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## Building Expansion Ground Breaking Ceremony and Celebration

On Sunday, June 22, 2014, Congregation Beit Tikva celebrated the beginning of our exciting future by having a delicious brunch and a Ground Breaking Ceremony. City Councilman Joseph Maestas was in attendance, with many other benefactors, supporters and members to usher in our building expansion construction. Afterwards, a toast by Rabbi Martin Levy was made in honor of everyone's gifts, and for the continued growth of our beloved congregation.



### SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES

#### Worship in Our Beautiful Outdoor Garden Area



On Friday night **July 18 at 6:00 pm** we will have our Shabbat service in our garden at the end of the Chai walkway, on the north side of our synagogue building. Please come and experience the beauty of our property and the generosity of all who have contributed to the walkway and bench area.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE AT PONCE DE LEON

Join us for an early service on **Friday, July 25**. Visit with members who now make their home at **Ponce de Leon** residential facility. Summer services start at 4:30. We join for a Shabbat service there before we head to the synagogue for the 6:00 pm service.



## The Meaning of Commitment

Community, covenant, and commitment: thus our prayers speak to us. A famous Hasidic master could invoke such prayers before his congregation and the folks would “dig” his message, to use an old phrase. I cannot speak these words and assume that my people will understand me. We are part of a different world, a post-Enlightenment world, a post Holocaust and Cold War world. We live in America, where people rarely focus on spiritual matters, no matter what the polls tell us. If you doubt my observation, look at the vast majority of news stories on any given channel.

We are accustomed to a different vocabulary. We don't start with covenant and the Almighty, we begin with you and me in search of personal fulfillment. From the moment of our birth, our culture teaches us to be preoccupied with fulfilling our own needs. We speak about our own inner journey, and is it any wonder that so many Jews spend their intellectual resources exploring the realms of other religious traditions. To name one, I would ask you to think about how many friends you know who practice their own version of Buddhism. Ten years ago in Ketchum, Idaho, the Dalai Lama came to the valley for a rare four day visit. (one of his very rich adherents lived in Sun Valley). It was an amazing experience to hear this man speak to ten thousand souls at the baseball stadium, and later to have breakfast with more than a hundred ministers from around the state. It was fascinating to see how the Dalai Lama handled difficult questions, such as the rights of gay/lesbian citizens in his land. Basically he would never

answer such questions; rather he allowed his Oxford educated interpreter to finesse a response. What was interesting was that so many of the Lama's entourage were Jews from the West Coast, devout followers of this particular form of Buddhism. I believe Buddhism is a wonderful path to faith and service, but I often wonder why so many of our people have gone in that direction. What has happened to our own sense of commitment and belief in our religious customs and traditions?

Mary Gordon is one of America's outstanding novelists. In one of her books, she writes of a young married mother who finds herself driven in diverse directions, including an interest in another man, not her husband. She wrestles with her impulses and weighs all

the possibilities and consequences. She attains clarity when she realizes that she deeply cares for her husband, and that “the whole shape of her life must be constructed to make her children safe.”

Does that seem like an unmodern idea, a decision out of sync with the self-fulfilled “me” attitude which is so pervasive in our society? So too in the realm of spiritual seeking and commitment, it is easy to go beyond the boundaries and declare that another style of practice/faith is the one for us. But again I ask, what about our Jewish notion of covenant, commitment, and community? Is it not crucial that we find our grounding, our center point, in our own homes, our faith and our traditions? For most of us, that is our response, and it is not always an easy path. Ours is an adult religion, one that demands that we ask tough questions, and push ourselves to honor our commitments, even in moments of sorrow and doubt. If we run towards our synagogue, we will find immense stores of wisdom, strength, and sustenance for our lives. Enjoy these summer days and come visit us at Beit Tikva. Soon our new building will be taking shape.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy  
505.670.4671

# Our Ground Breaking 2014

What a wonderful experience for the hundred or so folks who participated in our ground breaking brunch and ceremony on Sunday, June 22nd.

Everyone enjoyed the abundance of food, the meaningful speeches, and the ability to shovel some dirt and thereby participate in the actual process, all followed by the final toast to our future. It was a beautiful day for Santa Fe on our breathtaking piece of consecrated Jewish land.

The details were well organized starting with the food committee that did a fabulous job preparing and displaying the lox and bagel, kugels, etc. brunch repast. That thank you goes to Barbara & Armon LaMont and to Sharon & Ed Sorken and for purchasing, preparing and even donating the food.

The speeches were spot on, if I do say so myself. Our past presidents, Reggie Klein and David Pollak were great and gave us a meaningful history with Torah thoughts on why this is so important. Our local city councilor, Joseph Maestas, not only kept his remarks to just a few minutes but spoke on point with great interest in our spiritual future. Our contractor, Peter Brill, spoke most poignantly about his history with us, and his hope for the future addition. Rabbi Levy's remarks and blessings were, as always, extremely meaningful accompanied by Cantor Linder's musical prayers and thoughtful Jewish songs we all shared in singing. Gail Rapoport followed doing her usual job of welcoming members and organizing the shoveling/picture groups. And I offered a bit of humor, hopefully, to what was said by others.

I do want to personally let you all know how hard the Building Committee is currently working on this project, particularly Jeffrey Less, our in-house, "volunteer" project

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Congregation Beit Tikva was founded in the Spring of 1995 and our beautiful synagogue was dedicated in September of 2005. We are pleased to now be able to add on to our sanctuary and social hall. The new wing will include a Rabbi's office and study, an administrative office, and a library/classroom dedicated to our Founding Rabbi Leonard A. Helman. We are also expanding our kitchen to an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) approved space.

A major part of the funding has already been donated, however we are looking to secure an additional \$80,000 to meet all code requirements. Please consider donating at this time or making a pledge which can be paid over three years. Your participation at whatever level you can afford is most important.

**For amounts starting at \$1,000**, donor names will be included on the *Etz Chayim* (Tree of Life Builder's Wall) in our sanctuary. In addition to the Builder's Wall categories, donors' names will be displayed on a plaque in the new educational wing for **amounts starting at \$500**.

We greatly appreciate all donations. Please join us in making this addition a success.

Thank you,  
The Board of Trustees

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Enclosed is my (our) gift payable to Congregation Beit Tikva.

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For more information about contributing to Congregation Beit Tikva's Building Expansion, please contact the office at 505.820.2991 or email at beittikva@aol.com.

## Limmud Education Wing

A plaque with the names of all who donate/pledge \$500 or more in 2014 will be displayed in the new educational wing. Please check the box if you wish to be listed on the plaque for your donation or pledge in this category.

## Etz Chayim Tree of Life

Congregation Beit Tikva's building fund, *Etz Chayim* or Tree of Life Builders' Wall, lists all contributors who donate \$1,000 or more to the synagogue. Please circle your category and check the box if you wish to be added to the wall.

<b>Founder</b>	<b>\$ 50,000 or more</b>	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>\$ 5,000 or more</b>
<b>Guardian</b>	<b>\$ 20,000 or more</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>\$ 1,800 or more</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$ 10,000 or more</b>	<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$ 1,000 or more</b>

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## Our Ground Breaking 2014 *continued from page 3*

manager. Jeffrey and his wife Joan are relatively new to this congregation, but they have come with the passion that I see many of the newcomers provide to our truly friendly community. They have both worked above and beyond. Be sure and thank them when you see them! You should all know that this project would be impossible without Jeffrey's daily attention to the details. He is working tirelessly and yes, daily, on every detail required to get a permit, and to respond to the multitude of contractor and engineer questions. The number of emails is almost

overwhelming! Jeffrey coordinates all these pieces that must be put in place to proceed. His committee is always there to address every issue and every question we must agree upon. My sincerest thanks goes to him and to his committee: Phil Goldstone, Regina Klein, Peter Merrill, Gail Rapoport and, oh yes me, Jerry Bork. In conclusion, the ground breaking shoveling was first rate, as evidenced by the multitude of photos in this issue of the bulletin. With the champagne toast capping off the festivities, each attendee took home a program and pledge envelope. Since

we do not want our non-attendees to be neglected, we've included the handout information on page 3 of this bulletin.

I look forward to hearing from any of you with your questions. Again, thank you to those who attended for making this event such a success and to all of you for believing and participating in our "most promising" future.

**Jerry Bork**  
516.680-3910  
jerrybork@gmail.com

## COMING UP: A Sweet Fund Raiser

It is not too soon to start thinking about the High Holy Days. This year there will be a Beit Tikva High Holy Days fundraiser that will be *fun and sweet*. Soon you will receive an email with instructions how to participate. For the first year the fundraiser will be limited to Beit Tikva members.

Here is how it works. For just \$3 per recipient, you can send a *L'Shana Tova* honey jar to a member of our congregation. Of course, you can send to more than one member. For \$180 you would be sending to every Beit Tikva member. Members would receive one jar of honey plus a card with the names of their well wishers. The jars of honey and the attached cards would be picked up on Rosh Hashanah at services.

When you receive the email, there will be simple instructions on how to place your order. For those who do



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not use email or need help in placing your order, assistance will be available.

We are looking forward to all members of our congregation participating in our first *L'Shana Tova* fund raiser. For questions, please contact **Sharon Sorken**, by phone, 471-0527 or by email, sheknits@centurylink.net.

Mazel Tov to  
**Jacqueline Ilana Bell**  
Bat Mitzvah  
Parshah Devarim  
Saturday, August 2, 2014, 10:30 am  
6 Av, 5774

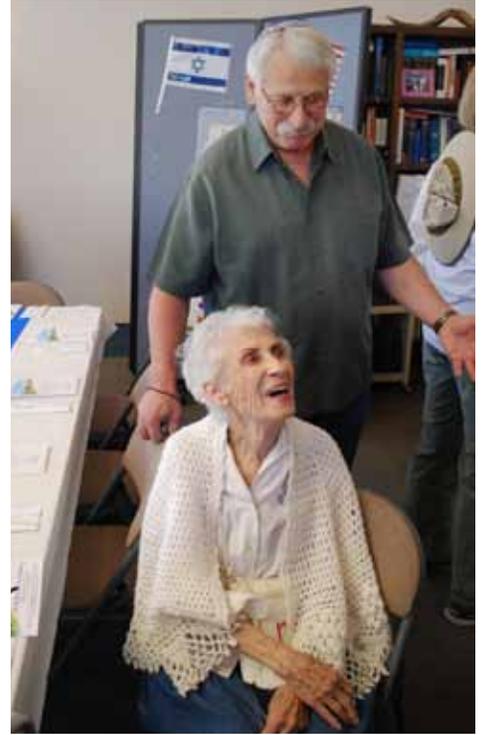
### Shop at **Albertson's** and Donate Back

Albertson's keychain cards are now available from a basket located on the entrance table of the synagogue. By swiping the card every time you shop at Albertson's, 1% of whatever you spend will be donated back to Congregation Beit Tikva. It does not cost you anything! For more information call **Sheila Bicolli** at 466.4854.

# Rabbi Leonard A. Helman Footstone Dedication



# Building Expansion Ground Breaking Ceremony



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# Congratulations to Daughters of Congregation Beit Tikva Founders



We are proud to announce the recent achievements of the children of some of our congregation's founders, and who were all B'not Mitzvah of Congregation Beit Tikva.

**Molly Rapoport Duane**, daughter of Gail and Sonny Rapoport, was the 2004 co-aledictorian graduate of Santa Fe Preparatory School,

2008 cum laude graduate of Princeton University, and has earned both a master of public health degree with honors from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a juris doctor degree magna cum laude from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University. Molly was editor-in-chief of the Cardozo Law Review and earned the Dr. Samuel Belkin Award for exceptional contribution to the growth and development of Cardozo School of Law. In the fall of 2014, she will be clerking for Judge Denny Chin of the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in New York City.

**Noga Landau**, daughter of David Pollak and Francine Landau, graduated from Santa Fe Prep as co-aledictorian with Molly, and went on to receive a degree in Performing Arts from Washington University in St. Louis. She headed for Los Angeles after graduation. Noga was accepted into UCLA's prestigious screenwriting MFA program two years ago, and this spring she won the UCLA Screenwriting Showcase Award for her feature length script, "Tau." Within weeks she was signed by William Morris Entertainment and Caliber Media to represent her. She will be marrying Matthew Goldman in August.



**Hila Landau (Pistol)**, daughter of David Pollak and Francine Landau, graduated from Brandeis University in 2012 with a double major in Psychology and Islam and Middle Eastern Studies. She moved to Israel last year, where she volunteered for the Israel Defense Forces and was chosen for the only elite combat unit open to women, Caracal. This unit, named for a desert lynx, is based in southern Israel and secures the border with Egypt. She is currently in advanced combat training. When she gets leave, she lives at Kibbutz Givat Brenner with other "Lone Soldiers."



## Congregation Beit Tikva's Religious School History

When we founded the congregation 19 years ago we established a small religious school to provide a quality religious education for our children. Francine Landau, mother of Noga and Hila, was our director of education. Classes were taught by parents of the students: Francine, David Pollak, Elliot Rapoport and Jenny & Marv Wetovsky. Besides Hebrew prayer, conversational Hebrew and Jewish history, emphasis was placed on *ahavat yisrael* and a love for the state of Israel, which continues to be part of our congregational mission. Rabbi Helman would often stop by and Cantor Linder came at holiday time to teach Jewish songs. School each Sunday was always followed by a potluck lunch with the parents and their children.

### July Birthdays

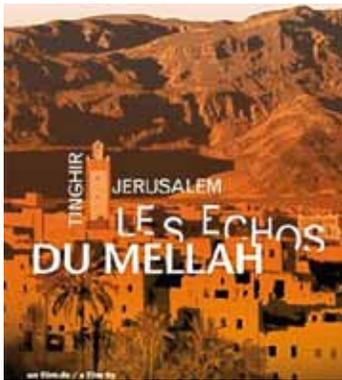
Barbara Gudwin	July 3
Dena Jacobs	July 4
Eduardo Martinez	July 4
Al Chapman	July 5
Karen Ann Cantor	July 6
Ed Okun	July 7
Teresa Pierce	July 10
Marlene Maslow	July 11
Rebecca Rawls	July 11
Allan Swartzberg	July 13
Joan Vernick	July 15
Sandra Levine	July 17
Marcelle Cady	July 21
Bud Krause	July 21

Gerald Levine	July 24
Susan Feiner	July 27
Susan Swartzberg	July 27
Steven Moise	July 28
Ariel Gudwin	July 30

### July Anniversaries

Peggy & Todd Myers	July 3
Jan & Howard Hendler	July 4
Sharon & Ed Sorken	July 18
Stan Aronowitz & Barbara Asarch	July 20
Megan & Ned Siegel	July 26

Visit [www.santafejff.org](http://www.santafejff.org) for more information.



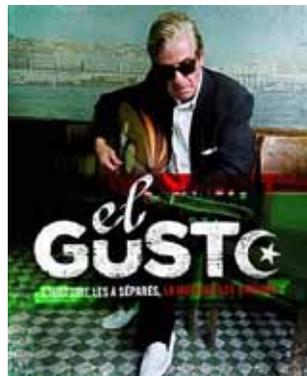
**Tinghir-Jerusalem  
Echoes of the Mellah**  
Tuesday, July 29, Time  
TBA at CCA  
With special guest, Dr.  
Ron Duncan Hart

*Tinghir-Jerusalem* is filmmaker and historian Kamal Hachkar's search for a community that has since vanished, the Berber Jews of Morocco. Hachkar sets off in search of that history. What

he discovers in conversations over old family photos and while listening to the stories of the Jews who left Tinghir—and the Muslims who remain—is a history of close co-operation between communities. They shared a common identity as Berbers, and lived in a town where “the muezzin’s call would mingle with that of the morning Jewish prayer.”

**El Gusto**  
Thursday, July 31, Time  
TBA at CCA

Called the Algerian *Buena Vista Social Club*, *El Gusto* is the moving story of a Muslim-Jewish orchestra that reunites almost a half century later for a concert and to play the Chaabi music that made them famous. The story was uncovered when director/producer Safinez Bousbia was wandering the narrow streets of the Casbah of Algiers. Drawn to a hanging mirror for sale, she walked into the shop. Instead of selling her the mirror, the craftsman, told her the story of his lost friends, Jewish and Muslim musicians who had performed side-by-side a popular style of music: Chaabi.



**Sunday, August 3,  
Time TBA  
Location TBA  
With Vanessa Paloma,  
in concert**

Vanessa Paloma, singer, performer, scholar and writer, brings the lyrical sounds of Jewish Morocco to Santa Fe. Vanessa is



internationally known for her repertoire of Judeo-Spanish women’s songs and their role in Sephardic communities. She has performed and lectured on five continents.

In this concert, Vanessa highlights Sephardic music of the Moroccan Jewish community, past and present.

**JULY 2014 DONATIONS**

**General Fund**

- Julia & Lance Bell – In memory of Marcia Muth
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Sandra Levine
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Marcelle Cady
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Susan Feiner
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the anniversary of Sharon & Ed Sorken
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the anniversary of Ruth Wallach & Peter Merrill
- Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor the engagement of Karen Feiner, daughter of Susan & Len Feiner
- Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Rick Binder, nephew of Al
- Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Charlotte Radow, sister of Al
- Marilyn & Larry Cohen – In memory of Marcia Muth
- Susan & Leonard Feiner – In honor of the engagement of John Padula to Julie Bork, daughter of Barbara & Jerry Bork
- Clark Fountain – In memory of Bonnie Miller, wife of Clark
- Valerie Frost – In honor of Lenny Feiner, for organizing the first annual Congregation Beit Tikva golf outing
- Valerie Frost – In honor of golfers Ken Coffae, Ron Kite, Fred Klinghoffer and David Pierson for pars on the “Chai Hole” the last

- hole of the golf tournament outing of Congregation Beit Tikva
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- Barbara Somerfield & John Guffey – In memory of John G. Guffey, Sr., father of John
- Barbara Somerfield & John Guffey – In memory of Roslyn Moskowitz, cousin of Barbara
- Gary Katz – In honor of the birthday of Susan Katz, wife of Gary
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of a speedy recovery of Rita Linder
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Jeffrey Less for his work on the building expansion
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of a speedy recovery for Arthur Lynn
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Norton Bicoll, for his cantorial contributions
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy for his spiritual guidance & scholarly educational classes
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Valerie Frost for her oneg contributions
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Barb LaMont for her oneg contributions
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of Lenny Feiner for organizing the first Congregation Beit Tikva golf outing
- Susan & Gary Katz – In honor of the Beit Tikva officers and board members for their tireless efforts
- Sandra Ingerman – In memory of Lee Ingerman, mother of Sandra

Linda Krull – In memory of Neal Krull, husband of Linda  
 Carole Lawrence – In memory of Herman Levensohn, father of Carole  
 Joan & Jeffrey Less – In honor of the anniversary of Ruth Wallack & Peter Merrill  
 Rabbi Martin Levy – In honor of Jerry Bork for his work as President of Congregation Beit Tikva  
 Gail & Elliot Rapoport – In memory of Marcia Muth  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In honor of the graduation of Nicole Kaplan  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Chris Gobey  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Robert McNickle, brother of Connie  
 Jerilyn & David Silver, Bee Schulman – In memory of Marcia Muth  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Martha Wertheim Goldenberg, aunt of Jerry  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Don Hugo Wertheim, brother of Jerry

MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Robert Wertheim, grandfather of Jerry  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Emilie Wertheim, grandmother of Jerry  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Hugo T. Goldenberg, uncle of Jerry  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Max Wertheim, father of Jerry  
 MaryCarole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Max Kugelman, uncle of Jerry

**Limmud Building Fund Addition**  
*(with their Etz Chayim Building Wall categories)*

Abigail Davidson (Pillar)  
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**Chai Walk**

Elsie Hartog-Gobey – In memory of Christopher Gobey, husband of Elsie

**Oneg Fund**

Susan & Leonard Feiner  
 Ruth Getz-Koval – In memory of Burton Getz  
 Janie Siskin – In memory of Joseph Siskin  
 Josie Stern & Vic Middlekauff  
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**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**

Allen Cogbill – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy for officiating at the wedding of Allen Cogbill & Debra Lowenstein  
 Clark Fountain – In memory of Bonnie Miller, wife of Clark  
 Haskell Sheinberg – In appreciation of Friday evening monthly services at Ponce de Leon  
 Florence Vinnick

**A Special Thank You to our Golf Outing Donors for their generous raffle gifts to our Golf Fund Raiser, held on May 19, 2014**

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Julian Marquez of Swiss Bistro & Bakery - coffee for our onegs

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 Jordon & Barbara Miller

**JUNE**

Barbara & Armon LaMont  
 Susan & Burton Krohn  
 Carolyn Hendler Miller  
 Barbara & Armon LaMont



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## JULY TORAH PASSAGES

**July 5** Numbers  
*Balak* 22.2 – 25.9  
Resting place in the wilderness  
King of Moab, Balaam, the  
non-Jew who blessed Israel

**July 12** Numbers  
*Pinchas* 25.20 – 30.1  
Reward of Pinchas for his  
zealousness, Rights of women  
regarding inheritance,  
Additional rules regarding  
holidays

**July 19** Numbers  
*Matot* 30.2 – 32.42  
Sacredness of vows & oaths,  
Koshering of utensils

**July 25** Numbers  
*Masei* 33.1 – 36.13  
Summary of route tribes took  
from Egypt to the Promised  
Land, Boundaries of Eretz Israel

**August 2** Deuteronomy  
*Devarim* 1.16 – 3.22  
*Shabbat Chazon*  
Moses' first discourse—his  
farewell statement regarding  
treks through the desert and  
victories

**August 4**  
*Erev Tisha B'Av*

## JULY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

July 4	Friday 6:00 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	July 25	Friday 6:00 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
July 11	Friday 6:00 pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	August 1	Friday 6:00 pm Services led by Rabbi Martin Levy
July 18	Friday 6:00 pm Outdoor Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	August 2	Saturday 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah Jacqueline Bell