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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shavuot

The Giving of the Torah

May 19, 2018

On Saturday evening **May 19th**, we will celebrate the pilgrim festival of Shavuot, marking the giving of Torah to the Jewish people at Sinai. We will gather for a pot luck dinner at

6:00pm. Every family is encouraged to bring a food item to share for at least six persons. We will gather for songs and study about Shavuot following our dinner. Shavuot marks the 50th day after the beginning of Passover. It is a time of reflection and learning about the Ten Commandments, the book of Ruth, and the significance of Torah in our daily lives. Please join us for a special Shavuot celebration.



Saturday morning Torah study meets every Saturday at 9:00am. Spring 2018 Adult Education class series will conclude on May 9th.

TWO NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES THIS SUMMER

JULY 2018—Introduction to Kabbalah, taught by Dr. Petr Chylek

Beginning July 8th at 6:00pm

This class will meet on Wednesday evenings for four weeks, in the Helman Library.

All members of the Santa Fe community are welcome to attend.

AUGUST 2018 —Dialogues on Self-Renewal taught by Dr. John Graham (Preparing the "Self" for High Holy Days)

Our second summer seminar will be led by Dr. John Graham, noted educator and faculty member at UNM.

The 4-week class begins on Wednesday, August 8th at 6:00pm. The class will include a weekly presentation by Dr. Graham, followed by respondents to his ideas, and a discussion of the topics.

The class concludes on August 29, preparing us for the High Holy Days season.

For more information regarding all classes, please contact Rabbi Martin Levy.

SHABBAT AT HOME will be held at Brookdale Senior Living, 640 Alta Vista St. on Friday, May 25 and Friday, June 22 at 5:30pm.



One of the crucial aspects of our congregation is that we stand interconnected, that each generation is important to the other. I am always delighted to see folks of all ages singing together during a Shabbat evening service. We did the same for our Israeli Independence Day celebration, thanks to the efforts of Marc Sanders and many others. We live and experience one another every day, and every Sabbath. That is the meaning of the Sages' comment from the 2nd century, "The work is not upon you to complete, but neither are you free to desist from it." The good works of helping each other are part of our Jewish ethos, our moral obligations. We as individuals cannot do everything to ameliorate our society, but neither can we protest and say, I've done enough. As the poet John Donne expressed, "No man is an island entire of himself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

During my years, I have learned marvelous lessons from my maternal grandparents. In some ways, they were my greatest teachers. They taught me about Judaism, culture, family, and about mitzvot. When I pray on Friday evenings, I often reflect on the importance of having grandparents with us during a Shabbat service. Many of you are grandparents, and your role must be to model the highest of Jewish values for your family members. In our society, which idolizes youth and innovation, we often forget the words of the Psalmist, "Cast me not away in times of old age, forsake me not when my strength is

spent." Regardless of our years, life offers endless possibilities for fulfillment.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel, one of brilliant thinkers of the twentieth century, spoke about growing old in wisdom. He wrote. "The test of a people is how it behaves toward

the elderly. It is easy to love children. Even tyrants make a point of being fond of children. But the affection and care for the elderly are the true gold mines of one's culture. Old age is a major challenge to the inner life; it takes both wisdom and strength not to succumb to it. The tragedy is that for some, old age comes upon us as a shock for which we are not prepared. If life is defined in terms of functions and results, is it still worth living when these functions are sharply curtailed? May I suggest that a person's potential for growth is much greater than we are willing to admit. Old age is not the time of stagnation, but an age of opportunity for inner growth."

Rabbi Heschel's words give us much to consider. The ideas of growth and change abound in our weekly Torah portions. Everything that is "old" in our heritage is renewed each week as we rethink the insights of our Jewish tradition. May we be blessed with renewed vitality and strength in the months ahead.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy
505.670.4671

Dear Friends,

Some years ago, I saw a Broadway production called *Spring Awakening*. Let's take a moment to consider what that seasonal awakening means within the context of our own lives. The recurrent dynamic of spring always brings with it an opportunity for renewal and growth. You can feel this resurgence of energy all around us...in nature, in our activities, and in our aspirations.

Spring offers Congregation Beit Tikva this same challenge. The revitalization of our congregation is demonstrated with new membership and new levels of participation, new programs and events, and new occasions for religious and spiritual awakening. We can experience our own personal rejuvenation of mind and spirit within this realm of renewal.

We have had the great pleasure of welcoming some new members in recent months; however, we've also lost a few families. Essentially, the congregation has not grown enough to offset the increased maintenance expenses that our aging building requires. Our membership dues cover only about 60% of our operating costs, and we have been operating at a deficit, with little reserve to draw on.

We have always relied on the generosity of our members to sustain us. With our new enthusiasm to promote and preserve our institution, we hope to inspire the giving

of generous gifts and endowments. Simply put, our continuation as a thriving congregation requires a greater level of financial commitment from our members and friends—above any previous level of giving. The Rabbi and Board members will be reaching out to everyone individually to share the Rabbi's vision for CBT's future, and discuss the synagogue's value to you and its importance in your life.

We are at a critical period for the continuation of our congregation as a viable and thriving Jewish institution and we call on all members and friends to help us meet our fundraising goals. We need everyone's participation in our quest for rejuvenation this year and in years to come. We need everyone's assistance in nurturing our modest yet energetic role in our local Jewish community and in the public as well. Help us ensure our place in Santa Fe's Jewish culture by supporting our upcoming Capital Campaign! We need everyone to contribute to our "spring awakening" and help us grow and flourish.

Shalom,
Sue Katz, President

Thank You Oneg Sponsors

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

March Onegs

Judith Kingsley
Valerie Frost
Sue & Gary Katz
Alma & Windy Dankoff
Laurel & Jeff Abes

April Onegs

Gail & Sonny Rapoport
Lynn Kelly
Pat & Dick Shapiro



Rides To Our Temple

Remember that the Jewish Federation of New Mexico has helped us fund rides for those of us who don't drive. To arrange for a ride to Congregation Beit Tikva for our service or other temple activities please contact Candace Hardy at 781.354.9118; CHridesSFe@gmail.com.



A Super-Successful Teddy Bear Project

Thanks to generous members of Beit Tikva, Hadassah, and an outstanding effort by members of St. Elia Greek Orthodox Church, I was able to deliver enough stuffed animals and some art supplies to keep the Solace Crisis Treatment Center supplied for many months.

The donated items will help a child navigate the difficult process of being examined and interviewed after abuse charges have been brought forward. By picking out and taking home a stuffed animal or journal the child is reminded that the abuse was not their fault. The art supplies are used during the therapeutic process to express what the child experienced, much of which is so hard to articulate.

Again, heartfelt thanks to those congregants who support this project year after year. It truly takes so little to help brighten the eyes of an abused child. Thank you for all your support. —Joan Less

ADMINISTRATOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Once again, our second night community Seder certainly exceeded my personal expectations. We had 72 people attend this ever-popular event. I had the pleasure of greeting everyone as they arrived and put some more faces to names. Rabbi Levy and Hazzan Cindy Freedman from HaMaKom led us in a meaningful and “entertaining” evening.

As we begin the “quiet” time of summer there will be much going on behind the scenes here at Beit Tikva. My office hours beginning June 1st will be as follows: **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am-2:00pm.**

Toni Robinson
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SOCIAL ACTION

Feeding the Homeless: Let's Get Involved!

This spring we were able to provide two dinners for the homeless shelter. The response from volunteers and donors was most heartwarming. It is this kind of activity that makes me proud to be a member of Congregation Beit Tikva. Thank you to all that responded. If you wish to assist in the future either with a warm clothing drive during the winter or to sponsor a dinner for the homeless please contact **Sandy Levine, levinesy@comcast.net, 505.466.4041** to express your interest. We'll then be able to coordinate our efforts with the Shelters.



A Festival of Summer: Shavuot

Every Jewish holiday falls on a specific day of the month, with one exception: Shavuot, the day on which we accepted the Torah. Shavuot is always the 50th day following the beginning of Passover. Under the essential Jewish calendar in which the rabbinical court determined the beginning of a month through witnesses who saw the new moon, it could technically fall on any one of three dates since the number of days in a Jewish month could vary from year to year. The name Shavuot alludes to its independence from the standard calendar. The name means “weeks,” demonstrating how the holiday marks the culmination of seven weeks regardless of the date. What is the essence of that dateless day? Hints to the answer lie within the process that leads to Shavuot, the book we read on Shavuot, and the number 50 itself.

The key to understanding Shavuot lies within the process that leads up to it. We start counting the days from our exodus from Egypt, our birth as a people, and continue to count until Shavuot, the 50th day. That count marks a period of national metamorphosis. The Jewish people had been so entrenched in Egypt that the Torah described the Exodus as the extraction of one nation from amidst another. As a child just born, we were in our spiritual infancy and in just 50 days

we achieved the lofty stature that enabled us to receive the Torah. Our count begins with a simple sacrifice of barley, food regarded as animal fodder. It culminates with a special sacrifice of the finest bread, human food, signifying our national arrival at a new level of existence.

The progression from a fledgling people to a mature nation is also reflected in the story of Ruth which we read on Shavuot. Ruth was a Moabite princess who married a Jew. When her husband died, Ruth, still young, could have easily returned to her people and been a celebrity in the royal set. Instead, she tenaciously clung to Naomi, her Jewish mother-in-law, and was determined to convert and embrace Judaism despite attempts to dissuade her. She joined the Jewish nation penniless with only her mother-in-law as a friend. Yet her self-sacrifice and quality was noticed by a wealthy landowner and prominent judge named Boaz from whose field she would collect leftover grain for herself and Naomi. He eventually married her, and that relationship gave rise to the scion of the Jewish monarchy and King David ultimately descended from her. Our tradition teaches that the Mashiach, the future king of the Jewish people, will come from that line as well. Since David was born on Shavuot, we read the story of his ancestry on that day.



The key to Shavuot lies within the seven weeks of preparation. We count the days from Passover to Shavuot to reinforce our spiritual preparation for this season.

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before



It is with tremendous pride that we continue a long honored Jewish tradition at Congregation Beit Tikva.

With the support of an initial donation from Ruthie Koval, we have determined that the time is right to include this traditional remembrance option in our synagogue offering to members. To enable congregants to honor their loved ones with grace and reverence, we installed a new illuminated memorial system last year in the entrance hall.

To keep all family members together, you may prepay to reserve space for future use. A "RESERVED" nameplate can be used as a placeholder. Hebrew transliteration is available if needed. Only one person may be named per plaque.

Questions? Call Toni Robinson at 505.820.2991 or email her at admin@beittikvasantafe.org

May Birthdays

William Berman	May 11
Herman Scheinberg	May 16
John Henry McDonald	May 18
Gary Podolny	May 24
Robert Gear	May 26
Kathy Richkind	May 26

May Anniversaries

Howard Louis & Georgia Jones Davis	May 3
Raphael Shapiro & Angelina Vera	May 21
Barbara & Jordan Miller	May 29

June Birthdays

Linda Krull	June 16
Bonnie Kohl	June 18
Armon LaMont	June 21
David Ruiz	June 21
Susan Katz	June 22
John Graham	June 24
Marvin Maslow	June 24
Melanie Hornstein	June 30

June Anniversaries

Beth & Steven Moise	June 2
Barbara & Armon LaMont	June 8
Susan & Burton Krohn	June 11
Karen & Gary Goldstein	June 16

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque Order Form

Name(s) of Honoree(s)

1. _____

Date of Death _____ Hebrew name if known _____

2. _____

Date of Death _____ Hebrew name if known _____

3. _____

Date of Death _____ Hebrew name if known _____

4. _____

Date of Death _____ Hebrew name if known _____

Please submit this form by mail prior to June 30th to be included by High Holy Days 2018.

Your Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Number of Plaques: _____ x \$400 each

CHECK ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF: _____

VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX Card # _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CCV# _____

TODAH RABBAH

To all those that volunteered to make our Second Night Community Passover seder the huge success that it was:

Jerry Bork

Reggie Klein

Kate Shane

Lisa Sinoff

Linda Krull

Valerie Frost

Lynn & Larry Singer

MARCH/APRIL 2018 DONATIONS Received through April 15, 2018. Donations received after this date will appear in the July/August bulletin.

General Fund

Marcelle & Jim Cady – In memory of Al Chapman
Rose & Peter Chylek – In honor of Rabbi Martin Levy
Valerie Frost – In memory of Nell Goodman Hall, mother of Valerie
Valerie Frost – In honor of a speedy recovery for Carol Gajewski's husband
Valerie Frost – In honor of the 75th birthday of Gary Katz
Barbara Gayl – In honor of the 90th birthday of Reggie Klein
Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone
Lorraine Haneyko & Michael Edelman – In memory of Paul Grace
Lorraine Haneyko & Michael Edelman – In memory of Trudy Gilpin, nee Gertrude Rabinowitz, mother of Sheila Bicoll
Sandra Ingerman – In memory of Lee Ingerman, mother of Sandra
Ruth Koval – In memory of Eric Getz, son of Ruth
Beverly Post & Rabbi Jack Shlachter – In honor of Congregation Beit Tikva's welcome to HaMakom

Peggy Prindible & Todd Myers – In memory of Helen Gieseking & Dan Prindible, parents of Peggy
Stuart & Connie Rosenberg – In memory of Danny McNickle, brother of Connie
Stuart & Connie Rosenberg – In memory of Beverly McNickle, mother of Connie
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Philip Goldstone
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Gary Katz
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Larry Singer
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Lois Podolny
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the birthday of Norton Bicoll
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 birthday of Lynn Singer
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In honor of the anniversary of Sheila & Norton Bicoll

Future Fund

Asenath Kepler & Ed Mazria

Seder Sponsorship

Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone
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Linda Krull
Kaycee & Rabbi Martin Levy
Lynn & Larry Singer
Sharon & Edward Sorken

Interfaith Shelter Dinner

Marcia & William Berman
Sheila & Norton Bicoll
Heidi Hahn & Philip Goldstone
Carol Karps
Linda Krull
Francine Landau & David Pollak
Sandra Levine
Jean O'Gorman
Kate Shane
Patricia & Richard Shapiro
Sharon & Edward Sorken

Oneg

Valerie Frost – In memory of Al Chapman
Valerie Frost – In honor of Barbara & Jordan Miller
Barbara Gayl

Building Fund

Eleanor Brenner

Building & Grounds

Valerie Frost – In memory of Elaine Johnson, mother of Paula Eastwood

Music Fund

Valerie Frost – In honor of Marc Sanders & The Purim Spielers
Valerie Frost – In honor of Cindy Freedman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Sofia Culley
Kate Shane
Toni Robinson & Judith Weissman – In memory of Gerry Levine
Devi Benjamin & Gerry Pitzl – In memory of Gerry Levine

Yom Ha'atzmaut 2018



The delicious food we enjoyed at the Israeli Independence Day celebration was sponsored by Rabbi Martin Levy.



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MAY/JUNE TORAH PASSAGES

May 3
Lag b'omer
33rd day of the counting of the Omer Period
between Passover & Shavuot, known as the
scholar's festival

May 5 Leviticus
Emor 21.1-24.23
Regulations for priest & the sanctuary
The Holy Days, laws regarding holidays &
festivals

May 12 Leviticus
Behar 25.1-26.2
Sabbatical year & Jubilee year
Redemption of the land, rights of the servant
Bechukotai 26.3-27.24
Blessing & curses, gifts to the Temple
Rewards & punishments

May 19 Numbers
Bemidbar 1.1-4.20
In the wilderness, census of the tribes
The Levites & their duties
Erev Shavuot – Pot luck 6:00pm

May 20
Shavuot
Covenant at Sinai & giving of the ten
commandments
Shavuot Yizkor

May 26 Numbers
Naso 4.21-7.89
4.21-7.89
The Priestly Blessings, numeration of the
Levitical families

June 2 Numbers
Beha'alotcha 8.1-12.16
The Menorah, the second Passover offering
Consecration of the Levites
Departure from Sinai to Moab, rebellion &
murmuring

June 9 Numbers
Shelach 13.1-15.41
The spies & their reports
Punishment of the People, forty years of
wandering decreed
Meal offerings & the challah

June 16 Numbers
Korach 16.1-18.32
Rebellion of Korach & his family
Moses pleads with God

June 23 Numbers
Chukat 19.1-22.1
The Red Heifer
Sin of Moses for striking the rock, death of
Miriam & Aaron

June 30 Numbers
Balak 22.2-25.9
Resting place in the wilderness
King of Moab, Balaam the non-jew who
blessed Israel

MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

May 4 Friday 7:00 p.m.
May 11 Friday 7:00 p.m.
HaMaKom Kabbalat Shabbat
May 18 Friday 7:00 p.m.
May 19 Shavuot Service and Potluck
May 25 Friday 7:00 p.m.
June 1 Friday 7:00 p.m.
June 8 Friday 7:00 p.m.
June 15 Friday 7:00 p.m.
HaMaKom Kabbalat Shabbat
June 22 Friday 7:00 p.m.
June 29 Friday 7:00 p.m.