

January-February 2025

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A Time for New Beginnings

President's Message

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



Happy New Year! Yeah for 2025 and a new year for BKB. Hello to our new members, welcome back to our BKB family and a fond farewell to those that are no longer with us.

2024 was a year filled with activities, our Purim Parade, Passover Seder, High Holidays, Shabbat Dinner and our Annual Christmas Eve Chinese Dinner. We are looking forward to an exciting 2025 with more members, activities, great services with Moreh Alan Spector, Cantor Marla Goldberg, Musical Director Tim Cooper, our choir, and soloist Melanie Spector.

I am proud and honored to be your President and wish each and every one of you a very **Happy and Healthy New Year!**

Arlene Goodman
President

Ritual

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How did we come to have 12 tribes of Jews in Israel?

When we settled in Israel the land was given to each of the sons of Jacob except for Levi the future priest of the Jews and of Joseph. The other 2 tribes were named for the first two sons of Joseph, Manassah and Ephram.

Each became tribe leaders and their descendants along with the other 10 sons of Jacob became the 12 tribes of Israel.

Today except for the Levis and the Cohains almost none of us know our tribal names so we are known as the sons of Jacob also known as Israel, and therefore we are called Israelites.



Moreh Alan Spector

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We are halfway through 5785, and now 2025 begins. I am still thinking about “Y2K” and how worried we were that the “new Millennium” was going to ruin all our computers and disaster was near! We had raging debates as to whether we should count the year as “20-01” or “2 thousand one”! As I remember it, we were caught up on the “how” rather than the “what.”

When the debates were all over, it turns out what really mattered was “what we do with the new years” NOT “how to count the new years.” So, it is with life... what is most important is what we do with our years, not how many we have had. At BKB, it is not about fancy (expensive) buildings or elaborate trappings... it is about what we do with our Temple. At the end of the day, what we do with our days is what really matters, no matter how you call it or how glitzy it may be.

So, as we pass the first quarter-mark of the century (where did that 25 years go?), it is a good time to reflect and truly appreciate all that BKB has done and all the wonderful things it is doing now. We all can be so proud of our amazing Temple... the place we all came together to create... the place where we work so hard in our constant quest to be the best we can be.

Together, we have created a warm, welcoming, fun, even exciting place where we can cherish our heritage, learn more about our Judaism, share friendships and support each other as a faith community. We know that we are so much better **Together**... we

are so much stronger when we are

Together... life is so much richer and fulfilling when we share our years **Together**.

The Torah emphasizes the importance of unity among people. For example:

- The story of the Twelve Tribes highlights the value of diversity within unity. Each tribe has its unique role, yet all are part of the collective Israelite nation. The Torah teaches collective responsibility, where individuals are accountable for one another:

- “All of Israel are responsible for one another”. (Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh, Talmud, Shevuot 39a). This principle underscores the importance of mutual support and communal care.

- The laws of tzedakah (charity), hospitality, and caring for the vulnerable reflect the Torah’s demand for a community to work together to uplift its members.

So, that is BKB. We each are different people, with differing opinions, yet we are ONE congregation. We each have our own priorities and interests, yet we are united in our commitment to Judaism and to each other. BKB is truly a very special place... 2025, a year to be grateful for our many blessings, for each other, and for our common bond of “Yiddishkeit.”

May 2025 (5785) bring you and your family good health, happiness, and all the good things in life. Blessings and Peace... (and don’t forget to come to services)

Moreh Alan

Sisterhood

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Dear Sisterhood,

Happy 2025 to All,

January and February are times for new beginnings, participation, caring and sharing. We want to see you and learn what is important to you. **Please join us.** Tell us about your interests. Be a part of our special BKB Sisterhood.

Women who are volunteering their time on our Board for 2025 are:

- Vicki Socol (me)- President
- Adrienne Shaw - Ruben-Vice President
- Linda White - Recording Secretary
- Darlene Vaturi - Treasurer
- Sue Schweitzer - Corresponding Secretary
- Helene Lobel - Program VP
- Gayle Ratner - Bereavement Chairwoman
- Arlene Gold - Oneg Chairwoman
- Myra Feldgreber - Fundraising Chairwoman
- Arlene Goodman and Edith Einhorn (Past Presidents)
- Nadine Carter - At Large

January 22nd is our next General Breakfast Meeting, 10 AM at Desert Vista. Our own Barbara Holland, a temple member and contributing columnist for the *Review Journal*, will be our guest speaker.

Helene Lobel is working to confirm a presenter or activity for February that you will "LOVE." In the meantime, mark your calendars for February 13th. Ladies, if you are a Temple member, you have an automatic membership in the Sisterhood, so you are invited to attend the Men's Club breakfast 10 AM at Desert Vista when Myron Martin from *Myron's Cabaret at the Smith Center* will be the guest speaker.

If you haven't yet purchased a Mahjongg card, don't wait. January 31st is the last day to purchase a regular size card for \$14 and a large print card for \$15. Please contact Sue Schweitzer at 702-838-5373 for information or see her before Services at the door.

Wonderful, happy things (even the smallest ones) are happening out there, and we'd love to hear about them. **Contact Arlene Gold to sponsor an Oneg if you have a Simcha you'd like to share.** (702-363-8008).

I'm looking forward to our 2025 new experiences together.

Vicki

Men's Club

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Hi Everyone,

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year.

The BKB Men's Club is on the move. We have some exciting and wonderful events already scheduled and some fantastic events in the planning stages starting in March of 2025. First, on Thursday, January 9th, 10:00 AM, at Desert Vista, we will be having our usual, incredible, Men's Club FREE Breakfast with Bagels, cream cheese, coffee, sweets, and friendship. But that's not all. We will be having Brian Rouff talk about his book: "A Long September - A Medical Journey." You do not want to miss this. In February, Thursday, on the 13th, another stunning FREE Breakfast at 10:00 AM. Everything is the same as above, but we will be having another surprising guest speaker: Myron Martin of the Smith Center's "Myron's Cabaret." Another amazing and fantastic learning experience. Both of these FREE events are open to everyone, men, women, guests, friends, relatives, etc.

Starting in March, in the planning stages, we will be starting some new and even more exciting events for the Men. Keep in touch with us with our E-Blasts and announcements at Services. Also we are asking for some extra input from you all to our Board on suggestions and ideas that can make the Men's Club be even more relevant to our lives here in Las Vegas. Just email me or just talk to me at Services or at our Breakfasts.

Shalom and again: HAPPY NEW Year!

Larry Kaufman, President

Yahrzeit Contributions

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



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David Aronstein
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Gloria Greenberg
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Singles Group

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The January BKB Singles event will be a showing of the movie, *Midas Man*, a selection from the **Jewish Nevada International Film Festival** on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM at **Cinemark Century Suncoast**.

Midas Man is the emotional, heartfelt and often funny story of how the Jewish Epstein (in a star-making turn by Jacob Fortune-Lloyd, *The Queens Gambit*) discovered four scruffy lads in Liverpool who were going nowhere and turned them into a global phenomenon that changed popular culture forever. There will be a Beatles-themed reception after the movie. Tickets are \$15 per film or \$136 for the full festival.

You can purchase your ticket directly using this link: <https://jewishnevada.app.neon-crm.com/np/clients/jewishnevada/event.jsp?event=1334&>

The goal of the BKB Singles Group is to provide a monthly entertaining social activity for 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 International Film Festival and have dine-outs and potlucks. We will also 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.

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

Donations to BKB

Edith Einhorn
Sheila Cohan

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

Phyllis Selman celebrating her 90th Birthday. *(sponsored by Edith Einhorn)*

Gerald Goldman celebrating his wife, Sheila Goldman's life.

Marsha & Larry Kaufman celebrating their 50th Anniversary

Frankie & Russ Meppen celebrating their 55th Anniversary

Sheldon Rosenberg celebrating his 90th Birthday

Adrienne Shaw Rubin celebrating her Birthday

Sue Schweitzer celebrating her 84th Birthday

Joan & Len Wiener celebrating Joan's 83rd Birthday

Norma Lawrence celebrating her 83rd Birthday

Gail Weiss celebrating her 69th Birthday

Helene & Albert Lobel celebrating Albert's 77th Birthday

Sheila Cohan celebrating nephew, Steven Greenberg's 42nd Birthday

Nancy Goldberg celebrating her 86th Birthday



Our Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we announce the passing of:

MYRA WEINMAN

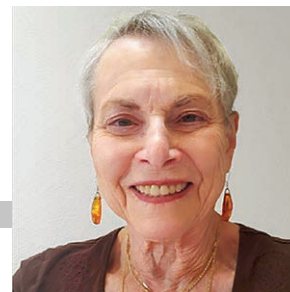
Long Time BKB Member



May Her Memory Serve as a Blessing

Membership

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



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 paid 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.

Temple BKB values your membership and your help. If you have a few hours a week that you don't know what to do with, please consider volunteering to help BKB. Feel free to contact me so I can help match your interests with BKB needs.

Best wishes for a healthy and joyous 2025.

Edith

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1/2	Edith Einhorn	1/29	David Altman
1/3	Liz Aron	1/29	Gayle Ratner
1/5	Joyce Contarsy	2/2	Leonard Newman
1/5	Eric Groetzinger	2/3	William Golub
1/5	Barbara (Bobbi) Sparks	2/3	Steve Yohay
1/9	Diane Gerch	2/7	Sanford Mintz
1/9	Kenneth Korotkin	2/13	David Kandel
1/12	Stuart Gershon	2/16	Arnold Glackman
1/12	Elionora Shok	2/16	Wendy Kraft
1/16	Gerald Salzman	2/16	Shirley Wigdor
1/17	Mark Goodman	2/19	Sandra Miller
1/17	Roxy Maschler	2/22	Barbara Nichols
1/17	Barbara Zeiden	2/27	Judith Bernstein
1/25	Marsha Kaufman	2/27	Joel Goldberg
1/27	Abby Gomes		

2/14	Mervyn & Linda Gerson
2/14	Michael & Ronnie Sander
2/20	Steven & Vickie Yohay



Tributes

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IN SYMPATHY

TO:

Phyllis Stouber
Phyllis Stouber
Phyllis Stouber
Phyllis Stouber
Paul Stouber
Debbie Mallick

IN MEMORY OF:

Your husband, Seymour
Your husband, Seymour
Your husband, Seymour
Your husband, Seymour
Seymour Stouber
Your Mother

FROM:

Vickie and Steve Yohay
Adrienne Shaw Rubin
Hillary Stouber Went & Family
Arlene Gold
Elise Pansy
Lonnie Wagman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

TO:

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kaufman

FROM:

Arlene Gold

THANK YOU

TO:

Diane & Jay Schultz

FROM:

Arlene Gold

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Char Pilecki

OCCASION

New Home

FROM:

Lonnie Wagman

GET WELL

TO:

Edith Einhorn
Edith Einhorn
Edith Einhorn
Edith Einhorn
Nancy Goldberg
Lois Dunaisky

FROM:

Vickie & Steve Yohay
Eunice Shafer
Elayne Tessler
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO:

Elayne Tessler
Phyllis Selman
Phyllis Selman
Adrienne Shaw Rubin
Joan Wiener
Joan Wiener
Adrienne Shaw Rubin
Edith Einhorn
Lonnie Wagman
Jay Shultz
Sheldon Rosenberg
Sue Schweitzer
Gail Weiss
Adrienne Shaw Rubin
Joan Wiener
Norma Lawrence
Nancy Goldberg

FROM:

Edith Einhorn
Elayne Tessler
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Edith Einhorn
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Vickie & Steve Yohay
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Things to do at and for 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: **bkblv.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.

Yahrzeits

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 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.

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ANNUAL DUES FOR 2025

Single: \$110 Couple: \$215

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**BKB Shabbat Services are held at 6:30 pm
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