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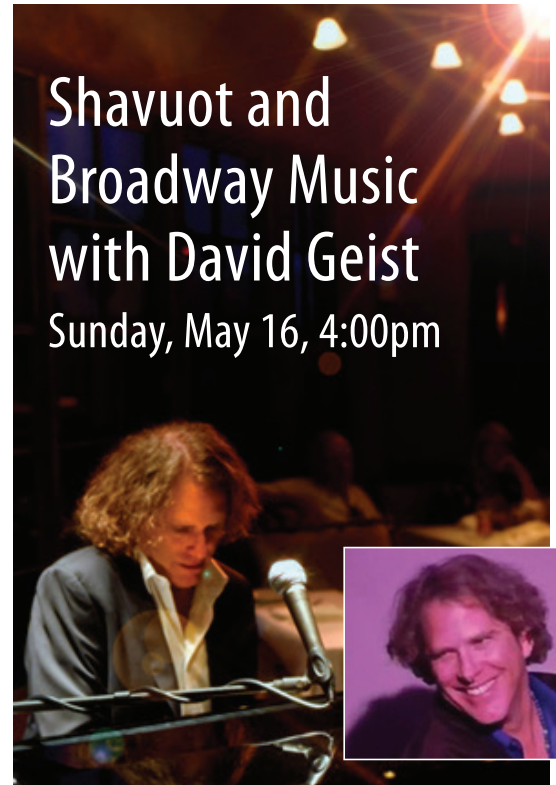
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Come celebrate Broadway music and Shavuot with your congregational friends and guests on Sunday, May 16th at 4:00pm in the Congregation Beit Tikva sanctuary!

Beit Tikva is delighted to welcome the renowned musical entertainer and guest artist David Geist to our sanctuary, as we enjoy an afternoon of show music, great food and an in-person social! David has a distinguished career on Broadway and in Las Vegas, and has performed in a variety of Santa Fe venues as a noted pianist and singer. We welcome David to our home for his outstanding renditions of Broadway show music.

Beit Tikva is gathering on Sunday, May 16th in honor of our congregation, and as a celebration of the holiday of Shavuot which begins that evening. We will be serving ice cream delights, as well as wine and cheese. This musical program is a means of bringing us back together. We have all experienced too many weekends of aloneness and isolation, and it’s time to celebrate our congregation and give thanks for this new season. Everyone is cordially invited, and we hope you will bring a friend or two to help enjoy this fabulous musical Sunday. David Geist is one of Santa Fe’s musical treasures, and we trust that you will be with us for this special performance.

Why Sunday, May 16th? Our holiday of Shavuot reminds us of the crucial nature of community. More than three millennia ago, we gathered at an unknown mountain, called Sinai, to receive the words of Torah and hear the teachings of the commandments.



Shavuot and Broadway Music with David Geist Sunday, May 16, 4:00pm

That “hag,” the spring festival, become a cornerstone for building the future of the Jewish community. Every year in celebration of Shavuot, the festival that falls on the 50th day after Passover, we gather to learn and sing and pray together. The holiday of Shavuot is an intimation of eternity. It reminds us that joining to celebrate our Jewish heritage is part of the lifeline of our spiritual world. Be with us for a marvelous tribute to Beit Tikva, to our vitality and to our vision for the future. More information about Shavuot festival can be found on our weekly eblasts, or you may call our office at 820 2991.

Spring Class with Rabbi Levy

Psalms and the Soul, Tuesdays May 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 6:30pm

Rabbi Martin Levy will continue this in-depth study of Psalms. To generate a vibrant conversation on this special topic, and to appreciate the majesty and power of the psalms, we need to meet in the sanctuary and discuss these ideas together. Rabbi Levy will provide refreshments, and you are welcome to bring dinner if you wish. We hope that many of you will join us in person.



The obstetrician was not at home. His five-year-old daughter answered the doorbell. “Is your daddy in?” asked an excited stranger. “No, he’s gone,” the little girl replied. “When will he return?” “I don’t know. He’s out on an eternity case.”

The little girl was right. Every child is an eternity case—the heir of all that has gone before, the molder of all that is to be. The birth of a child is such a commonplace thing. It happens at least 200,000 times a day. Yet each child is an original, altogether unique and so enormously special. Each child is a miracle, a tiny bundle of infinite possibilities, mysterious and unpredictable.

In the book of Leviticus we read: “If a woman shall bear a child...” (Lev. 12:2). Do we know what secret that child carries, what hidden splendor that tiny frame embodies?

In a world where there are more than seven billion of us crowding in a shrinking globe and where so much justified concern is being devoted to the prevention of the uncontrolled multiplication of the human species, it is difficult to preserve a sense of awe and wonder and mystery in the presence of the individual human being.

In a world where machines can outperform us to a distressing degree, it is not easy to maintain a sense of reference for the human personality. A computer in England trying to determine the respective odds on the player and the banker in a card game called baccarat, took 45 minutes to complete the calculations involving more than one billion separate operations. Einstein could not have done this task alone if he lived to be 1,000 years old.

In a world where people tend more and more to be reduced to statistical data, efficiency is frequently purchased at the cost of our humanity.

With all these dehumanizing influences at work in our times it is all the more vital that we recall the teaching of our tradition, which underscores the uniqueness of each of us.

Our Sages dramatize this point in a vivid parable. A mortal king, they said, when he wishes to make many coins, creates one mold and with that mold he stamps out all the coins he needs. Each coin is exactly like every other coin. God, however, created all persons from but one mold, and yet no two individuals are exactly alike.

Judaism reminds us that there is no “common man.” Each one of us is uncommon. There has been nothing like us ever, nor will there ever be. There is no such thing as an average man except on the graphs and the charts of the statisticians.

“Every single person is a new thing in the world and is called upon to fulfill his particularity in the world.” Thus taught the Hasidic Rebbe, Yechiel Michael of Zlotchov.

In the eyes of our Creator we are not statistics. We are each the object of God’s care and compassion. Our task is to complement each other’s strengths and gifts, and bring greater peace to our world.

One man who has made a difference in the spiritual texture of our thinking, Albert Schweitzer, has something very different to say about the human “drop in the bucket.”

“We see no power in a drop of water, but let it get into a crack in the rock and be turned to ice and it splits the rock; turned into steam, it drives the pistons of the most powerful engines.”

We possess enormous potential power and energy within ourselves. If we utilize that power we can indeed effect decisive changes within ourselves. We can leave the world a little better and a little cleaner than we found it

Rabbi Martin W. Levy
505.670.4671

Torah Study with Rabbi Levy
Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00am on Zoom

All are welcome to enjoy our interesting and diverse group. Just before 9:30am, go to zoom.us, click on “Join,” then enter this meeting number: **367591925**. The meeting number is the same every week.

Electronic Connection

When you go to bed at night, do you give a good night hug to your computer? When you come home from work, errands, exercise, does your laptop give you a welcome home smile? Does your phone really care what you think or feel?

Social distancing is really anti-social distancing. Wouldn't you like to see a full face smile, wrinkles and all?

How about getting excited about dressing in clean, proper fitting clothes? Do you have someone with whom you can share the small joys of a lovely dinner, good deal shopping or just enjoying a bird song? How about getting a real hug, not a fist bump? **How about sharing a special cookie, cheese, cake at an oneg with folks who are chatting and smiling at one another?**

Who can you reach out to when you share the hard times of illness or even death? There are many who have traveled those same difficult roads and can share your pain. There are those who can also share the joys of roads travelled through happy times.

This is Congregation Beit Tikva, our community, our



family of shared experiences. And we don't even need to be recharged overnight or carried in protected pockets. We are here—non-electronic human beings! Reach out, join us. Share life, not shortcut messages that are often misunderstood because they lack the element of human contact.

Enough artificial intelligence. Let's practice some of the real stuff. As soon as the virus issue has made it possible, unplug and reconnect!

Sheila Bicoll, aka Madame President
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Administrator's Angle By Lela Dawkins

The Converts

Three Jews who had recently converted to Christianity were having a drink together in a posh restaurant. They started talking about the reasons for their conversions.

"I converted out of love," said the first. "Not for Christianity, but for a Christian girl. As you both know, my wife insisted that I convert."

"And I," said the second, "I converted in order to rise in the legal system. You probably know that my recent appointment as a federal judge may have had something to do with my new religion."

The third man spoke up. "I converted because I think that the teachings of Christianity are superior to those of Judaism."

"Are you kidding?" said the first man, spitting out his drink.

"What do you take us for, a couple of *goyim*?"

(excerpted from *The Big book of Jewish Humor*)

Kabbalah

Summer Session at Congregation Beit Tikva Presented by Petr Chylek

All lectures will take place at

Congregation Beit Tikva

2230 Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe

Beginning on Wednesday, July 7, 6:00-7:30pm,
for four weeks.

Beginners as well as advanced students of Kabbalah are welcome. Rabbi Levy will give an introduction about the history of Kabbalah and its sources, and

Dr. Chylek will discuss the world of the soul in Kabbalistic thinking. We will meet in the Sanctuary to keep the required distancing. Please join us and bring your masks.



Going Places

By Marc David Sanders

It's been said that true introverts rather enjoyed the pandemic-engendered shutdown as it was a welcome reprieve from the anguish of awkward social encounters. For everyone else, the past year's social isolation was an encumbrance to free movement, sustainable friendships and, sometimes, continued employment.

To avoid COVID-19 infection, a whole new choreography with props—including masks, elbow bump greetings, and in-person conversations within the confines of six-foot personal space bubbles—became the new normal. Fourteen months of a universal shutdown may have kept people uninfected by the virus but not unaffected. In fact, surveys of mental health experts around the country have shown an alarming increase of anxiety, anger and ennui among the general population.

It's not difficult to see a correlation between the suspension of free, unrestricted movement and its impact on people's psyches. Being able to go when and where one pleases has always been a privilege most of us took for granted. And, as the pandemic recedes into historical memory, we expect to reclaim the freedom to move about at will.

However, for many older, impaired individuals unable to drive, the pleasures of shopping, attending the theater, traveling, party-going and being with friends are denied. Several members of Congregation Beit Tikva who, for whatever reasons, no longer drive live under shutdown conditions every day. In isolation, their connections to the community are frayed and they suffer psychologically.

Attending services, holiday gatherings, special events and Torah study are integral activities enjoyed by our congregants. However, during the pandemic, these events had to be digitally conducted, an inferior substitution for the real thing.

Congregation Beit Tikva believes its vitality is derived from a fully participating membership and, to achieve this, non-driving members' transportation needs have to be met. Hence, the Beit Tikva Ride Service Program was born. To fund this program, a generous grant was awarded to our congregation through The Jewish Federation of New Mexico.

Now in its second year, the Federation-funded ride service enabled Beit Tikva to contract two professional drivers with years of experience serving older and mobility-impaired clients. One of these, Boston native Candace Hardy, an artist and former number cruncher, has been diligently driving Beit Tikva members not only to synagogue-related events but also to doctors' appointments and on shopping expeditions.

One of Candace's favorite Beit Tikva ride clients is former New Yorker and renowned artist, Judith Kingsley, whose paintings have exhibited in galleries around the world. Listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World," Ms. Kingsley has graciously contributed breathtaking artwork to Beit Tikva's silent auction fund raisers. Ms. Kingsley's time riding with Candace over the years has generated a warm and loving friendship, a pleasant side effect of the ride service. When asked what Ms. Kingsley's favorite thing about Candace is, she replied, "When she's on time!"

A second driver, native New Mexican Debra Gallegos, not only chauffeurs Beit Tikva clients but often participates in synagogue activities.

New Mexico is quite fortunate to have a Jewish Federation that serves the needs of all its constituents in every life cycle, but especially those facing social isolation. No lab-created tonic can substitute the joy of being among friends or attending Erev Shabbat services in person.

All of us have tasted the bitterness of being under a kind of house arrest during the pandemic. We will be glad when it's over. For those who are confined not by choice but by circumstance, Beit Tikva's ride service has immeasurably improved their quality of life.

On behalf of Congregation Beit Tikva, our heartfelt gratitude goes to The Jewish Federation of New Mexico for its generous assistance, without which congregants might be forgotten. With the Federation grant, we can firmly say that we're really going places!

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 _____

May Birthdays

William Berman	May 11
Herman Scheinberg	May 16
Robert Gear	May 26
Kathy Richkind	May 26

June Birthdays

Linda Krull	June 16
Armon LaMont	June 21
John Graham	June 24

June Anniversary

Barbara and Armon LaMont



Our True Home at Congregation Beit Tikva

*By founding members
Marilyn and Larry Cohen*

We were there at the inception of Congregation Beit Tikva. It started with conversations at a Seder when we and some other families talked about wanting a different type of religious experience than the one we were having at the time. The idea grew and here we are today!

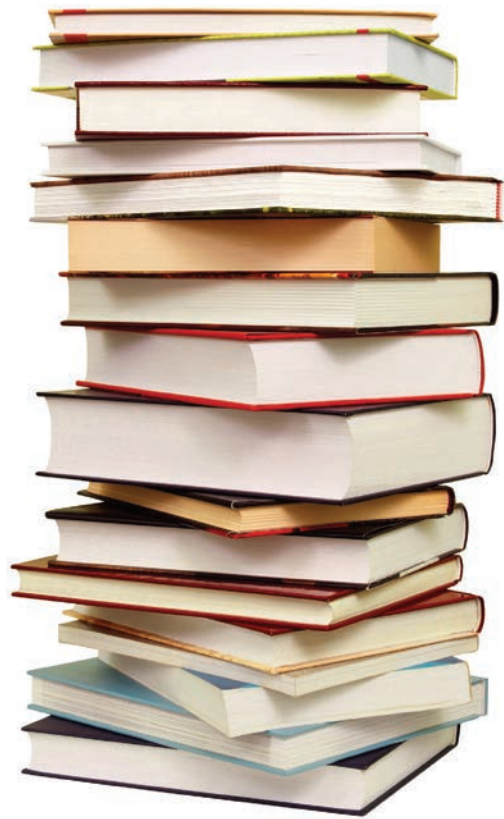
Larry and I came to Santa Fe in 1973 for Larry's job with his cousin, Dr. Elliot Wyloge. We attended Temple Beth Shalom when it was just the little building on Barcelona Street. Our daughter, Sarah, was the first baby to have a naming ceremony with Rabbi Helman. We have witnessed the growth of Congregation Beit Tikva which, at one point, had over three hundred participants. We have both been board members and I sent out the Yahrzeit cards for over 20 years. The religious world is changing and we feel it is important, as an example to our children and grandchildren, to continue Jewish traditions in our home and to hold dear our membership in Congregation Beit Tikva. As we have aged, our participation in the life of our congregation has tapered off but our hearts are still there.



In Loving Memory

John Dawkins

Brother to our Administrator, Lela Dawkins



The (New) Jewish Book Club Meetup Group

Want to hear new Jewish voices? Interested in reading Jewish works? Then there is a place for you: The (New) Jewish Book Club Meetup Group!

Join us for a monthly read-and-meet, centered on a monthly variety of books. Members should be willing to lead specific meetings. We're here to schmooze and converse, and what better way to pass the time together.

Among the the book possibilities are:

Good Talk by Mira Jacobs,
Love and Other Impossible Pursuits by Ayalet Waldman.
Disobedience by Naomi Waldman.
Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer.

The list is endless—bring your thinking caps and your ideas! For more information contact Cyma Shapiro at cymashapiro@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!

FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2021 DONATIONS

General Fund

William Berman
Jean O’Gorman for Yahrzeits
Jewish Federation of New Mexico for
2021 Discretionary Grant Award
to Congregation Beit Tikva
Lorraine Haneyko and
Michael Edelman in memory of
Michael’s father
Ruthie Koval, in memory of her son,
Eric J. Getz

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Lorraine Haneyko and
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Future Fund

Asenath Kepler

Music Fund

Linda Krull
Jonathan Frey
Rabbi Martin Levy and
Kaycee Canter

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

Gail and Sonny Rapoport

There’s Always Something Positive to Find Online!

By Sandy Levine

Over the past year many of us have been glued to our computers and I-pads. “ZOOM” has become the word of the day. We have, however, found websites that provide us with entertaining and educational (classes, lectures, articles) opportunities.

Please enjoy the websites listed below. This is only a taste of what’s out there. Let us know your favorites so that we can pass them on to our members.

- Lentic Performing Arts Center—lentic.org
- Santa Fe Symphony—santafesymphony.org
- Road Scholar—roadscholar.org
- Renesan Institute for Lifelong Learning—renesan.org
- UNM Continuing Education/OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute—ce.unm.edu
- AARP Foundation—aarp.org/aarp-foundation
- Jewish Federation of New Mexico—jewishnewmexico.org
- Jewish Learning Channel—jewishlearningchannel.org
- New Mexico Jewish Historical Society—nmjhs.org
- Hadassah—hadassah.org
- Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival—santafejff.org
- Anti-Defamation League—adl.org
- Limmud North America—limmudna.org

Endowment Fund Campaign

The CBT Board of Directors has launched a campaign to create a **\$1 million endowment fund** that will secure the long-term financial viability of Congregation Beit Tikva. Our finances are secure for the foreseeable future. However, Planned Giving can be a way to leave a legacy for our wonderful and caring organization.

To launch the endowment, we are asking generous members to fund it with significant donations. Every member can contribute to the endowment in the following ways:

- A gift designated specifically for the endowment.
- A gift included in your Estate Planning in the form of cash or an asset that has market value.
- Designating Congregation Beit Tikva as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy. This is as easy as advising your insurance company of the amount designated for CBT by providing them with our legal name and address: Congregation Beit Tikva, PO BOX 24094, Santa Fe, NM 87502, and tax ID (please contact Lela to obtain).

To help you with this Planned Giving process, Jessica Bicoll, a certified Financial Advisor, has graciously offered a free one-hour consultation on how to proceed. Jessica can be reached by phone: 505.795.7678 or by email: jessicabicoll@outlook.com.

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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY/JUNE 2021 TORAH PASSAGES

May 1	Leviticus
<i>Emor</i>	21.1 – 24.23
Regulations for priest & the sanctuary	
The Holy Days, laws re: holidays & festivals	
May 8	Leviticus
<i>Behar</i>	25.1 – 26.2
Sabbatical year & jubilee year	
Redemption of the lands, rights of servants	
Bechukotai	26.3 – 27.34
Blessings & curses, gifts to the Temple	
Rewards & punishments	
May 15	Numbers
<i>Bemidbar</i>	1.1 – 4.20
In the wilderness, Census of the tribes	
The Levites & their duties	
May 16	Sunday
<i>Erev Shavuot</i>	
May 22	Numbers
<i>Naso</i>	4.21 – 7.89
The Priestly blessings	
Numeration of the Levitical families	
May 29	Numbers
<i>Beha'aloscha</i>	8.1 – 12.16
The Menorah, Consecration of the Levites	
Departure from Sinai to Moab	

June 5	Numbers
<i>Shelach Leha</i>	13.1 – 15.41
The spies & their report, forty years of wandering	
Meal offering & the challah	
June 12	Numbers
<i>Korach</i>	16.1 – 18.32
Rebellion of Korach	
Moses pleads with God	
June 19	Numbers
<i>Chukat</i>	19.1- 22.1
The Red Heifer, Sins of Moses for striking the rock	
Death of Miriam & Aaron	
June 26	Numbers
<i>Balak</i>	22.2 – 25.9
Resting place in the wilderness	
King of Moab, Balaam, the non-Jew who blessed Israel	

MAY/JUNE 2021 SERVICES

May 7	Recorded
May 14	In person at 6:30 pm, in Sanctuary
May 21	Recorded
May 28	In person at 6:30 pm, in Sanctuary
June 4	Recorded
June 11	In person at 6:30 pm, in Sanctuary
June 18	Recorded
June 25	In person at 6:30 pm, in Sanctuary

Recorded services can be viewed on our YouTube.com channel by searching within YouTube for Congregation Beit Tikva Santa Fe. 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