



Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5775 November/December 2014

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UPCOMING CELEBRATION

Come to the Chanukah Pot-Luck, Service and Party

Friday, December 19, 2014

Please bring your Menorah for our congregational Menorah lighting, pot-luck dinner and evening service on Friday, December 19. We will start at 6:30pm with dinner, followed by our Friday night service and Chanukah party. How about asking a friend to join us for this traditional community event?



Right: Chanukah 2013 was well-attended, with a wide variety of menorahs brought to the service by members of the congregation.

We Need Your Vote! Annual Meeting—Sunday December 7, 2014

Our annual congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, December 7, starting at 10:00am**. You will soon be receiving a mailing with the list of the proposed officer and board of trustees members for 2015, plus the proposed budget for next year. In advance of that mailing you can see the names of the officers and a proxy on page 6. You may send the page from the bulletin as your proxy, in advance of the mailing. Our budget remains similar to last year with only a small increase in the rabbinic salary. We are adding one new trustee for the upcoming year and want to thank retiring trustee Phyllis Kapp for her years of devoted service.

We need your vote in order to meet our

annual requirements for our non-profit status. The meeting will also include information on funding regarding our synagogue addition.

Immediately following the annual meeting is the **92nd St. Y** presentation at 11:00am. See page 5 for more details.

Classes with Rabbi Martin Levy

WEEKLY SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY  
Saturdays, 9:15am

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES  
Rationalism and Mysticism: Two Aspects of Jewish Thinking  
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

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

COMING UP: Shabbat at Home service—Ponce de Leon  
Friday, November 28 and Friday December 26 at 5:30pm

In the beginning, the Midrash teaches us that God created the universe using the Torah as a blueprint. Just as an architect fashions a plan for a new building, so the Almighty needed Torah as the unique guide for the development of this planet we call our earth. With this brilliant stroke of the pen, our Sages began the interpretive process, explaining to future generations that every verse demands an exegesis. So when we study on Shabbat mornings, we are uncovering the “seventy faces” of the Torah text. Our heritage is replete with commentaries, and this fact inspired other religious traditions to create their own commentaries. We are truly the people of the book, the exponent of the divine word.

Although the Holy Days are now a memory, the words of the prayerbook echo in our minds. The plaintive sounds of the shofar echo in our ears, as we recall the liturgy, “there is no forgetfulness in Your presence, nothing hidden from your sight.” The inspiring and haunting melodies that we heard, especially the Ritzei, the Unetaneh Tokef, and Kol Nidre, remind us that we are “conservative” people, that is, we conserve and hold fast to our traditions, despite the modern interpretations of these words. Our spiritual batteries have been recharged, and we are ready for the challenges of the colder months. We have inherited a spiritual essence, a personal heart of compassion, which propels us to do good things for other people. That is part of our obligation as Jews, to improve this world, using the biblical words to effectuate a “tikkun olam,” a repairing of our community. So as you consider the good deeds that you and I are doing this fall, remember the words of the holiday music: “arešet sefataynu ye’erav lifanechah,” may the words of our lips find favor before You, o’ God.

The words of these months, Cheshvan and Kislev, remind us that we will celebrate Chanukah and Thanksgiving. The original days of thanks were of course, Sukkot, because Sukkot symbolized the time of harvesting and offering thanks to the Almighty for the produce of the land and the gifts from above. Even the Pilgrims understood that, although I doubt they ever built a Sukkah in Plymouth!

Our eyes and ears then turn to the festival of dedication, the re-building of the sanctuary in Jerusalem in 167 BCE, after the Syrians had destroyed the holy temple. Why is Chanukah such a big deal today, when it is considered a minor holiday in our traditional calendar? We can surmise many answers to that question. But an important point

is, the Chanukah candles cannot be used for any practical purpose. We live in a utilitarian society, where most folks ask the question, “what is it good for?” Yet when we kindle the Chanukah lights we are reminded that these candles cannot be used for any practical purpose, not even to light the Shabbat candles. Why?

Think of our ancestors who first lit the Chanukah tapers—were they practical? What small army would fight against the tyrants and legions of Syria, a surrogate for the Roman army, and imagine that they could win their freedom. Yet we did precisely that. The Syrians, with their slavish adherence to Greek culture, were the wave of the future, but we did not buy that possibility.

Jewish soldiers 2,200 years ago did not want to be Hellenists, they didn’t want to speak Greek, nor send their children to a gymnasium in order to forget about Shabbat, Torah, and the covenant.

We fought against the blandishments of Greek culture, and we restored the holy temple to its sanctity. That accomplishment came at a great price. Today we witness too many Jewish souls who give up on their Jewishness without any battle, in part because they are lazy, in part because secular society, what I would call our “new age” world, is so enticing. Yet our faith and people have survived because we were never practical. We went against the grain, and no matter how many enemies tried to destroy us, we held onto our faith. That is the challenge and the miracle we face today: to remind the world that security purchased at the cost of conscience is not the Jewish way. We are still celebrating Chanukah because a multitude of impractical Jewish mothers and fathers followed the real path of dedication, faithfulness, and courage.

May we all be blessed with good health and strength during this coming Chanukah season. Join us for our own Chanukah Shabbat and dinner celebrations.

Hag Sameach



Rabbi Martin W. Levy

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## Our Building Expansion, High Holy Days and More

The construction of the Alan Gould Administrative Wing officially began on October 6th when Sarcon Construction sent in heavy equipment to level out the property foot print. Back and forth pushing earth to the west side ultimately adding some two feet of depth and leveling out what will become an enlarged storage area connecting to a new lobby area large enough to actually hold events. An administrative office is being constructed for our executive director Gail Rapoport, our bookkeeper Cathy Turner, corresponding secretary Marcelle Cady and graphic designer Paula Eastwood. Just imagine not having to pull out our computer from the small storeroom and conducting the temple's business next to the bathrooms!

It's very exciting to contemplate our kitchen actually being large enough to have ample space to prepare pot-luck platters, oneg sweets, pitchers of juice, needed supplies and a labor force to put it all together without tripping over each other. Lots and lots of counter space, a movable preparation island and a bakers rack.

But wait, there's more: A real private office for our Rabbi and a large multi-purpose room/Rabbi Helman Memorial Library/classroom/boardroom/intimate sanctuary and more.

October 13th marked the first day demolition took place. Our current entrance will be carefully dismantled, the doors saved for future use. The entire entrance will be sealed up with plywood and insulation board. The portal between the bench and existing entrance will be removed. The first set of doors just west of the parking lot will become our temporary entrance. All this projected to be done in just the first 4 days!

Our treasurer/building committee chair, Jeff Less, remains on top of all construction activities. He remains firmly in charge of everything and we are all most grateful.

As part of our weekly announcements at Shabbat services we will keep you up to date on the construction progress. This is certainly a good reason to attend services if the prayer part doesn't bring you in. We still provide a wonderful community spirit and friendliness at our Friday evenings onegs!

Speaking about the prayer part, we all had a great experience at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Rabbi Levy led us in meaningful prayers with moving sermons that had us all contemplating our spiritual lives and our devotion to Jewish community. We're a music loving group, and a special thank you goes to our Cantor,



Michael Linder. First class job Michael. Our choir, under the direction of Kay Fowler, was truly top notch. Production of the choir was handled by Sonny Rapoport, a thank you goes to him for his annual job of organizing, copying music and seeing to it that all goes smoothly over the many months of practice proceeding the services. And his brother, Skip Rapoport, was there again this year to man the sound system. The staff led by Marcelle Cady completed the very difficult job of matching readings with congregants. You could say Gail Rapoport was in charge of all the bits and pieces. A very tedious, but great job was done by her.

The sweetness of it all. Our newest board members, Sharon and Ed Sorken, deserve a well-earned thank you for their idea and work in carrying out our first Rosh Hashanah Honey project. A wonderful fund raiser for our synagogue.

And then came Sukkot. One thing, however Rabbi, don't give up your day job and enter the Sukkah building business. And I, Jerry Bork, promise to follow the same. The second Sukkah, that Barbara Cohen always provides, went up with help from new member Josefo Martinez. The holidays ended with a rousing Simchat Torah celebration. Thank you Rabbi Levy for pulling it all together.

I look forward to greeting you at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday morning December 7 at 10:00am.

**Jerry Bork**  
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# More Photos from High Holy Days 2014



Visiting Jodie Ellis at home

# Chanukah Blessings



**CANDLES ARE ADDED TO THE CHANUKIYAH** from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the Shamash—the helper candle—first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights; say or sing:

## Hebrew

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

## Hebrew

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

## For first night only:

*Shehechyanu  
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehechyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

## ELEANOR & RICHARD BRENNER EDUCATIONAL SERIES

**92Y Live** From NYC

SHOWING DVDs OF RECENT LIVE EVENTS

### Announcing five great NEW programs this season from "92nd Street Y Live," starting in early November!

We will be showing DVDs of LIVE Events at the 92nd Street Y in New York, allowing us to share these programs at convenient times. Each DVD is shown within a few weeks of the live event. We ask **\$12 at the door** for each program. You can save with mini-subscriptions (**\$30 for any THREE of the programs**) or full subscriptions (**\$45 for all FIVE programs in this series**). Sign up for a subscription at the door when you attend your first program. We are asking a small charge of \$5 for those wishing to enjoy bagels, lox, and other goodies at the Sunday brunch programs—a great deal! **Sign up for a subscription and SAVE.** We appreciate your support of our educational programs.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 3:30pm and 6:30pm

##### Nicholas Carr with Tim Wu, "The Glass Cage"

What kind of world are we building for ourselves? Author Nicholas Carr tackles this question in his new book, *The Glass Cage*, about the human consequences of automation and computerization. Behind the headlines about factory robots and self-driving cars, wearable computers and digitized medicine, Carr explores the hidden costs of granting software dominion over our work and our leisure.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:00am-12:00pm (Sunday Brunch available)

##### Alan Alda, Jane Pauley, and Fred Newman, with Erik Kolbell, "When Your Life Is On Fire, What Would You Save?"

The question provokes unique responses, and forces us to delve deeply into our personal lives, work and faith. Psychotherapist Erik Kolbell, the author of the book of the same title, asks the questions of these interesting guests.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 11:00am-12:00pm

(Following the annual Congregational Meeting)

##### Retired General Wesley K. Clark, "Don't Wait For The Next War"

Gen. Clark suggests a new national strategy to make the US independent of the Middle East, freeing the country to fully focus on the resurgence of China. (We anticipate that recent and ongoing events in the Middle East will touch this discussion as well.)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015, 10:00am-12:00pm

(Sunday Brunch available)

##### Jack Miles, Susannah Heschel, and Prof. David Blake, "World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism"

Speakers tell a story traveling from prehistory to the present day, illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood and misunderstood? Miles is the author of *God: A Biography*; Heschel is Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth; Blake is Professor of Jewish History at UC Davis.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015, 10:00am-12:00pm

(Sunday Brunch available)

##### Ambassador Dennis Ross and Dalia Rabin, with Ethan Bronne, "America and Israel, The Way Forward"

Rabin is a former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center. Ambassador Ross been an envoy for, and advisor to, the U.S. on the Middle East for over a decade, supporting the George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama administrations, and is currently a Distinguished Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

**Proxy for Sunday, December 7, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting**

The undersigned member(s) in good standing of Congregational Beit Tikva, hereby designates Jerry Bork, (or in his absence, Kate Shane) as the proxy with respect to voting for officers, trustees, and approval of a proposed budget for 2015, at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7, 2014, 10:00am, at 2230 Old Pecos Trail.

Signature, Member #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

		<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
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	Gary Katz	( )	( )	( )
	Barbara LaMont	( )	( )	( )
	Don Miller	( )	( )	( )
	Ed Sorken	( )	( )	( )
	Sharon Sorken	( )	( )	( )
	Dirk Wassner	( )	( )	( )
	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	( )	( )	( )

Signature, Member #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

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	Dirk Wassner	( )	( )	( )
	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	( )	( )	( )

# Congregation Beit Tikva 2014: A Look Back



## This is a good time to make an end-of-the-year donation!



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

### *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>

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Enclosed is my (our) pledge of \_\_\_\_\_ payable over 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Payment method:  Check enclosed  MasterCard/Visa

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:beittikva@aol.com). [www.beittikvasantafe.org](http://www.beittikvasantafe.org)

### *November Birthdays*

Michele Goldman	November 4
Henry Joseph	November 7
Jerilyn Silver	November 10
Jerry Wertheim	November 11
Robert Sherman	November 18
Jerry Bork	November 23
Jordan Miller	November 23
Sally Lowen	November 24
Eileen Mandel	November 29
Ned Siegel	November 30

### *November Anniversaries*

Gail & Elliot Rapoport	November 2
Viv & Irv Abrams	November 6
Jerilyn & A David Silver	November 22
Susan & Leonard Finer	November 25
Marilyn & Larry Cohen	November 26
Barbara & Jerry Bork	November 27
Carolyn Handler Miller & Terry Handler	November 29

### *December Birthdays*

Barbara Bork	December 1
Angelina Vera	December 3
Kaycee Canter	December 4
Susan Coffae	December 5
Phyllis Kapp	December 5
Nancy Lewis	December 7
Ed Mazria	December 7
Heidi Hahn	December 9
Marilyn Cohen	December 10
Jacqueline Ilana Bell	December 13
Janie Siskin	December 13
John Goldman	December 15
Barbara Marco	December 19
Mary Carole Wertheim	December 25
Paul Grace	December 26

### *December Anniversaries*

Barbara & Philip Gudwin	December 14
Linda & Jim Cohen	December 19
Susan & Gary Katz	December 19
Marlene & Marvin Maslow	December 21



# OUR BUILDING EXPANSION PROGRESS



November 2014



# Rabbi Leonard A. Helman Estate Auction and Party

*We have 3 tables of Rabbi Helman's books set up in the synagogue. Drop by on a Wednesday to browse through them and pick up a book as a memento. Any book can be purchased for \$1.00. We will keep the tables set up for a few weeks.*



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DONATIONS

### General Fund

Robert Bernstein – In memory of Eleanor & Isador Bernstein, parents of Rob  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Barbara Cohen  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Sharon Sorken  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Len Feiner  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Gail Rapoport  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the anniversary of Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone  
 Eleanor Brenner – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Eleanor Brenner – In honor of Gail Rapoport  
 Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Al Chapman  
 Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In memory of Goldie Sigal, sister of Al Chapman

Sofia Culley – In honor of the engagement of Kaycee Canter & Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Cynthia & Edwin Fields – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Valerie Frost – In memory of Rose Daneman  
 Robin & John Hendricksen – In memory of Eric Getz, son of Ruth Koval  
 Reggie Klein – In memory of Rose Daneman  
 Reggie Klein – In honor of the wedding of her granddaughter Alexandra Klein to dam Seidman  
 Joan & Jeffrey Less – In honor of the birthday of Lenny Feiner and for his obtaining the Hadassah pumpkins  
 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

Jerilyn & David Silver, & Bee Schulman – In memory of Jerome S. Katzin  
 Jerilyn & David Silver, & Bee Schulman – In honor of the marriage of Erin and Ethan Timm  
 Arlene Vinnick – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Jeanette Wertheim Sparks, cousin of Jerry  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Paula Wertheim Kuglemann, aunt of Jerry  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Helen Nanna Wertheim, mother of Jerry  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Jeanette (Nettie) Wertheim, aunt of Jerry  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Tracy May Hutchison, niece of Mary Carole

### High Holy Day End of Year Appeal

Barbara & Jerry Bork  
 Marcelle Cady  
 Gale & Jordan Davis

### High Holy Days Yizkor

Lydia Strong – In memory of Lee Strong, mother of Lydia

### High Holy Days Sukkah Special Donation

Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman – In honor of Josefo Martinez and Davida Simon, for Josefo's help in constructing the wooden Sukkah

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elaine & Michael Clayman  
 Sylvia Lamar – In memory of Carolyn Frucht, mother of Sylvia



*Vegetable platter donated by Lynn Kelly*

## Thank You Oneg Sponsors

### AUGUST

Janie Siskin  
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 Josie Stern & Vic Middlekauff  
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### SEPTEMBER

Barbara and Al Chapman  
 Naomi Becker, Flo Vinnick & Meg Folk  
 Ruth Wallack and Peter Merrill  
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### EREV ROSH HASHANAH ONEG DONATIONS

Naomi Becker, Jacqueline Bell, Sheila Bicoll, Debra Cogbill, Susan Katz, Barb LaMont, Carolyn Handler Miller, Elizabeth Sinoff  
 Susan Swartzberg, Dirk Wassner

### BREAK-THE-FAST DONATIONS

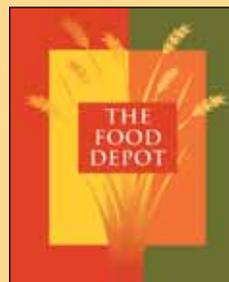
Sandy Levine, Barb LaMont

### OCTOBER

Barbara & Jordan Miller  
 Barbara & Jerry Bork  
 Lynn Kelly and Ron Kite & Juli Horwitz Kite

## Thanks from The Santa Fe Food Depot

We received a thank you note from The Food Depot thanking us for our generous donation of 599 pounds of nonperishable food from our High Holy Day Services food drive. Their note said our donations will provide 800 meals for hungry people in our community. Todah Rabah to all!



Rabbi Levy wants our community to know there will be an interfaith service held at **Zia United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 23 at 6:00pm.** All are welcome to attend.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TORAH PASSAGES

**November 1** 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 Canan

**November 8** 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 & God's testing of Abraham

**November 15** Genesis  
*Chaye Sarah* 23.1 – 25.18  
Death & burial of Sarah  
Isaac marries Rebecca

**November 22** Genesis  
*Toldot* 25.19 – 28.9  
Birth of twins, Jacob & Esau  
Jacob & the birthright, Isaac's blessing, Jacob flees

**November 29** Genesis  
*Vayetze* 28.10 -32.3  
Jacob's dream, Jacob's labors  
His two wives, Leah & Rachael  
Birth of Jacob's children

**December 6** 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 13** Genesis  
*Vayeshev* 37.1 – 40.23  
The story of Joseph, The coat of many colors  
Joseph & his slavery in Egypt  
Joseph the student of dreams

**December 16** 1st Night of Chanukah

**December 20** 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 27** Genesis  
*Vayigash* 44.18 – 47.27  
The family of Joseph & his brothers are reunited  
Peace & harmony in ancient Egypt

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**October 31** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by members of the congregation

**November 7** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

**November 14** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

**November 21** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

**November 28** Friday 7:30 pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

**December 5** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by members of the congregation

**December 12** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

**December 19** Friday 6:30pm  
Chanukah pot-luck, 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy, followed by Chanukah party

**December 26** Friday 7:30pm  
Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy

