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Chanukah Celebration

Menorahs, Dinner, Service and Music!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 6:00PM

You are invited to our festive Chanukah pot luck dinner on Friday, December 7, beginning at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish for 6 people. All contributions are welcome—salads, meat dishes, fruits, vegetables, casseroles, breads, and of course...desserts! Bring your favorite menorahs for our traditional lighting ceremony! There will be a service followed by singing with Cantor Ephraim Herrera.



Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 16 at 10:00am
Please join us for an important discussion regarding budget approval, selection of new officers and board members.

Important Dates To Remember in November/December



Shabbat, Friday November 9, 7:00pm—Honoring our Veterans

Saturday, November 10—Lynn Kelly will host a volunteer appreciation dinner. If you volunteered at CBT this year and would like to attend, please contact Lynn at 505.471.9252 .

Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 2— First night of Chanukah

Friday, December 7, 6:00pm—Chanukah Shabbat and Pot Luck Dinner; Cantor Ephraim will sing and lead us in song.

Sunday, Dec. 16th. 10:00am—Annual Congregational Meeting at 10:00am

Jewish calendar from 1831, Wikimedia Commons/Tomasz Sienicki

If you know of any congregant who has been hospitalized or who is in need, please notify Shana, Rabbi, or the temple president. Thank you.



One of the crucial aspects of our congregation is that we are interconnected—that each generation is important to the other. In the past eight months we have gained ten new families, ranging in age from four months to the grandparents’ generation. It is uplifting to see congregants of all ages and stages singing together at a Shabbat service. All of us can bring our special talents and energies to Beit Tikva. This was the implicit message of the Sages when they wrote, “The work is not upon you to complete, but neither are you free to desist from it.” The good work of helping each other is part of the ethos of Jewish life. We as individuals cannot do everything, but neither can we avoid doing our own share. The poet John Donne expressed this idea in this way: “No man is an island entire unto 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.”

The “realpolitik” world we encounter tells us that our national landscape is divisive and chaotic. We as Jews need to learn a better way of communicating our opinions and sentiments in a constructive manner. This notion applies to congregational politics, as well as regional or national politics. When I visited with former congregants in three different cities over the past two years, I was struck by a repeated question: how is it that we can discuss political issues with consideration and respect, and avoid rancor. In simple language, how do we talk to each other without the attitude of “my truth is above all other truths!” I encountered this situation 17 years ago

when I was dealing with the local city council leaders in south Houston. The president of the city council wanted to adopt a resolution that the city would adopt “godly principles,” in order to govern its work. Those principles included ideas like the Creator has revealed a moral code of behavior distinguishing right from wrong, and that individuals live beyond this material world and will be judged by the Creator, in a hereafter, for the actions taken in this world. It was a contentious debate (and at times, the council president revealed his fundamentalist beliefs, not to mention his anti-semitism), but I stood for the Jewish community and the rights of all citizens to live in a community not governed by church rules.

We live in a pluralistic America. We Reform Jews cling to the vision of a pluralistic religious universe. The only complete unity and perfection is that which pertains to the Almighty. Our world is by definition, a multi-faceted system. It is crucial for us to recognize the plurality of our thoughts and opinions for this country. We must constantly remind our neighbors that no secular governing body has the right to impose religious principles upon other citizens. Let me add these thoughts of a distinguished American thinker, Rabbi Harold Schulweis, of blessed memory:

“Each day we are reminded to recite many blessings. If we see an assembly of Jews we recite, ‘blessed is God who discerns secrets, for the mind of each is different from that of the other, just as the face of each is different from another.’ This blessing speaks of the uniqueness of each person. However modern the term “pluralism” may sound, the concept of unity within diversity is embedded in Jewish thought. Because we are errant, finite human beings, we need each other. We need each other’s wisdom, correction, and intuition for our continued growth. You and I are not comprised of single moods or solitary attitudes. We are optimistic and pessimistic. We are liberal and conservative, suspecting and trusting, angry and forgiving.”

Let us be enriched by the pluralism of America. As we draw insight from other viewpoints, we are reminded that pluralism nourishes all of us.

Shanah tovah,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy

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Congregation Beit Tikva is both a synagogue and a center for Jewish activities and experiences. The continued presence of CBT in Santa Fe for more than two decades has enabled us to build a local community in continuity with the global Jewish community.

What should members of this congregation and those considering membership look for from our Synagogue? Striving to grasp a fuller understanding of Judaism and finding its hidden treasures, gained through studying about our history and our Torah, is for the **mind** of our soul. Meeting socially to enjoy one another's company, to brighten our days with friendship, and of course, with what Jews savor, eating together and finding humor even in the darkest of times, is for the **heart** of our soul. Shabbat services, which foster a spiritual journey and the celebration of life cycle events and Simchas are the **breath** for our soul.

With our new calendar year just a short time away, we have an opportunity to reflect upon how being a member makes our lives better or different.

- If you mean physically healthier, it won't. Join a gym.
- If you mean more physically beautiful, it won't. Go to a cosmetic surgeon.
- If you mean richer, it won't. Get an investment counselor.

- If you mean more mentally stable, it won't. Go to a therapist.
- If you mean smarter, it won't. Take a class at our local community college.

Being part of a synagogue means promoting values that you and your tradition hold dear. Your support of CBT is vital, not only as a house of worship, but also as a foundation to sustain Judaism. Please consider CBT to be your sanctuary so that it can be made stronger with your involvement and commitment. Strength lies in solidarity of purpose, as well as in honorable acts to better the lives of everyone in our community. Being part of a synagogue allows you to be part of a larger community – of people with whom you share heritage and faith.

Your financial support of Congregation Beit Tikva is more important than ever. As many times as you've heard it before, hear it this time as if anew. To continue our tradition as a center of Jewish life, we need your help! As we look ahead to the financial challenges of the year ahead, we ask you to consider making us healthier, stronger, more beautiful, more stable, more scholarly, and more involved in the community with your generous gift.

—Sue Katz, President

SHANA'S STANCE

This being the season of thanksgiving I'd like to take a few minutes to reflect on how thankful I am to be a part of this community. To work with and learn from so many wonderful people, and to be in a position that enables me to do what I love most: serve the Jewish community, cultivate meaningful relationships with congregants, learn from both rabbinic and lay leaders, and work within the rich history and framework of Jewish tradition. While the past few months have presented a fair share of challenges as we continue to make a smooth administrative transition, I'm thankful for the unwavering support and patience of the Rabbi, the Board and the Congregants.

I also want to specifically acknowledge Larry Singer and Phil Goldstone for their time and their tremendous efforts in helping me to prepare and get through my first High Holy Day Season at Beit Tikva. Larry—thank you for taking it upon yourself to ensure the Congregation's utmost safety and security. Phil—thank you for helping me thoughtfully develop High Holiday protocol and procedures and for helping me navigate through all the logistical minutia that presented itself as we both learned how to pull off a very successful High Holiday Season. I'm personally proud to share that our annual High Holiday Food Drive yielded 442 pounds of food this year, equating to 368 meals for Santa Fe's hungry!

I also want to personally acknowledge and thank Jeff Less—for his six

years of service on our board. Jeff will be stepping down as our treasurer and from the general board at the end of this year. His dedication and commitment to our congregation is inspiring, and I've personally really enjoyed working with him over the past five months. While I'll be sad we won't be working together as closely in the months to come, I am appreciative for all his efforts and all that he has helped us to accomplish throughout the span of his term.

With all that being said, I'll be maintaining my current office hours Tuesdays thru Thursdays from 10:30- 3:30 all winter long. Feel free to stop by if you need help with anything or if you'd just like to swing by to say hi!

I'd like to conclude by reiterating how much this position and this community means to me. I'd like to thank both the congregants and the leadership for continuing to create an environment that both nourishes me and pushes me to grow.

L'Shalom,

Shana Pava

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SOCIAL ACTION

Feeding the Homeless: We Return to Pete's Place to Serve Dinner

As in previous years, Congregation Beit Tikva will provide two dinners at Pete's Interfaith Shelter. **The dates are Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and Wednesday, April 10, 2019.** Please mark your calendars. The Shelter continues to need 8-10 volunteers from the organization that sponsors the dinner. Consider being one of those volunteers. More details will follow as the time approaches.

For those of you who might like to help out at the Pete's Place more often, and on your own, there is a way to do so. Let's say, for example, that a church or youth group ends up short one or two volunteers on the night that they're scheduled to sponsor the dinner. The Pete's Place's Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Carr (505.795.7494), keeps a list of individuals who could be called, even at the last minute, to help. It doesn't matter that you're not a member of the sponsoring group for that night. If you're interested in having your name on that list, Sue would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
—Sandy Levine, 505.466.4041, levinesy@comcast.net

Do You Enjoy Our Public and Community Events? Want to Help?



Naomi Sandweiss begins her talk on *A Mobster in the Family: Jewish Outlaws, Gangsters, and Bandits*. The public event in September 2018 was co-sponsored by Beit Tikva and the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Speakers Bureau.

Through the year we present or host a variety of events open to the public and community. These range from videos from the 92nd Street Y, to in-person speakers, and occasionally even a play or concert. This year we hosted or co-hosted events with the Jewish Federation (Yom Limmud—Day of Learning), Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival (their season finale event) and the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society (the recent talk on Jewish gangsters) as well as an excellent harp concert. These are educational, fun, and help make Congregation Beit Tikva a greater presence in our community.

To continue exciting programs and public events, we could use more help. If you have interest and skills you'd like to offer, or would like to plan and organize some of these events in the future, please contact Phil Goldstone, our Vice-President and Program Committee Chair, at 505-984-1905.

SHABBAT AT HOME

Services will be held at Brookdale Senior Living, 640 Alta Vista St. on Friday, November 23rd and Friday December 14th at 5:30.

Chanukah Blessings

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

Hebrew

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

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

Hebrew

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

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

For first night only:

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

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

Hanerot Halalu

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

High Holy Days 5779-2018





Three Award-Winning Films Coming to the Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival



Children of the Sun

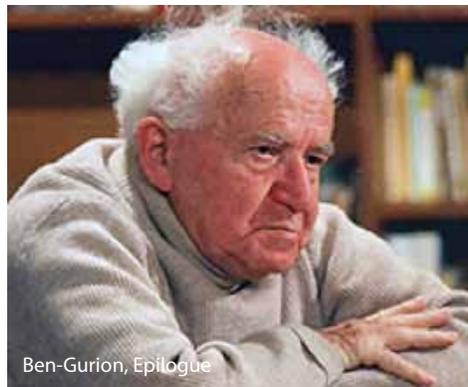
THE SANTA FE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

has announced three award-winning films following the sold-out opening of its ninth season. On November 18, 2018 the Festival is bringing the Israel Academy Award winning documentary, **CHILDREN OF THE SUN**, a fascinating film about the children of Israel's early kibbutzim. Dr. Shula Reinharz, Professor of Sociology at Brandeis and co-editor of "One Hundred Years of Kibbutz Life," joins us to discuss the impact of the kibbutz movement on Israeli society and the role of gender in kibbutz life.

On December 9, 2018 David Ben-Gurion pays a visit in a documentary that won the Israeli Academy Award for Best Documentary this past year. Based on an extensive interview conducted fifty years ago, **BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE** is an insightful documentary with historic footage that reveals Ben-Gurion's surprising reflections on Israel's future. His grandson, Alon Ben-Gurion joins us in-person to share his memories of his grandfather.

An Encore Screening of **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS—THE MUSICAL** wraps up the

lineup for 2018. The 1951 Gene Kelly film, with its gorgeous Gershwin score, was brought to life in a new staged musical production that won four Tonys among numerous other awards. The Broadway show then moved to the London stage to critical acclaim. On December 25, 2018 Santa Feans will be able to see the London production in an Encore Screening of the filmed stage musical. An optional Chinese



Ben-Gurion, Epilogue

dinner is in the works, for the Festival's ever-popular Flix & ChopStix Christmas day event.

For more information and tickets, visit www.SantaFeJFF.org or call **505.216.0672**.



An American in Paris—The Musical

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.

November Birthdays

Michele Goldman	November 4
Terry Borst	November 6
Robert Sherman	November 18
Jerry Bork	November 23
Eileen Mandel	November 29
Carolyn Handler Miller	November 30
Ned Siegel	November 30

November Anniversaries

Gail & Sunny Rapoport	November 2
Leah & David Ruiz	November 21
Larry & Marilyn Cohen	November 26
Jerry & Barbara Bork	November 27

December Birthdays

Barbara Bork	December 1
Marc Geller	December 2
Kaycee Canter	December 4
Phyllis Kapp	December 5
Edward Mazria	December 7
Jolene Gear	December 8
Heidi Hahn	December 9
Steven Harris	December 9
Marilyn Cohen	December 10
Janie Siskin	December 13
Jack Goldman	December 15
Barbara Marco	December 19

December Anniversaries

Roddie & Steven Harris	December 15
Linda Cohen	
(Jimmy Cohen z"l)	December 19
Gary & Susan Katz	December 19
Marvin & Marlene Maslow	December 21
Herman & Joan Scheinberg	December 29

Our Weekly E-Blast

Our weekly e-newsletter is the best way to stay current with all our Congregation's happenings. Please contact Windy Dankoff, windydankoff@mac.com to join the e-blast list. Or, go to www.beittikvasantafe.org and click on the blue button, top right.

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018 DONATIONS Donations August 29, 2018 through October 19, 2018

General Fund

Linda & Tom Brown
John Guffey – In memory of
Barbara Somerfield
Reggie Klein – In memory of
Eric Klein, husband of Reggie
Reggie Klein – In memory of
Zena Gershenow, mother of
Reggie
Reggie Klein – In honor of
Sandy Levine, Congregant of
the Year
Sandra Levine
Carol & Daniel Pava,
Shoshana Pava – In honor of
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and sister
Peggy Prindible & Todd Myers
– In memory of
Kevin Prindible, brother of
Peggy
Connie & Stuart Rosenberg – In
memory of Nicholas Myrhorod
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Michael Golden – In honor of
the birthday of David Pollak
Pamela Schackel &
Michael Golden – In memory
of James P. Cohen

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Sharon & Edward Sorken – In
honor of the birthday of
Shana Pava

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honor of the birthday of
Connie Rosenberg
Sharon & Edward Sorken – In
honor of the birthday of
Barbara LaMont
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Alma Dankoff
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Gail Rapoport
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Alma & Windy Dankoff
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Kaycee Canter
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Rabbi Levy
Kate Shane – In honor of
Cantor Ephraim Herrera
Kate Shane – in honor of
John Graham
Kate Shane – In honor of
Petr Chylek
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Lois Podolny
Valerie Frost – In honor of a
speedy recovery for Joan Less
Valerie Frost – In honor of the
Congregation Beit Tikva Board

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Cantor Ephraim,
Windy Dankoff, Kate Shane,
and the High Holidays choir
Valerie Frost – In memory of
Debra Winegarten, sister of
Marc Sanders
Rabbi Martin Levy and
Kaycee Canter

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September 2018

Rabbi Martin Levy
Shana Pava
Lynn & Larry Singer
Babara Locke-Graham & John Graham

October 2018

Linda Krull
Lisa & Louis Sinoff
Tom Hockenber

Grief is a natural process that often can be
eased through sharing with others who have
experienced the loss of a loved one.

The Jewish Care Program in
Santa Fe offers an open grief and loss
support group in which anyone over 18 can
join and participate, at any time.

This free group meets on Thursdays from
1:00-2:00pm. Please call Ya'el Chaikind,
LMHC to preregister at 505.303.3552.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TORAH PASSAGES

November 3	Genesis
<i>Chaye Sarah</i>	23.1 – 25.18
Death & burial of Sarah Isaac marries Rebecca	
November 10	Genesis
<i>Toldot</i>	25.19 – 28.9
Birth of twins, Jacob & Esau Jacob & the birthright, Isaac's blessing, Jacob flees	
November 17	Genesis
<i>Vayetze</i>	28.10 -32.3
Jacob's dream, Jacob's labors His two wives, Leah & Rachael Birth of Jacob's children	
November 24	Genesis
<i>Vayishlach</i>	32.4 – 36.43
Jacob's fear of Esau, Jacob becomes Israel The reunion with Esau, The return of Jacob to Bethel The death of Isaac	
December 1	Genesis
<i>Vayeshev</i>	37.1 – 40.23
The story of Joseph, The coat of many colors Joseph & his slavery in Egypt Joseph the student of dreams	

December 8	Genesis
<i>Miketz</i>	41.1 – 44.17
Joseph's interpretation of the Pharaoh's dreams His promotion to leadership in Egypt Joseph's brothers come to Egypt, Joseph tests his brothers	
December 15	Genesis
<i>Vayigash</i>	44.18 – 47.27
The family of Joseph & his brothers are reunited Peace & harmony in ancient Egypt	
December 22	Genesis
<i>Veyechi</i>	47.28 – 50.26
Death of Jacob & Joseph Embalming of Joseph, End of the Book of Genesis	
December 29	Exodus
<i>Shemot</i>	1.1 – 6.1
Children of Israel prosper in Egypt New king arises who knew not Joseph Moses the redeemer is born	

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SERVICES

Friday, November 2	7:00 pm
<i>Simchat Shabbat</i>	
Friday, November 9th	7:00 pm
Friday, November 16	7:00 pm
<i>HaMakom Service</i>	
Friday, November 23	7:00 pm
Friday, November 30	7:00 pm
Friday, December 7	7:00 pm
<i>Simchat Shabbat</i>	
Chanukah pot luck dinner	6:00pm
Service	7:00pm
Friday, December 14	7:00 pm
Friday, December 21	7:00 pm
<i>HaMakom Service</i>	
Friday, December 28th	7:00 pm