



Hakol
הקול 'The Voice'

Thank You Beth

One time when I was visiting a celebration of the winter holidays at the Millicent Rogers Museum, I saw Beth Goldman sharing games, toys, stories and information about Chanukah with a group of children. This was before the formation of the Taos Jewish Center. When it came time to hire an Executive Director for the Center, I realized that Beth would be the perfect ambassador for Judaism in Taos County. In fact, she has been that and more. She has aligned the TJC with important groups such as the New Mexico Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Historical Society. Over the years she has obtained major grants and has built a membership base that is

solid and supportive. Tirelessly Beth has developed and maintained amicable and productive relationships with the Taos schools, Holy Cross Hospital, St. James Episcopal church, The Taos Living Center and many other churches and organizations, relationships which have resulted in making the Taos Jewish Center a vital and important part of our community. ■

Thank you so much Beth for all you have contributed to the Taos Jewish Center. I wish you well in all your future pursuits.

Bruce Grossman, Editor

An Interview with Beth Goldman



Hakol: It's August 10th, 2011, this is Bruce Grossman, Editor of Hakol. I am at the Taos Jewish Center with Beth Goldman, Executive Director of the Center. Beth, what's your Taos story? How did you arrive here?

Beth: We came to Taos in 1988. And, basically, we were looking for a place to move to and were considering Santa Fe, but a

chain of events changed that, mainly running into someone I had met at a Ram Dass Retreat at Omega earlier that summer. I ran into them at the Albuquerque airport and my baggage and their baggage didn't come through and we connected for four hours waiting for our baggage. They were coming up to Taos, and they invited us to come along. And that's how we ended up coming here for the first time. We

had a three-week vacation and we were camping outside of Taos and we came back to town five times in that three weeks. And by the time we left we had made an offer on a home to turn into a bed and breakfast, which is kind of what we were planning to do wherever we moved.

Hakol: And what was your first Jewish experience in Taos?

Beth: I think it was going to High Holiday Services led by Rabbi Chavah Carp, sponsored by B'nai Shalom Havurah. And the thing that was really responsible for my getting more involved in the Jewish community was when my father-in-law passed away, Jack Fichtelberg, in 1998. An invitation was extended to our family to come to the Taos Minyan to say Kaddish. And that experience is what brought me back into — rekindled my interest in — Judaism and brought me back into the community.

Hakol: How did you get involved with B'nai Shalom?

Beth: I showed up at a Holiday Service and Bette Myerson asked me afterwards if I would come to a membership meeting, an annual meeting.

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High Holiday Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Wed., September 28

Candle Lighting 6:30 pm (see page 9)

Evening Service 6:45 pm

Thursday, September 29

Sunrise Hike / Blessings

6:30 am – 7:00 am (see page 9)

Morning Services

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Tashlikh 1:55 pm (see page 9)

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 30

Morning Services 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 7

Kol Nidrei Service 5:50 pm

Candle Lighting / Evening Service

6:20 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 8

Morning Services

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Avodah Service 3:00 pm

Yizkor Service 4:00 pm

Neilah Service ends 7:00 pm

Havdalah 7:15 pm

Break Fast 7:20 pm

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Editor's Message

A Brief Note on Faith

Along with salmon and eagles, Jews congregate during this season to confront their destiny. It is not a time to be alone although it is not uncommon to feel lonely when encountering the mystery of faith. Once more we long for the ancient bellow of the Shofar and the haunting melodic drone of Kol Nidre. How strange and miraculous to set aside our cyber toys and return to the same common denominator that beckoned our tribal ancestors at Sinai. During the "Days of Awe" our vulnerability is once more exposed and we take a symbolic knee to the earth in hopes of assuaging whatever power lies at the end and the beginning of the long string of creation. We discover comfort in our community as we witness and share our common struggle with the unknown. May it be a sweet and enduring year filled with blessed rain and lasting peace for you, your family and the world.

I extend a special thanks to Beth Goldman whose nine years of devoted service has made the TJC a vital part of Jewish life in Taos. Once again we have a new contributor, Jeff Salloway, whose article "Circles" gives us plenty to ponder. Leah Alexander begins an appetizing new food column, "Bubbe Leya's Gut Essen," that will keep us sated throughout the year. Thanks to Kathleen Burg for her earthy Chesed piece and to Rabbi David Stein for his thoughts about the High Holidays and for sharing his experience of compiling a new Machzor, the prayer book for the High Holidays. ■

La Shana Tova
— Bruce Grossman, Editor

Circles ***by Kalonymos***

The rabbi was in mid-service. He had made it back for Shabbat, but carried with him the baggage of fatigue. In the pockets of his suit were stuffed the sermons of four decades and the weight of preparing for yet another penitential season. A meager minyan sang along with him, all sotto voce, in soft voice. The paid janitor, barely done with his chores, lingered silently at the back, leaning on his broom.

"Please turn," the rabbi said, "to page 228 and join me in singing the Eyl Adon." [Editor's note: Eyl Adon or El Adon is a morning prayer that is recited daily and on festivals before the Shema in traditional services. The Hebrew translates as "God, the Master."] Though it was no different than before; though no fewer voices were heard than were always heard, he stopped, his patience ended.

"The note at the top says this is a mystical hymn. We're supposed to get something special out of it, something extra, something to give us greater insight. So tell me, what's so mystical about this prayer?"

Whom he addressed was not clear. He might have meant the minyan. He might have meant himself. Or he might have meant the Master whom he had pledged to serve.

A voice from the back offered tenuously, "Well, there's the chariot image. It's the notion of wheels, of circles. I think it's from Ezekiel's mystical vision."

The rabbi was devoid of patience. "Ezekiel? Ezekiel? He was a madman! Do you know what he meant? Does anyone know what he meant? Isaiah I can understand. But what's this nonsense? The spirit of the creatures was in the wheels?"

The janitor moved. He straightened, stood erect. He caught the eye of the rabbi and smiled the slight smile which they exchanged each day in gentle passing.

"Rabbi," he almost whispered.

The rabbi, not used to response from Steven, nodded his permission for the janitor to speak. Steven began softly. "Black Elk, the great medicine man of the Oglala Lakota, also spoke of a vision. He said, 'Round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shape of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw that it was holy.' It's all wheels, Rabbi. All circles. It's all connected. We're all connected."

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Farewell, from the Executive Director

I am both sad and excited as I sit down to write my final message to the community, as Executive Director of the Taos Jewish Center. The TJC has been a key focal point of my life for nearly nine years. It is hard to say goodbye and exciting to move towards something new. I began my work here in November 2002; this was one of three part-time jobs I had at the time. In a very short time, the job demanded a full-time commitment and I was faced with a decision: Should I leave my other jobs and work full-time at the TJC?

I don't remember many details about that decision-making process, but I do recall that I was concerned about becoming "too Jewish". I can't really say what being "too Jewish" meant to me at that time, but it seems to me that I have probably grown into exactly the person I was afraid of becoming. To my surprise, this is not a problem. How life unfolds!

I have been given so many gifts and opportunities during my tenure as Executive Director, and for that I thank all of you. The mentoring and guidance I have received from the Board and other community members has been immeasurable. I have been fortunate to cultivate many new friendships and acquaintances – I feel as though I have had the rare opportunity to live in the very heart of this community. I have witnessed births and deaths, weddings and conversions. I have experienced the rhythm of the Jewish calendar, and plunged into Kabbalah study. I can't begin to enumerate all that I have gained during these years. If I am fortunate enough to stay in Taos, then I believe I will leave very little of this behind. I will remain a member of the community.

I look forward to supporting the upcoming changes that will occur within the Taos Jewish Center under new leadership. This is a time when the TJC needs your help and commitment more than ever. I encourage you to check in and see how you can lend a hand. Blessings to the Taos Jewish Center and to each of us, as we turn the corner towards new possibilities. ■

— Beth Goldman

What If You Edited the Prayer Book?

by Rabbi David E. S. Stein

Perhaps some of you haven't thought about the High Holy Days in a while; and maybe you're not really looking forward to it quite yet: "Rosh Hashanah already? Didn't we do that last year?"

Well, imagine my life since you and I last saw each other. During the past eight months, I've been dealing with the High Holy Days for an average of more than an hour per day. That's because I'm working part-time as the project manager for the production of a machzor (High Holy Day prayer book) that's being developed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (i.e., the Reform movement). I've been helping to prepare a few sample sections. As several editorial teams (working on different aspects, in parallel) experiment with various approaches to translation, layout, commentary, and so forth, many of the Reform movement's member synagogues are taking the time to test what actually works. It's a large-scale pilot program. In order to do a "dry run," some congregations even held a Rosh Hashanah evening service in February. That's right, in midwinter. More testing is coming this fall. And there'll be two more years of tinkering until the book is actually published.

Producing a machzor necessarily involves huge questions: What are the High Holy Days for, anyway? How do we relate to traditional Jewish ritual approaches, conceptual themes, and literary imagery? What do we stand for? What moves us spiritually? It turns out that for those who participate, the process of developing a prayer book is tantamount to defining what it means to be a Jew in the context of our contemporary society.

I myself have gone through a similar process whenever I've led High Holy Day services. As the organizer, I get to choose what to include, and what to emphasize. Will we handle a certain theme via prose or poetry; Hebrew or English; spoken or sung; storytelling or discussion? What does this particular audience need to experience? I have considered the resulting compilation to be a work of ritual art that's meant to truly move the participants (if they are willing to risk being open to it).

The responsibility for developing worship services has been personally rewarding. By the time I show up at services, I've pretty much cleared out the cobwebs of mental confusion, spiritual cowardice, and emotional resistance. I've decided basically where I'm headed, and how I'll proceed to get there. I'm charged up and ready to go.

A fortunate few of you surely know what I mean, because you've had occasion to lead High Holy Day services, too. Or you've assembled your own Passover Haggadah, or led your own

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Chesed Project: Abundant is Their Circle

Seeds planted in spring for end of summer substance, dried up in the extreme heat or blew away in the ever-constant winds. Plants drooped with the smoke of forests burning or from a soil turned hard. I had planted with good intention, whispering prayers, watering day and night. The consensus among my fellow gardeners was “it just might not happen.”

I kept watering, using an entangled combination of attached hoses and drip irrigation. Then, as if on cue from an unseen source, vegetables and flowers developed recognizable shapes but in places other than planted, and not what I thought I had planted. Instead of carrots, marigolds popped up. Arugula asserted itself everywhere it could. Lettuce and basil grew for the first time. I kept cultivating. The monsoons

came, reluctantly, drip by drip until the heavens exploded. In payment for life preserving rain, I gave away herbs, fruits, flowers and vegetables. In response I received the same, a perfect balance. *Produce, then provide, grow then give.* Fall harvest would happen after all.

The caregivers that come every month to the support groups that Chesed sponsors are like gardeners. They dig, plant and hoe through hard soil, hoping and praying for assistance. Throughout travails and tribulations, they keep on coming. Then, without warning, unexpected things begin to happen, unlikely friendships occur. Alliances are made. Sharing understanding, compassion, and laughter, they receive the same. Abundant is their circle. ■

— Kathleen Burg, Director Chesed Project

Chesed Project Events Ongoing at the TJC

Restorative Yoga meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30-10:30.

Rosen Method of Exercise Weekly Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 am taught by Susie Verkamp TJC.

Caregiver Support Group Monthly 2nd Tuesday of month from 5-6:30 pm TJC.

Artstreams: From the Well of Memory Monthly the last Wednesday of month 1-2:30 pm Call for location.

Memoir Writing call for schedule.

Chesed gets grant awards

Chesed has recently been awarded a grant of \$5,396 from NM Arts and \$1,360 from the Taos Community Foundation, primarily for its work with individuals with Alzheimer's and their family caregivers. The TJC staff, Board, and members, as well as the participants in the Chesed project, wish to express thanks to NM Arts and Taos Community Foundation for their support. ■

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by Rabbi David E. S. Stein

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Seder, or a Kabbalat Shabbat service. The reward is proportional to the effort, right?

So the thought occurs to me: *I wish that all of you could have the experience of developing the High Holy Day services this year.* Well, maybe you can. Perhaps set aside some time to reflect on what you would do if you were compiling our *machzor* for this year. If you do, and you're willing to jot down some notes, email them to me or give me a call. I'd love to see what you come up with. Wouldn't you?

If you want to respond to this article you can e-mail Rabbi David at tjc.rabbi@davidesstein.name or call him at: 424-227-8771

Periodically during the next several weeks, check out Rabbi David's "Preparing for the High Holy Days" page on the TJC web site:

Go to: taosjewishcenter.org, click on "Messages from the Rabbi" and then click on "Preparing for the High Holidays" or (taosjewishcenter.org/high_holidays.php). As in past years, he plans to post occasional and timely tidbits. He's composed them just for us in Taos. This year, his page will go "live" on the new moon that's exactly one Hebrew month before Rosh Hashanah (corresponding with August 31). New posts will appear until just before Yom Kippur.

Taos Jewish Center High Holidays 5772

Dear Friends and TJC Members,
The 5772 High Holidays are quickly approaching. The Board and Ritual Committee would love to have the honor of your presence. All services will be at the TJC at 1335 Gusdorf Road, Suite R. The first night (Erev) Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday September 28. We convene at 6:30 with candle lighting and service at 6:45. Yom Kippur begins the evening (Kol Nidrei) of Friday, October 7.

Services will be conducted by Rabbi David S. Stein for the sixth consecutive year. We would love to share the honors of Torah raiser (hagbah), carrier or dresser (glilah). We will also need help from greeters, potluck coordinators, and clean-up crews. Please call Bruce

Grossman at 758-1068 if you are interested. Free childcare will once again be offered next door. Please RSVP with Gary Atias at 751-9587 if you need childcare. The Taos Jewish Center does not issue tickets for High Holiday Services. Annual membership fees include admission to all High Holiday Services. For non-members we suggest a donation of \$75 per person per service or \$100 per service per family. To request or provide a scholarship, contact the TJC. Everyone is welcome, no one is turned away.

Shana Tova from the High Holiday Planning Committee: Hannah Salander, Gary Atias and Bruce Grossman. ■

An interview with Beth Goldman

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Hakol: What are your memories about the formation of the Taos Jewish Center?

Beth: I was attending the Minyan. I was involved with B'nai Shalom. And actually, Bruce, I don't remember if it was you or Bruce Ross, but one of you came up to me afterwards and said that a group of people were going to be meeting to talk about creating a Jewish Center. And of course, I think that had already happened twice since I had been in Taos, unsuccessfully. I was invited to attend and there weren't a lot of people who were both involved with B'nai Shalom and the Minyan, so I was a good bridge. There were a few others. And so, I attended a meeting at Carmi Plaut's house and it was December of 2001. And I stayed involved from that point until this point.

Hakol: What prompted you to apply for the director's position?

Beth: I've always enjoyed organizational work. Up until that point, I had done it as a volunteer. I had done fundraising and had led groups and done a lot of meeting facilitation. I was really interested in the future of the Taos Jewish Center. And I felt like I would have skills to offer and it would be something that would really feed me.

Hakol: Please share some of your fondest memories as the "ED" of the Taos Jewish Center.

Beth: I have fond memories of particular events; I have fond memories of working with specific individuals. And then, I have memories of the feelings that were created here, the synergy that happened at different times. In terms of specific activities: the first time that the religious school met here and their first year, just walking in when the kids were here and the energy of all the kids, was really inspiring. I really enjoyed that. And the anniversary celebration is one of my favorite events. It's always so uplifting and so wonderful to see people, everyday-heroes kind of people, being recognized. And I always enjoy the trek, the Hike-a-thon, being out in the country and up in the mountains and being with people and community and eating together and talking and ending up with different groups of people throughout the day. That's a wonderful event. I like meeting with new community members. When somebody either walks in for the first time and says, "We're new in town. What's going on 'Jewishly' in Taos?" Or sometimes, I'll get a phone call from somebody who'll say, "So-and-so's new in town." And I'll call them and I'll go and meet with them and say "Hello" and welcome them. I like doing that. There's another event, actually, that I was thinking about the other day that was really incredible — when Leon Leyson, who's a survivor from the Holocaust, was here. That was an evening that was just remarkable and moving and meaningful for me. It touched me forever. Another thing that stands out for me is my relationship to Judaism and my growth in my relationship to Judaism since I've been here at the TJC. I've learned so much more about the Jewish calendar and I've participated in a lot of classes and been asked a lot of questions that I've had to look up the answers for. I've learned in the

process. I've met and gotten close to many people — the people that I've worked with in different ways, volunteers and committee members, committee chairs, Board members, and getting to know people like Leonard Lecht, and then, being asked to lead his memorial service; getting to know Helen Doroshov; people that I wouldn't have ever had as acquaintances that I became very close with and who became like family to me. I've probably had that with countless other people. And that is a pretty remarkable benefit of the job.

Hakol: What do you think is in the future for the TJC?

Beth: I've had my vision for the TJC, but basically I feel like it's not my role to project the future for the TJC. It's my role to step back and see what happens. I see that there are some of the same questions for people who are in leadership now that were up for us nine years ago when we were starting, questions about the balance between ritual and cultural events, social activities, working with people of all different ages. These are still huge areas that need to be addressed.

Hakol: What's been the most challenging thing or things for you as the first and only executive director of the TJC?

Beth: The most challenging things have probably been also the biggest opportunities for growth. I would say there are two things. One is: learning how to take care of myself, maintain integrity, do my best and give my best to the community, while making all those work together. That is always the question in most things that I do. And the second challenging thing is, not having a model or a roadmap to follow and not having one specific mentor to work with, not having a person who has been down this exact road before to talk to. I had many people who helped me and gave me advice and supported me and supported the growth of the TJC by sharing their ideas and opinions and ideas and suggestions. But, I think that it's such a complex creation — the Taos Jewish Center — that there's no roadmap; and that, again, like I said, it's an opportunity, but it's also a big challenge.

Hakol: Is there anything else that you'd like to share with our readership?

Beth: I would like to thank everybody, thank volunteers, the people who have contributed, the people who have stepped forward to take leadership, people who served on our committees and our committee chairs, the past Board members, the current Board members, the past Board presidents, Kathleen Burg from the Chesed Project. I just — there's a huge number of hours that go into the TJC and a lot — the majority of it is done by volunteers and committees and Board members. And I think that where we've gotten to today is because of the input from everybody. And I want to thank everybody for the personal support I've gotten, for the friendships and for the commitment to making Jewish Community in Taos.

Hakol: Well, thank you very much, Beth, for this interview and for everything you've done for the Taos Jewish Center.

Beth: Thank you. ■

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10th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday Sept. 11, 1:30 pm at the TJC

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premier of a new cantata by Joanne Forman

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Vision Statement:

The TJC is a Jewish community that embraces and invites all to build relationships in a vibrant, welcoming home.

Ongoing Activities at the TJC

New schedule for **Current Affairs**, the first Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7:00pm.

Lively discussion group about current issues in the news, with a focus on Jewish community interests. Whether you itch to express your point of view or prefer to listen, it is the place to be. Donations accepted.

Chanting at TJC led by Ziva Moyal

Meditation through Chanting

First Friday of the month 9:30-10:30 am

Sept. 2, Nov. 4 (no group on Oct. 7, Yom Kippur)

TJC Chanting Circle, Thematic Meditation

Third Tuesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm

Sept. 20, Oct 18, Nov. 15

Taos Minyan's Torah Study

Saturdays Taos Minyan's

Shabbat Services 7:15 am

Torah Study at 9:00 am

Prayer book: Mishkan T'filah

Hebrew, English and Transliteration



Ziva teaches Chanting and Kabbalah classes at the TJC

New Activities

We're Lost, But We're Making Good Time: Preparing for the High Holidays with Lessons from Yogi Berra and Other Rabbis

Thursday September 8th, 7:00pm

Suggested donation \$8/\$6 members

Rabbi Jack Shlachter will offer a teaching on the month of Elul, the month that provides a distinctive, annual opportunity to exercise cheshbon ha-nefesh, an accounting of the soul. We look back on the past year, identify areas for improvement, and make goals for the future. In this class we'll explore the traditional themes and ceremonies associated with the entire High Holiday season, and we'll discuss meaningful practices to help us get the most out of the Days of Awe.

Rabbi Jack is a passionate admirer of the rabbinic literature, which is reflected in his extensive library of rabbinic texts. He has been well-received many times by the Taos community, including his visit several years ago when he led the TJC Community Seder. We are pleased to welcome him back to Taos.

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10th Anniversary Memorial

Sunday Sept. 11, 1:30 pm at the TJC (see page 5 for details)

Eretz Shalom Cemetery, Semi annual cleanup

Friday Sept. 23, 5:00pm

Tasks include watering the bulbs, picking up trash, cutting weeds, moving some dirt, raising some headstones, reciting Kaddish & welcoming Shabbat.

Go to the TJC website home page (www.taosjewishcenter.org) for a map to how to get to the cemetery. Call Roger Lerman for information regarding cemetery plots and help with directions. 758-0710.

Annual Mountain Trek

Long Canyon Trail, TSV, Sunday October 2, 9:30 am

Like to hike? You will probably want to join us for the Taos Jewish Center's Fall Mountain Trek, in memory of Roy Sharfin. This year hikers will meet in the TSV parking lot, and receive a lift from Northside Taos Ski Valley, a shuttle service that will transport you to the trailhead. Please plan to bring your own lunch and water. Registration is \$40/person and additional donations in memory of Roy Sharfin are encouraged to support the many activities of Taos Jewish Center and the Chesed Project. Advanced registration is required to ride the shuttle. A memorial service will be held for Roy at the shuttle drop off point, before the hike begins.

If you'd prefer to skip the hike, but would enjoy spending some time up in the fresh mountain air, then register and take the shuttle up to the trailhead for the memorial service and join up with others for a picnic and mellow afternoon.

Since 2008 the Llama Trek has been dedicated to the hike's founder, Roy Sharfin. Roy shared his gentle spirit and love of humanity with all. He was a well-loved mentor, role model, teacher, dentist, meditator, lover of nature, and compassionate man. Join us to honor Roy's memory. This year, Roy's widow, Sharon Rosenthal will be joining the hike, all the way from Hawaii. Remember to bring your own lunch. The hike is moderate to difficult. Hikers form casual groups, hike at their own pace, meet up with others for lunch, and self-determine the length of their hike.

B'nai Shalom Sukkot Celebration

Sunday October 16, 3:00 pm. RSVP: Bette Myerson 758-3376

Beginner and Intermediate Kabbalah Class Begins

For those of you who have been waiting for the opportunity to get a basic taste of Kabbalah, a new study group will start in October! We will meet on Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm and will examine central Kabbalistic concepts using the book *General Principles of Kabbalah*, by Rabbi Moses Luzzatto.

This group is for beginners as well as more advanced students seeking to broaden their perspectives. Regular attendance is essential as the material is complex. Instructor Ziva Moyal has been leading Kabbalah study and chanting at the TJC for several years.

If you are interested call the TJC 758-8615, or for further questions about the content please call Ziva Moyal at 751-1442.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Simchat Torah Gathering

Friday October 21, 6:30 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Taos Jewish Center's Ninth Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday November 1st 7:00 pm, Delicious dessert buffet Honoring Our Treasured Volunteers upon whom the TJC relies so heavily.

Kabbalat Shabbat Prayer Service and Potluck

Led by Rabbi Stephen Landau

Friday November 11th 6:30 pm

Bring a vegetarian potluck dish to share

Rabbi Stephen Landau was ordained in 2008 by Rabbi Arthur Green and the faculty of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Boston. In May 2011 he made his first visit to the Taos Jewish Center to share his knowledge of S'fardi Piyutim. Rabbi Stephen resides in Albuquerque and is the Rabbi at the Solomon Schechter Day School.

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				1	2	3 <i>Shofetim</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala: 8:08
4	5 TJC Office Closed <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	6 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	7 Restorative Yoga 9:30-10:30am <i>Current Affairs @ TJC</i> 5:30-7:00pm	8 Accounting of the Soul with Rabbi Jack Shlachter, 7pm	9 Light Candles 7:02	10 <i>Ki Teitzei</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 7:57
11 Religious School Class meets 10-11:30 9/11 Memorial 10th Anniversary The Event and Its Aftermaths, 1:30pm	12 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	13 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am Caregiver's Support Group 5-6:30pm	14	15	16 Light Candles 6:51	17 <i>Ki Tavo</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 7:46
18	19 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	20 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am Monthly Healing Chant Circle 5:30pm	21 Restorative Yoga 9:30-10:30am	22	23 *Eretz Shalom Cemetery Clean up 5:00pm Light Candles 6:41	24 <i>Nitzavim and Vayeilech</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 7:35
25 Religious School Class meets 10-11:30	26 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	27 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	28 ARTSTREAMS: From the Well Of Memory, Eve of Rosh Hashanah Light Candles 6:33	29 Rosh Hashanah Candle Lighting 6:30 Evening Service 6:45 Light Candles 7:28	30 Rosh Hashanah Sunrise Hike / Blessings 6:30 - 7:00 am Morning Services 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Tashlikh 1:55 pm Light Candles 6:30	

OCTOBER • TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5772

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Ha A'zinu</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 7:25
2 Annual Mountain Trek 9:30am Religious School Class meets 10-11:30	3 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	4 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	5 Restorative Yoga 1-2pm <i>Current Affairs @ TJC</i> 5:30-7:00pm	6	7 Eve of Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei Service 5:50 pm Candle Lighting / Evening Service 6:20 pm Light Candles 6:20	8 Yom Kippur Morning Services 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Avodah Service 3:00 pm Yizkor Service 4:00 pm Neilah Service ends 7:00 pm Havdalah 7:15 pm Break Fast 7:20 pm
9	10 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	11 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am Caregiver's Support Group 5-6:30pm	12 Eve of Sukkot	13 Sukkot Day 1	14 Sukkot Day 2 Light Candles 6:10	15 <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 7:05
16 Religious School Class meets 10-11:30 B'nai Shalom Sukkot * 3:00pm	17 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	18 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am Monthly Healing Chant Circle 5:30pm	19 Restorative Yoga 1-2pm	20 <i>Kabbalah 101</i> 4:00-5:30pm Shemini Atzeret	21 Simchat Torah and Kabbalat Shabbat Light Candles 6:01	22 <i>B'reishit</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 6:57
23	24 <i>Kabalah Study Group</i> 4:30-6:00pm	25 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	26 ARTSTREAMS: From The Well Of Memory, 1-2:30pm*	27 <i>Kabbalah 101</i> 4:00-5:30pm	28 Light Candles 5:53	29 <i>Noach (Rosh Chodesh)</i> <i>Services 7:15am</i> <i>Torah Study 9:00am</i> Havdala 6:49
30	31					

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30 am TJC's 9th Anniversary Honoring Our Treasured Volunteers 7:00pm	2 Restorative Yoga 1-2pm Current Affairs @ TJC 5:30-7:00pm	3 Kabbalah 101 4:00-5:30pm	4 Meditation thru Chant 9:30-10:30am Light Candles 5:46	5 <i>Lech L'cha</i> Services 7:15am Torah Study 9:00am Havdala 6:42
6 Religious School Class meets 10-11:30	7	8 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30 am Caregiver's Support Group 5-6:30pm Tisha B' Av	9	10 Kabbalah 101 4:00-5:30pm	11 Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Stephen Landau 6:30 PM Light Candles 4:39	12 <i>Vayeira</i> Services 7:15am Torah Study 9:00am Havdala 5:37
13 Religious School Class meets 10-11:30	14	15 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am Healing Chant Circle 5:30-6:30pm	16 Restorative Yoga 1-2pm	17 Kabbalah 101 4:00-5:30pm	18 Light Candles 4:34	19 <i>Chayei Sarah</i> Services 7:15am Torah Study 9:00am Havdala 5:33
20	21	22 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	23	24 Thanksgiving Office closed	25 Light Candles 4:31	26 <i>Tol'dot</i> Services 7:15am Torah Study 9:00am Havdala 5:30
27	28	29 Rosen Method Exercise 9:30-10:30am	30 ARTSTREAMS: From The Well Of Memory, 1-2:30pm*			

*These activities do not take place at the TJC

SHABBAT WITH THE TAOS MINYAN

Shabbat Services 7:15 am. followed by Torah Study at 9:00 am.

ARTSTREAMS: FROM THE WELL OF MEMORY is an interactive art discussion for the memory-impaired and their caregivers sponsored by the Chesed Project. New participants should pre-register by calling Kathleen at 758-8615. Held the last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 at area museums, the Taos Fire Station and art galleries.

CURRENT AFFAIRS AT THE TJC TJC is a monthly "round-table" (1st Wednesday of the month) discussion of international and national news as well as issues of local interest: local politicians, movers/shakers, and other VIP's frequently join for Q&A session; refreshments; donations accepted.

**CELEBRATE TJC'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 7:00PM
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Resource Guide

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A Tribute to Beth Goldman

by Bette Myerson

Taos Jewish Center TJC has been blessed with Beth Goldman as its Executive Director almost since the inception of the organization. The TJC would not be what it is today without Beth's loving, conscientious and steadfast guidance. For nine years she has put her heart and soul into this organization, 24/7 – remembering and taking care of all the details, all the communications, all the programs. We are most grateful for her outstanding leadership.

Beth is the embodiment of the Jewish tradition of mitzvot and tikun olam. She seems to have boundless energy to help others, do for others, and support them – in many different ways. She visits the sick, she drives elderly and incapacitated friends to events, services,

and concerts, and she brings food to shut-ins. All with no fanfare, no big deal. She is a wonderful mother to her daughter Esther, and a good friend. Always thoughtful, always kind, always generous. She thinks of many ways to help others – without being asked.

She always takes the moral high ground, and always tries to do the right thing. A role model for us all. And when others do for her or for the community, she is always the first to say thank you. Taos has been most blessed to have Beth Goldman here since the late 80's. While the TJC will miss her, we wish her continued success and fulfillment in whatever endeavors she pursues. Whatever it is, I know she will continue to make a difference in the world. ■

Bubbe Leya's Gut Essen (Grandma Leah's Good Things to Eat)

by Leah Alexander

In this corner I will give you just what it says: good things to eat. Many are from Jewish tradition, straight out of my mother's kitchen. I start with one of those.

MY MOTHER'S EGGPLANT SALAD

In summer we often ate this for a cold and delicious supper. "K'bok", my mother called it, translated as "eggplant".

Ingredients

1 large eggplant
1 green bell pepper
1 slice bread, well toasted, cut in bits
1 tsp. olive oil
2 eggs, hard-boiled, shelled, cut in small pieces
1 tbsp. lemon juice
Optional: ¼ onion, grated
Salt to taste

Preparation

Preheat oven to 400°.

Prick eggplant and pepper with fork. Place in glass baking dish. Bake until soft, about 1 hour.
Remove from oven. Rinse with cold water.

Place pepper in damp towel. Peel eggplant and place pulp in colander to drain. Remove pepper from towel. Remove core and seeds. Peel.

Place pulp of eggplant and pepper in blender container. (Don't have a blender? Do what mother did: use a wooden bowl and hand chopper.) Add olive oil, lemon juice, toasted bread bits, hard-boiled egg pieces. Blend until smooth. Add grated onion and salt, if desired. Chill before serving.

Eat it like a salad, on romaine lettuce leaves, or spread it on toast or your favorite crackers, with a salad accompaniment. And don't forget good olives, too!

Thank you Jim Levy

I want to extend a special thanks to Jim Levy, copy editor of Hakol for a year of dedicated service to our newsletter. This will be the last issue he edits. Jim has been a helpful, efficient and sensitive wordsmith to numerous contributors of Hakol. I will miss his energy and knowledge.

Bruce Grossman, Editor

Library Corner from Joanne Forman

Among the several books in our library introducing children to Jewish Holidays is A JEWISH HOLIDAY ABC by the well-known Malka Drucker. A simple text and wonderfully colorful illustrations make this an excellent beginner's book. There is a cheerful page for each letter of the alphabet, plus a more detailed explanation at the back of the book. Highly recommended. ■

High Holiday Schedule Details

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Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 28

Candle Lighting 6:30 pm; Evening Service 6:45 pm

(The first part of this service will be kid friendly. We encourage you to bring the little ones)

Thursday, September 29

Sunrise Hike / Blessings

6:30 am on Rosh Hashanah morning, Thursday Sept 29th, at the park-

ing-picnic area/trail head on the far(west) side of the Gorge Bridge.
A celebration of the new Day and Year.

Tashlikh 1:55 pm At the pond in front of the Lerman Home, 1204 Ranchitos Road, just north of the Martinez Hacienda, cast adrift your sins, symbolically, cleanse your soul or just fall in the water.

Help Needed

With the departure of our executive director, the TJC will rely far more heavily upon volunteers to operate its programs. Our immediate aim is to identify people to assist with programs and events:

The TJC High Holy Days beginning Wednesday, September 28
(see schedule p.1)

General Administrative Help beginning September 1

The TJC Anniversary Celebration where we honor community members for their special contributions,
November 1

Our Annual Peace Chanukah Celebration, December 27

Let us know if you'd like to learn about other opportunities to become involved.

Programs that lack sufficient support may be scaled back or cancelled.

We also need to enlarge our Program Committee that now meets only 8 times a year for about two hours.

If you can help out or have any questions, just call or email the TJC (ph: 758-8615 or e-mail: tjc@newmex.com) or Peter Wengert (ph: 751-1442 or e-mail: pwengert@taosnet.com).

Circles by Kalonymos

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The rabbi paused, cocked his head, lifted a brow and asked, "Anyone else?"

Another voice from the back: "Abraham Joshua Heschel! He talks about the circle of the Baal Shem Tov. The prayer, the Eyl Adon, it's about a sense of wonder. It's a reminder, rabbi. We get so caught up in . . . in our everyday business that we forget the wonders around us. We become unable to see them. We lose track of who we are and what's important."

Steven retreated sheepishly to the rear corner of the sanctuary. The rabbi braced his shoulders and straightened his back. "It's called sefirot. These are . . . well, you could call them the circles, the spheres of existence. Yes. That's it. We live our daily lives in narrow, constrained spheres and we're only able to see what's right in front of us. But the Baal Shem Tov, the Master of the Good Name, the founder of

Hasidism, taught that we have to . . . to enlarge our vision, to see the wider circles, the outer spheres, to return to a sense of wonder at Creation. And as we do that, we realize that we are all connected . . . that Creation is one and we are all a part of it; all part of the great wheel of creation. Now . . . I'll be speaking more on this topic of life in circles as we approach the High Holy Days. I can think of no more important topic for my sermons than these sacred circles in which we live. The High Holy Days: It's an important time for us to re-connect, to complete the circles that link us and that connect us. We'll talk about that. Now let us return to Eyl Adon on page 228."

Yaacov Kalonymos is the pen name of a New England university professor emeritus. He lives in rural Vermont but has a special love for the Taos Jewish Center.



Dancing Through the Gates of the Heart

Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck with Rabbi Shefa Gold at the TJC in August.



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