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RE-SCHEDULED SHABBAT SHIRA CELEBRATION

Cantor Michael Linder Sings Shabbat Shira



The musical celebration of **Shabbat Shira** was moved from last month because of snowy weather that Friday night. Please join Cantor Michael Linder and accompanist Burton Krohn on **Friday, February 13** in celebration of the Song of Songs which includes special music for this "Holiday of Song."

Shabbat Across America Friday, March 13

On Friday, March 13 at 6:00pm we will celebrate our 19th year participating in **Shabbat Across America** with congregations across North America. 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.



SAVE THE DATE—**Sunday, April 19**—
for a community-wide celebration of
Yom Haatzma'ut. More information will follow.

Purim Megillah Reading on Friday, March 6

Our Megillah reading for Purim is on **Friday, March 6** at 7:30 pm. Come in costume if you wish. We have the gragger noise makers and there will be Hamantashen at the oneg dessert following services.



Second Night Passover Seder on Saturday, April 4

Congregation Beit Tikva's annual Second Night Passover Seder will be held at the synagogue on Saturday, April 4th, with festivities beginning at 6:00 pm. Walter Burke will be catering the event. Please join us for a beautiful service led by Rabbi Martin Levy, followed by a complete traditional meal with brisket, chicken, salmon or vegetarian options. **Seating is limited so we ask you to return the form included on page 4.**

Shabbat at Home—Ponce de Leon
Friday, February 20 and Friday, March 20 at 5:30 pm



Purim is a time of topsy-turvy, a time for wild celebrations and spoofs. It is the time of the contrary, when appearances are deceptive. We put on a mask and become Esther the heroine, or Vashti the vanquished, or Haman the despised. And so it is with illnesses and disabilities. We have many masks to wear: some we choose, some are forced upon us, some just happen. When we think about our ability to fight through an illness, we ask ourselves, who do I want to be? The poet wrote: “In this central core of me, You mark my potential, You ignite the spark of eternity You have placed within me. I forget, o’ Eternal One, the self that lies buried beneath the faces I wear, the duties I take for my own.”

I am the rebellious patient, the demanding one who now hospitalized, questions the medications I am given. I exact responses when the respiratory therapist changes the settings on my ventilator. But this mask is also the mask of the self-advocate. I am protecting myself. The poet’s words ring clearly: “Uncover the center of me, O God, polish it and smooth it like cherished silver handed down from mother to daughter.” I am the self-sacrificer, wearing my mask of compliance. Because I am frightened that if I make too much tumult, I will like Vashti, be forgotten, sent to the silence of unanswered buzzers and medical devices. I am agreeable when I am fuming, I smile thanks, and my mask smiles as well, while beneath I am crying.

I pray for a complete healing. I pray that my physical, spiritual, and financial needs are met. Within the confines of the world I have created for myself, I am free. What I

really want—a return of freedom of a whole body and healthy body—is beyond my control. But I have come to some peace with that. Sometimes I snarl when the oxygen hose trips me up; yet I smile because I am here and know I am loved. This mask smiles like the great painting, mysterious, yet I wear my own smile of peace and resignation. “Send fuel to these sparks, that I may light a way to righteousness, let a steady wind fan these flames that serve You in faithfulness.” Yes, the duality of Purim is always upon us: we are healthy and yet we are broken. We care for loved ones and we need to care for our selves, so preserve our own strength. We will celebrate Purim on Shabbat evening, March 6th, with joy, revelry, and a bit of silliness: please join us for this special Shabbat.

On a serious note, as I have spoken of disabilities, we need to think of others at this season. Many of our congregants cannot drive to services on Shabbat, for various reasons. Many have asked me for a ride and I have tried to help as many folks as possible. Yet I know of only 3 other families who have offered to give a ride to a needy synagogue member! Please, we need your assistance. If you are attending Shabbat services and can help in this way, call me on Thursday and offer your kindness. You will be doing a great mitzvah. One other thought: in this chaotic world, rife with anti-semitism and threats to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world, it is important to NOT despair. As Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, eminent historian at Emory University has written, it would be too easy for us to throw up our hands and assume the worst. This is the time to renew our personal efforts to strengthen our Jewish community, and redouble our efforts good deeds. Soon we will come to the season of redemption, the Passover Seder, and celebrate in our beautiful new synagogue building. Dream of a positive future, and remember to support your Beit Tikva.

B’shalom,

Martin W. Levy

505.670.4671

Our Building Expansion— Join the List!

Our building addition is nearly complete. Floor tiles in, waiting for carpeting, the kitchen counter and sink. Exterior light sconces have been purchased and ready for installation. Color coat of stucco on the exterior once the temperature goes up. We've decided to replace the light fixtures near the bathrooms to match the really sharp new fixtures in the new wing. Continuity is good. I think we'll be moving the contents of our storage POD into our new library, administrative and Rabbi's office by the 15th. All in all, the inconvenience has been rather minimal.

My acknowledgments begin with the members of my Advisory Committee – Kim Stertzler, Eleanor Brenner, Jerry Wertheim, Past-President Reggie Klein and our Vice President Philip Goldstone. The committee suggested using the gift we received from the Alan Gould Trust for capital improvements, hence the administrative wing. My next step was to appoint a building committee – VP Philip Goldstone, Board member Barbara LaMont, Peter Merrill, our Executive Director Gail Rapoport and chaired by Treasurer Jeffery Less, charged with the responsibility of overseeing the project to assure every contributed dollar spent be prudently spent. So, we entered into a contract with Sarcon Construction: The same company that built



our original building.

Plans were drawn and agreed to, ground broken; construction began. I decided to memorialize the construction process and asked former Board member Carolyn Handler Miller to engage a student from the University of Santa Fe to film the process. (We'll present this film at the dedication.) Periodically, you've seen stills of the project published in our Bulletin, taken by our Graphic Designer (and singer) Paula Eastwood.

The site was sighted and leveled. Concrete poured. Framing erected. Rooms laid out. Studs raised, wiring pulled, duct work set, insulation installed, plywood nailed, and sheetrock floated. Tile laid, paint rolled, and hardware screwed.

This addition is in the process of being blended together with our sanctuary to create a beautiful structure intended to meet the needs of our growing congregation.

I've thanked our hands-on temple members who donated their time and expertise in this construction project. The list of donors will be prepared and presented to you at the dedication. PLEASE make your building donation/pledge before the printing of the list. Be a capital participant; a bricks and mortar supporter, entering our next 20 years.

Jerry Bork
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COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT PASSOVER

Congregation
Beit Tikva

Rabbi Martin Levy

Welcome Passover —

Second Night Community Seder

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

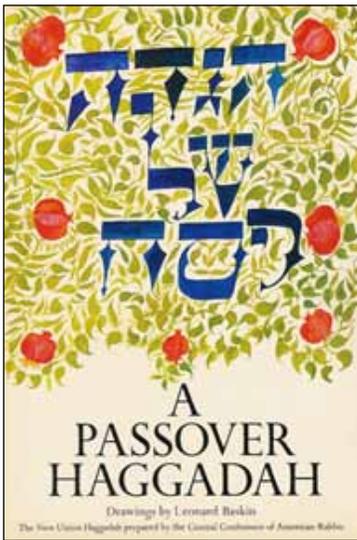
Children are especially welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 at 6:00 pm, at Congregation Beit Tikva, 2230 Old Pecos Trail

Conducted by Rabbi Martin W. Levy

Catered by Walter Burke Catering (Four main course choices are available.)

PASSOVER REGISTRATION FORM



of Member adults _____ @ \$75 per person _____
of Non-Member adults _____ @ \$85 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: \$ _____

of brisket dinners # of salmon dinners
 # of chicken dinners # of vegetarian dinners

Baskin Haggadahs will be provided. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 31.**

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

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

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

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Visa/Mastercard #: _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Office Use Only

Member Adult	Non-Member Adult	Child 6-12	Non-Member Child 6-12	Check #	Amount	Date	Status

Our Congregational Community—2nd Night Passover 2014



Social Action at Congregation Beit Tikva

AS IN PAST YEARS, members of Beit Tikva are asked to remember the homeless by donating clothes and toiletries to the St. Elizabeth Shelter. St. Elizabeth's provides shelter for men and women/children. Used clothing must be clean and in good condition. New items are always appreciated, especially hats,



gloves, scarves, and socks. Please place the items in the bin at the synagogue.

Congregation Beit Tikva welcomes your suggestions on additional social action projects in our community. Contact Sandy Levine at 505.466.4041 or levinesy@comcast.net with your ideas, and volunteer to serve on the Social Action Committee.

Cantorial Transition

As you may have heard or read, our treasured Cantor, Michael G. Linder, has decided to retire from singing at our weekly Friday evening services. During the coming months, with the help of Rabbi Levy, we are enlisting a variety of singers to lead prayers and songs at our services.

Upcoming song leaders are:

Norton Bicoll, February 6

Cantor Michael Linder, February 13

Sonny Rapoport, February 20

Paula Eastwood, February 27

Norton Bicoll, March 6

Joan Kessler, March 13

Ephraim Herrera, March 20

Norton Bicoll, March 27

For more information please contact Rabbi Martin Levy, 505.670.4671.

2015 Dues Pledge and Oneg Form

You have recently received your pledge form and oneg request form for 2015.

We would appreciate sending in your forms for the upcoming year so we can more accurately plan our budget. No payment is necessary at this time, but it helps to know at the beginning of the year what we will be receiving during the next twelve months. Thank you.

—*The Finance Committee*

Classes with Rabbi Martin Levy

WEEKLY SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

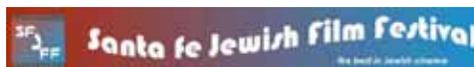
Each Saturday 9:15am

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Rationalism and Mysticism: Two Aspects of Jewish Thinking

We will read some of the great mystical writings from the Zohar, Lurianic Kabbalah, Hasidic masters, and Rav Kook from the 20th century. Classes are held Wednesdays at the synagogue at 6:00 pm.

Visit www.beittikvasantafe.org for more information about these classes.



SFJFF presents *The Farewell Party* on February 15

We've Picked a Winner! On **Sunday, February 15**, the Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival will screen the People's Choice Winner at the Venice International Film Festival and winner of four Israeli Academy Awards, *The Farewell Party*. This "black comedy" is about separation, separation from someone you love, separation from yourself—when the mind begins to fail, and the separation from life and the right to choose how it all ends.

In March (date TBD) is Eran Riklis' (*The Syrian Bride*, *The Lemon Tree*) *A Borrowed Identity*, a film that is considered to be among his best. Based on a book by Sayed Kashua, creator of the hit TV series *Arab Labor*, the movie follows a young Israeli Arab as he struggles to figure out where



he fits in Israeli Society.

For more information, please visit **SantaFeJFF.org** or call Marcia Torobin at 505.216.0672.

When: Sunday, February 15, 11:00 am, preceded by complimentary coffee starting at 10:30 am

Where: Center for Contemporary Arts
Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door, available at **SantaFeJFF.org** or the CCA Box Office at **CCASantaFe.org**

Teddy Bear Project for Abused Children

Congregation Beit Tikva will launch its 3rd annual **Teddy Bear Project** for children who have been victims of sexual abuse Santa Fe. This year we hope to be aided again by Hadassah & Civitan. All of the children are interviewed at the Solace Treatment Center (formerly the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center). Congregants are asked to participate by donating new stuffed animals (medium to large in size), or journals to write in for the older children. The children are allowed to pick out a stuffed animal after their interview. The Center interviews approximately 20 abused children every month (250 per year).

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 in April.

A large box for donations will be in the synagogue lobby starting on February 23rd. You can also drop off your new stuffed animals or journals at the home of **Joan Less** in Santa Fe 954-1030, jjless@comcast.net. Or, **Sandy Levine** in Eldorado 466-4041, levinesy@comcast.net.

For more information on **our Mitzvah Committee** please contact Sandy Levine at 505.466.4041, levinesy@comcast.net.



“Last Call” for Membership Directory

We need your **Membership Directory 2015** corrections and additions, as well as listings for the Member Professional Services Directory in the back of the booklet.

Please make sure all your information is up to date, including your cell phone numbers, email address and especially a listing you would like included in the Member Professional Services Directory. Please call Gail Rapoport, our Executive Director, at 820-2991 with changes or send an email to beittikva@aol.com with your updates and changes.

ELEANOR & RICHARD BRENNER EDUCATIONAL SERIES



Save the date for a special EXTRA 92Y: SUNDAY MARCH 1. (And it's free, too!)

This DVD was recently sent to us FREE by the 92nd Street Y as an extra, so admission for this event is also FREE! Instead of a full Sunday Brunch we will offer coffee and cake for a modest \$2 charge, starting at 10:30 (a half hour later than our usual brunches). The DVD will be shown as usual at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 10:30am-12:00pm

Henry Kissinger in Conversation with Richard Haass

Henry Kissinger has traveled the world, advised presidents and been a close observer and participant in the central foreign policy events of our era. His new book, *World Order*, analyses today's ultimate challenge: how to build a shared international order in a world of divergent historic perspectives, violent conflict, proliferating technology and ideological extremism. The Nobel laureate draws on his deep study of history and experience as national security adviser and secretary of state to share profound and urgently needed insights into the roots of international harmony and global disorder.

Richard Haass is a US diplomat with wide experience including Afghanistan and Northern Ireland, the author of numerous books on US foreign policy, and the President of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Given the current state of the world, this conversation from last fall will still be timely and urgent. Please join us for this showing.

Our Building Addition Is Nearly Complete, But We Still Need Your Help

Our building addition is on schedule for completion in late February, but we still need your help for our Building Fund.

When we began the project we had considerable money in our Building Fund accumulated over time. We knew we would need more money to complete the project and furnishings (cabinets, sinks, library shelves, etc.). Many of you stepped up as we began the work.

While we have monitored the costs carefully, the total project cost has increased due to City requirements for sprinklers in certain new rooms, a new water line to service them, upgraded electrical service for the added demand of the new HVAC system for the addition, ADA requirements, related architectural and engineering fees, and other items.

We are pleased with the quality of the work to date, and the end result will be a wonderful expansion of our facilities. However, our Building Fund remains short by about \$90,000.

The donors to date for the new addition are listed in this Bulletin. If you have not yet donated or made a pledge (payable over 3 years), please consider doing so now. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Be assured, there will be no mortgage taken for this building project.

Please contact Gail, Jerry, Rabbi Levy, or any of our Board to aid you in your donation.



Listed below are donations made since August, 2013 for the Limmud building addition, which includes an educational wing with enlarged kitchen, offices and the Rabbi Leonard A Helman Library.

Categories of \$1,000 or more will be listed on our expanded **Etz Chayim Builder's Wall** plaques in the categories listed below. All donations of \$500 will be listed on an additional **Limmud Building Fund** plaque in the new area.

Etz Chayim Builder's Wall

FOUNDER \$50,000 OR MORE

- Howard Aronow (statement front doors and expanded driveway entrance)
- Nora Segal (for the Rabbi's study)
- Jerry (Bruzzy) Westheimer, Jr.

GUARDIAN \$20,000 to \$49,999

- Barbara Cohen & Al Chapman
- Howard & Jan Hendler

BENEFACTOR \$10,000 TO \$19,999

- Gary & Sue Katz

PILLAR \$5,000 TO \$9,999

- Jeffrey & Joan Less
- Anonymous

SPONSOR \$1,800 TO \$4,999

- Rabbi Martin Levy

- Jerry & Barbara Bork
- Bonnie Kohl & John Liebman
- Francine Landau & David Pollak

PATRON \$1,000 TO \$1,499

- Lorraine Haneyko & Michael Edelman
- Philip Goldstone
- Paul Grace
- Alison & Jerry Kaplan
- Linda Krull
- Barbara & Armon Lamont
- Asenath Kepler & Edward Mazria
- Marilyn & Don Miller
- Jordan & Barbara Miller
- Edward and Sharon Sorken
- Arlene & Flo Vinnick
- John (Dirk) Wassner

Limmud Building Fund Addition Plaque

(It will include all the names listed above plus the following:)

- Susan & Kenneth Coffae
- Leroy Wittwer & Gail Karr
- Regina Klein
- Gail & Elliot Rapoport
- Esther Rapoport
- Joan Vernick

Additional Recent Donations

- Jody Ellis & Marcia Muth
- Dena Jacobs
- The Rikkon Group

A Recent Letter from Founding Member Dena Jacobs (excerpts)

Marietta, Georgia

The last time I saw Santa Fe was at Jacqueline Bell's Bat Mitzvah. That was one of the highlights of 2014 for me... Wow! Was I impressed with the progress of Congregation Beit Tikva! The parking and entrance as well as the benches, walkways, etc. Now the big addition of a new building under construction for the Rabbi's study and other offices and a library space for other activities... It reminded me of the gradual building of our dream house in Tesuque... gradually done to provide the happiest time of our life... Those that I knew or remembered me during my recent visit made me feel most welcome. Also I met lots of new people in the congregation including your wonderful Rabbi. I felt a great deal of love and friendship at the temple... It has meant a lot to me to express myself to those I knew and those I met.

—Shalom with Love,
Dena

WOMEN'S GROUP FORMING

Join the women of Beit Tikva for an afternoon of conversation and camaraderie, learning and laughter. We'll present interesting speakers, discuss ideas of concern to us, and share our unique wisdom with each other.

The first meeting was held on Thursday, February 5th at the synagogue. Among topics discussed was the purpose and focus of the group, logistics, and ideas for programs. Also at our first meeting, **Phyllis Kapp** spoke on the "ins and outs" of the art business.

Please send us your thoughts and

ideas about how you'd like the group to develop, what issues or topics you'd like to focus on, and suggestions for programs.

We are excited about this new venture and hope it will be a permanent and vital part of Beit Tikva. For information on our next meeting please contact:

Reggie Klein 438-8150
arkay28@gmail.com
Pat Shapiro 466-6656
shapiropat@gmail.com

In Memory

Vivian Abrams
February 7, 2015



February Birthdays

Carol Clifford	February 1
Viv Abrams	February 3
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

March Birthdays

Robert Vladem	March 4
Philip Goldstone	March 5
Nina Weisse-Bernstein	March 5
Jerry Liebman	March 8
Gary Katz	March 9
Kimberly Stertzer	March 23
Larry Singer	March 26
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

Hadassah Celebratory Service, Friday, February 27, Shabbat Zachor

Please join us at our regular Friday night service at 7:30pm. Hadassah member Valerie

Frost will be speaking about Hadassah and the Santa Fe Hadassah group will provide food for the oneg that evening.

Hadassah Mah Jongg Day at Congregation Beit Tikva Monday, March 2, 11:30am – 4:00pm

Lunch is included. For more information and cost contact Gail Zanger 428,0359 or gzmaliibu@gmail.com



It's a Cliché

by Hila Pollak Landau

My back is straight, my shoulders pulled back, and my head held high. I feel the desert sun burning my nose. A drop of sweat trickles down my back. My feet throb with the pain of a week of running up sand dunes, and hiking hundreds of kilometers weighed down by 50 plus pounds of gear. My heels are pressed together, toes pointed out—one pair of shiny red combat boots in the rows of eighty standing at attention in perfectly straight lines. After three grueling months of basic training we know how to march, to shoot a target at 250 meters, and to survive in the desert alone for weeks. We know the smell of each others' sweat. We know everyone's weaknesses, having pulled one another up after every fall, and put each other together after every breakdown. We've carried one another up mountains. We've given each other our last sip of water, in spite of the parching desert air and the noonday sun. We've cried, shivered, and bled on one another. And today we stand in our dress-uniforms, to become *lochemim* and *lochemot* (combat soldiers) in the Israeli army.

I scan the growing crowd of parents and friends, excitedly waiting for our graduation ceremony to begin. It's a cliché: the little girl standing on the wooden stage, her hair pulled into a tight bun, her pink tutu glittering in the stage lights; she scans the crowd for the familiar faces of her family. The little boy, his soccer shorts flapping around his skinny legs, a smile of victory and pride breaking across his face as he searches the sidelines for the approving cheers of his parents.

For me, having grown up with two of the most involved parents in the history of time, I never had to look hard to find my biggest fans in the audience. They were always front and center, clapping the loudest, screaming my name at the most embarrassing moment possible, waving my mom's hand-drawn sign over the crowd. Through every early morning cross-country race, every mundane open house for school, every ear-splitting violin recital, there was never a question. They would be there to cheer me on.

That is, until now, until I made the choice to move halfway across the world, to finally come live in my home, Israel. And therein lies the paradox. Israel is my home, and yet I am separated from my family

by oceans and countries, by hours and languages, and by cultures and calendars. When my sun is rising their stars are shining. My morning coffee is their dinner. I live in an alternate universe perpetually stuck ten hours ahead and seven-thousand-one-hundred-and-three miles away.

The families arrived an hour earlier. From 3pm-3:45pm we were given free time to be with them, our loved ones. During those long forty-five minutes I watched as the parking lot filled with the olive green of our army uniforms, and then swirled and mixed into a rainbow of civilian clothing; short skirts showing off long tanned legs, t-shirts revealing hairy arms. A religious family dressed all in black takes refuge under the shade of a tree next to a family of "arsim" clad in skin-tight sun-dresses and cut off



tank tops. The two families share an ice-cold bottle of coke, hugging their daughters, and laughing together. "What luck?" the religious mother, her head covered in a plain scarf, exclaims to the other mother, whose voluptuous cleavage bulges out of her leopard print dress, "What luck that our daughters have one another as friends? That we can finally meet one another."

I wander the crowd, occasionally being called over to meet a sister, or a boyfriend. I graciously thank every mother who insists I come spend Shabbat with her family. I am sad, and I am lonely. I find a cool spot in a run down building on the other side of the parking lot, and I pull out my phone. It's 5:15am for my family. I take a deep breath and watch the

seconds tick down before our ceremony begins.

I rarely feel the absence of my family—partly because I am usually too busy to think about our distance. I miss them every day, but we are in almost constant communication thanks to the miracles of Skype and text messaging. More than that, though, I honestly feel them with me. As I'm running the last 300 meters of the "bochan maslool" (an obstacle course and 3 kilometer timed run), when the voice in my head is screaming for me to slow down, to take off my heavy equipment vest, throw my gun on the ground, and give up, I hear my father screaming from the finish line, telling me to finish strong. Telling me it's time to kick, to finish the race. He is there with a pack of gum and a fresh bottle of water, waiting for me.

And in the middle of the night, halfway through a twenty-five kilometer march, when my legs are burning, and for a moment I panic I feel the darkness swallowing me up, and all I want is to lie down and sleep, I suddenly I feel my mom walking alongside me through the desert dust. She is illuminated by the moonlight, and she tells me: "Kol haKavod, Hiya. Don't hurt yourself. I am so proud of you."

And during the darkest hour of the night, I lay in the sand, using my helmet as a pillow, and my equipment vest as a blanket I search the horizon for the breaking dawn, and with it my sister's namesake—the morning star. As the weak light illuminates the new day, I imagine our conversation, built from a lifetime of late night talks. She always knows exactly what to say to help me through the darkest hours of my life.

So I stand up proudly as the ceremony begins. Together we swear ourselves to our country, to protect her with our lives, to follow the commands of our government, our laws, and our officers. In return, we are given a gun, a copy of the torah, and the salute of our lieutenant. Three times we scream "ani nishbaht," (I swear). And as our shouts mingle with the yells of the crowd I think I see them. Just for a moment, I catch a glimpse out of the corner of my eye. My father's salt and pepper curly hair blows in the summer breeze, my mom's giant white smile and shining green eyes, and my sister's pale skin flushed by the desert heat. My voice catches in my throat. I turn my head to shout to them, ready to run into their outstretched arms. I gaze in their direction, but I am met with a sea of unfamiliar faces, smiling back at me. The desert has already swallowed up their mirage, but in that moment I understand. I am not alone.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015 DONATIONS

General Fund

Ursula & Saul Balagura – In memory Itco Balagura, father of Saul
Naomi Becker – In memory of Carol Becker, mother of Naomi
Naomi Becker – In memory of Fred Reid
Naomi Becker – In memory of Irv Abrams
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Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Phyllis Kapp
Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of the birthday of Janie Siskin
Barbara & Jerry Bork – In memory of Irv Abrams
Barbara & Jerry Bork – In memory of Fred Reid
Barbara & Jerry Bork – In honor of Jeff Less, for his leadership and dedication to our building addition project
Allen Cogbill
Lorraine Haneyko & Michael Edelman – In memory of Fred Reid

Ruth Anne & Halley Faust – In honor of the 50th anniversary of Sue & Gary Katz
Sue & Gary Katz – In honor of the 49th anniversary of Linda & Jim Cohen
Sue & Gary Katz – In honor of the birthday of Joan Less
Sue & Gary Katz – In honor of a speedy recovery for Bob Wartell
Sue & Gary Katz – In memory of Esther & Sam Katz, parents of Gary
Nancy & Henry Lewis – In honor of the 50th anniversary of Sue & Gary Katz
Sally & Stephen Lowen – In memory of Rose Daneman
Sally & Stephen Lowen – In memory of Fred Reid
Bonnie Kohl & John Liebman – In honor of the 50th anniversary of Sue & Gary Katz
Ruth Wallack & Peter Merrill – In honor of the 50th anniversary of Sue & Gary Katz
Stephanie Murray – In memory of Sabian Murray, son of Stephanie
Esther Rapoport – In memory of Irv Abrams
Esther Rapoport – In honor of the anniversary of Barbara & Jerry Bork
Esther Rapoport – In honor of the engagement of Rabbi Martin Levy & Kaycee Canter
The Rikoon Group – In memory of Fred Reid
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Shana Rosenberg, their daughter

Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Frances Rosenberg, mother of Stuart
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Blodwyn McNickle mother of Connie
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Jimmy Katz, son of Lynn & Richard Katz
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In honor of the 50th anniversary of Sue & Gary Katz
Lynn & Larry Singer – In memory of Irving Singer, father of Larry
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FEBRUARY/MARCH TORAH PASSAGES

February 4 Tu B'Shevat Jewish Arbor Day The New Year of Trees	March 5 Purim
February 7 <i>Yitro</i> "Jethro" the father-in-law of Moses Arrival at Sinai, the Ten Commandments	March 7 <i>Ki Tisa</i> Rules for a census, the golden calf, Moses & the mountains
February 14 <i>Mishpatim</i> Ordinances, civil legislation, morality & ethical behavior <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i> Laws of the Shekel	March 14 <i>Vayakhel</i> Moses gathers and explains rules regarding construction of the tabernacle, <i>Pekude</i> Bezalel builds the tabernacle Contributions to the building of the tabernacle and its holiness <i>Shabbat Parah</i> Laws concerning ashes of the red heifer
February 21 <i>Terumah</i> The tabernacle, building of the ark, free will offering	March 21 <i>Vayikra</i> General rules for offerings
February 28 <i>Tetzaveh</i> Rules of the Kohanim Commandments regarding bringing pure oil and the construction of the alter <i>Shabbat Zachor</i> Shabbat of remembrance	March 28 <i>Tzav</i> Continuation of the laws of sacrifice and offerings, commandments for Aaron & his sons <i>Shabbat Hagadol</i> The Great Sabbath, always precedes Passover

FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 6 Friday 7:30pm Celebration of Tu B'Shevat Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	March 6 Friday 7:30pm Celebration of Purim Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
February 13 Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	March 13 Friday 6:00pm Shabbat Across America Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
February 20 Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	March 20 Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
February 27 Friday 7:30pm Hadassah Celebration Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy	March 27 Friday 7:30pm Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
	April 3 Friday 4:30pm Passover First Night Seder Short Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy
	April 4 Saturday 6:30pm Passover Second Night Seder, celebrated at Congregation Beit Tikva Service led by Rabbi Martin Levy