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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

“I Don’t Belong Because...”

The other day I had a conversation with a person who had grown up in a religious family. Her parents were in a Displaced Persons Camp when she was born. The father was a cantor and yet she, as an adult, is not affiliated. That got me thinking—why are so many Jews not associated with organized religion? The reason is sometimes “being turned off by the politics.” But, it’s more than that. Why do so many youngsters say they’ll never set foot in a congregation after confirmation or bar/bat mitzvah? Surely strong friendships were formed during those many hours of classes and services. Yet, that’s not enough. Part of this is our mobile society where longevity of gatherings isn’t likely or even possible. The fabric of family has changed so that traditions are hard to keep. These should be reasons, even more so, for joining other Jews, wherever we are, for as long as we can.

Other excuses for non-affiliation come to mind as I hear people my age say they don’t have children in religious school so they don’t need to belong anywhere. They’ll attend High Holy Days services and maybe a community Sedar, but that’s it. People we meet once or twice a year are gone and we don’t connect with new folks for whatever reason. More reasons are

that we don’t drive anymore; some of us are frail; some get tired; some can’t afford dues or fees; some don’t get dressed to go out anymore and some just don’t care.

Some don’t like the Rabbi, or the president, or the person they last sat next to at services.

The reasons are endless and yet the reasons to “belong” are even more important. We all need to have times and ideas to stimulate memories and keep our minds active. We all need friendly faces to make us smile. We all need hugs and signs of love and appreciation (even from 6 feet away, these days). We all need something to do and somewhere to be. A congregation like Beit Tikva can do that. It isn’t easy, it isn’t always convenient, but it sure is important.

When this “mish’e’gaz” is over and we return to our new normal, please come to services, bring a friend, invite someone who has left, and include someone who isn’t affiliated. Reach out to your lonely neighbor or long-absented

friend or relative. We all need to “belong” for one reason or another. We are a people of love and strength, and we build on that with each other.



Sheila Bicol
President



RABBI'S MESSAGE



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, as we learned from Dickens. After these difficult months we have to admit that our collective experience has been nerve-wracking and disorienting. Fortunately our congregants have weathered the storms and have stayed healthy. But the aftermath of this pandemic has battered our health. We are affected by isolation, medical concerns, financial uncertainties, and the inability to visit with friends and loved ones.

All of us remember the words we sang at Passover, “Let my people go,” which echoed through our Seder service. Today we realize that our freedoms have been curtailed. Many are the souls who are wracked with fear for lack of health insurance, or who have been buffeted by family stresses and unemployment. We have been beset by loneliness and relegated to computer conversations. I believe that our people faced equally difficult problems centuries ago. Imagine living as a French or Polish Jew in the late 1300’s when Europe was ravaged by the plague. Most people, who knew nothing about medicine or sanitation, blamed the Jews for this calamity. We were strangers in a strange land. During this summer season, we need to overcome our loneliness, opening our congregational home to visitors and strangers around us. We need to seek out the unaffiliated and welcome anyone who wishes to enter our sanctuary. Even during a time of social distancing, we shall welcome the stranger into our midst!

Thomas Wolfe wrote that “loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence.” It may be the youth whose parents don’t understand him, or the widow or widower whose spouse’s death took away meaning in the daily rounds, or the emptiness when teens go off to college. There are many avenues to the feeling that life has lost its meaning. None of us can escape the times when all seems dark and senseless, when each of us feels terribly alone. A person who is lonely is not among the unknown minority, but rather needs to know that her burden is shared by so many others.

Jules Feiffer caught the problem of family loneliness in a poignant cartoon about the thoughts of a housewife.

“By the time my husband told me he was leaving for another business trip I had lost all feeling for him. Each night before the departure, I would want to rekindle the flame, but as he downed his dinner, I thought, ‘Am I just a servant to you?’” Once he was away, I was delighted and could make plans. The first week I went out six times. The telephone never stopped ringing. The second week I was tired of going out, and by the third week, I remembered what drove me to want to be married. I felt closer to him; I slept on his side of the bed. I read Jane Austen. The fourth week he was away, I feel madly in love with him. I hated myself for the bitter words. The fifth week my husband returned. The minute he walked in and said, “I’m back darling,” I withdrew. I can hardly wait for the next business trip so I can love him again.”

As we create a new balance to our lives, it is so crucial to build and nurture those connections that entwine us with friends and loved ones. Please join us this summer for our programs and our Shabbat services. Whether we are online or in the sanctuary, your presence means so much.

B’shalom,

Rabbi Martin W. Levy

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Kabbalah and Zohar (HaZohar HaKodesh)



The head of Adam Kadmon, the Most Ancient One, the Primordial Man, or First Adam

Summer Session at Congregation Beit Tikva Presented by Petr Chylek

Due to coronavirus, Los Alamos National Laboratory has been closed for a few months to non-essential workers. Thus, I had to work from home. I could not resist spending a lot of time studying Zohar. Consequently, my plans for the Summer Beit Tikva Session have changed. My lectures will be based on the writings of a few of my favorite Rabbinic Masters, Rabbi Moshe Maimonides (RAMBAM), Rabbi Moshe Cordovero (RAMAK), and Rabbi Moshe Chaim Lutzato (RACHMAL), and, of course, on Torah and Zohar.



Title page of the first printed edition of the Zohar, Mantua, 1558. Library of Congress

July 15, 2020:

6:00-6:45pm—Introduction by Rabbi Martin Levy

6:45-7:45pm—Lech Lecha: Abraham's double journey, according to Zohar

July 22, 2020:

Acts of Creation (Ma'aseh Beresheet)—Six days of creation according to Zohar and Kabbalah

July 29, 2020:

Structure of the World and Journey of the Soul—Sleep, Death and Hereafter

August 5, 2020:

Task of Man, following RAMAK, RACHMAL, and others

All lectures will take place at Congregation Beit Tikva, starting at 6:00pm and lasting until about 7:30pm (except July 15 at 7:45pm). Beginners as well as advanced students of Kabbalah (Mkubalim) are welcome. We will meet in the Sanctuary to keep the required distancing, and please, bring your masks.

Administrator's Angle

YIDDISH WORD: HANDL (hahn-dl)

As a child I played the piano. My teacher was fond of Handel, a composer, and I learned several of his less taxing pieces. To my surprise, while reading "Yiddish with Dick and Jane," I realized Handel's handl is music! Handel is in the business of music. I can see Handel bargaining, dealing and negotiating the price of his operas, oratorios and instrumentals with the appropriate hand gestures to sell his music at his asking price. Oy Vey!

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You're Never Too Old: Second Chances, Jewish Style

By Marc David Sanders

Despite not knowing much about Judaism, most Americans are likely familiar with the Bar Mitzvah, a rite of passage that, in the past half century, has been woven into mainstream popular culture. This auspicious coming-of-age life event has been satirized in books, films and plays, often through the eyes of an awkward, pimple-faced protagonist reluctantly entering a world of unexplored sexuality and adulthood responsibilities. These include moral responsibility for one's actions; being part of a minyan and reading from the Torah; the right to own property and marry by choice; to follow the laws of the Torah; and the capacity to testify as a witness in a Bet Din (rabbinical court) case.

B'nei Mitzvah weren't always as popular as they are today and, in fact, the Reform movement wanted to discontinue them, replacing them with confirmation, which they considered more appropriate for modern Jews. However, their popularity endured and are undoubtedly an entrenched rite of passage observed by Reform Jews.

The tradition of throwing a party and bestowing gifts did not occur until the 13th century. In Berlin and Prague 300 years ago, parties were kept small and music banned so as to avoid offending non-Jewish neighbors. Today, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is often a lavish affair with hundreds of guests, sometimes referred to as "more bar than mitzvah."

Orthodox Jews struggled with the idea that women can read from the Torah or be part of a minyan. However, they've tried to accommodate modern women by allowing them to deliver a thematically-relevant lecture or recite biblical verses, etc. The first public Bat Mitzvah in the United States was of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan's daughter in 1922 at a New York City synagogue. Kaplan decided to offer this to his daughter after being inspired by the

Roman Jewish community 2,300 years ago and 19th century Iraqi synagogues that called young women to Bat Mitzvah.

Since the Torah says that a man's normal lifespan is 70 years, an 83-year-old can be considered 13 in a second lifetime. This has led to the current surging popularity of adults having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Many Jews that did not, or were unable to celebrate this rite of passage as a youth have included this event on their bucket list.

Congregation Beit Tikva listened to its members and created a program to fill this spiritual need. There are currently at least three members studying Hebrew with Rabbi Martin Levy along with learning the required religious texts and, upon "graduation" will undergo a formal ceremony for family and friends, no different from what a 13-year-old would do.

Beit Tikva board member, Alma, had a rudimentary Reform Jewish education as a child that left her empty and wanting more, which led her down spiritual paths towards Eastern traditions like Sikhism and Buddhism. Alma's "born again" Jewish identity has been formed through her synagogue choir membership and attending Shabbat services, where this time she discovered spiritual meaning and love for God. One of her favorite parts of this program is learning Hebrew, for its mystical qualities, for how it bridges the ancient and the modern. Alma's Bat Mitzvah is scheduled for a day after her 72nd birthday, six cycles (12x6) after the conventional age for this event. Beit Tikva is proud to support its members in their quest for spiritual development and community building.

Marc David Sanders is Community Outreach Coordinator for Congregation Beit Tikva in Santa Fe. He sweated through his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas in a Neiman-Marcus wool suit on a 100-degree day in September, 1967.

Meet Trustee Jean O’Gorman

A mother of four sons, Congregation Beit Tikva Board trustee Jean O’Gorman was adopted into a Reform German family that had emigrated to the United States in the 1840s. After arriving in America they, like many other new Jewish immigrants at that time, quickly assimilated, leaving behind traditional Jewish practices. They settled in St. Louis where Jean’s grandfather founded Temple Israel. It was here that Jean attended Sunday school but didn’t learn Hebrew.

Jean spent two years abroad studying architectural history and then took a design course at Colorado College. She met her husband, a scholar of historical architecture and, at this time, honed her skills as a black and white photographer. Jean’s skills as a photographer were good enough to get professional gigs through clients, including a prominent professor at the prestigious Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Jean’s photographs of architectural buildings, including some referencing architecture of the old South, have been published in several books.

Jean owned and lived in a home in Gloucester, Massachusetts for many years. She traveled to Israel and, in what might be considered daring, without any companions, rented a car to drive around the country camping out under the stars rather than staying in hotels. Frustrated



at not being able to read the signs as she toured the country prompted her to enroll in an Ulpan to study Hebrew.

After divorcing, Jean started a second career as a professional dog shower, starting with a Havanese Black Russian Terrier, a breed she still has in her home today in her brood of four. She and her show dogs traveled to dog shows around the country by train.

Attracted to Santa Fe’s colorful art-centered history, Jean left the frigid winters of Massachusetts for the high desert mountain town of Eldorado where she bought a house. Jean affiliated with Eldorado’s Orthodox synagogue but it eventually folded and, consequently, Jean joined Temple Beth Shalom. When Jean’s

Jean celebrated in style at Congregation Beit Tikva’s Purim Spiel 2020.

expectations at TBS remained unfulfilled she looked for a Reform synagogue and joined Congregation Beit Tikva, where she’s been ever since.

Jean is an active member of Beit Tikva, regularly attending Erev Shabbat services and many of Beit Tikva’s special events and fundraisers. In the future, Jean would like to see Beit Tikva continue to grow, making the recruitment of young families a priority. Jean also misses the liturgical music she learned growing up and, as part of the temple’s Adult Education program, would like to include Hebrew as an ongoing curriculum choice. The next time you are enjoying a post-service Oneg and see Jean, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself. With friendly, interesting people like Jean in our midst, no wonder it’s so easy to make friends at Congregation Beit Tikva.



Purim Spiel 2020



June, July Birthdays

Marvin Maslow	June 24
Melanie Hornstein	June 30
Lynn Kelly	July 8
Michael Edelman	July 14
Joan Vernick	July 15
Sandra Levine	July 17
Marcelle Cady	July 21
Steve Moise	July 28
Joan Scheinberg	July 28

July Anniversaries

Todd & Peggy Myers	July 3
Julia Evans & Mark O'Hair	July 23
Ned & Megan Siegel	July 26

August Birthdays

Sheila Bicoll	August 6
Megan Siegel	August 7
Juli Horwitz-Kite	August 9
Susan Krohn	August 12
Beth Beloff	August 25
Marc Sanders	August 27

August Anniversaries

Carolyn Handler Miller & Terry Borst	August 29
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RABBI MARTIN LEVY'S TORAH STUDY

During this time, Rabbi Levy's Torah study group continues online every Shabbat morning at 9:30am. Join us by clicking on the link that is on our weekly email newsletter.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY DONATIONS March through May, 2020

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**Corrections to the 2020-
2021 Membership Directory**

- Page 5 Linda Fainzin’s phone
number is
505.916.6757
- Page 6 Melanie &
Barry Hornstein’s
address is now
2500 Sawmill Road,
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Lynn Kelly’s address is
500 Rodeo Road, #226
- Page 7 Henry Lewis’ cell number
is 505.231.5336
- Page 9 Marc Sanders’ phone
number 505.919.7098
- Page 10 Flo Vinnick’s address is
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In Loving Memory

Reggie Klein

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JULY-AUGUST 2020 TORAH PASSAGES

July 4 Numbers
Chukat/Balak 19.1– 25.9
Resting place in the wilderness
King of Moab, Balaam, the non-Jew
who blessed Israel

July 11 Numbers
Pinchas 25.20 – 30.1
Reward of Pinchas for his zealotry
Rights of women regarding inheritance

July 18 Numbers
Matot 30.2 – 32.42
Sacredness of vows & oaths
Koshering of utensils
Numbers
Masei 33.1 – 36.13
Summary of route tribes took from
Egypt to the Promised Land
Boundaries of Eretz Israel

July 25 Deuteronomy
Devarim 1.16 – 3.22
Moses' first discourse—his farewell
statement regarding treks through the
desert and victories
Shabbat
Shabbat Chazon Vision containing a
denunciation of Israel's Sins read before
Tisha B'Av

August 1 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 8 Deuteronomy
Ekev 7.12 – 11.25
Moses speaks on: Blessings of obedience,
lessons of food, warnings of the lure of
prosperity, stiff-necked people

August 15 Deuteronomy
Re'eh 11.26 – 16.17
Moses speaks on religious institutions,
false prophets, the blessings and the
curses

August 22 Deuteronomy
Shofetim 16.18 -21.9
Moses speaks on pursuit of justice,
judges & lawgivers

August 29 Deuteronomy
Ki Teze 21.10 – 25.19
Moses speaks on laws of domestic life,
human kindness

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

July 4
July 11
July 18
July 28

August 1
August 8
August 15
August 22
August 29

All future summer services will be on our YouTube.com channel until further notice. The link appears in our weekly email newsletter, or search within YouTube.com for Congregation Beit Tikva. If you are not on our email list, please go to our website at beittikvasantafe.org and click on "Sign up for our email newsletter." Or, call Lela in the office to add your address.

We will have a special announcement when we return to the sanctuary for Shabbat services.