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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

Donations Made Easy on Our Website

Recently, our website was updated to keep current with internet and search protocols. It's essential that Congregation Beit Tikva has a strong online presence and is easy to find by people who are searching for a synagogue in Santa Fe. The new site is also "responsive" to mobile devices (phones, tablets, etc.) which means it adapts to the screen size of the device for better readability and search engine optimization.

The updated website features a new Donation page and a Photo page under the heading, "Photos & Videos," among a few other improvements.

The Donation page makes it easy to send your financial contributions online instead of by regular mail. When you click on the Donations tab on the main menu, a secure page appears where you fill in your information, designate any special fund or honoree, give your credit card information, and complete the transaction. A receipt is generated and sent to you by email.



The Photos page contains many images from our events which didn't fit into our Bulletin. Be sure to take a look to remember important gatherings and to see your fellow congregants—or maybe yourself!



Megillah Reading and Purim Schpiel, February 28, 7:00pm. Join us for the reading of the Magillah and Purim celebration. Lynn Kelly and Marc Sanders will be sending out an invitation to audition for our audacious Purim Schpiel. Watch your email for more information.

Adult Education, Judaism 101, and Torah Study with Rabbi Levy

Adult Education classes, conducted by Rabbi Martin Levy, resume on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00pm in the Helman Library. Our dedicated students continue with the conclusion to "American Reform Judaism: Our Future."

Judaism 101 resumes on January 17 at 7:30pm.

Please join us for **Torah Study** every Saturday morning at 9:15am.

SHABBAT AT HOME will be held at Brookdale Senior Living, 640 Alta Vista St. on Friday, January 26th (Shabbat Shirah) and Friday, February 23rd at 5:30 pm.

These are the remarks that were delivered as the eulogy at Paul Grace's funeral.

We gather together this afternoon, in profound sadness, to think about our dear friend Paul Grace, leader of Congregation Beit Tikva for many years. The Talmud relates that a young scholar, who had acquired a remarkable fund of knowledge, and who had served his masters and fellow students with devotion, died suddenly. His wife took the tokens of his piety and virtue and paraded them in the synagogue.

She exclaimed, "We have learned, 'The words of Torah are the life and the length of the days.' (Deuteronomy 30:20). My husband wore out his mind and heart on the words of Torah. He knew so much and had so much to give. Why was he permitted to die with only half his life completed?"

The students in the academies were too stunned, too grief stricken to make an immediate reply. Later they sought to put meaning to the tragedy that had overtaken her and her family (Shabbat 13a).

We draw close to each other in this sanctuary under the same spell of grief, dismay and bewilderment that gripped those students two millennia ago. Every member of the Grace family has provided examples of Paul's worthiness, the excellence and *menschlikeit* of our leader. Here was a man, the soul of goodness, a "gutenah neshamah," as we say in Yiddish, full of compassion, understanding, brains, and the willingness to always do for others. Whenever someone turned to Paul for help, his answer was, "What can I do for you at this moment?" Why should he have been taken from our midst, so suddenly? He was in the maturity of his life, with so much yet to accomplish and enjoy. The complete answer to that question is concealed from us.

As the prophet Isaiah wrote, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways beyond human ways." (Isaiah 55)

Each one of our lives is fragile and precious, yet they consist of an abiding worth, as Paul showed us. He was not only the leader of our congregation for almost seven years, but he was an outstanding president of many Santa Fe organizations, committed to assisting children on all levels.

Paul and Maggie came to us in Santa Fe in 2000, after his distinguished work in the D.C. area. As you know,



his beloved wife was destroyed by a hit and run driver, and his marriage turned asunder. Rabbi Leonard Helman, of blessed memory, came to his rescue, assisting him, comforting him, and doing everything possible to ease the burden on Paul's shoulder. Rabbi Helman was also a comfort and rock for Jayson and Zach. It was a tumultuous time for the Grace family, and our members like Gail and Sonny Rapoport, and Francine Landau and David Pollak stepped forward to uplift and support Paul and his sons. Paul plodded forward and lived as a loving and supportive

Dad. He became the baseball coach for Jayson's and Zach's teams, and continued his love of baseball as an umpire and president of the Santa Fe Little League program.

Our congregation continued to strengthen Paul, especially with the guidance of Rabbi Helman. Paul became the community leader he was destined to be. Serving as a congregational president for two years is truly a great mitzvah. Filling that role for six years is a measure of sainthood, or as we say in Hebrew, "a mishagatz." (an act of madness!) But I think of Paul truly as one of the "mala'chay ha-sharet," a ministering angel, who brought us purpose and leadership.

Above all, Paul was a marvelous and beloved father and grandpa. He was incredibly nurturing—with patience and insight he dealt with the ups and downs of his teenagers. His love and compassion for Jayson, Zach, Lacey, Amaya and Skylen was unending. His love and presence will always rest in your hearts! And his hours with his grand-daughters were the time he treasured most in the past five years. Paul's smile said it all—he loved you with a great love.

We miss your father so much. We miss our president so profoundly. He was an exceptional *mensch*. In the vernacular of baseball lingo, we read from Psalm 146: "The Lord opens the eyes of the blind." Paul knew how to call a ball, a ball, and a strike, a strike. Paul knew how to guide us towards a better world. May his memory always be a blessing for us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin W. Levy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Rabbi Martin W. Levy
505.670.4671

Dear Friends,

Well, I never expected to be writing this. As I put my fingers to the keyboard, it is late December and we've just recently held a funeral service for our President, Paul Grace. A wonderful mensch, leader, and friend, a truly "graceful" man. We, and all of Santa Fe, will miss him.

At the turning of the year, though, it's time to take stock, and move forward. Our Congregation has challenges and changes and we have work to do, yet our Congregation is strong, bound by friendships and a love of our Jewish life and worship.

I want to thank our 2017 Trustees who have had to step down from the Board (at least for now) due to health, family concerns, or other needs: Barb LaMont, Valerie Frost, Ken Coffae, and Shep Weinstein. We will honor them for their service as well as welcome our new and continuing Trustees at Shabbat services on January 12. Larry Cohen, Linda Krull, and Marc Sanders are brand-new Trustees, and we expect to add Gary Goldstein as a Trustee at the January Board meeting. I'm grateful to all of them for bringing their energy and ideas to our Board! Also, we send our best wishes to Cantor Ephraim Herrera, who will be focusing on time for himself and family and friends. We will miss his singing but hope he will grace us with his voice and companionship from time to time. Thanks to Kate Shane for volunteering to provide Cantorial songs a couple of times per month.

As I noted at our Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee has made a unanimous and strong recommendation to the full Board to appoint Sue Katz to become our President for 2018, filling the vacancy in our officers left by Paul's abrupt passing. I will ask them to act on that recommendation on January 8, our first normal Board meeting of the year. The Executive Committee believes that Sue is the best choice by far to fill this important leadership role. With Jeff Less remaining as our Treasurer and me continuing as Vice President, it will also provide the best continuity for our Congregational leadership. Our Trustees are ready to build on our strengths and take on our challenges with energy and commitment.

At the meeting, Jeff Less noted our fiscal challenges and changes for 2018. Basically, we've recently been spending down our reserve cash, and so we need to reduce expenses, do more fund raising, and bring in more membership income. Rabbi Levy is now part-time again, we have raised

dues slightly for 2018, and we encourage all of our Board, members, and friends to help our Membership Chair, Gary Katz, by bringing friends and contacts to services and other events so they may consider becoming members themselves. And of course, we will continue to appreciate your generosity in making donations large and small to Congregation Beit Tikva.

Finally, in a new initiative outlined at the meeting by Past President David Pollak, we have been exploring a new connection with HaMakom, renting them use of our building, and possibly down the road looking at the potential of a closer partnership of some sort. This would allow HaMakom to celebrate their events and services in a Jewish space (though the Unitarian Church has been a gracious host to them as the Lutheran Church was to us at the beginning!) and it has a lot of potential to make not only our building but also our Jewish community more vibrant and visible. (It will also take some patience working out some kinks.) This may start with HaMakom celebrating Tu B'Shvat at CBT in late January and inviting our members as well. Our respective Boards would vote on a formal agreement early in January. Stay tuned.

2018 is an important year and in many ways a new beginning. Our Congregation is close together and dedicated to a strong future, our arms are open to new members and to each other as friends and colleagues, our Rabbi is with us. We're moving forward.

Shalom,

Phil Goldstone, Vice President

Rides for Seniors

We have been awarded a grant from the Jewish Federation of New Mexico to fund rides to Congregation Beit Tikva services for anyone who no longer drives at night. **Candace Hardy** is providing those rides on our behalf. You may reach her at 781.354.9118 to schedule your ride. She will submit a bill to the temple and we will use the funds provided by the federation.



Annual Meeting, Ephraim Herrera Tribute & Chanukah Celebration 2017



ADMINISTRATOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Now that I have completed my first year as Administrator of Congregation Beit Tikva I feel at home and it has become my comfort zone. Thank you all for making me feel so much a part of this family of families.

I want to discuss our Oneg process and purpose in an effort to encourage some of you who have not repeatedly sponsored and/or provided an Oneg to please consider joining the team of people who have been participating in bringing this joy to our congregation on a weekly basis. The Encyclopedia Britannica (*You remember those don't you?*) defines Oneg Shabbat as follows:

Oneg Shabbat, (Hebrew: "Joy of Sabbath"), informal Sabbath (or Friday evening) gathering of Jews in a synagogue or private home to express outwardly the happiness inherent in the Sabbath holiday. Now more social than religious, the group entertains itself with music, drama, community discussions, lectures, or the singing of religious melodies—all in keeping with the biblical injunction, 'and call the Sabbath a delight' (Isaiah 58:13). Usually refreshments are provided to complement the congenial atmosphere and perpetuate in spirit the Talmud's recommendation to eat three full meals that day.

The practice has evolved through the years to be the time after our Erev Shabbat service for visiting and catching up with each other and share some food. It has become an integral part of our Friday night ritual. It provides hospitality for our community much as we do in our own homes. If you have not already done so, please return your calendar with the date(s) of your choosing and participate in this joyful part of membership at Congregation Beit Tikva. Let Windy Dankoff (windydankoff@mac.com)

know your date, and if you plan to sponsor with your gift of \$65 or if you will be bringing food. If you are only able to sponsor, please designate someone to shop, prepare, set out the food and clean up afterwards. Often people use this time to acknowledge a special date such as an anniversary, birthday, yahrzeit or other significant life event. If this seems an overwhelming thing for you to do alone, you can join with others and co-sponsor an Oneg. Whichever way you choose to participate we are grateful for your generosity, time, and effort.

Please note the deadline for submission of items for publication in our bulletin is the 15th of the month prior to publication. The deadlines for 2018 are:

February 15th for the March/April issue

April 15th for the May/June issue

June 15th for the July/August issue

August 15th for the September/October issue

October 15th for the November/December issue

My contact information:

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A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: I'll bet you have a special skill that we can put to beneficial use furthering the growth and strength of Congregation Beit Tikva. We can use help filing, organizing mailings, shopping for the Onegs and pot luck dinners, setting up for pot lucks, and many other opportunities. Give me a call, we'll talk.

Generally, I am in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00am until 3:00pm. I can also arrange to meet you there at other times.

—Toni Robinson, Administrator

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

We appreciate everyone's help with the preparations for Paul Grace's funeral.

A profound expression of gratitude goes to Kate Shane and Valerie Frost for taking charge and making it all happen.

Other helpers were Barbara & Jerry Bork, Marcelle Cady, Alma Dankoff, Melanie & Barry Hornstein, Sue & Gary Katz, Lynn Kelly, Julie Horwitz Kite, Kathy Marzack, Barb LaMont, Sharon & Ed Sorken, Pat Wartell, and Judy Weissman.

There were many of you who helped immensely. If we have not mentioned you please forgive the oversight.

ELEANOR & RICHARD BRENNER EDUCATIONAL SERIES

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BIG-SCREEN SHOWING OF RECENT LIVE EVENTS

Upcoming January and February Programs

Please watch your email for information regarding specific programs. As soon as the schedule is made available to us we will make the appropriate announcements.

Thank You Oneg Sponsors

Todah Rabah to the following dedicated members for providing us with JOY after services.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Carolyn Miller
Barbara & Armon LaMont
Sue & Gary Katz
Joan Kessler
Susan & Lenny Feiner

Toni Robinson & Judy Weissman
Susan & Ken Coffae
Joan & Jeffrey Less
Lynn Kelly
Sue & Gary Katz

Membership Directory 2018-2019

Returning your annual pledge form with all current information will insure your inclusion in the 2018-2019 Membership Directory, **as long as we receive it by January 15, 2018.**

Your information must be sent to us even if you are not submitting payment currently. Please make sure all contact information is up to date, including your cell phone numbers, email address and especially any listing you might have in the Member Professional Services Directory. Please call Toni Robinson, our Administrator, at 505.820.2991 or email her at admin@beittikvasantafe.org with your updates and changes.

2018 Dues Pledge & Oneg Form

You have recently received your pledge form and Oneg request form for 2018. We would appreciate sending in your forms for the upcoming year, so we can more accurately plan our budgeting. No payment is necessary at this time, but it helps our planning to know at the beginning of the year what we will be receiving during the next 12 months.

Also, give some thought to when you will be providing or sponsoring an Oneg. We need some new participants to liven up these efforts. You can return the Oneg form with your dues pledge. Please note on that form if it is a special occasion and whether you will be providing food or \$65, or both. Contact Windy Dankoff at windydankoff@mac.com.

In Memory

Paul Grace, President of Congregation Beit Tikva
December 4, 2017

Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz, Mother of Sheila Bicolli
November 23, 2017

Danny McNickle, Brother of Connie Rosenberg
December 19, 2017

If your birthday or anniversary occurs in January or February and does not appear on this list, we do not have that information in our database. Please take a moment to send us this information so that we may share in this Simchat with you.

January Birthdays

Manny Marczak	January 1
Martin Levy	January 2
Larry Cohen	January 3
Toni Robinson	January 5
Regina Klein	January 6
Joan Less	January 6
Edward Sorken	January 9
Julianne Sherman	January 10
Mort Morrison	January 14
Kate Shane	January 15
Barry Hornstein	January 15
Gail Karr	January 26
Asenath Kepler	January 31

January Anniversaries

Philip & Joy Wohl LeCuyer January 12

February Birthdays

Carol Clifford	February 1
Meg Folk	February 5
Elliot Rapoport	February 7
Peter Merrill	February 12
Valerie Frost	February 15
Beth Moise	February 21
Burton Krohn	February 25

**WARM
COATS,
HATS,
SCARVES,
GLOVES, BEING
COLLECTED.**

There are bins under the coat rack just outside the sanctuary. We will collect them periodically for distribution.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 DONATIONS (Received through December 15, 2017. If your donation was received after this date it will appear in the next bulletin.)

General Fund

Julia & Lance Bell – In memory of Paul Grace
Natalie & Dr. Barry Beller – In honor of Beth Belloff
Natalie & Dr. Barry Beller – In honor of Marc Geller
Linda & Tom Brown
Marcelle Cady – In memory of Paul Grace
Marcelle Cady – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz
Marcelle Cady – In honor of Reggie Klein's 90th birthday
Kaycee Canter & Rabbi Martin Levy – In memory of Paul Grace
Congregation Ha MaKom – In memory of Paul Grace
Susan & Leonard Feiner – In memory of Paul Grace
Valerie Frost – In memory of Robert DeVoe, brother of Sue Katz
Valerie Frost – In memory of Paul Grace
Elaine & Jack Goldberg – In memory of Alexander Goldberg, father of Jack
Elaine & Jack Goldberg – In memory of Nettie Goldberg, mother of Jack
Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone – In memory of Paul Grace
Robin Hendricksen – In memory of Paul Grace
Sandra Ingerman – In memory of Aaron Ingerman, father of Sandra
Jewish Federation of New Mexico – In memory of Paul Grace
Gail Karr – In memory of Paul Grace
Gail Karr – In memory of Philip & Shirley Kaplan, Gail's parents
Reggie Klein – In memory of Paul Grace
Ruth Koval – In memory of Burton Getz, husband of Ruth
Linda Krull – In memory of Paul Grace
Sylvia LaMar – In memory of Paul Grace

Joy Wohl & Phil LeCuyer – In memory of Judith Flachner, mother of Joy
Joy Wohl & Phil LeCuyer – In memory of Stanley Flachner, father of Joy
Joan & Jeffrey Less – In honor of the anniversary of Barbara & Jerry Bork
Kathy & Manny Marczak – In memory of Paul Grace
Joanna Nedboy – In memory of Paul Grace
Jean O'Gorman
Ed Okun – In memory of Barbara-Rose Okun
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Orville McNickle, father of Connie
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Al Pack, friend of Connie & Stuart
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Paul Grace
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Frances Rosenberg, mother of Stuart
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In memory of Shana Rosenberg, daughter of Connie and Stuart
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In honor of Jimmy Katz
Jerilyn & David Silver – In memory of Marcie Silverstein
Jerilyn & David Silver – In memory of Paul Grace
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In memory of Gertrude "Tula" Beiner, mother of Claudia Bloom
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Leslie Weinstein
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Jerry Bork
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Barbara Bork
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Kaycee Canter
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Phyllis Kapp
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Heidi Hahn
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Paul Grace

Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Gail & Elliot Rapoport
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Susan & Leonard Feiner
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Barbara & Jerry Bork
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Susan & Gary Katz
Pat & Bob Wartell – In memory of Robert DeVoe, brother of Sue Katz
Pat & Bob Wartell – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz
Pat & Bob Wartell – In memory of Paul Grace
Judy Weissman & Toni Robinson – In memory of Paul Grace

Building and Grounds Fund

Valerie Frost
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In memory of Paul Grace
Sharon & Ed Sorken – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz

Future Fund

Asenath Kepler & Edward Mazria
Oneg
Susan & Kenneth Coffae
Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Emily Dwyer
Barbara LaMont – In memory of Paul Grace

Mitzvah Fund

Linda Krull – Interfaith Shelter dinner
Pat & Bob Wartell – Interfaith Shelter dinner

Music Fund

Donna Brown
Valerie Frost
Joan & Jeffrey Less – In honor of Ephraim Herrera
Joan & Jeffrey Less – In memory of Paul Grace

Joan & Jeffrey Less – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz
Marc Sanders

High Holy Days End of Year

Linda & Tom Brown
Susan & Leonard Feiner
Reggie Klein
Malcolm Lazin
Joy & Philip LeCuyer
Lynn & Larry Singer
Judi von Gaia

Religious Education

Millie Dew

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Shelia Bicoll – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz on behalf of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
Valerie Frost – In honor a speedy recovery for Kaycee Canter
Valerie Frost – In honor of Reggie Klein's 90th Birthday
Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Lynn Singer
Valerie Frost – In memory of Trudy Gilpin née Gertrude Rabinowitz, mother of Shelia Bicoll
Valerie Frost – In honor of new trustees: Larry Cohen, Gary Goldstein & Linda Krull
Barbara Locke-Graham & John Graham
Marc Sanders
Judy Weissman – In honor of Toni Robinson's birthday

At our **Friday, January 12th** service we will thank our retiring board members Ken Coffae, Valerie Frost, Barb LaMont and Shep Weinstein. We will also install and welcome our new trustees Larry Cohen, Gary Goldstein, Linda Krull, and Marc Sanders.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JANUARY/FEBRUARY TORAH PASSAGES

January 6 <i>Shemot</i> Children of Israel prosper in Egypt. New king arises who knew not Joseph. Moses the redeemer is born.	Genesis 1.1-6.1	February 3 <i>Yitro</i> Death of Jacob & Joseph, embalming of Jethro” the father-in-law of Moses	Exodus 18.1-20.23
January 13 <i>Va'era</i> God's appearance, & promise of Redemption. The 10 plagues begin.	Genesis 6.2-9.35	February 10 <i>Mishpatim</i> Ordinances, civil legislation, morality and ethical behavior	Exodus 21.1-24.18
January 20 <i>Bo</i> The last 3 plagues, leaving Egypt	Exodus 10.1-13.16	February 17 <i>Terumah</i> The tabernacle, building of the ark, free will offering	Exodus 25.1-27.19
January 27 <i>Beshaullach</i> Redemption from Egypt, crossing the Reed Sea	Exodus 13.17-17.16	February 24 <i>Tetzaveh</i> The Rules of the Kohanim Commandments regarding the bringing of pure oil and the construction of the altar	Exodus 27.20-30.10

Shabbat Shirah, Friday, January 26th at 7:00pm.

Shabbat Shirah is named for the famous poem of deliverance that was recited by Moses and Miriam after the Israelites escaped from the Egyptian armies. From these verses in Exodus we have the famous song, "Who is like You, Almighty God, source of freedom? This Sabbath also highlights the love poetry of King Solomon, who was the author of the Song of Songs.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Friday, January 5 at 7:00pm**
Oneg provided by Sharon & Ed Sorken in celebration of Ed's 80th birthday
- Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm**
Oneg provided by Ruthie Koval and Barbara & Armon LaMont
- Friday, January 19 at 7:00pm**
Oneg provided by Marc Sanders
- Friday, January 26 at 7:00pm, SHABBAT SHIRAH**, celebration in song
Oneg sponsorship available
- Friday, February 2 at 7:00pm**
Oneg sponsorship available
- Friday, February 9 at 7:00pm**
Oneg sponsorship available
- Friday, February 16 at 7:00pm**
Oneg sponsorship available
- Friday, February 23 at 7:00pm**
Oneg provided by Marc Sanders in memory of his sister Martha's birthday
- Wednesday, February 28, 7:00pm**
Reading of the Megillah – Purim Schpiel

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