



HaKol הקול The Voice

Message from Rabbi Paul Citrin

Dear Friends,

At the TJC's President and Board installation ceremony and luncheon on January 9, we will be privileged to have as our guest speaker Zach Benjamin, the new Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico. Susie and I have already had the pleasure of meeting Zach and his terrific wife and partner, Taina. They are a dynamic young couple who share commitment and vision for their work in the New Mexico Jewish community.

Zach has made it clear in a number of public forums that he is very much at the listening stage in his new position. He is open, thoughtful and responsive to messages he is receiving from many people. I have every confidence you will find that to be the case when Zach visits our community.

When I was at a small private gathering with Zach, I took the opportunity to share two of my concerns with him. The first is that up to now, the Federation has had a track record of being run by too small and unrepresentative of a leadership. I suggested that he and his Board give some thought to restructuring the way the Federation functions. I expressed the idea that rather than having a hand-picked Board selected by a nominating committee, that each institution which participates in the Federation should have a certain number of representatives which would comprise a more representative Federation Board. Of course, my suggestion would require a change of by-laws, but I believe my message was heard and appreciated. It was not the last time I would voice such a thought.

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Chanukah Celebrations

**Annual Interfaith Peace
Chanukah Celebration
Wednesday, December 9
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

St. James Episcopal Church

Unique Taos gathering featuring candle lighting, prayers, speakers from many faiths and songs for peace. Bring a menorah. Bring non-perishable food donations for the Shared Table, the Taos Coalition for Homelessness and the St. James Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome. Free. Sponsored by B'nai Shalom Havurah, TJC, and St James Episcopal Church.



**MRM Holiday Fiesta
Community day
Saturday, December 5
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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**TJC Chanukah Party
Friday, December 11
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 PM Chanukah Party
at the TJC with Rabbi Paul**

Bring a menorah and candles for the 6th night. There will be latkes and jelly doughnuts, singing, games, dreidels and folk dancing. All community members, children and their families, are welcome at this multi-generational Chanukah celebration. Bring donations of nonperishable food items for the Shared Table.

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Message from the President: Not a Farewell

It has finally gotten to be the time for me to write my final HaKol column as TJC President. I usually spend much more time thinking about what to write than the actual writing. There are only so many times one can plead for Board members and volunteers.

This isn't as emotional as I once supposed because it does not really feel like an ending. I am still the President through December, followed by five more months on the Board. Subsequent to that, I won't be going anywhere. I intend to be a very active ex-President as many of my predecessors continue to model. I am attached to the community we have created and plan to be a part of it for however many years I have left. I feel good that I have played a significant role in keeping the TJC together through turbulent times. I do not feel like the TJC has hit its ceiling yet either so there are still more good feelings to be had by future generations of leaders. We had eight new memberships this fall which is unprecedented in my time. Our community continues to grow and diversify; a great omen for our future.

I'm also leaving with the knowledge that the TJC continues to be in good hands. Vice-President, President-elect Jude Goldman Núñez has been an

integral part of the TJC's functioning and success for a long time now. She is undoubtedly more creative than me so I look forward to what new things she may come up with. She will continue to have the support of Treasurer and ex-President Jay Levine who is a wise and steadying influence. He and fellow Board members Lucy Melamed, Susan Ressler and Hannah Salander deserve a thanks too when you see them.

I am humbled that my leaving has become a grand event but thrilled for the welcome we will be giving Jude as incoming President. We'll be having a succession ceremony and installation for the current board members. The bagels and lox luncheon on Sat. January 9 will be at 12:30 p.m., after Torah Study with Rabbi Paul Citrin. Rabbi Paul will be staying to lead the ceremony and I am thrilled that Zach Benjamin, the new Director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, will be attending with his wife. We usually have a Members Brunch in December, but this event will be our winter Member meeting. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. There may be a large crowd eager to see me leave.

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Editor's Note

The Jewish people have long been known as the “people of the book.” Sometimes I think “people of the seasons” may be a better way to describe the children of Israel. A close look at the Jewish calendar shows that many of our major holidays come right as the earth cycles into a new season. As I write this in late October, we have just finished celebrating Sukkot, also referred to as *Chag Ha-Asif*, “The Harvest Festival.” A major theme of Sukkot prayers is thanking God for the harvest. At Passover, also known as *Chag Ha-Aviv*, we celebrate the arrival of spring along with the Exodus from Egypt.

As this issue of *HaKol* goes to press, we are preparing to celebrate Chanukah, another holiday with roots in the changing of the seasons. Scholars believe that Chanukah probably originated as a Winter Solstice celebration. The solstice festivals of neighboring Zoroastrian, Greek and Roman cultures likely influenced the Jewish solstice celebration that predated Chanukah. The first mention of Chanukah and the tale of oil lasting for eight days appeared in the *Talmud*, which was completed approximately 600 years after the Maccabees’ great victory.

In the book *Seasons of Our Joy*, Rabbi Arthur O. Waskow argues that the Seleucids (Syrian Greeks) chose the 25th of Kislev, the first day of Chanukah, as the date to defile the Temple because it fell on the shortest day of the year and a day when the moon was at its dimmest. At its core, Chanukah celebrates the solstice and darkness, Waskow says.

“If we see Hanukkah as intentionally, not accidentally, placed at the moment of the darkest sun and darkest moon, then one aspect of the candles seems to be an assertion of our hope for renewed light,” he says. “Just as at Sukkot we poured the water in order to remind God to pour out rain, perhaps one reason for us to light the candles is to remind God to renew the sun and moon.”

We celebrate Chanukah this year December 6-14, about a month before the start of the secular new year. The Winter Solstice falls on December 22. When we stare into the burning Chanukah candles this year on those dark December nights, I hope we all see a bright outlook for 2016. Let’s hope for another year on earth to enjoy the sun, moon and stars and each new season.

I wish you a *Chag Sameach* and happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.

Sincerely,
Gabe Weinstein

To learn more about the connection between Chanukah and the winter solstice read an excerpt from Rabbi Arthur O. Waskow’s Seasons of Our Joy.
<http://bit.ly/1jBX5Mm>



Chris Wyndham as Josel of Rosheim in “The Fixer”

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Rabbi Paul's Message

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My second suggestion was that JFNM establish a local Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Such an organization exists on a national level under the umbrella of the Jewish Federations of North America. Its purpose is to take positions on issues of social concern and justice from the standpoint of Jewish ethical values. In our own state and communities, we need an organized voice to speak out on many issues: gun violence, immigration, Jewish-Hispanic relations, Israel, employment and education, health care and many other concerns. I hope this message was also heard, and that we will see action taken to create such a voice.

I urge you to attend the TJC presidential

succession ceremony for obvious social reasons, to support our TJC, and to meet and speak with Zach Benjamin. I look forward to sharing that time of renewal with you and with the TJC leadership. Speaking of TJC leadership, we will have a special ceremony installing Jude Goldman Núñez as our new president, along with the TJC Board, and express our deep appreciation to Gary Atias for his profound commitment and exceptional labors on behalf of the TJC. Please mark your calendar to attend this meaningful Shabbat afternoon session.

Shalom,

Rabbi Paul

Keeping the Faith: Chanukah Teaches Us the Importance of Faith

By Karl S. Halpert

Like many observances, Chanukah has its subtle layers. This Festival of Lights tells the story of a small band of warriors, Judah's Maccabees. This tiny group prevails, against all odds, against a much larger and better-equipped Syrian army, an event which was chillingly replayed over two thousand years later in the Six Day War of our own time. In each case, the odds seemed insuperable. After the defeat of the Syrian army, they discover that there is insufficient oil to keep the Temple's sacred lamps lit while a new supply of oil cures. However, unlike the inestimable odds against the Maccabees prevailing in battle, the odds against a day's worth of oil lasting for eight is quite certain. Still, the lamps are lit, a new supply of oil is prepared, and the tiny cruse of oil burns for eight days until the new supply is ready. Hence, our Festival of Lights.

Chanukah commemorates these miracles. But perhaps one of its more subtle lessons is one of faith, and how the might of faith enables one to realize things beyond immediate reason. Faith offers the keeper an implicit trust in an unseen, both within and without: an immeasurable and an

indefinable grace which gives our lives meaning, even if we don't readily understand what that meaning may be. This quest for clarity, this process, makes us human. We are all somewhere in that process. We seek and we reflect - therefore, we are.

There are as many definitions of faith as there are handprints, even within the strictest religious order. Faith is a life's work, changing with maturity and experience, much like a work of art. It ever emerges. It grows and falters, weathers failure and tempers success, surges and regresses. It transcends, and yet contains its own past.

Situations arise that challenge our convictions. Most of us know a time in our lives when we were faced with a commission so daunting as to seem unbearable. It is at such times that some, given the portent of failure, lose resolve. Others are able to suspend judgment and go forth, the favorable outcome determined ahead of time. We read about these people: Maccabees, conquerors, those who have built financial and political empires, athletes, and those with physical or mental challenges.

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M e s s a g e f r o m t h e P r e s i d e n t

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I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you who supported me during my tenure. It is a long list which I will not try to write for fear of forgetting someone. Certainly all Committee Members, fellow Board Members and Rabbi Citrin need to be included.

Thank you for all of the nice feedback I received from my previous article chronicling my daughter Alyssa's summer Cambodian adventure. As a proud Papa, I have to give you an addendum. While still in Rochester, she received a call from UNM in Albuquerque asking her to interview for a job upon her return. It turns out they both wanted each other very badly and she is now the Personal Assistant to the Director of Global Education. Not bad considering she is just now finishing her last two math credits for her B.A. Degree. She will begin an MBA Program at UNM next semester with a focus on international marketing. My daughter and I now both work for the same employer, only her office is much larger than mine.

My June departures from the boards of the TJC and Taos International School do not mean I can become an idle bum just yet. I will still be the Secretary of the New Mexico Association for Infant Mental Health.

I thought this would be an easy board to be on but they need my help more than the TJC or TIS. I'm scheduled to be President in December 2016. This topic is very important to me and I've made a commitment to them until December 2018. I may be ready for retirement about then so I believe I may be done with any future professional commitments.

It was great fun crowding into the TJC on October 11 with 55 other people to see Joanne Forman's musical "The Fixer." I wish something like that could happen every week at the TJC. We are always on the lookout for quality religious or secular events to hold. There are a few lesser known Jewish holidays that often get overlooked because no one wants to take charge and organize them. I promise you that if you are interested in organizing an event appropriate for the TJC, you will get lots of support.

I hope to see many of you at our Chanukah party on December 11, 7:00 p.m., after our potluck dinner. I'll tell you all about my business trip to Orlando and Hogwarts that I will be back from. You are my extended family in Taos and I'm always happy when we can get together!

Shalom and Chag Sameach,
Gary

R a b b i C o m m i t t e e

Rabbi Paul Citrin has provided rabbinic leadership, scholarship and worship to the TJC community since 2013. We appreciate his interest in our community, and his commitment to serving the TJC goals. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to welcome Rabbi Paul and his wife, Susie, to our TJC services, study and celebrations. He will continue to provide leadership for our monthly Shabbaton weekends, through the month of April.

At this time, we must plan ahead for a TJC

Rabbi to succeed Rabbi Paul. The Board of Directors has created a committee to coordinate the search for our next rabbi. The Board is responsible for appointing committee members. The committee currently includes Neal Friedman, Bruce and Cindy Grossman, Rachel Kolman, Roberta and Roger Lerman, Jude Goldman Núñez, and Hannah Salander. To participate please contact me, tjchakol@gmail.com
Shalom,
Jude

Upcoming Events

*All Events take place at the TJC unless otherwise indicated.

December 2015

Taos Minyan

Saturday, December 5
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Millicent Rogers Museum*

Family Holiday Fiesta with Chanukah Room

Saturday, December 5
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Peace Chanukah with B'nai Shalom and St James Episcopal Church*

Wednesday, December 9
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, St. James Episcopal Church
For more information contact Bette Myerson:
575-758-3376 or bette@taosnet.com

December Shabbaton with Rabbi Paul

December 11 - 12
Friday, December 11
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 PM **TJC Chanukah Party**
Saturday, December 12
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Torah Study

Contemplative Torah Study with Hannah

Saturday, December 19
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Parshat Vayigash

January 2016

Taos Minyan TBA

January Shabbaton with Rabbi Paul

January 8 - 9

Friday, January 8
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 9
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Family Shabbat School
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Torah Study

12:30 PM Member Appreciation Lunch

Bagels and Lox Luncheon; Installation of Board Members and Succession Ceremony for new Board President by Rabbi Paul; Guest Speaker Zach Benjamin, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of NM

Contemplative Torah Study with Hannah

Saturday, January 16
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Parshat Bo

Muscular Judaism: A discussion of the Evolution of Jewish Masculinity

by Gabriel Weinstein

Thursday, January 28
7:00 PM

February 2016

Taos Minyan TBA

February Shabbaton with Rabbi Paul

February 12 - 13

Friday, February 12
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 13
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Family Shabbat School
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Torah Study

Contemplative Torah Study with Hannah TBA



"THE FIXER"

A musical drama by Joanne Forman

Performance by Chris Wyndham

Sunday, October 11

Ongoing Activities and Announcements

TJC Monthly Shabbaton

2nd Shabbat of each month.

See the Upcoming Events for dates and details.

TJC Women's Book Group

Dear Readers & Lovers of Books,

Here's an update on the progress and process of the TJC Women's Book Group: We continue to meet on the third Monday of each month, at the TJC. We have a lovely pre-discussion brown bag lunch and "catching-up" time from 11:30 to 12:15 and our very lively, stimulating, and fun discussions run from 12:15 to 1:15 (or 1:30 as the spirit moves us!) We have all recommended books for this coming year and will be selecting our titles at the November meeting. Please join us at our December meeting: Monday, December 21. The book selection for December is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. For more information don't hesitate to get in touch. Marianne Furedi, mfuredi@gmail.com

Men's Shelter Meals

Men's Homeless Shelter, Distribution of Meals: every 3rd Thursday. Food is collected at the TJC. Please contact rlerman57@gmail.com.

Wanted! *HaKol* Contributors

HaKol editor Gabe Weinstein is looking for contributions for the Spring 2016 issue. Do you have a Passover recipe or story that you would like to share? Are you interested in writing an article about poetry that deals with Jewish subjects? Have you been looking for a place to publish your commentary on Jewish religious or cultural topics? Send your ideas to Gabe Weinstein, hakoleditor@gmail.com

Taos Minyan

1st Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Contact Cindy Grossman, cingoldy@gmail.com

Contemplative Torah Study

Please join us for our monthly contemplative Torah study! Our "study" is one of personal and collective inquiry. We ask together, how is this parsha "medicine" for me and our world today? How can this parsha guide me in my life? What is the response of my *nesbama*, my soul, when I hear these words of Torah? Through creating a quiet space of prayerful presence we open ourselves to experience Torah as a living, breathing teaching. The practice we employ when we meet is based on a traditional Catholic monastic practice of Lectio Divinia, divine reading. The practice takes us through 4 ways of engaging with Torah text: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. With this as our structure for listening, silence and response, we aim to experience Torah on a *sod* level, a hidden or secret level of meaning that is embedded within our holy inquiry and presence with each other. No program in November.

4th Saturday of each month, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

For more information, hsalander@yahoo.com

Free Jewish Themed Children's Books

The TJC is partnering with the Jewish Federation of New Mexico to participate in the PJ Library Program which provides free, high quality children's books and music with Jewish themes each month to children 6 months to 11 years of age. Sample books are at the TJC to view and more details will follow. You can learn more about the program at www.pjlibrary.org

Program Committee Update by Gabriel Weinstein

The program committee is always on the lookout for fresh and innovative programming ideas. Please feel free to communicate with committee members Marianne Furedi, Beth Levine, Lucy Melamed and Gabe Weinstein about any ideas you may have for programs. We have had requests for programs on: Jewish Broadway Shows, Yiddish Theater, Yiddish music, Jewish Radio programming, and we welcome other suggestions that reflect the diverse interests of our community.

T J C Library Selections

By Gabe Weinstein

The Taos Jewish Center Library has a book for all readers. The collection includes titles by acclaimed Yiddish author Isaac Bashevis Singer, titles about Jewish Spain written by Benzion Netanyahu, an Israeli historian and the father of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and children's books. Some books in the TJC Library are also part of B'nai Shalom Havurah's collection. Below are short summaries of two books in the TJC's and B'nai Shalom's vast holdings.

How to Raise a Jewish Dog

by Ellis Weiner & Barbara Davilman

Are Jewish dogs different than non-Jewish dogs? *Very different*, according to the rabbis of the esteemed Boca Raton Theological Seminary (BRTS).

"A Jewish dog has three important traits that an ordinary dog doesn't have: an exaggerated sense of his own wonderfulness, an exaggerated sense of his own shortcomings, and an extremely close relationship with his master," the faculty writes in *How to Raise a Jewish Dog*.

In this satirical how-to book Ellis Weiner and Barbara Davilman share the wisdom of the sages of the fictional Boca Raton Theological Seminary to help dog owners raise their dogs with strong Jewish values and identity.

Weiner and Davilman poke fun at American Jewish culture through BRTS' dog training tips. The BRTS faculty suggests saying the Yiddish word "*nu*" as a way to encourage your dog to hurry up and use the bathroom.

In many ways *How to Raise a Jewish Dog* reads like a parenting book. Weiner and Davilman discuss the proper diet and exercise for Jewish dogs. The authors even offer advice on explaining the complexity of Jewish identity and culture to canines. Their answer for why Jewish dogs are forbidden from eating pizza crusts and sitting in their owner's lap while driving are classic.

"Everyone does things their own way," Weiner and Davilman write. "Your dog friends who have not been raised Jewish have rules that are right for them, while you have rules that are right for you."

How to Raise a Jewish Dog will be appreciated by dog lovers and non-dog loving readers looking for a good laugh.

The Amos Oz Reader

Selected and edited by Nitza Ben-Dov and introduction by Robert Alter

Israeli novelist, journalist and writer Amos Oz is well-known to global audiences. Oz has won dozens of international awards over the years and is one of Israel's most acclaimed writers, thinkers and public intellectuals.

Many Americans will be introduced to Oz through Natalie Portman's film adaptation of his autobiographical novel, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*. The film version of *A Tale of Love and Darkness* was filmed in Hebrew and premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in April and was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

The Amos Oz Reader is divided into four categories based on the major themes that appear throughout Oz's career: the kibbutz, his personal life, Jerusalem and the notion of a promised land. The selections come from Oz's fictions and essays dating from the 1960s until 2005.

In the introduction, UC-Berkley professor Robert Alter writes that the influences of his Jerusalem childhood, the kibbutz, modern state of Israel and the reality of everyday life in the Jewish state are manifested in fiction that "addresses readers everywhere who are constrained to live with civilization and its discontents, with the impulse to impose order on the world despite the troubling ambiguities of the disorderliness within." *The Amos Oz Reader* is a great way to get a taste of one of the world's most celebrated writers.

M u s c u l a r J u d a i s m
T h u r s d a y , J a n u a r y 2 8 , 2 0 1 6 , 7 P M
b y G a b r i e l W e i n s t e i n

This fall the Israeli professional basketball team Maccabi Tel-Aviv toured the United States, playing exhibition games against Italian powerhouse Armani Milan at Chicago's United Center and New York's Madison Square Garden.

Were he still alive, Max Nordau would be smiling. Nordau, a German-Jewish physician and prominent Zionist, coined the term "Muscular Judaism." To Nordau the concept of Muscular Judaism was more complex than merely advocating for a more physically fit Jewish people. Nordau envisioned Muscular Judaism as a mode of thinking that would instill discipline, agility, strength and nationalism in Western and Eastern European Jews.

Global Jewry and Zionism have changed greatly since Nordau first introduced the idea of Muscular Judaism at the Second World Zionist Congress in 1898. Please join the Program Committee for a discussion about Muscular Judaism led by program committee member Gabe Weinstein on Thursday, January 28, 2016, 7 p.m. at the TJC. He will discuss where the idea of the weak Jewish man came from and how the perception of Jewish masculinity and physicality has changed over the past century. Weinstein will discuss how "Muscular Judaism" gave rise to sports clubs like Hakoah Vienna and influenced the modern Israeli state.

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The late Christopher Reeve, ironically, became a real-life "Superman" after losing the use of his body. We don't, however, read about those who quietly face these trials with an illness, a business failure, or a troubled personal relationship. They are the faithful no less. The urgency of a small army locked in battle may require no more resolve than that of a farmer keeping a crop alive, a person learning to walk after an illness, or a parent managing family duress. In these and similar circumstances, faith requires belief in an outcome yet unseen, unlikely, perhaps illogical. For some, faith is a suspension of judgment that favors a belief that a greater order of things shall unfold. Faith may be so implicit that the believer is not even concerned about the manner in which the cosmic computer may work things out; so much so, that even attempting to predict such outcomes may restrict one's infinite capacity for creating order out of chaos, resolution out of a million tangled ends.

Such faith often requires turning a deaf ear to the loving advice of family and friends. Even more difficult, one must sometimes suspend what the Eastern mystics refer to as "monkey chatter", the internal dialog. Surely, there is a Talmudic reference to this as well. Many who have prevailed against such odds can attest that it was a seamless dynamic of belief and intention that fueled the process. Belief in the face of contrary evidence. Intention without judgment.

So it is in this Chanukah spirit that I wish each of us, Maccabees in our own right, a *Chag Sameach*. It is my further wish that each of us trace that inextinguishable *Shamash* within, with which we kindle our light of faith. It is this quiet faith that enables us to be the heroes we are to our families, friends, and communities.

Happy Chanukah,
Karl

Editor's Note: This article originally appeared as an Editor's Message in the Winter 2004 HaKol. Karl S. Halpert is a former editor of HaKol.

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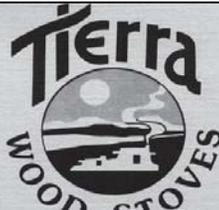
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Member Appreciation Lunch Saturday, January 9, 12:30 PM

Join us at the TJC on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 12:30 PM for our Member Appreciation Lunch when we will show our appreciation for the TJC Board of Directors with an Installation Ceremony. Current board members are: Jay Levine, Lucy Melamed, Susan Ressler, Hannah Salander, and Jude Goldman Núñez.

Rabbi Paul will officiate at this special event. It will include the succession of the board President. Help us thank Gary Atias for his service, and welcome Jude Goldman Núñez as our new President.

The Member Lunch offers TJC members the opportunity to connect with fellow members and

enjoy the benefits of membership. Please come for the delicious bagels and lox lunch, and the delightful camaraderie of dear friends in our community. Special Guest Zach Benjamin, Executive Director, will speak about the Jewish Federation of NM.

If you are not currently a member, or have put off your renewal for 5776, please complete the membership pledge form on page 11 in this issue, and mail it or bring it with you to the lunch. We look forward to the pleasure of your company, your membership and your participation.

Taos Jewish Center Torah Fund

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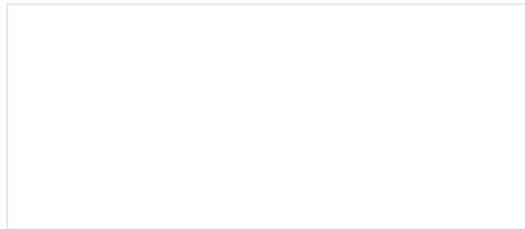
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