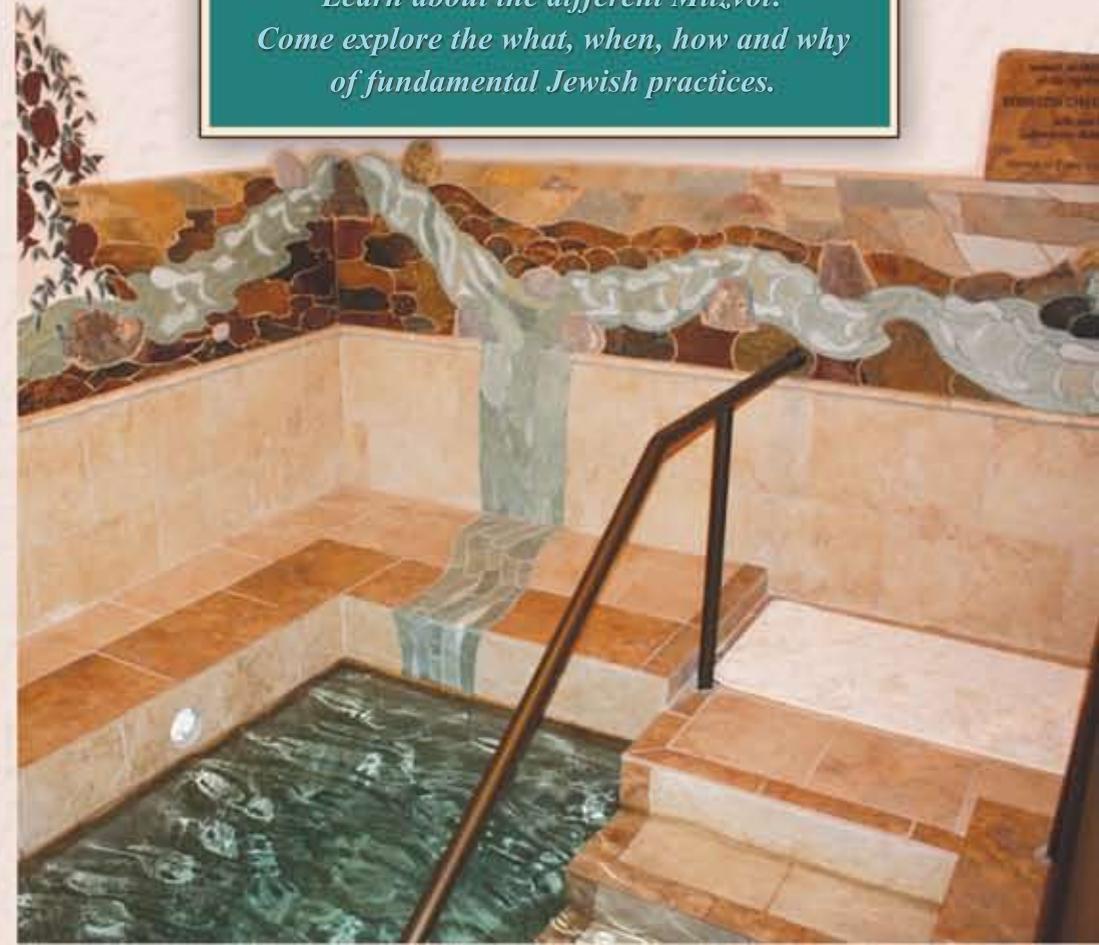


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THE SANTA FE  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

5774 / 2013-2014  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WOMEN &  
WISDOM  
JEWISH RITUAL  
& PRACTICE

*Learn about the different Mitzvot!  
Come explore the what, when, how and why  
of fundamental Jewish practices.*



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**Welcome to the Santa Fe Jewish Women's Circle!**

*We are dedicated to sharing and exploring our amazing Jewish heritage while fostering friendship and community growth. All Jewish women are welcome regardless of background or level of observance. Come join us, meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. Enjoy various craft projects, music, cooking classes, educational events, discussions and, what we all do best, laughter! Please join us, and we promise a good time will be had by all!*

This year, 5774 (2013-14), we will start each meeting with a discussion led by Devorah Leah Levertov on a different mitzvah. We will learn the fundamental Jewish practices, with handouts and multimedia aids. This course is a Hebrew School for adults! All meetings will also include a speaker or activity.

**Get Involved!**

*There are several ways to participate in the Jewish Women's Circle:*

**Join Us!** Membership is \$54 and includes all 10 monthly meetings and activities. Non-member fees are \$10 for regular meetings, and \$20 for February's Shabbat Dinner. In addition to saving money, other membership benefits include:

- **Birthdays Club:** Members will get their birthdays announced in the email newsletter, a gift, a card, and a cake in honor of that month's birthday girls.
- **Members can send us their news for publication in the email newsletter.**

We meet from **6:30-8:30 pm**. Please note that this year the Chabad building is being expanded and we will not be able to meet there due to construction starting in November. September and October meetings will be held at Chabad. The location of our other meetings will be announced in the fall.

**To join:** Please send a check, payable to Jewish Women's Circle, to Joan Grossman at 513 Rio Grande Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501. To pay by credit card on our Website: [www.jewishwomenscircle.com](http://www.jewishwomenscircle.com).

**Become a sponsor, hostess or greeter:** Sponsorship is \$54 and helps fund activities and outreach. Hostesses buy and set up refreshments at the meeting, while greeters welcome members at meetings, collect fees and help newcomers feel at home. Please contact Regina Klapper at (631) 235-4214, or send an email to [info@jewishwomenscircle.com](mailto:info@jewishwomenscircle.com), to volunteer for any of these positions.

**Participate in outreach:** Social outreach, or "chesed," is an important mitzvah we offer the community. We provide assistance to those who are ill, bereaved or otherwise in need. Contact Donna Secular at (575) 421-3480 to be on this committee.

**Purim Baskets!**

Our annual Purim basket sale is always a smashing success! Baskets full of goodies will be for sale at \$36 each and will be delivered on Purim to those on your gift list. Proceeds go to the Women's Circle Chesed Fund. Details will be posted later this year at [www.jewishwomenscircle.com](http://www.jewishwomenscircle.com)



**WOMEN'S CIRCLE LEADERSHIP, 2013-2014**

**Co-Presidents:** Karen Tobin and Regina Klapper

**Secretary:** Regina Klapper

**Treasurer:** Joan Grossman

**Chesed (Outreach):** Donna Secular

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Camille Ovitsky

**Planning Committee:** Karen Tobin, Regina Klapper, Beverly Berger,  
Joan Grossman, Judy Moore, Camille Ovitsky, Donna Secular

**Educational Director:** Devorah Leah Levertov

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**Mitzvah discussion on social interaction and community:** Torah's perspective on socializing, neighbors, disputes, lost and found, and more.

**Dr. Joalie Davie, MD,** combines Western medicine with alternative healing techniques. She will tell us how to stay healthy and keep our immune system strong—a great way to start the year!

*Sponsored by Audrey Garrison in honor of her 42nd wedding anniversary; Joan Grossman in memory of her parents; and Lena Keslin in honor of her father.*



## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Mitzvah discussion on prayer:** From the heart and from the book; personal vs. communal prayers; making our prayers meaningful.

Beginning in the 1800s, our state saw a large influx of Jews who emigrated from Europe; many settled in Santa Fe. **Noel Pugach,** a former history professor who has written extensively on this subject, will speak about "Jewish Pioneers of New Mexico."

*Sponsored by Susan Paradise in memory of her mother; and Gloria Abella Ballen in honor of her daughter Vanessa and her new baby.*



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Mitzvah discussion on death and mourning:** How to honor our loved ones; observing Shmira, Tahara, Shiva, Kaddish, and the year of mourning.

Poet **Janet Eigner** will lead us in an interactive presentation centered around her newest book of poems, *What Lasts is the Breath*, which focuses on the stages of grief and recovery.

*Sponsored by Donna Secular in memory of her mother; and Kate Braverman.*



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Mitzvah discussion on food and nourishment:** Eating consciously; what are some easy steps to experiencing kosher? Understanding kosher symbols and food preparation.

Our annual **Chanukah party** is always a festive event! We'll have holiday food, menorah lighting, entertainment from harpist **Kate Shane** (with more to be announced later in the year), and a gift drive for a local charity of our choice.

*Sponsored by Susan Paradise in memory of her father; Joyce Gitomer in honor of her grandchildren; and Sally Lowen in honor of Devorah Leah and all the wonderful women in the Women's Circle.*



# WOMEN & WISDOM

## JEWISH RITUAL & PRACTICE

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

**Mitzvah discussion on Israel, The Holy Land:** Why are we so connected to a piece of land? How do we experience that connection daily? Should we move to Israel?

We will hear from writer **Rosemary Zibart**, who will discuss a little-known aspect of Jewish history: 1,400 children were allowed into the U.S. during the Holocaust, but their parents were not. Zibart's recent historical novel for young adults, *Forced Journey: The Saga of Werner Berlinger*, is based on these events.

*Sponsored by Sarah Mizrahi in honor of her family; and Yaszmina Nedboy in honor of her birthday.*



## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (Please note earlier start time for this meeting: candle-lighting at 5:19 pm)

**Mitzvah discussion on Shabbat, "An Island in Time."** When did the practice begin? How to experience its practical observances, including the Eruv, cooking and carrying.

We will enjoy a lovely **Shabbat dinner** with candle-lighting, services, great food, Shabbat songs and a "stump the rebbitzten" session—ask any question about Judaism!

*Sponsored by Judy Moore-Kraichman in memory of her husband Bobby; and Karen Tobin in honor of her daughter Ilana.*



## THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**Mitzvah discussion on the mikvah (purifying waters):** How did the women's mikvah ritual begin? Why is it so important? How can you experience this beautiful mitzvah?

Artist **Yaszmina Nedboy** will talk about her Jewish-themed art and lead us in a hands-on class where we'll create a beautiful hand-painted Challah cover. Yaszmina's newest painting series is dedicated to a life filled with spiritual reflection in Torah and Tefillah.

*Sponsored by Sheila Bicoll in honor of her 44th wedding anniversary; and Devorah Leah Levertov in memory of her grandfathers.*



## TUESDAY, APRIL 8

**Mitzvah discussion on brachot (blessings):** The power to bless; what is the origin of blessings? Understanding the blessings on food and personal experiences.

**Jane Davis**, a therapist and prison minister, will present art and writing by Jewish inmates while sharing some of their stories. As the founder of international peace organization Hope-Howse, Jane works with incarcerated Jews, who are a tiny percentage of the prison population but often have to fight to practice their religion.

*Sponsored by Beverly Berger and her mother, Trudy Blitz, in loving memory of Joseph Blitz; and Paulina Robinson in honor of her children.*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

**Mitzvah discussion on money (gelt):** The Jewish perspective on finances, money lending and creating wealth. Is Judaism capitalist or socialist? What is our responsibility?

We will screen **Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy**, an entertaining 90-minute documentary tracing the impact of Jewish composers and lyricists on modern American musical theater.

*Sponsored by Regina Klapper, in memory of her father, Philip Eisman; and A.J. Melnick in honor of her wedding anniversary.*



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

**Mitzvah discussion on feminism:** Women's special practices including hair coverings, modesty, and Yichud.

Our **year-end dinner** will include a wrap-up of the year's activities and discussion of ideas for the following year. Fitness professional **Heather Rider** will demonstrate Krav Maga, a self-defense system developed in Israel and used by the military. We'll not only learn what it's about, we'll get to practice some of the moves! Physical size doesn't matter with these easy techniques.

*Sponsored by Camille Ovitsky in memory of her father, Ezra Levy; and Eileen Levy in honor of her grandson Yaakov.*



*Jewish Women's Circle meetings will begin at 6:30 pm at Chabad Jewish Center unless otherwise noted.*