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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Beit Tikva Celebrates Passover 2nd Night  
Community Seder—Saturday, April 16**

**T**his **April 16th** our congregation will host a festive Passover Seder at the synagogue with a beautiful service led by Rabbi Martin and Cantor Ephraim, and catered by Walter Burke. Reservation forms have been sent to all congregants, and if you wish to attend, please contact Rabbi Martin immediately. We are requesting that everyone gather at the synagogue between **5:30 and 6:00pm** so we can begin the Seder service promptly.



Probably the most celebrated festival in the Jewish calendar is Passover. All of us have multiple memories of past Seders, discussions about matzah ball soup and the tenderness of the brisket. We recount the great saga of the Exodus, and God’s redeeming power which enabled the ancient Israelites to enter into a new world of promise and covenant. Passover is truly a time when we remember that the Almighty remembered us for the future. Please join us for this magnificent celebration of our heritage and faith.

**Our Phased Security Plan for the Synagogue**

After several months investigating different security companies and their capabilities, the Board decided in March to hire GenTech for our security needs. Beginning April 20, GenTech will be replacing our keypads, panic buttons, and installing new interior and exterior cameras. None of these changes will be obvious, but all of them will directly affect the safety of our members while in our synagogue. This is the first phase of our security project.

The second phase includes “Active Shooter Training” which I highly encourage each of you to attend. We will have two training courses on different dates so hopefully everyone can attend one of them. The course will be taught by specialists from the Santa Fe Police Department. Beginning May 1, the front door to our synagogue will be locked fifteen minutes after the beginning of a scheduled event, and unless someone is recognized or expected, we will no longer open

any doors to walk-in visitors or unfamiliar people. These are the times in which we live, unfortunately.

Finally, we will be reinforcing our windows with protective film and adding “crash bars” on doors to allow people to run in the case of an emergency. We are seriously considering a new gate for the entrance to the property which will be decided upon in the next few months. All vehicles coming into and out of the property will be monitored and recorded and a sign stating such will be installed. This phase will complete the process we at Congregation Beit Tikva have been working on to deter and deflect bad guys and ultimately protect our loving congregants from the dangers that anti-Semitism presents. All major events will be patrolled by professional law enforcement officers. We thank you for your support of our Security Fund and we look forward to seeing you at our Second Night Seder.  
—Kaycee Canter, Chair of the Security Committee

## A Passover Message for 2022

As we prepare for the Passover Seders, my thoughts return to my family Seder table, with the beautiful Seder plate, the kosher Pesach dishes, and the cut glass Elijah's cup. Though that special cup was filled with wine at the beginning of the evening, somehow the wine disappeared before we sang "Adir Hu." Yet I never saw my father drinking from the Elijah's cup, so could this have been a hint of a future messianic appearance of the prophet? Stories and legends abound concerning the life of Elijah, and his role in the Haggadah narrative. Of all the characters in the Haggadah, why is it only Elijah for whom we pour a cup of wine and set a special place at our Seder table?

Elijah, known as the Tishbite, lived in the ninth century BCE, and was active in the political and social controversies of the land of Israel. As a prophet he often criticized the ruling government, and was rebuked by the rulers of that generation. One of the famous stories involves his battle against the false prophets and their worship of the idol Baal. Elijah saw the growth of idolatrous worship, and was disturbed by these lapses in the country's worship practice, knowing that idolatry would lead to the downfall of Israel. The prophet challenged the priests of Baal to gather on one side of Mt. Carmel, and he would stand on the opposite side of the mountain. Then he turned to the people and announced, "How long will you keep hopping between two opinions? Choose between God and the idols." (I Kings 18:21)

Finally the Israelites shouted in one voice, "The Lord, He alone is God." (I Kings 18:39) It is this famous phrase that we repeat seven times at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services (at the end of Neilah). What do these words mean? That we as a people uphold our belief in the oneness of the divine, and that God's unity and uniqueness stand at the core of our beliefs.

In another story, Elijah yearns for an encounter with God, as he prays for God's presence. "And the voice of Adonai came to him and said, 'stand in front of the cave.' Suddenly, a strong wind blasted the mountains and shattered rocks before him, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After all these

extraordinary moments, Elijah heard a still small voice, and God was in the silence. (I Kings 18:11-13) The Elijah stories remind us that we have work to accomplish. Our world is rent by warfare, hatred, and miscommunication. We forget that our task is to build up this world and engender kindness and support for those less fortunate.

Let me offer this story from the tales of the Baal Shem Tov (founder of the Hasidic movement in the early 1700's) as a paradigm for our Passover celebration. A disciple of the Besht told him that Elijah never appears for Passover. So the Baal Shem told his student to load a wagon with food and wine and matzos and travel to a far off village and spend the first two days of Passover with this destitute family. There he would encounter Elijah! The man travelled and found the family, and his gifts were accepted with smiles and gratitude. Everyone celebrated Passover with joy, especially the five children. But no Elijah. The Hasid returned home and recounted to the Baal Shem Tov his travels and the Seder, and his disappointment. The next year, the Besht told him, surely he would meet Elijah. He was instructed to return to that family for the next year's Seder, with all his gifts. Before the man entered the family's meager home, he put his ear to the keyhole, and heard the laments of the mother of the household. "Oh, we have no matzahs, no charoses, no wine or meat for our children. How can we begin the Seder, in our dire straits?" The father replied, "Do not worry! Remember last year, Elijah visited us and brought all the wonderful foods and gifts for the children as well. Have faith! Surely he will come again one more time."

So the story ends. But the message is clear: where there is no Elijah, be thou Elijah! Bring joy and gifts to others, and help us bring the messianic hope to all who would celebrate with us.

Hag same'ach,



Rabbi Martin W. Levy  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and it's time for Passover once again. I can still recall the fragrant smells of citrus blossoms and jasmine in Eretz Israel at this time of year. I was thrilled to walk to synagogue Shabbat morning with the hot sun on the white stone pavement knowing I was on the land in which my entire lineage began, in amazement at how still and quiet the streets were in Jerusalem. The old met the modern there. Yes, this season brings back many fond memories, especially of studying at yeshiva.

Some of you might be wondering how a freedom-loving hippie Jew like me could handle being at an Orthodox yeshiva. Well, for one, my yeshiva was founded by Rav Kook, who believed that the temple was destroyed due to "sinat chinam," literally free hatred or hatred for no reason, and the only way to restore it is "ahavat chinam," love for no reason. Rav Kook, the leader of the Ashkenazi community in Palestine, was a noted writer and rabbinic sage. That philosophy affected the feeling of the place, and it certainly attracted kind, loving folks with expansive ideas. Studying in Hebrew was very gratifying. My curious mind was fascinated with all the ways old familiar verses could be interpreted in ways that were new to my ears. For instance, the word for Egypt has the root word for "sorrows" in it. So, leaving "Egypt" can be interpreted as escaping our sorrows.

We step into freedom and put our sorrows behind us during Passover. Feels quite accurate this year, doesn't it? How did Moshe lead a people who had been so oppressed and convince them to make a run for it? I imagine it was a matter of survival. The plagues were not only to convince Pharoah to let our people go (my vocal solo every year at Seder), but to show the Hebrews what they might be facing if they stayed. You can't stay in a land of sorrows and plagues forever if you want to continue living. Our ancestors came to Eretz Israel as a community in tatters, struggling together, helping each other through.

My hope is that we in modern times come together as community, that we turn away from the darkness of the past to see what brightness tomorrow holds, to walk in the sun once more. I'm not going to turn this into a research paper or claim our group is the answer to all that



ails you, but this is what I know from reading articles. Community can be an antidote to depression, anxiety, and even addiction. We have a natural kinship, forever bonded through a common background, a rich history of Jewish culture, values, and principles. Yes, next year b'Yerushalayim. But this year, right here, right now, let's join in fellowship and celebrate life.

We have many ways to participate at Congregation Beit Tikva. We have Shabbat services, Jewish studies, musical events, art, laughter yoga, picnicking and hiking, and soon, a Women's group. And of course, there's Tikkun Olam and tzedakah. We haven't been venturing out and volunteering in person, but we will in the future. If you don't yet see a way to be involved, we encourage you to come and create your community that will blossom in this new season. This is your community, our home, and together we make it what it will be.

By the way, Rabbi Martin's Hebrew name is Moshe.

Elisheva Herrera  
Board President

## A Message from Our Cantor

**S**halom beloved congregants and friends. On **Sunday, June 19, at 3:00pm**, I will be presenting a vocal recital. Accompanying me on the piano will be Natasha Stojanovska, a wonderful pianist who just completed a doctoral program in piano from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Miss Stojanovska hails from Macedonia.

Our Lina Ramos, mezzo soprano extraordinaire, from the High Holiday quartet will also be joining me in this vocal recital with various duets and solos. Last but not least, our favorite wind player, Windy Dankoff, will chime in on the flute to add his flavor in some Hebrew and Ladino pieces.

When I first thought of this recital and what to perform, I immediately thought of some of my favorite song recital classical pieces such as selections from Austrian lieder composer, Hugo Wolf, Manuel De Falla's, *Siete Canciones Populares Españolas*, various opera duets from George Bizet's *Carmen*, and some popular Broadway hits that you will recognize.

Lina Ramos will be singing a selection of songs by African-American composer, William Grant Still. While putting this recital together, I thought I would not be singing any Hebrew or Ladino songs because I wanted this concert to be strictly classical. I thought to myself, "How stuffy!" Then I realized that I am the Cantor of Congregation Beit Tikva and Hebrew songs are to be expected, as well as Ladino songs which are part of my heritage. I also forgot to mention that I love to sing in Hebrew as well as in Ladino. Stiffness be gone! So please join us on that June 19th and bring your dads since that will be Father's Day, as well as Juneteenth.

L'hitraot and thank you for your support.

B'shalom,  
Cantor Ephraim



## A Selection of Beit Tikva Events in 2021 and 2022



### Happy April, May, June Birthdays

Marcia Berman	April 1
Julius Cooper	April 5
Ephraim Herrera	April 5
Gale Davis	April 7
Max Cooper	April 8
Stuart Rosenberg	April 11
Henry Lewis	April 20
Doreen Hurtig	April 26
William Berman	May 11
John Henry McDonald	May 18
Robert Gear	May 26
Kathy Richkind	May 26
Linda Krull	June 16
Armon LaMont	June 21
John Graham, MD	June 24

### Happy June Anniversaries

Armon & Barbara LaMont  
Robert & Julianne Sherman

# 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 the congregation administrator at 505.820.2991, or email her at officeadmin@beittikvasantafe.org. OR, you may 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:

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## 2022 CALENDAR

- April 10 Musical concert featuring Marc Sanders on piano
- April 15 First Seder, conducted by Rabbi Martin at Las Campanas
- April 16 Second night Seder at CBT with Rabbi Martin & Cantor Ephraim
- April 28 Community Yom HaShoah service
- May 15 Israeli guest speaker
- May 29 Lecture from Artist Member of the Month
- June 4 Erev Shavuot Congregational Dinner and Service
- June 19 Cantor Ephraim's Gala Concert
- June 26 Kabbalah of Conscious Creation with Nina Amir
- July 2 Congregational Birthday celebration for Rabbi Martin, David Geist, Guest artist
- July 13 Summer Kabbalah class with Dr. Petr Chylek
- Aug. 19 Indian Market Shabbat
- Aug. 28 CBT Open House
- Sept. 18 CBT Open House
- Sept. 25 Erev Rosh Hashanah services
- Sept. 26 Rosh Hashanah morning services
- Oct. 4 Kol Nidre services
- Oct. 5 Yom Kippur morning and afternoon services

## Passover and the Two Tens

By Clarke Fountain

Maybe it has already occurred to you, in which case, please skip to another article. But, it came to me as I ponder the themes of Passover that the three things in the title play off one another, and reinforce one another. The first Passover, the Ten Sephiroth, and the Ten Commandments.

No Passover? Then the First Commandment (statement) won't fly: "I am the Lord thy God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of bondage." Without the experience in whatever form of the First Statement, the rest are non-starters.

Maybe you are an ethical genius and could have come up with the other nine all on your own out of some supreme effort of logic. The fine gentleman who brought out the book "Situational Ethics" in the 1950's seems to have thought otherwise, along with many of his time, but in the years since I had to study that book in high school (I went to an odd high school), I've decided that the Ten are important starting points for our relationships with man and God. We likely would never have thought of them on our own. Not only do they play off of one another, but in some sense they are cumulative, resulting in the Presence overshadowing the Tent of Meeting, the Shekinah.

If you line up the Statements with the spheres of the Tree of Life diagram, they fit each part neatly. And if you consider that one aspect of Creation follows from the first to the tenth sphere, then I think it's fair to say



that the effect of each one builds up until we come to the last one, "Thou shalt not covet..." — a funny word, covet. It implies actively seeking what you want, not just wanting it. We are often encouraged to admire people who say "I want it all," but that is precisely what we're being asked not to want. We are being asked to limit our active seeking after our wants, and only to seek what we actually and legitimately need, whatever things those might be (and it can be a lot). Without the foundation provided in the other nine, I doubt if we'd have enough restraint to do that.

In each of the commandments, I believe we are asked in some way to insert a pause between our first instinct and our actions. But without Passover, they wouldn't have appeared, so even before the First Statement, we have to walk out of

Egypt. How do we, today, do that? One way is to attend the 2nd Night Seder. Every time we might want to gobble down some excellent food, we have the Haggadah inserting pauses, moments of restraint, moments of remembrance.

That's excellent advice for coping with the overwhelming onslaught of images, ideas and stories we suffer from in today's media-rich world; so many things that encourage us to engage in no pauses, no thought, but simply to plow ahead in some fashion. If we join with our community, even if only in allegiance, and consider consequences and relationships, we stand a chance of doing what is right. We stand a chance of turning away from what is wrong. Right and wrong are real categories, whatever your level of agnosticism or belief, maybe! What is the result of choosing life, as Moses (and the Lord) remind us to do at the end of Deuteronomy? I met a Native American elder in northern Michigan. I mention him often. He had spent his life consciously choosing good, choosing life. It obviously hadn't been easy for him, but by the time I met him, he was the pillar of his community—respected and loved—and constantly giving. Not only that, but even a dullard like me could feel the goodness boiling out of him, like heat from a radiator in winter. You can find a mensch just about anywhere, it seems.

So, Passover? We begin to choose, again and again. We glory in many thousand years of teachings to insert a pause between desire and action. In that way we can eventually heat the rooms we inhabit with blessings.

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*In Loving Memory*

**Lynn Kelly**

July 8, 1944 - March 14, 2022

**Judith Kingsley**

April 6, 1930 - January 22, 2022

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## Tikkun Olam, “Repairing The World”

### Collecting Donations for Solace Crisis Treatment Center

The Solace Crisis Treatment Center serves those who have experienced sexual violence. English and Spanish-speaking staff are on-site for clinical, educational, and advocacy services. A 24-hour crisis hotline is also available. The mission of Solace is “to prevent sexual violence and empower survivors by restoring dignity, strength, and resilience.”

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Support the Solace Center by donating the following items: 1) stuffed animals without batteries, 2) blank writing journals, 3) art supplies. All items MUST be NEW! When young children are interviewed by law enforcement agencies and family service organizations, they find comfort in holding a stuffed animal. Older children express their feelings through art and writing.

You can drop off your donations during the month of April or anytime during the year, at the Solace Center, 6601 Valentine Way. You may also bring them to Beit Tikva during the month of April, but ONLY when you’re coming for an event such as a Shabbat service or the Passover Seder.

Our sincere thanks for your help!

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## APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2022 TORAH PASSAGES

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**April 9th** Leviticus: Metzora  
“Shabbat Hagadol” purification from skin  
diseases; priestly rituals

**April 16** 1st day of Passover  
Exodus 12:21-51

**April 23** 8th day of Passover &  
Yizkor  
Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17

**April 30** Leviticus: Acharey Mot  
the day of Atonement; family purity

**May 7** Leviticus: Kedoshim  
the Holiness Code; proper weights and  
business practices

**May 14** Leviticus: Emor  
Calendar of holy days & festivals

**May 21** Leviticus: Behar  
Sabbatical and jubilee years; redemption  
of property

**May 28** Leviticus: Bechukotai  
Gifts to the Temple; blessings and curses

**June 4** Numbers: B’midbar  
Beginning of Shavout festival  
Census taking of the tribes

**June 11** Numbers: Naso  
The priestly blessing; duties of the Levites

**June 18** Numbers: Be’haalotecha  
Menorah in the Sanctuary—traveling from  
Sinai Desert to Moab

**June 25** Numbers: Shelach L’cha  
The spies and their report to Moses,  
Aaron’s sons die mysteriously