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B’nai Mitzvah Service

A special service of prayer and dedication



On October 17th, Shabbat B’raysheet, our congregation celebrated a Shabbat B’nai Mitzva service. Laura Cowan, Alma Dankoff, and Tom Brenner were called to the Torah for their Bat/Bar Mitzvah service. This was the first occasion in more than a decade,

that Congregation Beit Tikva honored adult congregants with this special service of prayer. We salute Laura, Alma, and Tom for their study, dedication, and love of our Jewish traditions.

Congregational Annual Meeting by Zoom.com

Sunday, December 13 at 10:00am

This year our annual meeting will be conducted via Zoom meeting, for which Windy Dankoff will email the link. Please sign in to Zoom by 10:00am and the meeting will begin at 10:15am. Please join us for an important discussion regarding budget approval, and for selection of new officers and board members.

Congregation Beit Tikva 2021 Event Calendar

Tu Besh'vat	Thursday, January 28
Purim	Thursday, February 25
Passover, 1st Night	Saturday, March 27
Passover Seder (Congregation).....	Sunday, March 28
Holocaust Remembrance Day	Friday, April 9
Yom Ha'atzma'ut	Friday, April 16
Shavuot	Sunday, May 16
Summer Adult Classes (start).....	Wednesday, July 7
Selichot	Saturday, August 28
Rosh HaShanah Evening.....	Monday, September 6
Rosh HaShanah Morning.....	Tuesday, September 7
Shabbat Shuvah.....	Friday, September 10
Kol Nidre	Wednesday, September 15
Yom Kippur Day	Thursday, September 16

WINTER WEDNESDAYS: Three evening guest lectures, via Zoom.

On January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm historian Linda Goff will give a talk on **Rabbi Leonard Helman's** legacy in the Santa Fe community. Two more lectures will be presented on upcoming Wednesday evenings. See page 6 for more details.



Chanukah reminds us that military victories are short-lived. While Judah and his brothers defeated the Syrian generals of Antiochus' forces in 164 BCE, their battle for religious freedom did not end there. Less than ten years later, Judah fell in battle, and religious freedom was usurped by the Syrian foes. Our Jewish faith survived, not because of military strength, but because of our adaptability. When faced with severe political and

As I rush to complete this message for Chanukah, I am reminded of our 'isolated' Thanksgiving, and all our visits with the Zoom turkey trimmings. As the winter chill sets in, we think of Chanukah and the light of our holiday candles.

The festival of lights is both a complicated and uplifting story. The tradition recounts the battle for religious freedom, found in Second Maccabees, a book omitted from the Hebrew Bible. The story of the Maccabees is found in the Apocrypha, the extra-canonical literature. It was so placed because the Sages were afraid of glorifying the military prowess of Judah Maccabee. The cruse of oil which lasted eight days, may have been symbolic of the eight days of Sukkot.

Why Sukkot? During the fall months of that year, Judah and his fledgling army were busy fighting against the Syrian forces, and had no time to celebrate the festival of booths, i.e. Sukkot.

Chanukah trumpets our desire for religious freedom, which we sometimes take for granted in our America. This holiday reminds us to sustain religious pluralism in the U.S., and reminds us to protect our religion from discrimination and social media attacks. We American Jews must also emphasize the rights of Reform Jews in Israel and throughout Europe.

religious threats (whether they were Greek or Roman), Jewish leadership showed flexibility and resilience.

Chanukah tells us that every Jewish person is indispensable. If any of the Maccabees had given up, perhaps the Syrians would have annihilated us and our future way of life. Yet we Jews have a unique capacity to survive. All of us are unique and indispensable. In the old days we expected things from one another, especially from our moms and dads. But this year we need to think about what we can do for others—not just our families, but for our congregation and the greater community. Every one of us determines our greatness and our growth, and we are all unique in the eyes of the Almighty. Let's focus on the inspiring lights of these eight days, and plan for vitality and strength in the year ahead.

Hag same'ach, Happy Chanukah to you and your loved ones,

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

Rabbi Martin W. Levy
505.670.4671

Dear Congregants,

Remember Peter, Paul and Mary's arrangement of "Light One Candle?" Or, "Ocho Kandelikas," the Latino Chanukah tune? Music is one of the strong memories of Chanukah—let's not forget potato latkes, tuna salad, brisket, or jelly donuts. Family traditions of Chanukah follow the years and miles we travel adding on to each other. The story of the Maccabees is told and experiences are relived. I remember family gatherings with all ages lighting candles. We laughed while celebrating and stressed that this was not "Jewish Christmas." In our immediate family we lit candles each night, sang and exchanged gifts. Often the gifts were practical, like gloves, scarves, hats, books. Toys and advertised games were included, but not overdone. The kids made decorations at religious school and cards were exchanged with family and friends. Our home was warm and filled with the holiday and with love.

This year the holiday is certainly different for all of us! Candles will be lit, and latkes made, but we won't be together. We will try to share Chanukah as best we can. There will be special celebrations on YouTube, Zoom gatherings, and other alternate ways to celebrate. Watch Beit Tikva connections and reach out to special people in your extended circles. If you are giving gifts, please send one to CBT. You don't even have to gift wrap it. Don't be alone, "light one candle."

Hag Semach,
Sheila Bicoll
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Administrator's Angle By Lela Dawkins

Teuten Bankes. This classic Yiddish phrase was often used to express the notion that a person was doing something that was totally useless (literally it means "drawing blood from your arm.") In Texas, I thought it was when your parents opened your first savings account and placed your weekly allowance into it, realizing later that I was allowing my parents to do something totally useless, because I never gained a dime!

Meet Board Member Clarke Fountain

By Marc Sanders

Television's rapid proliferation in the 1950's made it America's favorite entertainment medium. Increased program choices incentivized Americans to spend their evenings watching variety shows and laughing at Lucille Ball's goofy antics. However, the market had not reached everyone in America. So what is a young North Carolina boy without a television to do? Why, play in the fields of his grandfather's tobacco farm.



Meet our board member Clarke Fountain, who along with his two older brothers, grew up in a middle class Greenville, North Carolina family. As a young boy, Clarke was baptized and attended Sunday school at a local Presbyterian church. Clarke had a close relationship with his brothers, but the boys dealt with many challenges due to the long-term illness of their mother. As an outstanding student, Clarke entered the sanctum of books in the local library. During this intellectually fertile period in his young life, Clarke read hundreds of books and cultivated his own worldview as a budding intellectual.

North Carolina in the 1960's was not a bastion of tolerance or intellectual broad-mindedness, so it was difficult for our young thinker to fit in with the local high school crowd. Eventually Clarke's mother enrolled him in a highly-regarded boarding school. Those formative years enabled him to engage in a plethora of academic pursuits in later years.

During high school Clarke made his first Jewish friends, and their theological discussions had a profound effect on his thinking. He began to question everything he had absorbed at church, and these conversations sparked his interest in Judaism.

Clarke originally wanted to be an architect but after graduating from high school he joined the Navy and was stationed at Otis Air Force in Cape Cod, and then on an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean. After the Navy, he enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study drama. Despite receiving a solid education in the theater arts, Clarke never considered himself to be a particularly talented thespian. [Note: Clarke has played King Ahasuerus in Beit Tikva's annual Purim Spiel on multiple occasions].

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In the mid-1970s Clarke moved to San Francisco and worked for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. When the AIDS epidemic ravaged San Francisco in the 1980s, Clarke became a devoted caregiver to a friend who was dying from AIDS-related complications.

Clarke developed an interest in philosophy and religion, especially Buddhism. To expand his understanding of Buddhist principles he studied with a Tibetan scholar and attended the Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado.

Facing economic hardships Clarke and Bonnie, his companion of 25 years until her death from ovarian cancer in 2014, began looking for cities with job opportunities and since Clarke's brother and former roommate lived in Santa Fe, the couple moved here in 2003. In 2014 Clarke landed a job with the Purchasing Department of the New Mexico General Services Agency where he still works today.

Bonnie's interest in Judaism also influenced Clarke's and

when they they saw an advertisement for a yard sale at the undeveloped property where Congregation Beit Tikva planned to build a synagogue, they came and had such a good time conversing with a very warm and friendly Rabbi Helman that they ended up staying for hours. Reminiscing about that encounter, Clarke said, "It was the first time we felt welcome in Santa Fe since moving here."

Clarke eventually joined Beit Tikva and became a devoted student at Torah studies. As a board member, Clarke is concerned for Beit Tikva's financial future and would like to see the development of a sustainable endowment fund. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has curbed Clarke's ability to travel so his personal appearances have diminished. But when he is able to attend events at the synagogue, his warm, friendly smile is always a pleasure to see and his natural curiosity and interest in people make him a beloved member of our congregation.

Traditional Chanukah Potato Latkes

1 medium onion, peeled
¼ tsp. pepper
6 medium potatoes, peeled
2 Tbs. flour
½ tsp. baking powder
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tsp. salt
Oil for shallow frying

Using a food processor, grate potatoes and onions. Let stand for 10 minutes so that liquid will rise to the top. Remove liquid. Stir in remaining ingredients. Heat oil in frying pan and drop by spoonful into the pan. Fry both sides until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve hot with applesauce or sour cream.

Optional ideas for latkes: Try grated carrots or zucchini.

Applesauce:

6 red delicious apples, peeled,
cored, cut into chunks
1Tbs. lemon juice
3 Tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

In a large saucepan, toss apples in lemon juice. Add sugar and cinnamon. Cover and cook slowly over a medium low heat until tender, approximately 20 minutes. Mash or puree the mixture and chill in refrigerator.



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 _____

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 wondrous 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.

B'nai Mitzvah Service Alma Dankoff, Tom Brenner, and Laura Cowan



December Birthdays

Jean O'Gorman	December 8
Kaycee Canter	December 4
Phyllis Kapp	December 5
Ed Mazia	December 7
Marylyn Cohen	December 10
John Goldman	December 15

December Anniversaries

Linda Cohen and Jimmy Cohen z"l	December 19
Joan & Herman Scheinberg	December 20

January Birthdays

Rabbi Marin Levy	January 2
Larry Cohen	January 3
Barry Hornstein	January 18
Lorraine Haneyko	January 22
Gail Karr	January 26
Asenath Kepler	January 31

Shabbat Morning Torah Study and Upcoming Winter Wednesday Talks

Every Saturday at 9:30am we meet via Zoom for ongoing discussion of the weekly Torah portions. We study the Torah and Haftarah texts for each Sabbath portion.

This winter we will feature three guest lectures, via Zoom, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. On January 13, historian and past president of the Northern New Mexico Historical Society, Linda Goff, will present on CBT Founding **Rabbi Leonard Helman's** legacy in the Santa Fe community. Details on this lecture and two more will be sent by email.

Video conferencing opens up new participation possibilities with people located anywhere. Everyone in every time zone is welcome for these interesting events.

Please contact Rabbi Levy to receive Zoom links for the events, at rabbimwlevy@yahoo.com. Or, join our mailing list at beittikvasantafe.org.

A Way to Give to Congregation Beit Tikva

Congregation Beit Tikva is now accepting **appreciated stock** for your annual contributions. If you've held it for more than one year you may take a charitable tax deduction for the market value of the stock, and neither you nor the charity has to pay capital gains taxes when the stock is sold.

To talk further about how this might work for you or to transfer your appreciated securities to Congregation Beit Tikva, please contact our Treasurer, Carlos Duno at carlos_duno@yahoo.com to tell us how you want the funds to be credited.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2020 DONATIONS September 1 through November 30

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 Laura Cowan - For her Bat Mitzvah
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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 2020/JANUARY 2021 TORAH PASSAGES

December 5 Genesis
Vayeshev Genesis 32:4 – 36: 43
Jacob and Esau meet after 22 years
Rachel gives birth to Benjamin, the last brother.

December 10 1st Night of Chanukah

December 12 Genesis
Vayeshev Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
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 19 Genesis
Vayigash 44.18 – 47.27
The family of Joseph & his brothers are reunited
Peace & harmony in ancient Egypt

December 26 Genesis
Veyechi 47.28 – 50.26
Death of Jacob & Joseph
Embalming of Joseph, End of the Book of Genesis

January 3 Genesis
Vayechi 47.28 – 50.26
Death of Jacob & Joseph
Embalming of Joseph, End of the Book of Genesis

January 10 Exodus
Shemot 1.1 – 6.1
Children of Israel prosper in Egypt
New king arises who knew not Joseph
Moses the redeemer is born

January 17 Exodus
Va'era 6.2 – 9.35
God's appearance & promise of redemption
The ten plagues begin
January 24 Exodus
Bo 10.1-13.16
The last three plagues, leaving Egypt

January 31 Exodus
Beshallah 13.17 -17.16
Redemption from Egypt, crossing the Reed Sea
Shabbat Shirah
Sabbath of Song
Song & Dancing at the Sea

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2021 SERVICES

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.

www.beittikvasantafe.org/home