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UPCOMING EVENTS

Passover 2nd
Night Community
Seder 5780/2020
**Thursday,
April 9, 2020**



Congregation Beit Tikva’s
Annual **Second Night
Passover Seder** will be held this
year at the synagogue on **Thursday,**

April 9, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Please join us for a beautiful service led by Rabbi Martin Levy and Elishera Herrera, followed by a complete Passover meal. **Please fill out the Passover Seder reservation form RSVP on page 4.** As seating is limited, we ask that you send back your completed RSVP form promptly. We look forward to sharing another Passover Seder together.

Join Us for the Annual Megillah Reading and Purim

Our Megillah reading for Purim is on **Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.** Come in costume if you wish. We have the gragger noise makers and there will be Hammantashen at the Oneg. Be sure not to miss the reading of the Purim story and the great enjoyment we have at this festivity.

Fun, Funny And Far Out—A Musical Purim Show
The beat goes on...Monday, March 9, 6:30pm



Dust off your bell bottoms, peace symbols, flowers in your hair and go-go boots to rock out at this year’s groovy homage to the swinging 60’s. It’s the famous CBT Purim Spiel! hamantaschen will be served (with granola).

SHABBAT AT HOME

Services will be held at **Montecito Senior Living,** 500 Rodeo Rd. on Friday, March 13 and Friday, April 10, at 4:00pm.

Services will be held at **Brookdale Senior Living,** 640 Alta Vista St. on Friday, March 27 and Friday, April 24, at 5:30pm.



In the next six weeks we will be celebrating two great holidays, Purim and Passover. The tradition tells us to be “happy” for Purim is upon us. We revel in the glorious foods and delights and sober stories of the Esther and Haman. Our Purim shpielers will delight us with a newly created musical rendition on Monday evening March 9th at 6:30pm. Thanks to our talented composer and lyricist, Marc Sanders, we will re-tell the Purim story through the lens of the greatest hits of the 60’s. Make sure you’re with us to join in the fantastic music and revelry of this special holiday.

We celebrate Passover with our congregational family on Thursday evening, April 9th at 6:00pm. I trust that we will have a big congregation, as we sing and pray and eat together (Passover goodies catered by Walter Burke), with special music led by our own Elisheva Herrera.

Passover is all about the limitations of freedom and the challenges we face as souls endowed with “free will.” According to this story, the soul protests when the

Almighty summons it to birth and commands it to enter the womb. But the soul is not free to decline. During the time of pregnancy, the unborn child is shown the whole world and taught the entire Torah. At birth the mind and soul enter the confines of physical flesh, and the portals of eternity are all but closed up. Then an angel smites the new born on the lips and the child forgets everything it has learned in the womb. Whatever the child may learn in the future, it is a continuous process and a struggle. Thus the paradoxes of freedom are literally born with us. For we are given the gift of free will, but as we grow we wrestle with the delights and responsibilities of freedom. While we live within the boundaries of freedom, we learn to act and make responsible choices. For freedom is born out of choices; it is gained by struggling with our limitations.

As we read the Haggadah, we understand that our freedom is couched in the context of slavery. We remember every day that we were slaves in Egypt; we could not understand anything about freedom had we not endured those hardships in Egypt. So the Passover story is an intricate novella that weaves a pattern of servitude, oppression, liberation, journeying to a new land, and responsibility. We remember where we came from, and the Almighty who took us out of that condition. The themes of Passover are: remember the God who freed us, and remember the condition of strangers in any land, for we were strangers in the land of Pharaoh.

Ultimately we can be as free as we choose to be. Rambam reminds us in his magnum opus, the Mishneh Torah, “that every human being can be righteous like Moses, or wicked like Jeroboam. We can be merciful or cruel, generous or miserly. Every person turn to the way he/she desires, and they do so of their own volition.”

How shall you and I act during this Passover season? Is this not the time to reach towards your community and support Beit Tikva in all ways possible? The exercise of freedom means doing good deeds, acting generously, and taking responsibility for the future of our congregation. May we all be blessed with strength, kindness, and good health during our glorious holidays.

Shanah tovah,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy

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Watch out, be careful, look first.” We all say and respond to warnings. Usually it is done automatically with little expectation that any difference will be made. In reality, we are taught to be aware and protect ourselves and others from harm. As we age, the concerns are a bit different. We still don't want to fall down, drop something, bump into an obstacle or invite dangerous situations, but there are newer concerns of which to be aware.

Here are some considerations to note in ourselves and the ones for whom we care. Additional help may be needed to keep a healthy, safe quality of life.

- Weight loss with no medical condition
- Repeated errors with medication
- EMS called to the home frequently
- Increased illness or hospital visits
- Inability to prepare nutritious meals
- Becoming socially withdrawn
- Disrepair of car
- Wandering
- Deterioration in hygiene
- Frequent loss of items

These are some signs that require attention. Being part of a family/community like Beit Tikva can make a difference. Your support will insure that we are here when you need us.

Sheila Bicoll
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Administrator's Angle

ONE TEXAN'S YIDDISH

Shalom Ya'll. Being a non-Jew from Texas, when I was hired I decided to brush up on my Yiddish. Each bulletin I will explore a different Yiddish word.

Schlepp.

Now I always thought that to schlepp was taking a nap on the couch. It turns out that schlepp means "to carry." Apparently, Jews schlepp a lot. They schlepp and schlepp and schlepp. In Texas we call that moving. A related word is "schlepper," which means one who drags along, a laggard. So, keep on schlepping and don't be a schlepper!

Until the next edition,

Lela Dawkins

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SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

How We Can Help

Our sincere thanks to those who donated food items for our February 20th dinner at **Casa Familia Shelter**. We'll continue to sponsor shelter meals during the year.

Please share your ideas for Community Social Action projects by contacting Sandy Levine at: levinesy@comcast.net or by calling her at 505.466.4041.

Let her know that you are interested in serving on the synagogue's Social Action Committee. We're planning a brainstorming session next month and would love to include YOU! The need for

volunteers in our Santa Fe community is great, and we hope that Congregation Beit Tikva members will lend a hand.



Rabbi Levy's Community Service: Winter 2020

Rabbi Martin Levy hosted the Jewish Federation of New Mexico board meeting in February with Beit Tikva members serving dinner to all sixteen board representatives.

The focus of the meeting was on security measures for congregations in our state. Rabbi Levy met with Brian Colon, Rep. Dayan Hochman, and members of the New Mexico House of Representatives and New Mexico Senate to discuss the Red-Flag Gun bill, which was signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Rabbi Martin has worked with Rabbi Rob Lennick, executive director of Jewish Federation of New Mexico, concerning upgrading security measures for Beit Tikva.

Rabbi Martin also makes pastoral visits to congregants who are home bound. He is currently focusing on new membership and fundraising, and we have welcomed two new members and received two significant donations in the past six weeks.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT PASSOVER



Congregation Beit Tikva

Welcome Passover—
Second Night
Community
Seder

Join us for a traditional 4-course meal with wine and a Passover service. Children are especially welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Congregation Beit Tikva, 2230 Old Pecos Trail
Conducted by Rabbi Martin W. Levy and Special Musical Soloist Elisheva Herrera
Catered by Walter Burke Catering (Three main course choices are available.)

PASSOVER REGISTRATION FORM

of Adult Members _____ @ \$70 per person _____

of Adult Non-Members _____ @ \$80 per person _____

of Children 6-12 _____ @ \$15 per child _____

of Children under 6 _____ @ no charge

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

of brisket dinners # of chicken dinners # of vegetarian dinners

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

(please indicate here):

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 2, 2020. 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 by filling out the form below.

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Visa/Mastercard #: _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Meet Trustee Sandy Levine

By Marc Sanders

Although a brick and mortar synagogue serves many purposes (symbolic and of identity), it's also the spiritual campfire around which old stories, fables and myths are told that preserve and perpetuate its culture, reinforces faith and out of which a contrived extended family takes shape. Of course, a campfire can't build and light itself and keep burning. That takes people... Tenders of the Temple Hearth.

One of Beit Tikvah's most cherished Tenders is board member and 2018's Volunteer of the Year, Sandy Levine (with a long "i" as in divine, not le-veen). Sandy has distinguished herself by being a volunteer who can always be counted on to pitch in. If an opportunity arises to perform a mitzvah and spread some nachas, Sandy's in.

Growing up in Pittsburgh, PA, Sandy's family kept kosher and attended an orthodox synagogue where she learned Hebrew, earned a Certificate in Jewish Education and taught Sunday school.

Sandy's interest in brain damage influenced her academic focus on speech pathology and mental disabilities. She earned a BFA from Ohio University, a Master's in Rehabilitative Speech Pathology, a second Master's in Health Administration and was enrolled in a Doctoral program in Aphasia (speech-affected brain damage).



Now living on Long Island, Sandy met her husband, a teacher. Eventually, they decided to leave New York and head west but didn't know exactly where, until a friend persuaded them to consider the Southwest. After visiting Santa Fe, they decided it would be a good fit and moved here 13 years ago.

Sadly, shortly after arriving in Santa Fe, Sandy's husband died. Being a newcomer and now a widow without friends was difficult. Sandy reached out to the Jewish community for support, contacting Congregation Beit Tikva, and will never forget how Gail Rapoport spent an hour with her on the phone, offering a sympathetic ear and words of comfort. When Rabbi Leonard Helman learned of Sandy's situation he, too, offered solace.

Sandy landed her first professional

job with the philanthropic service organization, Civitan, from which cherished relationships were born.

"They are like a second family to me," she said fondly.

Sandy's passion for helping others, especially the homeless, is genuine and partly why she spearheads the Social Action Committee. She is very proactive in identifying a community problem where CBT can make a difference, recruiting volunteers and going out to do the hands-on work. No one better exemplifies "It takes a village" than Sandy Levine.

Beyond Beit Tikva, Sandy is, remarkably, also active with Hadassah (former Chairperson), Hadassah Hospital, as a tutor for Communities in School (elementary grade level), an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor, Service Area Director for Civitan and a volunteer with The Villages of Santa Fe and Eldorado, driving the aged and infirm to doctor's appointments.

With such a prodigious load of volunteer work, one might think Sandy has no time for a personal life. That impression is untrue. To relax, Sandy practices Tai Chi and enjoys attending Nia-movement and dance classes.

Sandy finally retired last year. She and her 16-year-old dog, Ruby, can look forward to enjoying some well-deserved leisure time...AFTER the current home improvement projects underway are finished!



Congregation Beit Tikva's Social Action Committee has made a positive difference in the lives of so many in our community, thanks to Sandy Levine's leadership and compassion for others.

Springtime Anniversary Concert & Dinner

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Congregation Beit Tikva

Our celebration will include a Middle-Eastern Dinner catered by Paddy Rawal, owner/chef of Raaga-Go, and winner of the Bobby Flay Cooking Competition!



ENJOY THE MUSIC OF MARGOT LEVERETT & DUKE CITY HORA

Margot is an internationally renowned klezmer clarinet master drawing from the lineage of great masters of Eastern Europe, accompanied on accordion by Jordan Wax (Lone Piñon) and on bass by Charlotte Overby (Swing Soleil). The trio will play a selection of the diverse styles, rhythms, and Yiddish songs that make up the rich klezmer heritage, as well as share cultural context and stories of the vibrant culture that lives in the melodies.

WHEN: Sunday, May 3, 5:00–9:00pm

WHERE: Congregation Beit Tikva

COST: \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door

WHAT ELSE? Take an **Israeli dance lesson** and bid at an **art auction** of fine works by local artists.

To order tickets, call Congregation Beit Tikva office 820-2991 anytime, and leave a message. Look for more details to follow in the CBT Weekly Update email.

CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVA BOARD MEETING

Our board will meet on the third Monday of the month, **March 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.**

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.

March Birthdays

Louise Epstein	March 9
Philip LeCuyer	March 17
Helene Singer Merrin	March 28

March Anniversaries

Louise Epstein & John Henry McDonald	March 2
Sheila Bicoll & Norton z'l	March 10
Michele & John Goldman	March 10

April Birthdays

Marcia Berman	April 1
Ephraim Herrera	April 5
Gale Davis	April 7
Stuart Rosenberg	April 11
Henry Lewis	April 20
Doreen Hurtig	April 26

April Anniversaries

Gale Davis & Dr. Jordan, z'l	April 22
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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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DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY DONATIONS December 2019 through February 2020

General Fund

Connie and Stuart Rosenberg –
In honor of their daughter
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MARCH

Judy Kingsley & Kaycee Canter
Barbara and Carlos Duno
Marc Sanders

APRIL

Doris Francis
Laura Cowan
Lynn Kelly

Winter Torah Study with Rabbi Levy

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Every Saturday at 9:15am we meet for ongoing discussion of the weekly Torah portions. We study the Torah and Haftorah texts for each Sabbath portion. Everyone is welcome for this lively discussion.



In Loving Memory

Leslee Machov

FEBRUARY 1, 2020

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MARCH/APRIL 2020 TORAH PASSAGES

March 7 Exodus
Tetzaveh 27.20 – 30.10

March 10 Purim

March 14 Exodus
Ki Tisa 30.11 – 34.35
Rules for a census, the golden calf,
Moses & the mountains

March 21 Exodus
Vayakbel / Pekudey 35.1 – 40:38
Contributions to the building of the
tabernacle and its holiness

March 28 Leviticus
Vayikra 1.1-5.26
General rules for offerings sacrifices in
the Temple

April 4 Leviticus
Tzav 6.1-8.36
Shabbat Hagadol Preparation for
Passover

April 11 Exodus
33:12 to 34:26
Intermediate Sabbath of Passover

April 18 Leviticus
Shemini 9.1 – 11.47
Priestly laws, death of Aaron's eldest sons
and the laws of Kashrut

April 25 Leviticus
Tazria / Metzora 12.1 – 15:33
Purification after childbirth and laws on
skin diseases

MARCH/APRIL SERVICES

March 6 7:00pm

March 13 7:00pm

March 20 6:30pm
HaMakom Service

March 27 7:00pm

April 3 7:00pm

April 9 6:00pm
Passover Seder

April 10 7:00pm

April 17 7:00pm

April 24 6:30pm
HaMakom Service