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**5-WEEK ADULT STUDY BEGINS**

**Kabbala as a Mystical Path to Shorten the Distance Between You and God**

Our next Adult Study Series begins on **July 26 at 6:00pm** and will be taught by Petr Chylek. Kabbala, derived from the Hebrew root "Kuf, Bet, and Lamed" means to receive: to receive from the two immense sources of wisdom, understanding and knowledge, from the Sages and from the Divine. That is why we usually write two Bets in the English transliteration of Kabbala. The tradition starts with the vision of the heavenly chariot of the prophet Ezekiel. It is re-established and expanded by the 13th century Spanish kabbalists, 16th century kabbalists of Safed, 18th century Chasidic movement in eastern Europe, as well as current kabbalists in the world.

Kabbala is a lifelong experiment where you are both the experimenter and a subject of the experiment. Kabbala can be divided into three basic parts: (1) intellectual study of the structure of the Universe and of the Soul, (2) meditation practice, and (3) the purification of the Soul (Mussar). This summer (year 5777) our class will briefly cover the first two parts of Kabbala and we will concentrate on the purification of the Soul. Our teaching and discussions will be based Torah and Talmud, and on works of Maimonides, Gikatilla, Abulafia, Nachmanides, Cordovero, Luzzato, Baal Shem Tov, Gaon of Vilna, and recent kabbalists. So, help us God!

**SAVE THE DATES**

**High Holy Days**

5778 ~ 2017

**SELICHOT**

Pot Luck followed by Service  
Contact Kate Shane at call/text  
470-9448

**Saturday, September 16, 6:00pm**

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Rabbi Martin Levy

**Wednesday, September 20,  
7:30pm**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

Rabbi Martin Levy

**Thursday, September 21,  
10:00am**  
Children's Service Immediately  
Following

Tashlich Service 4:30pm

Across from the  
Inn on the Alameda  
at the Santa Fe River

**SHABBAT SHUVAH**

**Friday, September 22, 7:00pm**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 24, 12:30pm**  
Santa Fe Memorial  
Gardens Cemetery  
417 Rodeo Road

**KOL NIDRE**

Rabbi Martin Levy

**Friday, September 29, 7:30pm**



**YOM KIPPUR**

Rabbi Martin Levy

**Saturday, September 30,  
10:00am**  
Children's Service 2:30pm

Afternoon Service 3:00pm  
Yizkor 4:45pm  
Concluding Service 5:30pm  
Followed by Break-the-Fast of  
challah, Grapes, Juice and Wine

**SUKKOT**

**Friday, October 6** Pot Luck in  
Sukkah at 6:00pm services  
at 7:00pm  
Contact Kate Shane at call/text  
470-9448

Bring items to decorate our  
Sukkah on Friday

**SIMCHAT TORAH**

A celebration of song, dance and  
Torah  
**Wednesday, October 11 6:00pm**

**HIGH HOLY DAY CHOIR**

will begin rehearsals on Monday,  
July 24th, at 7:00pm. If you have  
not sung in the choir before, all  
are welcome to join us.  
Kay Fowler will again lead the  
Holy Holy Day choir.

**SHABBAT AT HOME will be held at Brookdale Senior Living, 640 Alta Vista St.  
on Friday, July 28 and Friday, August 25 at 5:30pm.**



Weekly Torah Study continues  
every Saturday morning  
at 9:15am.

I have yahrzeit for my Dad this Shabbat,” congregants used to tell me. These are familiar words that I heard three decades ago, and thus a person or family would show up at our Sabbath services, whether it be on Friday evening or Shabbat morning. The word literally means “year-time” or anniversary. Among our people, it is the word used for the anniversary day of a close relative. For over two millennia, Jews have observed Yahrzeit by observing the specified services in the presence of a minyan of ten adults, publicly reciting the prayer of thanksgiving for the life that once was. At home, a candle would burn for at least 24 hours, fulfilling the Biblical verse that “the spirit of a human being is the light of the Lord.” For the past two thousand years, we did not need reminders for the Yahrzeit of a father or mother or beloved mate. In the past few decades our congregations have sent postcards or other reminders that they “have Yahrzeit for such and such beloved person, on this coming Shabbat.”

To put things in stark relief, fewer and fewer of our congregants attend services when a family Yahrzeit is observed. I find that very sad and distressing. Is it a symptom of our American restlessness, or our obsession with the now and focusing ourselves on whatever seems most intriguing or exciting? It is thought we sometimes welcome the opportunity to be without roots, without a past. We may be connected to our memories, but we remain untrammelled by memory. Yes, we had parents and grandparents, who raised us and provided for us, and yet they are gone and we have accomplished so much on our own! Any serious

connection to them blocks our search for self-fulfillment. These are my intuitions as to the reasons so many folks do not observe Yahrzeit...for it seems to be a form of primitive ancestor worship.

I pray that my intuitions are wrong. For reciting Kaddish is not ancestor worship. It is our best affirmation of life, a profound praise to the Source of Life for human existence itself.

The ethic of self-fulfillment, so strongly touted by Reform and Conservative Judaism, is paramount to Judaism. From the Sages we learn that every day we remember—for this day, a human should awake and say, for ME the entire world was created. And we must also say, I am but dust and ashes. Surely, we need to fulfill ourselves and do all the good things we can during a week. But why then are we given a pass when it is our obligation to recite Kaddish?

The roots of Yahrzeit observance give meaning to our brief existence.

Finally, the meditational words in our prayer book lend strength to what I believe is our Jewish purpose:

“one might almost say that this prayer is the... guardian of the people by whom alone it is uttered. Therein we find the warrant of its continuance. Can a people disappear and be annihilated so long as a child remembers its parents? Because this prayer does not acknowledge death, because it permits the blossom which has fallen from the tree of humanity, to flower and develop again in our hearts, therefore it possesses sanctifying power.”

I look forward to seeing you at our summer services.

B’shalom,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy

505.670.4671

## Dear Friends,

Wonderful things continue to happen at Congregation Beit Tikva. On June 4, 2017, we were treated to a wonderful musical recital by our Cantor, Ephraim Herrera, and several members of our illustrious High Holy Day Choir, entitled "Great American Composers (Who Happen to be Jewish)." The concert was sold out and everyone had a fine time listening and joyously singing along to the music of such legends as Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, and Leonard Bernstein. If you were unfortunate enough to have missed the concert, the entire program was recorded by our unofficial Chief Videographer, Gary Katz, and excerpts will be available on the website ([beittikvasantafe.org](http://beittikvasantafe.org)) soon. Thank you again to Cantor Ephraim and his colleagues for all their hard work, dedication, and love of music.

A few weeks before the concert, Vice President Phil Goldstone presented an interesting and informative history of New Mexico during the mid-1800's, which he titled "Maps, Mapmakers, and Troublemakers." Using maps from his personal collection and other resources, Phil took us through this fascinating period of New Mexico's history, bringing to life some of the conflicts of the era and the individuals behind them.

Adult education classes on Wednesday evenings continue to



be well-attended, and we are always happy to welcome new scholars to our Saturday morning Torah Study sessions. It is programs like these that truly set Congregation Beit Tikva apart from other congregations in and around Santa Fe.

As we enter the second half of calendar year 2017, it is more important than ever that you, our members, be fully aware of the financial costs of running our Congregation. Membership dues provide an important base for our operational costs, but dues cover only half of what it takes to keep our doors open for the benefit of all our members and the Santa Fe Jewish Community. Your financial support above and beyond payment of membership dues is critical to our future.

Recently you received a mailing about the Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques to be introduced to our facility in time for the High Holy Days. This project provides an opportunity to remember loved ones while supporting your synagogue through the purchase of memorial plaques that will be illuminated for a loved

one's yahrzeit memorial. Another way to help us thrive is to participate in our Future Fund, which endeavors to solidify our financial base over the next several years as we approach our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in 2020. Finally, please consider joining our Legacy Society by including Beit Tikva in your estate plan. In this way, you can ensure that the benefits that you enjoy will continue to be available for all of those who follow us.

Shalom,  
Paul Grace  
505.690.8505

Rabbi Martin and Kaycee invite you to an open house on July 30, 2017 from 4–6pm. They will install their Mezuzah and share hors d'oeuvres. All are welcome at 1860 Forest Circle, Santa Fe.



The Jewish Chaplain at CHRISTUS St. Vincent Hospital has retired so there is no one to let Rabbi know if one of our congregants has been admitted. If you know of anyone from the congregation that is in the hospital please call Rabbi Levy at 505.670.4671



Look for the Religious School registration form in the mail. Religious School begins September 10, 2017.

**MAY & JUNE DONATIONS** (Received through June 15, 2017. If your donation was received after this date it will appear in the next bulletin.)

**General Fund**

Linda & Tom Brown  
 Judith Kingsley Fitting – In honor of the anniversary of Barbara & Armon LaMont  
 Valerie Frost – In memory of Frederick William Hall, father of Valerie  
 John Guffey – In memory of John G. Guffey  
 Elsie Hartog-Gobey – In memory of Christopher Stafford Gobey, husband of Elsie  
 Sandra Ingerman – In memory of Lee Ingerman, mother of Sandra  
 Linda Krull – In memory of Neal Krull, husband of Linda  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Robert McNickle, brother of Connie  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Ruth Mae Troy, cousin of Connie  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Haskell Sheinberg  
 Jerilyn & David Silver – In memory of David Feness

Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of a speedy recovery for Shep Weinstein  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Phil Goldstone  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Larry Singer  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Lynn Singer  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Gary Katz  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Ephraim Herrera  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Jeff Less  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Stuart Rosenberg  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Kathy & Manny Marczak  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Sheila & Norton Bicol

Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Armon LaMont  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Susan Katz  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Leslie & Sheldon Weinstein  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Barbara & Armon LaMont  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Ruth Wallack & Peter Merrill  
 Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Susan & Kenneth Coffae  
 Mary Carole & Jerry Wertheim – In memory of Hugo T. Wertheim, uncle of Jerry

**Future Fund**

Asenath Kepler & Edward Mazria  
 Babara Locke & John Graham  
 Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone  
 Joan & Jeffrey Less  
 Valerie Frost

**Oneg**

Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Babara Graham  
 Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Barbara LaMont  
 Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Lisa Sinoff  
 Lynn & Lawrence Singer

**Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque**

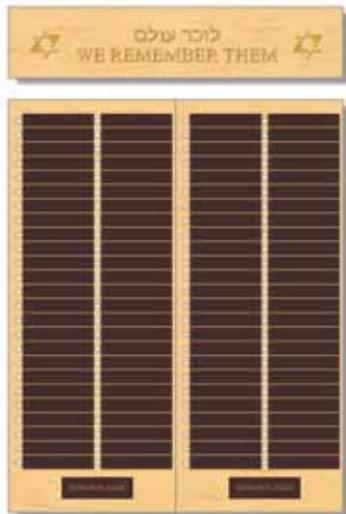
Fran Berlin  
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 Lois & Gary Podolny  
 Alan Rapoport  
 Gail & Elliot Rapoport  
 Dirk Wassner

**Library**

Carolyn Miller

**HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE**

The deep bonds and spiritual connections that bind generations together are a special hallmark of Judaism. To enable congregants to honor their loved ones with grace and reverence, we will be installing a new illuminated memorial system which will commemorate everyone's Yahrzeit with a bulb next to their nameplate.



If you have not already done so, consider honoring your loved ones in this manner and return the order form that we sent you. If you have mislaid the form just call the office 505.820.2991 to request another form.

**Todah Rabbah and Honorable Menschen to Our Oneg Providers**

**May**

Kate Shane  
 Ed & Sharon Sorken  
 Babara and John Graham  
 Gary & Lois Podolny

**June**

Peter & Ruth Merrill  
 Connie & Stuart Rosenberg  
 Carolyn Handler Miller & Terry Borst  
 Rabbi Martin Levy & Kaycee Canter

**Congregation Beit Tikva's Chaim L'Chaim Legacy Society**

*We honor those members who have recently joined the legacy society.*

**Don and Marilyn Miller  
 Phil Goldstone and Heidi Hahn  
 Gary and Susan Katz**

# Administrator's Point of View

## Yamim Noraim

The Days of Awe are all but upon us. Look for your High Holy Day ticket request packet during the 2nd week of August. It will include tickets that come with your membership, request for guest tickets and the Yizkor request form if you wish to add anyone to your list for inclusion in the memorial booklet distributed during Yom Kippur. Please plan on returning the forms to the temple no later than September 4th, 2017.

There have been some changes over the past few weeks that I want to bring to your attention. The Oneg form has changed and there is a new one headed your way next week. It includes a new option. You can pick up a pre-set oneg platter from a soon-to-be-named market for a \$65 donation if you don't want to shop or bake/prepare. You will need to order two days in advance. Additionally, you can tell us when you choose your date whether you will be buying items of your own choosing, cooking/baking, or ordering the pre-set platter. If you order the pre-set, it will be billed to the temple. You must arrange to have someone pick it up and deliver it to temple before services. There will be more complete instructions in the mail.

If you have pledged to the Future Fund and selected quarterly payments your second quarter payment is due.

The office hours will be a little bit different beginning July 1st. The office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-3 and on Friday from 1-5. We will go back to the "winter hours" at some point in the fall. We can also arrange to meet you at temple at other times if the standard hours do not work for you.

Toni Robinson, Administrator  
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admin@beittikvasantafe.org

## WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP

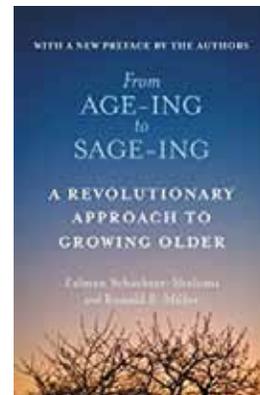
A women's sharing group is about to begin. Themes will be loosely based on readings, and will include aging with wisdom, spirituality, and sharing.

**When:** Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30, starting on July 11th  
**Where:** 1871 Forest Circle Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Open to:** All women. Invite your friends.

**Suggested Reading:** *From Aging to Saging*, by Zalmon Schachter-Shalomi

**Contact:** Alma Dankoff, alma.dankoff@mac.com 505-490-1583



## Oneg Shabbat means Sabbath Delight!

What could be more delightful after Friday evening service, than some treats to enjoy with challah, and the good company of friends (old and new). Members are expected to provide one oneg preparation per year. You may bring food, or you may offer \$65 to cover expenses instead.

A third option, new this year is to pick up a pre-set order at a designated grocery market and bring it to the temple on Friday night before services.

Many thanks to Barb Lamont for managing the oneg schedule for the last several years. Barb has passed the task to Windy Dankoff (our notorious flute and clarinet player). We have some oneg openings for September through December (and beyond), so if you wish to sign up, please call Windy at 490-0313 or windythankoff@mac.com. You will be receiving a form in the mail with details of all 3 options and a return card for your convenience.



Santa Fe  
Jewish Film  
Festival

A spicy mix of the best of Jewish cinema



## COOL FILMS FOR HOT DAYS!

### *Raise The Roof*

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 5:00PM**

With guest artists/educators Laura & Rick Brown  
the story of one of the largest re-creations of historical art, a wooden synagogue in Poland

### *The Pulitzer at 100*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 5:00PM**

With guest author James McGrath Morris  
the story of the prize, the winners, and the person who made it possible.

### *Harold & Lillian—*

### *A Love Story*

**Coming in August**

*End of season event, date & details TBA*

A film about two of Hollywood's most important people behind the scenes that you've never heard.

Tickets and more info are at [www.SantaFeJFF.org](http://www.SantaFeJFF.org), 505.216.0672, or CCA

# Shavuot 2017



## Great American Composers (who happen to be Jewish!) Concert— A Smashing Success

**Our spring concert “Great American Composers (who happen to be Jewish!),”** led by Cantor Ephraim Herrera, played to a sold-out crowd on June 4th, and received a standing ovation. Our members, friends, family, and others from the community who attended this celebration of American music had a great time.

Cantor Herrera, who organized, led, choreographed, and performed in this concert of songs from Broadway and film, was joined by Pamela McClain on piano, Gayle Kenny on double bass, soprano Melissa Riedel, Mezzo Soprano Lina Ramos, and baritone Darby Fegan. Some of the singers are also part of our High Holy Day choir. Valerie Frost narrated the concert, providing interesting, and not-widely-known, information about the composers and their songs.

We again applaud the performers and thank all those who helped make the event a success. We will look forward to future concerts led by our extraordinary Cantor Herrera!



# Creating Jewish Legacy: The Santa Fe Legacy Memorial Wall Project

*“There are stars whose radiance is visible on Earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world even though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind.”*

—Hannah Senesh

## How Do We Keep the Light of the Departed Alive?

Jews living in Northern New Mexico can locally memorialize departed relatives, friends, and beloved members of the Jewish community buried in remote locations, or for whom there is no grave. The Jewish Community Council of Northern New Mexico (JCCNNM) has created the “Santa Fe Legacy Memorial Wall” in our Jewish Cemetery located at 417 Rodeo Road. This is the only dedicated Jewish Cemetery in Santa Fe. A perimeter stone wall marks our Jewish burial gardens. The JCCNNM is again offering memorial name plaques that will be attached to the newest section of the wall. Remembrance plaques are available for \$613. Plaques are 10” x 2.5” x 5” with space for two full engraved lines. \$400 is tax deductible, and will allow for the construction of the third phase of the wall.

## A Special New Feature

In September of 2017, Tim Rivera, the owner of Memorial Gardens Cemetery is making the Qeepr Program available to all families who own Memorial Plaques, either purchased in the past or newly bought this year. Qeepr is a digital archive that enables family and friends to create a living memorial containing the biography, newspaper obituary, family history and photographs, etc.

of the deceased. This archive can be easily accessed using your mobile device. Classes will be held instructing plaque owners on how to create and share this online memorial for a loved one.

## Unification of the Jewish Community

It is our goal to serve all the local Jewish synagogues, organizations and the unaffiliated who desire to honor their departed loved ones via the mitzvot of *bimkom kever*—remembrance in place of the grave.

## How to Purchase

For more information, please contact Doris Francis at [remembranceplaques@q.com](mailto:remembranceplaques@q.com). You can request a legacy plaque order form at your synagogue, or visit <http://jccnnm.org/jewish-cemetery.html>

**PLEASE NOTE:** September 1st is the absolute deadline for plaque orders to be unveiled on September 24, 2017, our annual Remembrance Event held at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, on the Sunday between the High Holidays.



The first Friday of each month is **Simchat Shabbat**, where we recognize our members whose birthdays or anniversaries fall in that month. Please plan on joining us to celebrate your Simchat.

### July Birthdays

Barbara Gudwin  
Dena Jacobs  
Al Chapman  
Dr. Edward Okun  
Lynn Kelly  
Phyllis Arlow  
Allan Swartzberg  
Joan Vernick  
Sandra Levine  
Marcelle Cady

Gerald M. Levine  
Susan Feiner  
Steven Moise  
Joan Scheinberg

### July Anniversaries

Todd and Peggy Myers  
Edward and Sharon Sorkin  
Ned & Megan Siegel

### August Birthdays

Shelia Bicoll  
Raphael Shapiro  
Megan Siegel  
Juli Horwitz-Kite  
Susan Krohn  
Karen S. Goldstein  
Beth Beloff  
Kenneth Coffae  
Kenneth Kahn

### August Anniversaries

David and Audrey Garrison  
Jerry & Mary Carole Wertheim  
Gary & Lois Podolny  
Jeffrey & Joan Less  
Carolyn Handler Miller & Terry Borste

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## JULY & AUGUST TORAH PASSAGES

**July 1** Numbers  
*Chukat* 19.1-22.1  
The Red Heifer  
Sin of Moses for striking the rock, death of Miriam & Aaron

**July 8** Numbers  
*Balak* 22.2-25.9  
Resting place in the wilderness  
King of Moab, Balaam the non-Jew who blessed Israel

**July 15** Numbers  
*Pinchas* 25.10-30.1  
Reward of Pinchas for his zealotry  
Rights of women regarding inheritance, daughters of Zelophehad  
Additional rules regarding holidays

**July 22** Numbers  
*Matot* 30.2-32.42  
Sacredness of vows & oaths  
Koshering of utensils  
*Massei* Numbers 33.1-36.13  
Summary of route tribes took from Egypt to Jordan to the Promised Land  
Boundaries of Eretz Israel

**July 29** Deuteronomy  
*Devarim* 1.1-3.22  
Moses' first discourse: His farewell statement regarding treks through the desert & victories  
Shabbat chazon  
Vision Chapter containing a denunciation of Israel's Sins read before Tish B'Av

**August 1**  
*Tisha b'av*  
Destruction of the First Temple

**August 5** Deuteronomy  
*Va'etchanan* 3.23-7.11  
Second discourse of Moses regarding: prayer & rejection, religious tolerance, The Ten Commandments  
*Shabbat nachamu*  
Shabbat of Comfort after Tisha B'Av

**August 12** Deuteronomy  
*Ekev* 7.12-11.25  
Moses speaks on: Blessings of obedience, lessons of food, warnings of the lure of prosperity, virtues of the land, stiff-necked people

**August 19** Deuteronomy  
*Re'eh* 11.26-16.17  
Moses speaks on: religious institutions, false prophets, the blessings & the curses  
Clean & unclean—beasts, fish & birds  
Choosing good over evil

**August 26** Deuteronomy  
*Shoftim* 16.18-21.9  
Moses speaks on: pursuit of justice, judges & lawgivers

## JULY & AUGUST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Friday, July 7** 7:00pm  
Simchat Shabbat

**Friday, July 14** 7:00pm

**Friday, July 21** 7:00pm

**Friday, July 28** 7:00pm

**Friday, August 4** 7:00pm  
Simchat Shabbat

**Friday, August 11** 7:00pm

**Friday, August 18** 7:00pm

**Friday, August 25** 7:00pm