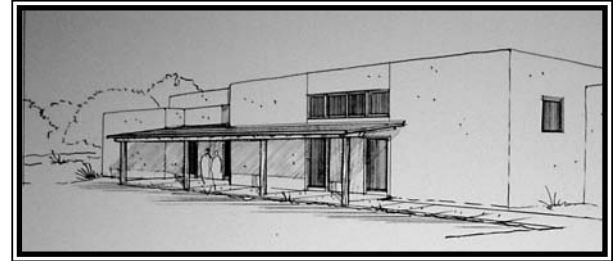




May 2005

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



MAY 2005 EVENTS:

Bar Mitzvah of Zack Grace

..... SATURDAY, MAY 7 11:00 AM
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

**Dr. Melissa Goldstein and
Daniel Feldman to speak
to our Congregation**

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**Marian Deutsch
Footstone Dedication**

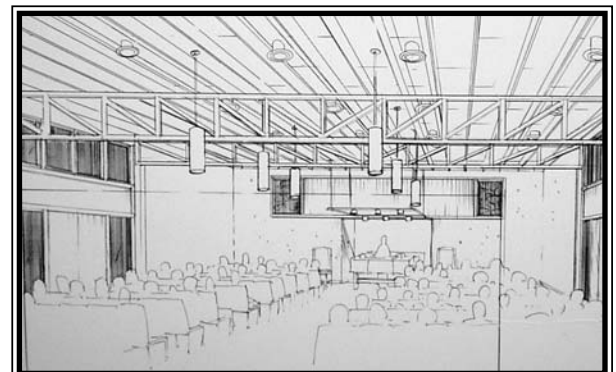
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Groundbreaking Ceremony

..... SUNDAY, MAY 22 1:00 PM
CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVA - OLD PECOS TRAIL



Passover Revisited

The Congregational Seder this year was a great success. Rabbi John Feldman and Chazzan Michael Linder conducted the service beautifully and meaningfully with a little help from me. Everybody who attended was inspired by the Seder rituals. And not the least of all the food served by Walter Burke and staff was fabulous, especially the desert, (you know me) a plate of cooked fruit, macaroons and "Pesadicha" chocolate brownies. Also the service was terrific. The acoustics could have been better, but that was a minor inconvenience.

So what's the but! The but is that the number of persons who wanted to attend the Seder far exceeded the space available at the Museum Hill Café. Turning away anyone on Pesach is not following the intent of the holiday or the tradition of Beit Tikva. I was intrigued by an article in the Wall Street Journal on Friday April 22, 2005 about the observance of Passover, the celebration of the Seder and the week long stay in resort communities throughout North America. Passover is now a major attraction to bring Jews from their homes to other destination cities. Why not Santa Fe?

With our own home finally in the works how about trying to attract guests to our area. With the right committee in place we could welcome many visitors here.

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Feeling the excitement of our impending facility lets my mind jump to what exciting events we will now be able to plan. How about a group that works on contacting a hotel in Santa Fe to have them advertise: come to Santa Fe for Passover! If a hotel could arrange a travel packet for the holiday we could have more than one Seder and have lectures or seminars on Judaism given by local rabbis and resident Jewish experts in a number of fields. If this sounds like a flight of fantasy, I will say that is good, big dreams are important. Time will tell, but without dreams and creativity, little is achieved. Look at how we are making our dream of a permanent home a reality. Did you know Beit Tikva (House of Hope) started at a Passover Seder exactly ten years ago with a Seder I attended at the home of Fredi and Louis Proyect and ten of our founding members?

2005, The World of Physics Albert Einstein & The Oneness of God

This is the 100th anniversary of the year Albert Einstein published three landmark papers, including the best known one being his special theory of relativity. Einstein was Jewish as were some of the greatest pioneer physicists such as J. Robert Oppenheimer, Max Born, Wolfgang Pauli, I.I. Rabi and Niels Bohr. This distinguished list of Jewish theoreticians had revolutionary ideas that changed the way we understand reality. It seems significant that so many Jews should be drawn to the study of the inner workings of the universe. Is modern physics about the search for oneness in the cosmos, the search for a single principle that will describe everything? Is this not the same concern of our distant past when Jews insisted on monotheism, the notion of one God, and that God's power governs the world?

What is intriguing about these scientists is their search for the ultimate oneness in the universe. As Jews they reasoned the oneness of all reality and as scientists they sought to prove it. Yet for Jews the oneness is God, the unifying force is all existence and that oneness has moral and ethical implications. Thus when we say the Shema and affirm that God is one, we are also saying what advanced physics is teaching. Thus to quote from the book, Judaism, Physics and

God: Searching for Sacred Metaphors in a Post-Einstein World by Rabbi David Nelson, "If being a human being, according to ancient Jewish wisdom, requires that we be aware and conscious of the cosmos and what makes it tick, then physics is a fascinating - and often a deeply spiritual—path toward that awareness."

Reaching these heights of spiritual and scientific thinking so inspired me that I decided to call Rabbi Nelson. I found his number (Teaneck, NJ) and spoke with him. When I told him that I was from Santa Fe, he spoke of the Santa Fe Institute and his desire to go there. Just think that we have one of the foremost think tanks in the world in our community. How to get him to the Institute and to our congregation to speak is also a dream we can work on together.

So the next time I utter the Shema, I will be totally filled intellectually and spiritually with the synthesis of God's oneness and the oneness of the world.

Groundbreaking

The great day is upon us when we will place the gold shovel in the ground for our spiritual home. I hope to see you on Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 PM. Thanks should be given to all of you who contributed generously and waited so patiently for this moment to arrive. And for those of you that have not yet given, this is the time to do so. We will say Kaddish that day for the many who believed so strongly in our future but are not physically with us anymore, but are certainly there with us spiritually. Beit Tikva will have a home for ourselves, our children and God. The ancient Israelites did not complete the building of their Temple until hundreds of years after they left Egypt, we have waited only ten years. They too started with a modest structure. We shall succeed!

Wichita Has Come & Gone

On Sunday, April 24th a group of Christians from Kansas were to appear in Santa Fe. They threatened the most hateful acts at many of the local churches. As an act of solidarity with the local churches in the face of hostility and prejudice, John and Michelle Goldman and I attended services at the Lutheran Church of the Servant, our home for ten years. We can



Rabbi's Message

John Taichert Feldman

Our tradition teaches us that we are part of the natural world and we have a clear duty to be kind to animals. We are not allowed to be cruel, or to harm them, or to kill them for sport. I have been thinking about this quite a bit of late.

I heard a story on the radio about the oldest and largest windfarm in the US, situated in Southern California. One person interviewed said that if someone wanted to design a site that would kill the largest number of birds possible, it would be that set up. One thousand birds are chopped to death each year at that location, which features a string of windmills, huge fast-turning blades set one right next to another, and right in the flight path of Golden Eagles and endangered species of owls. The birds can't get through the pass where these machines create a wall of destruction. Thirty miles away stands a state-of-the-art wind farm, with blades set high out of the flight patterns of birds, with slow turning blades, and spaced together with lots of gaps. It produces more electricity than the older farm, and goes unnoticed by the birds and animals in the area. No death, more energy. So why isn't the old one shut down? Money.

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department is supposed to protect elk populations from people with paintball guns. Someone high up in Game and Fish decided that it would be a good idea to move unwanted elk from cattle grazing areas by holding paintball hunts, where people could pay to shoot the elk with paintballs to scare them off of grasslands. Why do the elk wander onto these ranges in the first place? They need food. I recently was near an elk herd and, even though these animals live in relative proximity to man, all you had to do was look at them crosswise, and they would take off. When the Game and Fish people decide that shooting elk with paintballs is a good idea, one can only tremble at the thought of what conservation method will come next.

The elk were here first, of course. And so were the prairie dogs. It is a good idea not to get me started about these guys. The species that used to thrive in and around Albuquerque and Santa Fe are in big trouble. They are at 2% of their historic population



and area in Albuquerque, and they are surrounded by concrete. Kirtland Airforce Base has poisoned most of the prairie dogs on base. They did this despite agreeing to allow the animals to be rescued. These are the most maligned of creatures. They are harmless, beneficial to the environment, and a critical species for other animals, including owls. The ones I now feed inhabit a strip of dry ground enclosed on all sides by concrete, cars, an asphalt bikepath, and houses. If I can't keep them alive until they can be humanely relocated, they will die of starvation. They have a most elaborate language, and scientists have discovered that they can make up new words for new intrusions into their towns. I wish had new words that could inspire us to save the creatures who make up our landscape before it is too late.

Recently I saw a remarkable PBS TV show that featured many animals, frogs, scorpions, fish and other toxic critters, whose toxins can be transformed into cures and pain relief for tragic human ailments, like spinal disorders and MS. But the rush is on to unlock the cures before the species, once common, become extinct. We should not have to reach the point that extinction offends us because our needs may be unmet, but right now I will go with any argument that will cause us to think twice before we do more damage.

According to the Sefer Hasidim, in the World-To-Come, God will punish riders who wound their horses with spurs. If that is so, what will be the fate of humans that let entire species expire?



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President's Message

Dear Congregants and Friends,

We have high hopes for ourselves, our children and grandchildren and our congregation. High hopes are good, especially when we give them the foundation of love, hard work and financial support.

Our Congregation Beit Tikva Board has signed a small mortgage loan for \$85,000 with Charter Bank for our new building that we will pay back over time. We want to raise as much money - \$45,000 - as it takes to complete the first phase of our new synagogue by September 1, 2005. We are proud of our congregation for building donations that have come from a high percentage of our membership and friends, but we must keep raising funds to build our new home. Our next fun fundraiser is Leah Kellogg's 85th Birthday Party scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 PM at the Dinner for Two Restaurant, (see page 5).

Another upcoming congregational celebration is in honor of Zack Grace, as he becomes Bar Mitzvah. Thank you to Zack's teacher, Michael Linder, for his guidance. Thank you to Paul, Zack's Dad, and Jayson, Zack's brother, for helping him work toward and

reach for his Bar Mitzvah which will be held at Congregation Beit Tikva at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 7.

Last month my first grandchild was born in Portland, Oregon to my son Joshua and my daughter-in-law Elise. In addition to the miracle of the birth of their 7 3/4 pound, 20" baby boy, there is the miracle of their love for each other, Elise's hard labor leading up to the delivery, and Joshua's fear mixed with hope for taking on the job of supporting himself, Elise and the baby with his work. I have great faith in Joshua and Elise in their new adventure called parenthood, and I know they will need support from myself and their other parents. Sound familiar?

Our hopes and dreams for our new home on Old Pecos Trail are similar to the hopes and dreams of this grandmother for her new grandchild. We all have an obligation to support our Congregation Beit Tikva's new home. We can do it. We should do it. We must do it.

Shalom,

Barbara Cohen

Building Fund Report by Reggie Klein

Thank you to Peter Brill of Sarcon Construction who has worked tirelessly to obtain a construction permit. The process is completed and we have our permit! Peter's team will start moving earth as of the week of May 1, and yes, he has promised us our Sanctuary/Social Hall by October 1, 2005, that is Rosh Hashanah 5766. The ground breaking, as mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin, is set for Sunday, May 22. You will be getting a special invitation. By then Sarcon Construction should have cleared enough space for some parking. We may have to ask our neighbors for extra parking space if many of you, as I anticipate. Plan on coming to this momentous event!

Todd Wertheim, our lawyer, is reviewing the construction contract. This ten year journey to our own synagogue home is now at the critical point in the

fund raising process. We are so very close to having all the money we need for this first phase and the board has chosen to go forward. Rabbi Helman, Gail Rapoport and I are working on that last push for funds. When all pledges are paid in full we really only need less than \$50,000.00 and that is only because there has been a increase in materials and gas prices causing delivery cost increases. You have been a generous community and I am most grateful. Please consider giving a bit more and if you haven't given please help us now. We hope to see you at the ground breaking on May 22 and then in the brand new sanctuary for High Holy Days 5766.

Reggie Klein,

Building Fund Chairperson



report that nothing happened there. A few of these demonstrators came early and left before the service started. This community should be proud of the manner with which it prepared and defended itself against their bigotry and misrepresentation of God's laws.

Dr. Isadora Bielsky

On Monday, May 16, 2005, Isadora Rapoport Bielsky will receive her Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience at graduation exercises at Emory University in Atlanta. Isadora, who I blessed as a baby, was there to Bat Mitzvah and married in 2002 has completed and successfully defended her dissertation. For those who have asked about her research here is what she says:

"My interest has been the genetic and biological basis of complex behavior. My dissertation project focused on the roles of Vasopressin receptors in social and anxiety behaviors. I utilized a viral vector to alter receptor expression in discrete brains regions and this resulted in changes in social and anxiety behavior. This research may ultimately lead to novel therapeutic targets for human social and anxiety disorders."

Our Friend, Patricia Marks Greenfield

We have had so many interesting members and guests along our ten year journey. Recently Dr. Patricia Greenfield, who spent a year in Santa Fe as a fellow at the School of American Research was back to discuss her book at a reception at the Folk Art Museum. The publication "Weaving Generations Together, Evolving Creativity in the Maya of Chiapas" is a story about mothers and daughters, community and the passing of a profession from one generation to the next. Patricia spent her year here as a member of Beit Tikva. I was proud to be at her book signing and proud we were able to spend a spiritual year with her when she lived in Santa Fe.

Rabbi Leonard A. Helman



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My devotion to Congregation Beit Tikva has motivated me to celebrate this special year of my life with a Fund Raising Reception for the Building Fund. I hope to see you all there.

Love, Leah Kellogg

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Rifka's Sestina

by Debbi Brody

The poem, *Rifka's Sestina*, by Debbi Brody, appears in this May issue of *Poetica, Reflections of Jewish Thought*, a biannual literary journal. For further information contact Debbi at artqueen58@aol.com.

She knows it is right.
time for Golda's capture in death's yoke,
time to leave the body empty.
But there is one hook
not allowing Rifka to rest -
without her sister. life stands still.

Rifka's mind will not be still,
one moment to the next. it no longer seems right
for Golden to be taken in death's yoke.
Without Golda, life is empty.
She would rather be hung on a hook
or herself laid out to rest.

The house they share for sixty years screams its emptiness.
Without Golda, time stands still,
the coal rack cries for its empty hook,
everything is askew, even left is right.
With hey life pairing unyoked.
even months later, Rifka cannot rest.

She packs her books and leaves behind the rest,
hoping travel will fill the empty
place and release her from Golda's yoke.
As far from home as Ontario, she longs for Golda still.
After the camps, finding Golda made existence alright.
With so many dead. they became each other's hook.

Keeping each other's minds from coming unhooked.
surviving without the rest,
forcing life to be all right,
lasing one another's long lives to fill the empty
places left by the slaughter. Still -
now alone - Rifka again feels Hitler's yoke.

Strangling in a guilty yoke,
disbelieving his ancient hooks
are in her brain and body still,
denying the others truly came to rest.
No one to share a life violently emptied,
no Golda to make survival alright.

A vacant yoke, ending without the rest,
Rifka's final hook, is a life mostly emptied,
she will still breath to prove Hitler was not right.

Three Jewish Special Days in May

Yom HaShoah Friday, May 6

Holocaust Remembrance Day, 27th of Nissan. A day set aside by the government of Israel as the day to commemorate the Holocaust and its victims.

Yom Hazikaron Friday, May 13

Remembering Israel's fallen heroes: Israeli Memorial Day, celebrated immediately before Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Saturday, May 14

Israeli Independence Day. The anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel in 1948, held on the 5th of Iyar (about 2 weeks after Passover). Yom Ha'atzmaut is felt with particular intensity due to the fact that it is preceded, the day before, by Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day.

Lecture by Dr. Melissa Goldstein and Daniel Feldman

Wednesday, May 11, 2005 7:30 pm
The Lutheran Church of the Servant

The granddaughter of our member, Stephen L. Joseph, Dr. Melissa Goldstein and her husband Daniel Feldman who have been living in Moscow, Russia for some time are coming here for a short visit. They will again give a talk about their experiences. Daniel, an oil company executive, will discuss the Russian government's steps to dismantle Yukos which had been the largest oil company in Russia and how anti-semitism is involved. Melissa, a pediatrician, will discuss the adoption of Russian babies by Americans. Her job is to examine the babies prior to their adoption. Both will also discuss other subjects and be available to answer questions.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11 at the Lutheran Church of the Servant where Beit Tikva has their regular Friday evening services. There is no charge for attendance. Please join us for a most informative session with these two knowledgeable experts in their field.

Marian Deutsch
Footstone Dedication Service
Sunday, May 15, 2005

10:00 AM Santa Fe Memorial Gardens
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May Schedule of Services

May 6 Rabbi Helman will speak on:
Friday 7:30 PM THE HOLOCAUST
YOM HASHOAH OBSERVED
ZACK GRACE WILL LEAD THE SERVICE

May 7 **Zack Grace will become a**
Saturday 11:00 AM **Bar Mitzvah**

May 13 Rabbi Helman will lead the service
Friday 7:30 PM David Pollak will speak on:
THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY
YOM HA'ATZMAUT

May 15 **Footstone Dedication Service for**
Sunday, 10:00 AM **Marian Deutsch**
SANTA FE MEMORIAL GARDENS
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May 20 Rabbi Feldman will speak on:
Friday 7:30 PM THE FUTURE IS NOW

May 27 Service to be led by members
Friday 7:30 PM LAG B'OMER

50 Europe The Economist January 29th 2005

> by right-wing extremists happen in Germany, as elsewhere, and militant Islamic vitriol against Jews is watched with growing concern. The percentage of Germans admitting to negative views of Jews also rose between 1998 and 2003, but only from 20% to 23%. And the Jewish community in Germany is now the world's fastest-growing. Each year for the past decade, some 15,000-20,000 Jews have arrived from the former Soviet Union.

There are, however, signs that the post-war taboo against speaking ill of Israel, or of Jews in general, is eroding, in Germany and in other countries. Some observers

An ugly head rears

More worrying than in the rest of Europe

EN under Leonid Brezhnev, when

would-be emigres were persecuted and Jews had trouble entering some universities and professions, Communist propaganda had its limits: it was careful not to criticise Jews in general or denigrate Judaism as a faith. No such shyness held back the editors, politicians and other Russian nationalists who, in an open letter published this week, suggested a novel response to anti-Semitism: banning all Jewish organisations. With an atavistic crudity that sent shivers down liberal Muscovite spines, the signatories said that recent signs of anti-Semitism were either a fair response to the "typical Jewish characteristics" which every good patriot deplored; or they were provocations, committed by Jews themselves.

While Stalin's propagandists alluded to Jews with code-words such as "cosmopolitan", the new letter was blunter. Parts of it read like an extract from the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", a work of anti-Semitic propaganda used by the tsarist police and later by the Nazis. In the classic tones of conspiracy, the letter declared that "the entire democratic world is under the monetary and political control of international Judaism, which high-profile bankers are openly proud of." If the intention was to shock, and to test the reactions of President Vladimir Putin as he prepared to go to Auschwitz, the response was quick. The Foreign Ministry said the letter had "nothing in common with the official position of Russia's leadership" and called its timing "especially regrettable".

Both the letter and the response to it confirm what many Russia-watchers already felt. On the one hand, anti-Semitism (which has deep roots in Russia) still seethes, a few millimetres below the surface. On the other, the fear that social acceptance of anti-Jewish speech is rising. Across Europe, anti-Israel (or, more specifically, anti-Ariel Sharon) feeling is strong: it is often hard to separate this from anti-Semitism, and the first can be used as an excuse for the second. In Germany, at least, racist outbursts by politicians are still swiftly condemned: the incident in Saxony's parliament prompted new calls to ban the NPD.

Anti-Semitism crops up in some unexpected places around Europe. In the Netherlands last October, a referee called off a football match because he was receiving so much anti-Semitic abuse. This week the surface of Russian life—though these days it co-exists with even more wide-spread kinds of prejudice, such as hatred of Chechens and Caucasians. On the other hand, Mr Putin, mindful of Russia's image and of his good personal relations with senior Israelis and Jews, is anxious to stop anti-Semitism bursting out into the open. "In private conversation, senior Russian officials often make anti-Jewish remarks, but they take care not to repeat them in public," says Dimitri Simes of the Nixon Centre, an American think-tank. In their campaign against Russia's oligarchs, several of whom are Jewish, Mr Putin and his team have avoided mentioning the tycoons' origins. But might that change? Could a future Russian government decide to play the anti-Semitic card, knowing that it can draw on widespread xenophobia?

That risk may become acute if there

is a broader political crisis—as could happen if the coalition of bureaucrats, nationalists and security chiefs that now controls the Kremlin breaks apart. That seems unlikely in the very near future, though Mr Putin's grip seems at least fractionally weaker than it did only a few months ago. But whatever the future holds, says Masha Lipman of the Carnegie Centre in Moscow, "a political change, brought about by a crisis, is certainly not going to bring more tolerant, liberal people to power." What this week's spat over anti-Semitism has highlighted is disturbing, even so. If illiberals (ie, characters

even less liberal than today's incumbents) were to take control, the demons of prejudice are ready for them to conjure up. Indeed, some are at work already: on January 14th, two rabbis were assaulted on a Moscow street.

Muslim Council of Britain refused to take part in Holocaust Memorial Day because the organisers would not link it to a condemnation of "genocide" in Palestine.

The story is different in central and east-ern Europe, partly because relatively few Jews (or Muslims) now live there. Before 1939, when Poland had the largest Jewish community in Europe, it was also known for its tradition of anti-Semitism. After the war, the communist regimes that took over in central Europe were slow to publicise or even to acknowledge the Holocaust. They were certainly reluctant to accept the part played by their own people: witness the huge controversy over the 1941 Jedwabne massacre, thought to have been perpetrated by Poles, not Germans.

Now these countries have thrown off the Soviet yoke, anti-Semitism seems in general to be diminishing. It is mainly a preserve of far-right groups in countries such as the Czech Republic and Slovakia. If anything, it is worse in the Balkans than in central Europe or the Baltics. But the most worrying strain of anti-Semitism is not in European Union members, whether old or new, at all. It is farther east, in Russia (see box). That is where reminders of the attitudes that culminated most hideously in Auschwitz maybe needed most. _;

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