

January-February 2024

Bet Knesset Bamidbar



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President's Message

Arlene Goodman - President (702) 228-6362, arlvegas@aol.com



I JUST WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2024.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS
WHO WILL JOIN US NEXT YEAR.**

STAY SAFE AND BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER.

Be happy, Be healthy, Be safe,
Arlene Goodman,
President

Men's Club

Larry Kaufman, President, (818) 486-4188, larry.kaufman.lk@gmail.com



Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone had a wonderful New Year Celebration. It is now a new Year, and everyone is looking for it to be a better year with health and happiness. The Men's Club is looking for it to be a better year also. We are planning for many memorable Breakfasts and have already lined up several great speakers.

We now have a new date and time for these events. They will now be on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00am here at Desert Vista. Our first Breakfast of the new Year will be on January 11, 2024, at 10:00am here at Desert Vista. Our speaker will be Neil Popish, from Jewish Nevada and he will be speaking on the current situation in Israel as well as other topics of concern. This Breakfast will be open to everyone.

Keep an eye out for E-Blasts as well as announcements from the Bima at Services for our future events.

Shalom,

Larry Kaufman,
President BKB Men's Club

Moreh Alan Spector

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WHY WE LOVE BKB

Most of us have been members of and/or attended synagogues/temples for many years, in many parts of the country, or even in the world. It is always comforting and reassuring that we can go into any Jewish house of worship and feel comfortable that we are part of our religion with its rich history and heritage. We are proud to be Jews and to be part of our age-old traditions. We cherish our Torah, our holidays, our customs, and our teachings. We do whatever we can to carry on our Jewish traditions and pass them on to the next generation.

With all that, I really feel that BKB is very special. We have a decades old history of faith and friendships. We have formed bonds which support each of us through difficult and happy times. We don't just say "we are there for you"... we practice "we are HERE for you". I see acts of generosity, caring, support, and friendship daily here at BKB. Somehow, it feels like being free of the burdens of an expensive, elaborate building frees us to focus on what REALLY matters... YOU, ME, THE PERSON NEXT TO US!

Sure, we have uplifting, beautiful, traditional prayer services with a phenomenal Choir... sure, we have unique and innovative special events (Mexican cruise coming up!)... sure, our High Holiday services are the most meaningful and beautiful anywhere... and sure, we have a community Seder, Break the Fast celebrations, and Purim/Chanukah/Israel celebrations second to none. But BKB is more than that... it is our spiritual home and the safe place we go for friendship and support. We might not even stop to think about it, most of the time, but we know it feels good to come to Temple... to reinforce our faith, to keep our

Jewish spark alive, and to strengthen our Jewish community of "friends being with friends".

BKB is blessed with a very hard working, talented Board of Directors (led by Arlene Goodman) and myriads of volunteers in our Sisterhood, Men's Club, Singles Group, and Choir. We are so grateful to all of you who work so hard – and from your heart – to make BKB so special. In January, we will install the various, new Boards of our Temple and we want to thank you so sincerely for all you do for all of us. Our appreciation as well goes to our talented Cantor Marla Goldberg, our gifted Music Director Tim Cooper, and our exceptional Cantorial Soloist Melanie Spector. BKB is blessed with an amazing professional team who make our services and events so special.

2024 promises to be full of the usual (and the unpredictable) challenges, but also full of joy, fulfillment, and camaraderie. We welcome all our new members this year, and we are so honored and thrilled to have you a part of our BKB family. BTW, our G2 and now G3 groups (next and future generations of BKB members) are growing also. BKB is alive and well and eagerly bursting into another wonderful year together.

We pray daily for Israel and all who defend it. We pray for peace in the world. We pray that 2024 will bring you and yours all the good things you wish for yourself and share with others.

Shalom U'vracha, Blessings and Peace. Blessings and Peace.

Moreh Alan

Ritual

David Altman, (702) 513-9928, excutr@aol.com

What is the Torah telling us? I suppose that it is what is in the eye of the beholder; you and me. It starts out with the creation story. The creation of the world, night, day, man, and woman, all the plant and animals. and on the 7th day God rested, and so should we. All was well then, until Adam and Eve ate the tree of knowledge and were thrown out of the garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve had a son Cain who became a farmer and raised crops. Then they had a son Abel who became a shepherd and raised sheep. To God Cain made a sacrifice of the fruit of the Ground and Abel made a sacrifice of a newborn sheep. God was dissatisfied with Cain's sacrifice but was satisfied with Abel's sacrifice. Cain was very angry with Abel showing him up in front of God, and he killed Abel. God punished Cain.

What is the moral of this story? This is the first of many stories in the Torah where siblings fight. Why are we told this story? Does it give us insight into other people and their families. and perhaps show us our own humanity? Perhaps it helps us understand history a bit better.

Membership

Edith Einhorn, (702) 838-7267, eunicorn@cox.net



WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Please welcome new members Adrienne Hagen, Linda Cofsky and Bonnie Lee.

For the first time in five years BKB's Board of Directors voted to enact a small raise in membership dues. Membership dues are BKB's major income source, and they make it possible to continue providing all our membership services.

By now you should have received a reminder to renew your membership. If you haven't done so yet, it would be very appreciated if you pay your dues as soon as possible.

If your address, phone number or email has changed, please be sure to let me know. We don't want to lose touch with you.

You can also renew your membership by paying online from the BKB website bkbiv.org. Click Membership – New Member Application and complete the payment form.

If you would like to pay by check and you need a copy of the membership application, you will find a PDF copy of the application to print and the address to mail it to on the website.

Best wishes for a healthy and joyous 2024.

Edith

Sisterhood

Vicki Socol, President, (818) 399-7748, catmethat@aol.com



I can't believe another year has already passed. Time is flying by. Now I'm looking forward to some fun, exciting and informative events for the BKB Sisterhood in 2024.

I hope you know that all women members of BKB are automatically members of the Sisterhood. If you haven't had an opportunity to join us for our General Meetings, scheduled for 10 AM on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July and August), come on over to Desert Vista and have bagels and cream cheese, fruit and coffee on us. We want to meet and greet you. REALLY!!



Our first meeting of the year is January 24th. **Charlotte Pilecki** has purchased a new Bingo set just for us. Let's try it out together, win some prizes and have great fun! Take a gamble and you might also win our 50/50 raffle.

Our February 27th meeting is really special. **Helene Lobel** has scheduled a member of the Las Vegas Philharmonic Orchestra to be our guest speaker. You'll have to be present to discover who it is.... I'm not telling.

If you can offer your time picking up, ordering food or help setting up tables for the general meetings or Onegs, we'd appreciate your involvement. Let me know if you'd like to help.

Oh.... Don't forget.... Contact **Arlene Gold**, (702) 363-8008, to sponsor an Oneg if you have a *Simcha* you'd like to share. .

Also, if there are Mahjongg players who haven't purchased their 2024 cards yet, please contact **Sue Schweitzer**, (702) 838-5373, or see her at Temple to order yours no later than January 12th. The small cards are \$14 and the large ones are \$15.



See you all soon.

Peace and smiles,

Vicki

Singles Group

Helene Orenstein, (702) 763-4117, BKBSingles@gmail.com



The goal of the BKB Singles Group is to provide a monthly entertaining social activity where the Single and “Socially Single” members of BKB can get together to celebrate holidays, get to know each other, enjoy a great activity and participate in Jewish community activities. For example, this year we will attend the **Jewish Nevada Film Festival**, dine out at the Bagel Café, Jason’s and other restaurants where socializing is easy and attend Jewish community events through the year.

Membership in the BKB Singles Group is complementary with your BKB membership. It is open to all members who pay a single membership fee regardless of their social status, members who have lost a spouse or partner during the year and members who are “socially single,” i.e., their partner due to health or other reasons is unavailable to participate in social activities.

Our January activity is a cruise on January 19th. If you haven’t arranged to go, there is still time to book a cabin. Contact Buffy Yaeger, Cruise Counselor, Vacations To Go, at byaeger@vacationstogo.com, Mon-Thu: 12pm-9pm, Sun: 11am-8pm (US Central Time) 1-800-338-4962 ext. 7072.

Our next Las Vegas activity is attending the **Jewish Nevada Film Festival’s** showing of “Remembering Gene Wilder” Sunday, February 4th at 1:00 PM. You can view the trailer at <https://youtube/6gdbJD49t2E>. The movie will be followed by a Wonka Chocolate Reception. If you would like to attend this event, send an email message to BKBSingles@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 702-763-4117.

If you would like to join the Singles email list, send a message to BKBSingles@gmail.com.



Planting Trees in Israel

Contact: Marilyn Hirsch at (702) 243-9484



To **Marilyn Newberg** in memory of **Rhonda Lessner**
from **Sheila Cohan and Donald Bonczek**

In memory of **Bernard and Gloria Greenberg**
from **Sheila Cohan**



Donations to BKB

We have had a great response this year for members submitting donations online at the BKB website. If you would like to donate using our online process, please visit: bkbv.org. On the Home Page, click **Get Involved Donation Opportunities**. Under each option, Oneg Shabbat, Jewish National Fund, Tribute Cards, Yahrzeit and General Temple Donations click **DONATE NOW** and complete the online payment form.

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Adrienne Shaw Rubin celebrating her 88th Birthday
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Edith Einhorn celebrating granddaughter, Marissa's Birthday
Arlene Goodman celebrating son, Neil's 51st Birthday
Ruth Krasnitz celebrating life
Sue Schweitzer celebrating her 83rd Birthday
Darlene & Mino Vaturi celebrating Mino's Birthday
Myra & Bert Weinman celebrating Myra's 85th & Bert's 88th Birthdays
Gail Weiss celebrating her 68th Birthday
Nancy and Marla Goldberg celebrating Nancy's 85th Birthday
Shelia Cohan celebrating nephew, Steven Greenberg's 41st Birthday
Edith Einhorn celebrating her 88th Birthday

Di Shebeirach

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Our Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we announce the passing of:

AL FIEL

Long Time BKB Member and Past President of BKB

LOUISE PASTERNAK

Long Time BKB Member



RUTH ALEXMAN

*Long Time BKB Member
and Member of the BKB Board*

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

A Special Thank You from Adrienne Shaw Rubin

I want to thank our many BKB members for their contributions to BKB in memory of my dear Life Partner, Al Fiel. You were all special friends to Al and are to me too. I wish I could have written to each of you. I know that Al would have been proud to know that he was honored by his BKB friends.

With deepest thanks,
Adrienne Shaw Rubin

Yahrzeit Contributions

Sheldon Rosenberg, (702) 258-1134, srosenberg378@gmail.com



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Things to do at and for BKB

YAHARZEITS

BKB maintains a calendar of the anniversaries of the death of your loved ones. In advance of that anniversary, we send out a reminder with the date of their service when that name will be read. If you wish to add a loved one, please call Sheldon Rosenberg at (702) 561-8105 or (702) 258-1134. You may also email him at: srosenberg378@gmail.com. Send Sheldon the first and last name of the person, his/her relationship to you and the date you wish to remember. Indicate if you want to remember the Hebrew date or the English date.



TRIBUTE CARDS

Remember friends and family with a Tribute Cards while helping BKB. We have tribute cards for all occasions: Anniversary, Birthday, Get Well, Mazel Tov and Sympathy. Contact Eunice Shafer at (702) 823-1474, email: euniceshafer@gmail.com or 2229 Hot Oak Ridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89134.



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

To Plant Trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, please call Marilyn Hirsch at (702) 243-9484. The cost is \$18.00 for each tree. Make checks payable to BKB. Trees can be planted for happy occasions as well as for sympathy.



BEREAVEMENT

After a BKB member passes away, our Sisterhood assists the family after the funeral by ordering and/or serving a sweet tray. If you need help with any of this, please call Sydell Miller at (702) 266-6489.

Birthdays

1/2	Edith Einhorn	1/17	Roxy Maschler		
1/3	Liz Aron	1/17	Barbara Zeiden		
1/3	Dorothy Brown	1/24	Sharon Carlson		
1/5	Joyce Contarsy	1/25	Marsha Kaufman		
1/5	Eric Groetzinger	1/28	Dan Berman		
1/5	Jeanniene Samuels	1/29	David Altman		
1/5	Barbara (Bobbi) Sparks	1/30	Lita Duner		
1/6	Murray Waks	2/3	William Golub		
1/9	Diane Gerch	2/3	Steve Yohay		
1/9	Kenneth Korotkin	2/7	Sanford Mintz		
1/10	Rochelle Balaban	2/13	David Kandel	2/19	Marcia Caplan
1/12	Stuart Gershon	2/16	Arnold Glackman	2/19	Sandra Miller
1/12	Edward Weininger	2/16	Wendy Kraft	2/22	Barbara Nichols
1/16	Gerald Saltzman	2/16	Shirley Wigdor	2/27	Judith Bernstein
1/17	Mark Goodman	2/18	Penny Weinstein	2/27	Joel Goldberg



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2024



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