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**Congregation Beit Tikva’s Fall 2020 Classes with Rabbi Martin Levy**

**Fall 2020 Adult Education Series begins Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:00pm.**

We will meet in the sanctuary. This special 6-week adult class led by Rabbi Levy is titled, “The Story of the Psalms,” focusing on the poetry, music, and theology of the Psalms. We will be studying from handouts provided by Rabbi Levy. For more information, contact Rabbi Levy at rabbimwlevy@yahoo.com.



**T**he Biblical incident which figures most prominently in the Rosh Hashanah service is the story of the Akedah, the binding of Isaac. We encounter a host of commentaries to this towering episode throughout the liturgy of this day.

Our sages tell us that as Abraham, Isaac, and their servants approached Mount Moriah, the divinely designated summit for the sacrifice, Abraham turned to his servants with a question,

“Do you see anything in the distance?” They stared and shook their heads.

“No, we see only the trackless wastes of the wilderness.”

Abraham then turned to Isaac with the same question. “Yes,” said the son, “I see a mountain, majestic and beautiful, and a cloud of glory hovers above it.”

It was at this point that Abraham directed his servants to remain behind while he and Isaac continued alone.

Here then are two people facing in the same direction, surveying the identical scene, coming up with completely different impressions. One sees only emptiness and barrenness ahead. The second sees the majestic mountains. The difference lay in the eyes of the beholder.

Skipping the centuries and coming right down to where we are, let us each ask ourselves the question—“What do you see in life?”

On these days when we pray for life, we might, therefore, ask ourselves—what do you see in life?

When you look at your life, do you always see reasons for grumbling or gratefulness? Do you feel that you have been shortchanged or overpaid? Do you constantly feel

your cup is half empty, or in the words of the psalmist, “my cup runneth over”?

Another question. When you look at life, do you see only your life and your needs, or do you see the lives and the needs of others as well? Do you see life as a campaign of acquisition or as an adventure in sharing? This question is basic because it spills over into every area of life.

How do you regard your mate in marriage? Someone created for your comfort and convenience or someone whose life you can enrich and enlarge? How do you regard your fellow human being? One whose main function in life is to serve as a stepping-stone to your success or someone with hopes and needs just like yours?

One more question. When you look at life, do you look at it with fear or with faith?

It is impossible, of course, to be entirely free of fear. There is literally no one without his share of fears and apprehensions. The bravest of people have a fear of losing loved ones, a fear of losing health and fortune. The person who fears failure develops his skills and his talents more fully. The fear of separation from loved ones spurs us on in medical and scientific research, and “the beginning of wisdom,” the psalmist tells us, “is fear of the Lord.” But fear becomes a matter of deep concern when it becomes exaggerated and morbid.

This season, many of us have been beset by trepidation and fear. Yet it appears that we in Santa Fe are weathering the storms of the pandemic. We need to focus our energies on the three “c’s.” These letters represent three basic ideas: caring, community, and commitment. Caring for our families and ensuring our good health is obviously a basic priority. When we care for the community, we must engage with our friends at Congregation Beit Tikva, and strengthen our foundation. Finally, what about our commitment during these Days of Awe? It is a time to uplift the spiritual and material well-being of our Jewish world. Rather than focusing on our personal “freedoms,” let us invigorate our will to build a healthy society for all Americans.

Shanah tovah,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin W. Levy".

Rabbi Martin W. Levy  
505.670.4671

## I remember...

As the holidays approach, I reach back to days before we were locked down, distanced from each other, afraid to even make eye contact, afraid to go out of the house and even afraid (ordered) not to hold services and be together with family and friends at this traditional time.



I think back to long ago times when we concerned ourselves with matching shoes and purses, hats, gloves, new clothes, remembering other times together, wishing each other a new and healthy year with promises of success and good will. We asked for forgiveness and gave it to those we owed.

This year is so different, but the memories keep us going, knowing that it will get better. It won't be the same, maybe never as we remember, so we will create new memories with the changes that take place.

Life at Congregation Beit Tikva will be different. In the past several years we have lost so many good friends and family members. We will need to rebuild our base with new friends and family. We will need to reach out to those we already know and prove the benefits of supporting our congregation. We want to let them know there is a bond and love between us that helps us through the good and not so good times, like now.

It is a time to make or keep contact so that the net which catches when we need or expect support is widened and strengthened.

In this strange time, look inward, reach outward, and help to ensure that we are there for each other in the days of the New Year. From my mouth to yours and G-d's ears may this be true. And remember: spit three times, tie red string under the baby's crib, and don't kill spiders in the house. We have much to remember.

L'Shana Tova  
Sheila Bicol  
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## *Jews and Pandemics: Then and Now*

By Marc Sanders

When the Black Death began spreading northward from the Mediterranean throughout Europe in the mid-14th century, its causes were not understood and was thought to have been spread by human malice. Killing almost half of Europe's population, the plague was transmitted by flea-bitten rodents infected with the *Yersinia pestis* bacterium. At first, religious zealots claimed that God was punishing the people for their immorality and licentiousness. But it wasn't long before Jews were blamed, having historically suffered the sting of anti-semitism encouraged by the Catholic Church. Any mysterious death of a child or inexplicable outbreak of disease was blamed on the Jews who, after all, supposedly killed Christ.

Other "evidence" related to the lower death rates among the Jews has been attributed to better hygiene (hand-washing and the mikvah) as well as the annual cleaning of the grain supply for Passover that reduced the rat population. A cry went out that the Jews must be poisoning the wells and, under torture, Jews did confess to doing so. In a trial on Lake Geneva a Jew confessed that the rabbi gave him... "a little package, half a span in size, which contains a preparation of poison and venom in a narrow stitched leather bag. This I was to distribute among the wells, the cisterns and the springs..." Other Jews under torture admitted that the Torah required every Jew over the age of seven to poison the wells. These poisons allegedly consisted of human blood and urine, spiders, snakes' heads, toads' legs, and women's hair.

Lepers, another loathed group, were also accused of poisoning the wells and infecting communion wafers pilfered from the Church. A Jew in Freiburg (on the edge of the Black Forest) admitted after being tortured that their motive was... "because you Christians have destroyed so many Jews... and also because we want to be lords, for you have lorded long enough." Other marginal populations like the poor, foreigners and even physicians were also scapegoated. In 1610, the medical school in Vienna claimed that Jewish law required physicians to poison one out of every ten patients.

In some cases the accused were taken to the graveyards, ordered to build funeral pyres and burned at the stake. Jews who learned that this was to be their fate dressed in their Sabbath finery and then went to their deaths. In many instances Jews were slaughtered simply to

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confiscate and distribute their property to the villagers who participated in the burnings.

The contagious aspect of the plague became clear to some Jews who practiced social distancing. In fact, in an old genizah (a repository for Jewish books and other sacred objects which may not be destroyed) was found in the 20th century with instructions for what to do when a pandemic strikes. It included practicing social distancing and quarantining at home with the windows closed to keep out the Angel of Death.

In the Nazi movie, *Der Ewige Jude* (The Eternal Jew, 1944, dir. F. Hippler) there is a scene of a procession of plague-carrying rats, representing the distribution of Jews around the world. In a 19th century French novel, the character of the Wandering Jew is introduced and wherever he appears, a cholera epidemic erupts.

Jewish historian Joshua Trachtenberg published a history of anti-Semitism in 1943 in which he identified the trope of the Jewish doctor/sorcerer/poisoner appearing in literature such as in John Malston's *Malcontent* (1604).

In 1349, officials in Brandenburg, Germany warned the Jews that they would be held to blame if plague broke out, preemptively absolving anyone participating in a pogrom. Even a half-century after the Black Death had run its course, Jews in Freiburg were accused of "poisoning the air." Following this, a second wave (sound familiar?) of the plague caused periodic outbreaks over the next 500 years.

There are astonishing similarities between the Black Death and COVID-19 such as isolation measures, miracle cures, resource disparities, turf wars between authority figures and strains on families, health care and the economy.

Although the Chinese have been the primary scapegoat for COVID-19, contemporary white supremacists have used social media to spread contemptible messages that Jews caused the COVID-19 outbreak. Large numbers of the unemployed with time on their hands are the intended audience targeted by hate groups. Recent FBI reports uncovered plans by these groups to attack synagogues, hospitals and Jewish nursing homes. One recent online message about the coronavirus said, "... the Jews are responsible [for the coronavirus] and are spreading it for monetary gain." Right-wing Christian pastor Rick Wiles said the pandemic was simultaneously God's means of punishing the Jews and spread by them.

Jews have faced hostile antisemitic campaigns many times throughout history and, albeit scarred, have emerged with their faith intact. Today we are obligated to fight two viruses: the coronavirus and the virus of hate and bigotry.

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## Celebrating the High Holy Days This Year

As in the past months, we continue to record our Shabbat services so all may enjoy this experience. We will live-stream and record the High Holy Days prayer services on our YouTube.com channel, and offer limited seating for those who wish to pray in our beloved sanctuary. Adhering to the Governor's guidelines on seating during COVID-19 precautions, Congregation Beit Tikva will limit our capacity in the sanctuary to a maximum of thirty seats for each service. Included in this number are our four outstanding vocal soloists and Kay Fowler, leading us for the holiday music. Many of you will prefer to watch the holiday prayer services in the comfort of your home. If you wish to attend one or two of the holiday services in the sanctuary, please promptly call the office at 505.820.2991, or email [officeadmin@beittikvasantafe.org](mailto:officeadmin@beittikvasantafe.org). Kindly let us

know your first and second choices of services to attend.

To be sure, there will be many who wish to attend the Yizkor service, and we will endeavor to accommodate as many persons as possible. Some congregants will have to sit outside, next to the glass doors of the sanctuary. We will designate admission to services you may attend. If you have not fulfilled your pledge to Beit Tikva, please do so that you may join us in the sanctuary. We will not be able to accommodate any "walk-in" attendees. Please see the High Holy Days schedule on page 4, which shows the online services with an asterisk (\*).

If you would like to order Lulav and Etrog for Sukkot at home, please call Lela at 505 820 2991 to place your order. (Prices are below.) Please place your order with the office no later than Saturday, September 12, 2020.

Thank you.

Prime Set \$41  
 Deluxe Set \$50  
 Lulav & Branches: \$15

### 5781/2020 High Holy Days Musicians

*Soloists:* Melissa Riedel, Soprano  
 Lina Ramos, Mezzo-soprano  
 Fred Frahm, Tenor  
 Darby Fegan, Bass

Pamela McClain, Organist/ Pianist  
 Kay Fowler, Choir Director  
 Alma Dankoff, Flute  
 Windy Dankoff, Flute

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## Yizkor Service New Name Form

All names will be read at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service on **Monday, September 28, 2020.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY NEW NAMES.** Names already on file will be read at the service. All new names submitted below must be accompanied by a minimum \$18 donation per name.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NEW NAME(S) TO BE READ (use back side if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of New Names \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Office use only \*\*\*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Status \_\_\_\_\_

# Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before

**At this time of year it is appropriate to remember and honor your loved ones who have passed away.** With the financial support of an initial donation from Ruthie Getz Koval, and a subsequent donation from Gary and Karen Goldstein, two Yahrzeit panels were installed in the entrance hall where we place illuminated Yahrzeit plaques honoring your loved ones. If you have not yet purchased or reserved a space please call Lela at 505.820.2991, or email her at officeadmin@beittikvasantafe.org. You may also fill out the form below and drop it in the mail to our office.

## 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; bring it to the office; or scan and email it to us.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plaques: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$600 each

CHECK ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV# \_\_\_\_\_

Billing zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## September Birthdays

Windy Dankoff	September 12
Connie Rosenberg	September 13
Barbara LaMont	September 15
Joyce Levine	September 25
Jonathan Frey	September 29

## September Anniversaries

Marc Geller & ׀	
Beth Beloff	September 1
William & Marcia Berman	September 4
Stuart & Connie Rosenberg	September 12
Edward Mazria & Asenath Kepler	September 19
Windy & Alma Dankoff	September 28

## October Birthdays

Robert Bernstein	October 8
Alma Dankoff	October 16
Sharon Sorken	October 18
John Dirk Wassner	October 19
Linda Cohen	October 20
Joan Kessler	October 20
Gail Rapoport	October 29

## HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-BLAST?

It is the best way to stay current with all of our Congregation's happenings. Please contact Windy Dankoff, windydankoff@mac.com to join our e-blast list. Or, go to [www.beittikvasantafe.org](http://www.beittikvasantafe.org) and click on the blue button, top right. You'll never miss any upcoming events or news.

## Greetings for the High Holy Days

On Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, we say "Shanah tovah oo mi'tookah," may you have a good and sweet New Year. Where I am from, we just say "Happy New Year," pop the cork, eat black-eyed peas and make resolutions usually never kept.

So, "Shanah tovah oo mi'tookah," —forgive others and yourself. Learn to be your best self. Accept. Not every day will go as planned, not every plan will go. Attempt to live every chance in the moment.

I have been enormously blessed to be the Administrator of Congregation Beit Tikva. Over the past 14 months it feels like I have become a part of a family. The congregants at Beit Tikva care, not just for other congregants, but for me. There is the family that you are born into, and there is the family that you choose, and then there is the family that G-D gives you.

At the end of the High Holidays during Yom Kippur, the phrase we share with one another, a friend, or person is "Gamar Ha'teemah Tovah," may you be inscribed for goodness in the coming year.

Thank you, members of Congregation Beit Tikva. I am grateful to be a "ger to shav" a righteous learner.

So, "Gamar Ha'teemah Tovah."

Shalom,  
Lela

## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2020 DONATIONS

Donations June through August, 2020

### General Fund

In Memory of Reggie Klein (z'l)  
Shirley & Fred Klinghoffer  
Michael Edelman & Lorraine Haneyko  
Valerie Frost  
Sheila Bicoll  
Flo Vinnick  
Doreen Hurtig  
Edward & Sharon Sorken  
Jane Siskin  
Rabbi Martin Levy &  
Kaycee Canter Levy  
Marcelle & Jim Cady  
Marilyn & Larry Cohen MD  
Neil Okun – In memory of his  
father Dr. Ed Okun, MD  
Dirk Wassner  
Jean O’Gorman

### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

Clarke Fountain – in honor of Lynn Kelly  
Peter Aronow & Joy Sarfaty  
Bonnie Canter – in honor of Rabbi Levy

### Other

Steve Klein & Nancy Barbe – 22 books to  
the Helman Library



## CELEBRATE BEIT TIKVA’S ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH

This special occasion will be on  
Saturday, October 17th at 10:30am.

**Alma Dankoff, Laura Cowan, and Tom Brenner** will be  
called to the Torah on Shabbat B’raysheet (Genesis 1)

Please call Rabbi Levy for more information on this  
Shabbat celebration.

*In Loving Memory*

**Jim Thomas**

Long-time partner of  
Barbara Marigold Dolloff

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## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020 TORAH PASSAGES

### September 4

*Ki Tavo* Deuteronomy  
26.1 – 29.8

Moses speaks on The Covenant, enforcement of laws

*Selichot* Penitential prayers recited to prepare for the High Holy Day season

### September 11

*Nitzavim* Deuteronomy  
29.9 – 30.20

Moses speaks on repentance and redemption

### September 18

Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm

### September 19

Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

**September 25** Shabbat Shuvah, 7:00pm  
Deuteronomy

*Ha'azinu* 32: 1-52

Final Poem of Moses: GDs promise to the people

### September 27

Kol Nidre 7:30pm

### September 28

Yom Kippur and Yizkor

### October 2

Erev Sukkot

### October 3

First Day of Sukkot

Leviticus 22:26 to 23:1

### October 9

Simchat Torah

### October 16

*Beresheet* Genesis  
1.1 – 6.8

Creation of the Universe, Adam and Eve

### October 17

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service 10:00am

### October 23

*Noach* Genesis  
6.9 – 11.32

Noah and the flood Birth of Abraham Tower of Babel

### October 30

*Lech Lecha* Genesis  
12.1 – 17.27

The history of the Jewish people begins, Abraham & Sarah and the call of God to go forth to Canaan

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020 SERVICES

High Holy Days prayer services will be live-streamed on our YouTube.com channel, and we will offer limited seating in our sanctuary. See page 5 for details.

Until further notice, our regular services are recorded and can be viewed on our YouTube.com channel by searching within YouTube for Congregation Beit Tikva. Or, go to our website and click on the link for recorded services on the right side of the home page.  
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