, into the community of Santa Fe, and strengthen our presence in this community. In that way we will fulfill part of our destiny, and create a vibrant Beit Tikva.

B'shalom,

Martin W. Levy
505.670.4671

On the Promise of Judaism's Future

I came across this article first published in the Chicago Tribune in 2011 written by Tribune reporter Bonnie Miller Rubin. Examining our own membership and the children of our members seems fitting. This does appear to be but one avenue holding out promise for Judaism's continuing future.

Reform rabbis offer blessing for non-Jewish spouses

As members of the Jewish community settled into their seats recently at Yom Kippur services, everyone had a pretty good idea of what to expect. It's the annual spiritual cleansing, dedicated to recognizing a long list of human failings — from jealousy to gluttony to gossip.

But in many Reform synagogues across Chicago and the nation, the faithful heard something that had nothing to do with atonement and everything to do with celebration: a blessing for non-Jewish spouses.

"We want to tell you how much you matter to our congregation and how very grateful we are for what you have done."

With that one line, sleepers suddenly snapped to attention.

For a religion that accounts for less than 2 percent of American households — and lost one-third of its population in a single generation — intermarriage has always represented the "third rail," regardless of where one fell on the theological spectrum.

For centuries, people who wed non-Jews were regarded as "marrying out," their unions accompanied by an asterisk. In some circles, parents even shunned their children, regarding them as dead.

But the trend toward intermarriage goes well beyond the Jewish community, of course. One out of every seven new marriages in the U.S. involves a spouse of a different race or ethnicity. Throw same-sex unions into the mix and the numbers are even greater.

But now, with little fanfare, came a sea change. Instead of seeing intermarriage as an exit door, rabbis everywhere were rolling out the welcome mat — and on the holiest day of the year, no less.

At synagogues large and small, the myriad paths traveled were recognized. "Some of you are living a Jewish life in virtually all respects," the blessing continued. "Some are devoutly committed to another faith. Some of you do not define yourself as religious at all."

But by agreeing to raise Jewish offspring — "giving up the joy of passing your own religious traditions down to your kids" — the non-Jewish parent ensured a future for a very small tribe, the tribute said.

The blessing also cited other contributions: Driving Hebrew school carpool, nagging kids to get up on Sunday mornings, learning to make kugel (a noodle pudding) and latkes (potato pancakes), and even trying to like gefilte fish (an acquired taste, exempt from any marriage vows).

"With all our hearts, we want to thank you for your generosity and strength of spirit in making the ultimate gift to the Jewish people."

The blessing was first delivered a few years ago by Rabbi Janet Marder of Los Altos Hills, Calif., who looked out at the pews and saw the realities of 21st century life.

That people who once rarely ventured beyond their neighborhoods now leave home, attend college, find jobs, join book clubs, and even once-restricted country clubs — and fall in love with men and women from very different backgrounds.

"I wanted to make a significant gesture of appreciation," Marder said. "I think a lot of these supportive partners were under the radar, and I wanted to make them visible. I asked the congregation to stand in their honor ... and I must say it was a very powerful moment."

It was no less compelling in the Chicago area.

"You should have told me that I was going to need Kleenex," Lauren Kern told Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus, after services at B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom in Homewood. Back in 1985, when she married her lapsed Christian husband, John, neither could have envisioned such inclusiveness.

Tears were also on hand at Oak Park Temple, where Rabbi Max Weiss led the congregation in paying tribute to some 75 to 100 spouses. The morning after, Weiss received a flurry of email. "I doubt that spouses make this commitment with the expectation or even the need of thanks," wrote one woman. "And that's what makes it even more important."

The Union for Reform Judaism — which represents 900 congregations in the U.S. and Canada — has been reaching out to these couples for decades. (Conservative and Orthodox branches do not.) However, this was the first year that the blessing appeared on its website, which

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT PASSOVER

Congregation
Beit Tikva

Rabbi Martin Levy
Cantor Michael Linder

Welcome Passover —

Second Night Community Seder

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

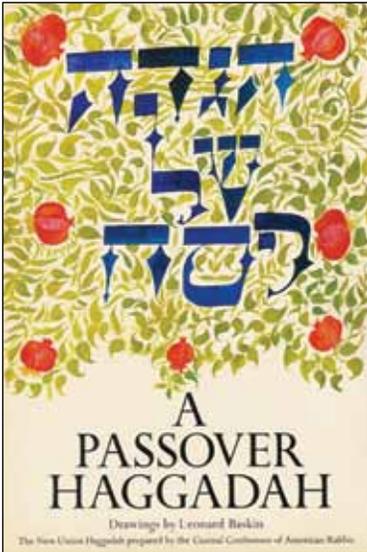
Children are especially welcome.

TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm, at Congregation Beit Tikva, 2230 Old Pecos Trail

Conducted by Rabbi Martin W. Levy and Cantor Michael G. Linder

Catered by Walter Burke Catering (Main course is brisket or a vegetarian option is available.)

PASSOVER REGISTRATION FORM



of Member adults _____ @ \$55 per person _____

of Non-Member adults _____ @ \$65 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 Monday April 7.**

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 _____

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Judaism's Future *continued from page 3*

could explain why it was so widely used, said the URJ's Victor Appell.

"The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive," said Appell, who was rabbi at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield before moving to New York.

The path is not without its challenges. About half of all Jewish nuptials now involve someone of a different faith, and many fear the recent message will only encourage such unions, further shrinking the numbers. Clergy struggle with their positions. Dreyfus, for example, won't officiate at a mixed ceremony, but once a couple is married, she enthusiastically embraces them. Lauren Kern would prefer that her two daughters — both college students — wed Jewish men, even as she laughs at her own hypocrisy.

With diversity, no one claims to have all the answers. "But closing our doors to interfaith families only serves to drive them away," said Appell. "And that's not what we want to do."

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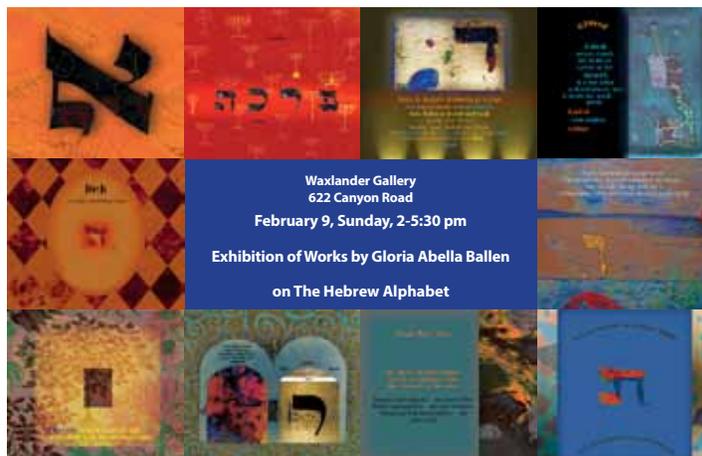
SHOWING DVD's OF RECENT LIVE EVENTS

Viewing purchased DVD's of recent LIVE Events at the 92nd St. Y in New York allows us to share these programs at convenient times. We are again asking **\$12 at the door** for each program.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Karen Armstrong and Thomas Cahill, with Rabbi Jennifer Krause — "Meeting of the Minds: On Compassion."

Karen Armstrong is the author of several books including *The Case for God* and *A History of God: The 4,000 Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Thomas Cahill is the author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization* and *The Gifts of the Jews*, among others.



The Power of the Hebrew Alphabet Exhibition by Gloria Abella Ballen

February 4 – 9 at the Waxlander Gallery
622 Canyon Road

Opening reception and book signing:
Sunday, February 9, 2:00-5:30 pm

The artist/author Gloria Abella Ballen will give a gallery talk about these art works interpreting the kabalistic meanings of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

For further information on the exhibition call Bonnie French at the Waxlander Gallery, 505-984-2202. www.waxlander.com

Free and open to the public.

Santa Fe Jewish Singles Group

The Santa Fe Jewish Singles Group will host a "Meet and Greet Party" at Congregation Beit Tikva on Saturday evening, February 22, 2014 at 7:00pm. **THERE WILL BE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** — Rick Mena, Classical and Flamenco Guitarist, fiddler — a one man band. All Jewish singles, irrespective of age or congregational affiliation, are invited to attend this meet-and-greet party and all future functions. Desserts, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. **BYOB** if you prefer something else to drink. There is a \$10 (non-refundable) reservation fee per person. If you have special dietary needs, feel free to bring your own snacks. For further information please contact Paul Grace 690-8505 or Peter Merrill 473-7733.

2014 Israel Spring Adventure

Join Rabbi Levy, members of Congregation Beit Tikva and friends this May on a special trip to Israel, led by one of Israel's most experienced tour guides.

- Visit the mystical town of Safed where Kabbalah was born.
- Stroll through the world famous Machne Yehuda market with its aromas, flavors and colors.
- Tour the Galilee and Golan Heights
- Stand in the hall where Ben Gurion declared the State of Israel in May 1940.
- Roam the streets of the old port of Akko.

Whether this is your first trip to Israel or you have visited many times before, Rabbi Levy will provide new insights and perspectives. In February, Rabbi Levy will be starting a class to prepare us for this exciting and informative adventure. The trip is open to Hadassah and non-members of Beit Tikva.

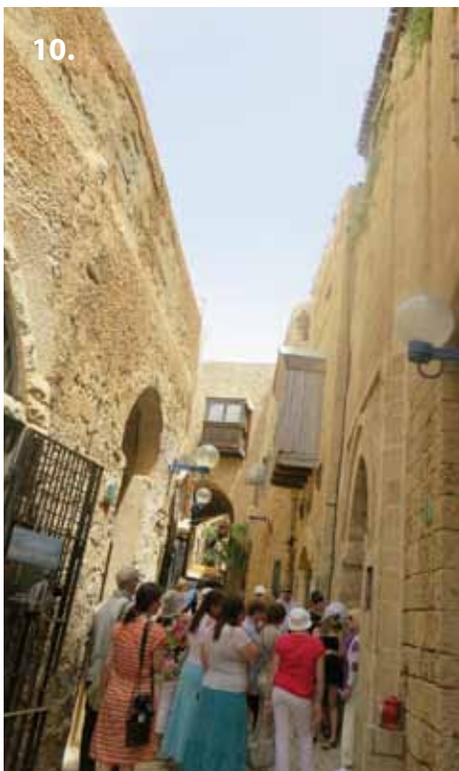
When: May 21–June 1. For itinerary, trip costs and more information contact Joan or Jeffrey Less at: jjless@comcast.net or 505-954-1030.

Registration deposit: \$500 by February 15



1. The Western Wall, Jerusalem
2. Women at the Wall
3. Tel Aviv
4. Yossi Dagan, our tour guide and VIP bus
5. Tunnel under the Wall
6. Machne Yehuda market
7. Dead Sea
8. Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital
9. Masada
10. Akko
11. Tower of David

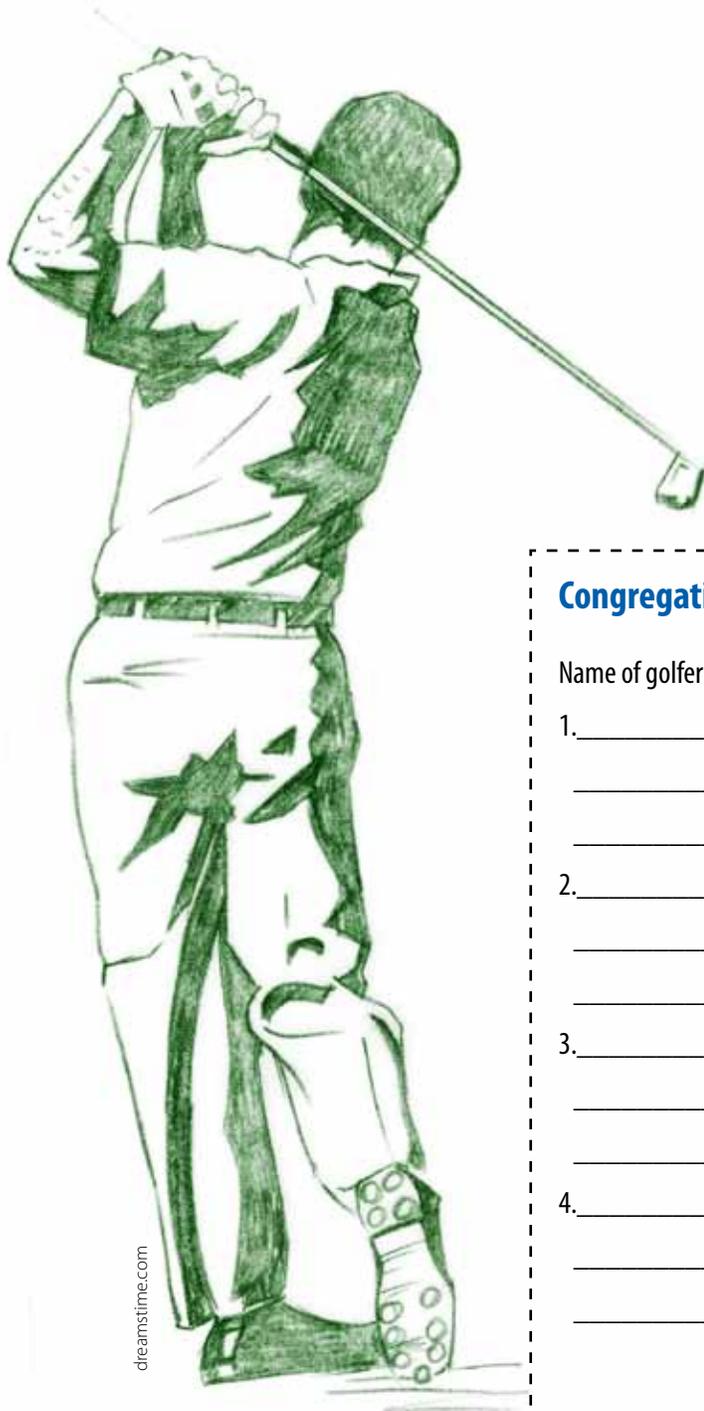




Swing!

Congregation Beit Tikva's Golf Outing and Fundraiser

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014 @ 9:00 AM



We are holding our first golf outing (hopefully of many more in the future) at **Marty Sanchez Links de Santa Fe on Monday, May 19th**. Tee time will be at 9:00 am. Members and guests are all invited to participate in a day of golf and camaraderie.

Cost of the event is \$75.00 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, and goodie bags. Also included is lunch at the golf course restaurant following golf, and a raffle ticket for a raffle during lunch. We also hope to hold a separate 50/50 raffle after lunch.

If you are planning on joining us, please fill out the registration form below and return it along with your registration fee made payable to Congregation Beit Tikva.

Deadline for registration is May 5th. If there is a group with whom you wish to play, please submit the entire group's registration forms and fees together. Or, use one form listing all names in your group and submit it with the group's entry fees. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would like help with registration at the golf course prior to tee time, setting up at the golf course, and getting gifts for the raffle. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Lenny Feiner at 505-471-1703 (home), 964-913-0485 (cell).

Congregation Beit Tikva's Golf Outing Registration Form

Name of golfer(s), address & phone:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Registration fee enclosed:

_____ golfers
@ \$75.00 each = \$ _____

Send this form and payment to:
Lenny Feiner
1566 Sipapu Lane
Santa Fe, NM 87507



Artist's Presentation at Shabbat Service

Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm

Noted artist **Gloria Abella Ballen** will speak at Shabbat evening service. Gloria Ballen's newest volume, *The Power of the Hebrew Alphabet*, an extraordinary art book encompassing twenty years of painting, will be the highlight of our special Shabbat presentation. Gloria Ballen has taught at Georgia State University and other American institutions. Her art has been exhibited in Seattle, Los Angeles, New York, Mexico City, and London. Her paintings are in major collections and in museums in the US and Canada. Gloria and her husband Ron Hart are active members of the Santa Fe Jewish community. We welcome them for this special Shabbat program. The lecture will begin at the conclusion of February 7th Shabbat worship service.

See page 5 for information about Gloria Abella Ballen's art opening at Waxlander Gallery on Sunday, February 9, from 2:00-5:30 pm.



Sunday February 9, 2014

A Taste of Honey: Jewish Learning at its Sweetest! 12:00pm – 5:30pm

Jewish Community Center
of Greater Albuquerque
5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

This is the Jewish community's annual, exciting, social, cultural and educational event that offers an opportunity to savor Jewish life at its best. It brings together all of the New Mexico community to explore our understanding of Judaism and the Jewish experience. In that spirit, this year's program features myriad topics ranging from the religious and intellectual to the spiritual and physical. See the website, www.jccabq.org, for a list of presenters or call 505.332.0565 for more information.

Book Group Discussion on *My Promised Land* — *The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit

Sunday February 16, 10:00 am

Interest was expressed in having a follow-up discussion about the widely reviewed and discussed book *My Promised Land—The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* after our 92nd St Y DVD presentation on January 12. Author Ari Shavit was interviewed at 92nd St. Y by David Remnick, editor of the *New Yorker* magazine.

We will meet over coffee at 10:00 am at Congregation Beit Tikva

on Sunday, February 16, 2014 to discuss the interview and the book. The book is available in hard cover or can be read on iPad, Kindle or Nook. If you missed the program, but have read the book, come and join in the discussion.

Contact Reggie Klein at 438.8150 arkay28@gmail.com with any questions or to RSVP. Please plan to come.

February Birthdays

Carol Clifford	February 1
Vivian Abrams	February 3
Edith Schwartz	February 4
Meg Folk	February 5
Gary Brouse	February 6
Elliot Rapoport	February 7
David Bloom	February 11
Peter Merrill	February 12
Valerie Frost	February 15
Rita Solomon	February 20
Simon Stertzer	February 20
Beth Moise	February 21
Burton Krohn	February 25

February Anniversaries

Roberta Goodrich & Martin Hoffman	February 23
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March Birthdays

Sonrisa Goldman	March 2
Philip Goldstone	March 5
Nina Weisse-Bernstein	March 5
Gary Katz	March 9
Kimberly Stertzer	March 23
Helene Singer Merrin	March 28
Todd Myers	March 28
A. David Silver	March 28
James P. Cohen	March 29
Ethel Kolbor	March 29
Connie Trujillo	March 29
Leroy Wittwer	March 29

March Anniversaries

Sheila & Norton Bicoll	March 10
Michele & John Goldman	March 10

PONCE DE LEON UPCOMING SERVICES

Shabbat at Home
Friday, February 28 and
Friday March 28, 5:30 pm

SOCIAL ACTION AT CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVA

Donate a Stuffed Animal for Abused Children

Congregation Beit Tikva, Hadassah and Civitan have launched our annual Teddy Bear Project for child abuse victims in Santa Fe. All the children are interviewed at the Santa Fe Solace Treatment Center (formerly the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center). Congregants are asked to participate by donating new teddy bears or other stuffed animals, or journals to write in, which we will give to the Center for the children. The Center interviewed approximately 250 children in 2013.

All donated stuffed animals must be new, and must not contain any batteries. Journals may also be donated for the older children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, so we hope to be able to donate a large number of stuffed animals and journals to the Center by April. You can drop off your stuffed animals or journals at Beit Tikva, or at the home of **Joan Less** in Santa Fe, 954-1030; jjless@comcast.net or **Sandy Levine** in Eldorado, 466-4041; levinesy@comcast.net or **Ruth Wallack** 986-0322, Santa Fe.



Represent Our Congregation with Service at the Interfaith Homeless Shelter

Congregation Beit Tikva will provide dinner at the **Interfaith Homeless Shelter** (Cerrillos Road) on **Sunday, March 23, 2014**. We are asked to provide main dishes and side dishes for 150 shelter guests. We also need at least 8 members to work that evening from 5-9 pm. Please contact Sandra Levine at either 466-4041 or levinesy@comcast.net to express your interest. Thank you for helping with this most important project!

Winter/Spring Classes with Rabbi Martin Levy

WEEKLY SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Each Saturday 9:15 am
All are welcome to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

The Death of Death
by Neil Gilman (of JTS)
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, through the end of March. We are reading this text, studying Jewish ideas on death, immortality, and resurrection.

Biblical Hebrew class

Tuesdays at 1:30 pm, ongoing
We meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Our studies begin with passages from the book of Genesis. Join this great group of adult students for Hebrew instruction, focusing on reading and studying Hebrew verbs.

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A Word on Purim



Purim is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian

Empire where a plot had been formed to destroy the Jews. The story is recorded in the Biblical Book of Esther.

According to the Book of Esther, Haman, royal vizier to King Ahasuerus planned to kill all the Jews in the empire, but his plan was foiled by Mordecai and his adopted daughter Esther who had risen to become Queen of Persia. The day of deliverance became a day of feasting and rejoicing.

Based on the conclusions of the Scroll of Esther, that we will read at our Purim celebration, we are marking those days as a time of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and “gifts to those in need.”

Purim is celebrated by exchanging reciprocal gifts of food and drink known as Shalach Manot, which Congregation Beit Tikva has done for all of our 18 years. Please consider donating to the poor. Join us on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm to hear me read from our beautiful Megillah scroll and to hear the “Book of Esther.”

If you would like to receive a Shalach Manot package, and are not already on our list, please call the synagogue at 820.2991 and let me know.—*Rabbi Levy*

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FEBRUARY/MARCH TORAH PASSAGES

February 1 <i>Terumah</i> The tabernacle, building of the ark, free will offering	Exodus 25.1 – 27.19	March 8 <i>Vayikra</i> General rules for offerings	Leviticus 1.1-5.26
February 8 <i>Tetzaveh</i> Rules of the Kohanim Commandments regarding bringing pure oil and the construction of the alter	Exodus 27.20 – 30.10	March 15 <i>Tzav</i> Continuation of the laws of sacrifice & offerings, commandments for Aaron & his sons Shabbat Zachor Shabbat of remembrance Purim	Leviticus 6.1-8.36
February 15 <i>Ki Tisa</i> Rules for a census, the golden calf, Moses & the mountains	Exodus 30.11 – 34.35	March 22 <i>Shemini</i> Priestly laws, death of Aaron's eldest sons, dietary laws and the laws of Kashrut Shabbat Parah Laws concerning ashes of the red heifer	Leviticus 9.1 – 11.47
February 22 <i>Vayakhel</i> Moses gathers & explains rules regarding construction of the tabernacle, Bezalel builds the tabernacle	Exodus 35.1 – 38.20	March 29 <i>Tazria</i> Laws of childbirth, leprosy Shabbat Hachodesh Special Consecration of Nisan, the most eventful month in the history of Israel	Leviticus 12.1 – 13.59
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FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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