



**February 2005**

**Rabbi's Message  
Rabbi Leonard A. Helman**

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**A Vote for Optimism**

Miracles can happen and have happened. Historically, traditional enemies such as Germany and France are living in peace. There are grounds for hope for peace between the Palestinians and Israelis.

Since the death of Yasser Arafat, the new Palestinian leadership has made positive efforts to end the violence and war against Israel. Terrorist attacks against Israel have been condemned. The new leader, Mohammed Abbas, is playing both sides; that is, talking peace and yet working with the violent elements in Palestine. Abbas has publicly criticized the rocket attacks against Israel as being useless, and yet he criticizes Israel for trying to destroy Palestinian launching pads and has not criticized Palestinians for killing Israelis with mortars.

The reality from my point of view is that there has been a marked decrease in violence in the past months. It appears that the new Palestinian leadership may sincerely want to reduce the conflict. There is no guarantee that Hamas will moderate its position and its goal to destroy Israel. The withdrawal of Israel from Gaza is still in progress. There are segments of both Israeli and American Jewish leadership who are opposed to the withdrawal.

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**Shabbat Across  
America**

Friday, March 4, 2005 6:30 PM  
Pot-luck Dinner and a Service

**Join us!**

Peter Brill of Sarcon and  
Architect David Perrigo  
will speak

about our new building  
*see page 3*

BECAUSE NO ONE  
SHOULD BE ALONE ON  
PASSOVER

Save the Date  
Second Night Community Seder  
Sunday, April 24, 2005  
Museum Hill Cafe 6:00 PM



Time will tell whether there has been a fundamental shift in Palestinian policy. I cast my vote for an optimistic view of recent events. The only thing we can be certain of is that changes will be made and we must hope for the best, and continue to pray and work for Israel and its people.

### Congratulations to Sherry and Jon Bell

Alec Irving Bell was born on Tuesday, January 11. A hearty Mazel Tov to Marilyn Bell on her second grandchild and to Lance and Julie Bell on now having a nephew. The Bells have been a prominent historic Jewish family in Santa Fe for several generations. Sherry, Jon, and Alec have offically joined our congregation even though they live in Albuquerque and we ae most honored to welcome them.

Their department store, Bells, on San Francisco Street, served the public with integrity and devotion. The Bell name will continue!

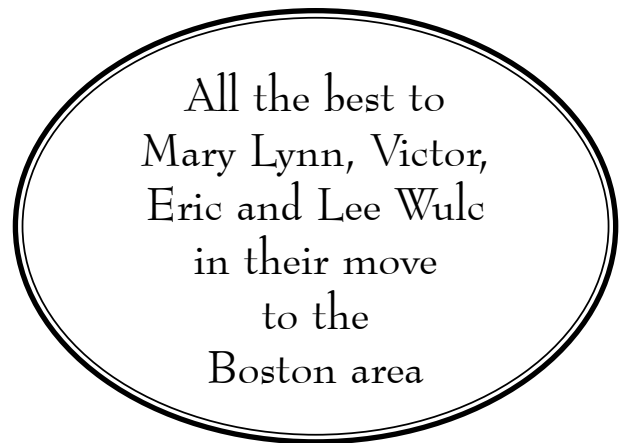
### World Leaders Gather at Auschwitz

The 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Auschwitz death camp in Poland was solemnly observed Thursday, January 27 by world leaders and Holocaust survivors at Auschwitz, Poland.

The German Parliament marked the event begining in Berlin, where Parliament held a special ceremony addresssd by a German-Jewish camp survivor, Arno Lustiger.

The start of the ceremony in Auschwitz was signaled by a whistle, in remembrance of the trains that brought hundreds of thousands of Jews and others to their deaths.

Prayers, including the Kaddish, and the playing of a Jewish shofar, ended the ceremonies with 6 former inmates and 3 aged Soviet soldiers lighting candles at the main memorial.



Leaders attending included: Israeli President Moshe Katsav, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski, French President Jacques Chirac, U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. Also in attendance was German President Horst Koehler, although he did not speak.

On January 27, 1945, Auschwitz was liberated by the Soviet army whose shocked soldiers found 7,000 starving prisoners who were left behind as the Germans fled.

Let us never forget.

### 2230 Old Pecos Trail

Have you seen the sign with my name on it? What pleasure it gives me.



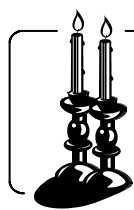
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## Shabbat Across America

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Friday, March 4, 2005

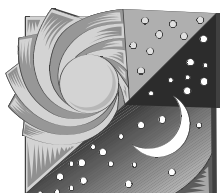
As we celebrate what unifies all Jews—Shabbat, we join thousands of people all over the United States as they come together for a wonderful night of prayer, song, food, and the warmth of a congregation with a night devoted purely to Judaism. Rabbi Helman will be conducting the service again this year. Chazzan Michael Linder will perform some special Shabbat melodies, accompanied by congregant Burton Krohn on the piano. Please don't miss out on what promises to be a beautiful evening of comradeship. Meet someone new or bring a friend!

Don't forget, Peter Brill of Sarcon and architect David Perrigo will be presenting drawing and speaking about the building.

This evening will fill up quickly. Call **Jenny Wetovsky**, coordinator, at 438.0924 to make your reservation, to participate in set-up or clean-up, or for suggestions of what to bring for the pot-luck.

## Camp Scholarship Available

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Congregation Beit Tikva has a scholarship available to send the child of a member of the congregation to a Jewish camp. Please contact Barbara Cohen, 995.0999, if you are interested.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE CORRECTION

PILLAR DONATION (\$5,000.00 OR MORE)

JANUARY'S BULLETIN READ:

RICHARD ALLAN SHANKIN

Correction is:

Leonard Skankman and  
Rowan Jackson



## Jewish 505 Youth Convention

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Fun, learning and tzedaka  
for the Jewish teens of New Mexico

Sunday, February 20  
through Monday, February 21  
(over President's Day weekend)

First Annual Jewish 505 Youth Convention

Please encourage your 8th – 12th graders to join in a wonderful experience with other New Mexico Jewish Youth. A wonderful one night experience is planned on February 20 -21 (over President's Day weekend) for your teen. This is an opportunity to connect with other Jewish teens from around the state, participate in sessions on tzedakah, and enjoy the recreational facilities of the Jewish Community Center in Albuquerque.

If you have any questions, please call Michele at 505.332.0565. We encourage all 8th - 12th graders to participate.

Rabbi Arthur Flicker,  
Congregation B'nai Israel in Albuquerque

Michele Schipper,  
JCC in Albuquerque

Co-Chairs of the  
First Annual Jewish 505 Youth Convention

## President's Message

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Dear Congregants and Friends,

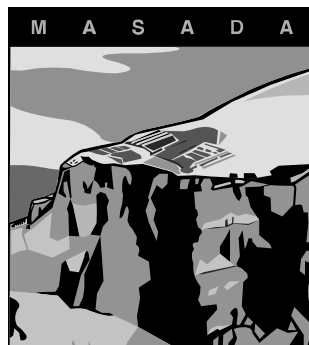
The parking lot of Chilacas Restaurant and Cantina at 2239 Old Pecos Trail gives a great view of the site of our future synagogue. I drove here today to see the signs on our land across the street: "Sarcon Construction" and the beautiful new royal blue sign, "Future Home of Congregation Beit Tikva, Rabbi Leonard A. Helman."

The view all around our building site is filled with space, and purple and blue snow daubed mountains in the distance. My thoughts as I take in this view turn to the many friends I've made at Beit Tikva, the simchat that we've shared, memorial services for dear departed friends, our wonderful music and the leadership of Rabbi Helman and Rabbi Feldman. Being with our land today gives me pause to contemplate our future, and it is good.

Now we are engaged in the adventure of building a new home together. Please come to our land. Park either across the street at Chilacas or on the shoulder near our signs.

I found the gate in the fence behind our sign, slid a connecting pole to the right, lifted the pin up while pushing the right gate open. I felt the sun on my shoulders and the spongy earth under my feet. I spotted a small evergreen, whose tip is at my eye level, growing on its own from this land that will soon be our home. The building has been planned so that the trees will not be disturbed. I imagine our home amidst the trees for weddings, memorials, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and other holidays and life-cycle events. I see friends and family, visitors and members coming to pray and celebrate together, in a synagogue we've built with the vision, dedication and donations of the members and friends of our congregation.

Visit this beautiful site and give it your blessings. Our hopes and dreams lie on this small plot of land.



*Shalom,*

***Barbara Cohen,***

President

## Executive Director's Report

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**T**he news regarding our future home is most promising. Hopefully you have seen the signs: both "Future Home of Congregation Beit Tikva, Rabbi Leonard A. Helman" and the "Sarcon" construction sign, at our new address 2230 Old Pecos Trail. Currently we are planning the ground-breaking for Sunday, April 3, 2005 at 2:00 PM on the land. And yes, Peter Brill of Sarcon has promised us the building will be ready for High Holy Days, that would be Erev Rosh Hashanah, October 3, 2005. More information will be sent regarding the ground-breaking when the plans are approved.

Rabbi Helman and I continue to contact possible donors, and please, if you want a great lunch invitation, call one of us. We love to discuss the building and our most bright future. We may be calling you if you have not heard from us already. It would be so wonderful if every member had a share in contributing to the bricks and mortar, or should I say frame and stucco, whatever your level of giving.

*Todah Rabah,*

***Gail Rapoport***



Congratulations to  
Sherry & Jon Bell  
on the birth of their son,  
Alec Irving Bell

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January 11, 2005

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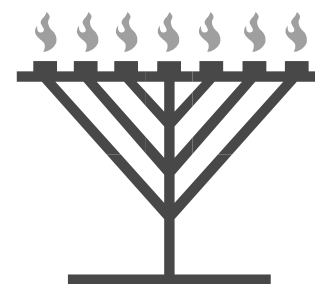
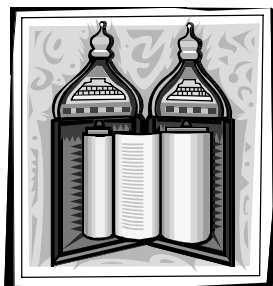
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## Letter from the Wulc Family

THANK YOU FOR THE SPECIAL BLESSINGS AND ONEG AT SERVICES ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 14. OUR FAMILY HAS ENJOYED SIX SPECIAL YEARS AS MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVA. IT WAS A GOOD CHOICE FOR US ALL. I NEVER LEFT A SERVICE WITHOUT FEELING HAPPIER, INSPIRED AND CARED FOR.

LOVE, THE WULCS



A congressional delegation has returned from Sri Lanka with glowing stories of Israel's relief operations for victims of last month's tsunami. After spotting an Israeli flag fluttering above a camp in the distance, Reps. Steve Israel (D-NY), Joseph Crowley (D-NY), Al Green (D-TX), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) and Linda Sanchez (D-CA) visited the site, a relief center run by Israeli volunteers for Sri Lankan children. The lawmakers observed the daily social activities held for the kids and even took part in a sack race. "It was nice seeing first-hand what is rarely reported," Israel said, "the humanitarian relief efforts of the Israeli people."

## **Building Committee Report**

by Reggie Klein

We are happy with the progress being made on our building. The final plans are now being drawn. The Building Committee met on Sunday morning January 30 with Peter Brill, president of Sarcon Construction and David Perrigo, the architect on the project. They have listened to our needs, understood the limited funds we have raised and have responded with plans with which the committee is very pleased.

We are currently involved in the permit process. Peter will be providing us with a list of allowances so the committee can get to work on making the selections of windows, doors, hardware, carpet, etc. We are all very excited about the building and have invited both Peter and David to make a presentation to the congregation on Friday evening, March 4. This is also our annual Shabbat Across America potluck dinner and service. Please make plans to attend.

It has been determined by the city that we will need 24 toilet credits. If you have considered having low flow toilets installed in your home, please do so in the near future and pass the credits along to us. Without donated credits, the cost to us will be \$8000, money which can be used elsewhere in the building.

## **The Museum of Archaeology and Biblical History**

A traveling exhibit of images from a history of prejudice and persecution

January 15, 2005 – February 15, 2005

Jewish Community Center  
10:00AM to 5:00PM daily

10110 CONSTITUTION AVENUE NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112

Admission is free. Call 505.821.3214 or visit [www.abqweb.net/never\\_ again.html](http://www.abqweb.net/never_again.html) for more information.

## **Off to Israel! Journal Entry 2**

By Lennon Wetovsky

Hello again. My preparations for Israel continue. In the past week I went to get my passport pictures taken. This is my first time leaving this continent, and therefore, my first passport ever.

Lists are being made and large amounts of paperwork will soon arrive at my house. The application for Machon is a long and time consuming one. I will have to fill out all the necessary information and medical forms and obtain immunization records and everything else that is required.

Another main focus is the decision I have to make regarding the events in which I can participate in Machon. Toward the middle of the program, there is a dedicated “special interest week,” with a multitude of plans to take part in. The themes include living on a kibbutz, a week in the Israeli Army, a “desert trek” through the Negev, an extreme sports week, and a “sea-to-sea” hike. It is very difficult to pick just one from these equally fulfilling experiences.

As I mentioned in my last entry, I will be attending the Young Judaea National Convention in mid-February and seeing many of my friends who will be traveling to Israel with me. I can’t wait! I will talk with them and see what their decisions for Machon will be.

In the meantime, I continue to look forward to my journey. I persist in my effort to raise and save funds to get there. I hope to connect with members of the congregation who have traveled to Israel and look forward to my congregation joining me in my excitement of traveling to Eretz Yisrael, the homeland of our people.

*Shalom*



## **February Donations**

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### **General Fund**

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"Friday Night Regulars" at CBT Services

### **Bulletin Fund**

Claire Lichtenstein & Michael Gold  
**Building Fund Benefactor \$10,000.00**  
Linda and Jim Cohen - In honor of the birth of  
their grandson, Ethan William Cohen  
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**Building Fund Sponsor \$1,800.00**  
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Gail & Elliot Rapoport - In honor of the  
85th birthday of Esther Rapoport

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Lillian Bristol - In honor of the  
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Bea Sheinberg, wife of Haskell  
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85th birthday of Esther Rapoport  
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## Torah Passages

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|-------------------------|---|
| February 5<br>MISHPATIM | Exodus 21.1-24.18<br>Ordinances, civil legislation<br>morality and ethics             |
| February 12<br>TERUMAH  | Exodus 25.1-27.19<br>The tabernacle, building of the ark<br>Free will offering        |
| February 19<br>TETZAVEH | Exodus 27.20-30.10<br>Command the children of Israel to<br>bring pure oil             |
| February 26<br>KI TISA  | Exodus 30.11-34.35<br>Rules for a Census,<br>The Golden Calf                          |
| March 5<br>VAYAKHEL     | Exodus 35.1-40.38<br>And Moses gathered, rules of the<br>Tabernacle, built by Bezalel |



## Schedule of Services

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| February 4<br>Friday 7:30 PM            | Rabbi Helman will speak on:<br>MORALITY AND ETHICS  |
| February 11<br>Friday 7:30 PM           | Rabbi Feldman will speak on:<br>CONNECTIONS   |
| February 18<br>Friday 7:30 PM           | Rabbi Helman will speak on:<br>THE RULES OF THE KOHANIM   |
| February 25<br>Friday 7:30 PM           | Rabbi Helman will speak on:<br>THE GOLDEN CALF: MOSES<br>AND THE MOUNTAIN   |
| <b>March 4</b><br><b>Friday 6:30 PM</b> | Rabbi Helman will conduct<br>the service<br>PETER BRILL OF SARCON<br>AND ARCHITECT DAVID PERRIGO<br>WILL SPEAK ABOUT OUR NEW<br>BUILDING<br><b>Shabbat Across America</b> |