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Bet Knesset Bamidbar



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35th Year

Bet Knesset Bamidbar

President's Message

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





A Very Happy Hanukkah to All!
See you on December 5th, 2026
at our Hanukkah Party!

Have a Great and Safe New Year!

Arlene Goodman
President



Membership

Harriet Jacobson, (702) 858-9508, hnj26@cox.net



Believe it or not, 2027 is almost here and you know what that means!!!!!! It's time to renew your annual membership. Please note, if you joined the temple in August or later, you are paid for the balance of 2026 and all of 2027.

We will no longer be mailing out membership renewal forms. Please complete the form on the next page and along with your checks made payable to BKB, mail both to:

Harriet Jacobson
Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 33503
Las Vegas, NV 89133

You can also pay online by credit card at https://www.bkblv.org/ and click **Membership** – **Membership Application**. Annual Membership is $146.00 for a single person and $287.00 for a couple (whether married or not, living in the same household).

Should you have any questions regarding membership, please reach out to me at the email or phone number above.

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☐ Married Couple
or Two People Living Together $ 287.00

Make check payable to "BKB/Membership"
Please mail this notice with your check to:

Harriet Jacobson, Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 33503, Las Vegas, NV 89133

To enable us to better provide you with Temple notices and other information, please indicate any changes to the following from last year:

Name(s) Member #1: _____ Member #2: _____

Address _____

City _____ State__ Zip _____

Email #1: _____ Email #2: _____

Cell: #1: _____ Cell: #2: _____

Home Phone _____

Date of Birth #1 (month/day) _____ Date of Birth #2 (month/day) _____

Anniversary (month/day) _____

Thank you

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PARTY WITH *DINNER AND A SHOW!*



SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2026 - 5 PM

Please join us for a delicious Italian dinner, 50/50 raffle, drawing for terrific prizes, and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by the fabulous Lou DeMeis!



We are excited and honored to have Lou DeMeis entertain for our Hanukkah party! Lou has been engaging Las Vegas audiences for many years with his dynamic performances as a Singer, Songwriter, and Actor! You don't want to miss this event!

$30/person in advance, by Nov. 28th
Seating is limited

Send checks payable to BKB Sisterhood to:
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WHAT A YEAR – 2026 and WELCOME TO 2027

BKB has certainly had an incredible year. 2026 offered spiritual and enjoyable Shabbat services, a Passover Seder that was traditional, delicious, and blessed with friendships, old and new, many vibrant Sisterhood and Men's Club programs, the most emotion-laden and meaningful High Holiday services ever, a week-long Sukkah celebration, and so much more. Without a doubt, BKB has the most active and varied programs available in any senior Temple anywhere. We pride ourselves on being "family" and "home" for all our members who honor us with their membership and support, and we look forward to 2027 as we continue our growth spiritually and communally.

This year, we also gratefully welcomed a number of new members. BKB continues its innovative programming, joyous activities, and always strives to be a source of comfort, community, inspiration, and traditional observances. We work together and play together, and **TOGETHER** we are stronger and more active than ever. We thank you for your commitment and involvement, and we do so appreciate your volunteering to help out and, of course, your financial support which makes it all possible.

So, we have a change in our calendar year (although for us it will be 5787 till next September), but not a change in our mission and commitment. The secular New Year is totally not a Torah thing, but it does give us the opportunity to live our Torah principles. The Torah teaches in Deuteronomy, "I have set before you life and death... therefore choose life." (U'vacharta ba'chayim) The Torah **DOES NOT** tell us that life will always be easy. It isn't promising that we won't experience disappointment, loss, uncertainty, or pain. It IS telling us that even within circumstances we cannot control, there are choices that remain.

We can choose kindness.
We can choose courage.
We can choose forgiveness.
We can choose connection instead of isolation.
We can choose to tell someone we love them.
We can choose to stop carrying something that no longer belongs in our lives.

And perhaps most importantly, we can choose to begin again. It means taking what the past has taught us—and refusing to let it determine everything that comes next. There is a wonderful Jewish concept: teshuvah—returning... returning to our better selves... returning to what matters... returning to the person we know we can be.

So as 2027 begins, perhaps we don't need a list of impossible resolutions. Perhaps we need only one question:
What is one small way I can choose life this year?

Thanks for a great 2026... and here's to an even better 2027.

Shalom U'Vracha – blessings and Peace,

Moreh Alan

Sisterhood

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



Shana Tova to all. This New Year has begun with unexpected challenges for me and the Sisterhood. But love, hope, and tremendous support from the Sisterhood is an inspiration. BKB is awesome! Helene Lobel, our Sisterhood Program VP, has lots of fun activities being planned.

Our November Sisterhood Breakfast/Brunch **Bingo** event is Thursday, November 19th, 10 AM at the Egg Works (2025 Village Center Circle). It's $10 cash for a full breakfast/brunch including drink, tax and tip. The Sisterhood picks up the difference. Of course we will still have our 50/50 drawing.

Please note that due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting is the third Thursday of the month, not the fourth.

December is also a little different. Because Christmas Eve falls on our regular meeting date at the Egg Works, we are going to focus on Chanukkah instead. **Mark your calendars for December 5th**, which is the first day of this special holiday. Planning is underway for this happy occasion. There will be no meeting at the Egg Works in December.

The Sisterhood has a knit and chat group going. Some ladies like to knit, others crochet. Beginners or experienced are welcome. Dates for our meetings are variable, so watch for eblasts, or listen to any announcements from the Bima at Temple. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Looking forward to fun, laughter and the joy of being together!

Vicki Socol



Men's Club

David Kandel, President, (949) 697-8162, zzdavidk@gmail.com

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the Men's Club Friendship Dinner at Dom DeMarco's Italian Restaurant and our Men's Club Breakfast with Joanne Gilbert last month. A big thank you to Dave Kandel and the men of the BKB Men's Club for organizing these events. Dave is scheduled to leave the hospital soon and is on the mend as I am writing this. The Men's Club is planning more events for November and December:

November Friendship Dinner: Currently in the planning stages (details to follow).
November Men's Club Breakfast Meeting: Tuesday, November 17th, at 9:30 AM at Egg Works.

Please watch for upcoming e-blasts with further details on both November events.

In December, we will not hold a breakfast meeting, but we will be assisting the Sisterhood with the BKB Hanukkah Celebration on Saturday, December 5th, at 5:00 PM.

Shalom,

Larry Kaufman
Vice President, BKB Men's Club
(For Dave Kandel)

Tributes

Eunice Shafer, (702) 823-1474, euniceshafer8@gmail.com

THINKING OF YOU

TO:	FROM:
Vicki Socol	Sheila Cohan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

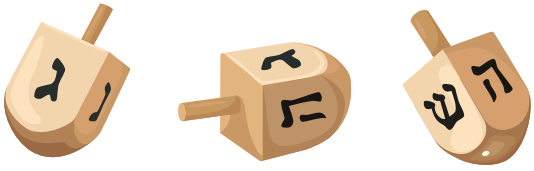
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Lawrence Kaufman	Sheila Cohan
Nadine Carter	Sheila Cohan
Cantor Marla Goldberg	Sheila Cohan
Elayne Tessler	Sheila Cohan

GET WELL

TO:	FROM:
David Kandel	Arlene Gold & Amy
David Kandel	Adrianne Shaw Rubin
David Kandel	Sheila Cohan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

TO:	FROM:
Carol and Stan Madris	Lonnie Wagman



Yahrzeit Contributions

Sheila Cohan, (860) 478-1246, sheila0424@gmail.com



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Samuel Resnik	Kenneth Resnik
Louis Oser	Phyllis Resnik
Beatrice Oser	Phyllis Resnik
Donald Herman	Victoria Socol
Seymour Stouber	Phylis Stouber
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Harold Goldberg	Shirley Wigdor
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May their memory be for a blessing

Schedule of Dedications

BKB SHABBAT SHALOM SERVICES

DATE	DONOR	DEDICATION
12/11/26	Adrianne Shaw Rubin	In Honor of Her 91st Birthday

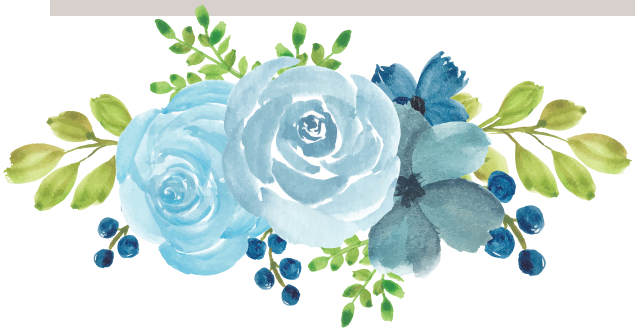


Birthdays



11/1 Lonnie Wagman
11/1 Larry Miller
11/2 Marsha Miller
11/4 Phyllis Selman
11/7 Brenda Izen
11/9 A. Stephen Lemansky
11/12 Mervyn Fleisher
11/17 Marilyn Hendel
11/20 Joni Gary
11/21 Kenneth Prager
11/21 Jay Shultz
11/24 Lynette Greenbaum
11/24 Alice Huie-Stein
11/24 Linda Cofsky
11/25 Linda Goldberg
11/27 Barbara Holland
11/27 Debbie Mallick
11/27 Sheldon Rosenberg
11/27 Stephanie Droker
11/29 Arlene Rubin
11/30 David Droker
12/3 Sandra Ribons
12/4 Gail Weiss
12/4 Sue Schweitzer
12/5 Hershel Aron
12/6 Albert Lobel
12/8 Katherine Singer
12/9 Nathan Ohlendorf
12/10 Francene Beel
12/11 Adrianne Shaw-Rubin
12/12 Joan Wiener
12/19 Caryn Wolfson
12/21 Linda White
12/22 Nancy Goldberg

Anniversaries



11/10 Lawrence and Marsha Kaufman
11/11 Stuart and Deborah Katz
11/16 Russell and Francine (Frankie) Meppen
11/21 Ronny and Kathy Mayer
11/28 Leon and Judith Angel
12/25 Barry Goldman and Janet Rosen

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a caregiver for your spouse, mother, father or child? This is something we didn't sign up for. But we must do it. It's very hard work, physically and emotionally. I'm sure you've all called family and friends and told them about your problems. They all probably said "I'm sorry" and they meant it. Unless they are going through the same predicament, they have NO idea what you're going through.

But we do. There are no books to help you. We meet once a month. We talk about what we are going through, and it's usually something we've all handled before. We help each other with our experiences. You are not alone.

Come and meet us the **second Monday every month at Desert Vista, Room 3 at 10:00 AM**. There are no dues. Only love and understanding. Any questions, call me, Ivy Goldman, (224) 715-9629.

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 so that 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 attended the Jewish Nevada International Film Festival, and Israeli Independence Day Celebration. In addition, we will have monthly dine-outs and potlucks.

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.

The Singles Group will meet on November 8 at 5 PM at the Chickpeas Mediterranean Buffet 2550 S Rainbow Blvd.

In December we will have our annual Hanukkah party and White Elephant Exchange at Helene's house. The exact date and details will be sent out later in an e-blast.
If you would like to join the Singles email list, you can send a message to BKBSingles@gmail.com

Helene Orenstein

Donations to BKB

Londa Lee Wagman
Michael Stein
Arlene Gold
Sheila Cohan

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

Sheila Cohan celebrating nephew, Jason Greenberg's 56th Birthday
Sheila Cohan celebrating great nephew, Owen Greenberg's 11th Birthday
Marla Goldberg celebrating her 59th Birthday
Arlene & William Golub celebrating Arlene's 89th Birthday
Elayne Tessler celebrating her 95th Birthday
Rita Kroll celebrating her Birthday

Donation Opportunities

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 Sheila Cohan at: (860) 478-1246. You may also email her at: sheila0424@gmail.com. Send Sheila 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. It is also a tradition to honor the memory of the deceased by donating ***tzedakah,*** (a minimum amount of $18 is being requested).

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 Arlene Goodman at (702) 228-6362.

DEDICATING A SHABBAT SERVICE

Something new at BKB. Our Board of Directors has established a beautiful new opportunity for members to celebrate an occasion or commemorate a loved one or even just to express gratitude for the many blessings in life by dedicating a Shabbat service. It is considered an important Mitzvah to dedicate study or prayer to the memory of others or as a blessing for happy occasions. Our first dedicated service was at the last Shabbat Service in December 2025, and since then, every service has been dedicated. Some have already reserved future services throughout the year for their dedication. Please contact Arlene Goodman, 702-228-6362, for further donation and designation information.

ONEG

BKB Sisterhood likes to share your "Simcha" with you. The cost is just $25.00. Sisterhood buys, arranges, sets up and cleans up. Your Simcha is announced from the Bimah, published in the Newsletter, and you receive a special blessing from our spiritual leaders. To pay online, access our website - **bkblv.org** and click **DONATE NOW** below. If you wish to pay by check, make checks payable to BKB/Sisterhood and send to BKB, Attn: Arlene Gold, Box 33503, Las Vegas, NV 89133-3503.

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ANNUAL DUES FOR 2027

Single: $146 Couple: $287

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BKB Shabbat Services are held at 6:30 pm
Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at:
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