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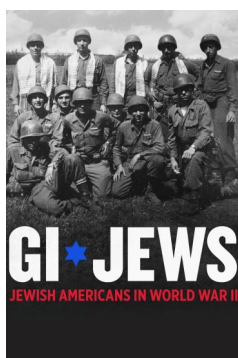
Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday August 3**—Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm followed by a Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner
- **Friday, August 10**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, August 17**—Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, August 24**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
 - **Friday, August 31**—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am,
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am,
followed by a potluck Kiddush

The TBE Mensch Club
will present
the PBS documentary
“G.I. Jews”
(about American Jewish
soldiers who served during
World War II),
on Sunday, August 26, 2018
at 2:00 pm.
in the Temple Sanctuary.



Religious School Families:
Be watching your email for information about
a possible parent meeting and registration for
the 2018-2019 school year.



High Holy Day mailings for
parts for worship and for the
2018/5779 Yizkor Booklet were
sent on July 19—please return
your forms by mid-August
(See High Holy Day Service
schedule on THIS page)



High Holy Days 5779

Selichot

Saturday, September 1, 2018—
7:30 pm

Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship



Erev Rosh Hashanah –Sunday, September 9, 2018

Evening Service, 8:00 pm,

Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg,
sponsored by Sisterhood

Rosh Hashanah –Monday, September 10, 2018

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

Tashlich at Young Park an hour
following the conclusion of the morning service

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day-Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Morning Service, 10:00 am

Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by
Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and
the Religious Practices Committee

Friday, September 14, 2018

Shabbat Shuvah Service, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur-Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

A Time for Sharing, 1:15 pm

Study with Rabbi Karol on *Mishkan Hanefesh*, 2:45 pm

Afternoon Service, 4:15 pm

Yizkor and Neilah, 5:30 pm

Break-the-fast, 7:10 pm (sponsored by Sisterhood)

Join us for worship and the warmth of community
as we welcome 5779 together!

*Child care will be provided during Morning Services
from 9:45 A.M. on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

Worship Schedule

Please note: All 7:00 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a d'var torah, a brief discussion based on the Torah portion, a compilation of prayers and/or songs on the theme of the Torah portion, or a brief D'var Torah that offers insight based on the parashah for the week.

Friday, August 3 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner, *coordinated by Pearie Bruder and Rosemarie Livigni.*

Saturday, August 4

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Friday, August 10

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Caring for the community.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Joanne Turnbull will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, August 11—ROSH CHODESH

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush.

Parashat Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Haftarah for Rosh Chodesh Isaiah 66:1-24

Friday, August 17

7:00 pm Ellen Torres and Ruth Rubin will lead the service. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, August 18

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service (led by Bryan McCuller and Ruth Rubin) & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Friday, August 24

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Looking forward” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Joanne Turnbull will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, August 25

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday, August 31

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, September 1

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftarah Isaiah 60:1-22

Saturday, September 1- Selichot

7:30 pm Study/Discussion: “*Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary*” - Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on selected excerpts from Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz’s new

commentary on the ancient text, *Pirkei Avot/Sayings of the Rabbis*, that have relevance and wisdom for us to consider in our current time.

8:45 pm Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share)

9:30 pm Selichot Service

Friday, September 7-NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE!!!

FAMILY SHABBAT AND PICNIC likely to be held at SAGECREST PARK on 601 N. Roadrunner Parkway—members of all ages are welcome!!!!

6:00 pm—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE— *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:45 pm Potluck Dinner—HOT DOGS PROVIDED—please bring a non-dairy dish/food item to share.

Saturday, September 8

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:0

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**The next Board Meeting
will be held at 7:00 pm on
Thursday, August 16, 2018.**



Message from Rabbi Karol

Rice. Gum. Toothpaste.

That is what I bought at the store one day last week.

I did not buy those items as groceries for home. They were for someone else. More correctly, they were for a number of “someones” who needed them.

We are hearing many reports about refugees entering the United States either at a point of entry or somewhere else. In a number of cases, they are leaving countries where there is rampant violence which, they fear, will specifically target them.

There are, in fact, some adults and children who have been processed by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and have been released to join relatives in other parts of our country. Two Las Cruces congregations have established formal ties with ICE to receive these individuals (and families) every couple of weeks. After a brief stop in Las Cruces, they continue on their journey. Each of these congregations collects supplies for their temporary guests. By the way, the gum is provided in case their trip includes airline travel to their next destination. I also took with me children’s books in Spanish (and bilingual books), provided by the Children’s Reading Alliance (arranged by Rhonda Karol).

Project Oak Tree is a similar program, managed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, which collects supplies to support asylum seekers who await further proceedings related to their particular situations. I recently met with Bishop Oscar Cantu to speak with him before he moves to his new community of San Jose, California. He let me know that Project Oak Tree is active.

And so, for the aforementioned programs, I have donated on my own, from my own funds, rice, gum and toothpaste.

What I have discovered in my own study of American history is that newcomers to the United States were often seen by some previous arrivals as undesirable, unassimilable, and as people who would take jobs away from those who came before. That represented only one approach to those who were seeking freedom and a better life in our country. People have held many positions on this issue across a wide spectrum. That included the perspective expressed by Emma Lazarus in her poem, “The New Colossus.” Jewish immigrants who arrived from 1881 to 1921 quickly discovered that the “Goldene Medina” wasn’t as golden as they thought, but they worked hard, like those who preceded and followed them, to create for themselves a good life in America.

I have written in the Adelante in past years about my paternal grandmother, Anna Karol, being required to report for an interview at a local post office in Kansas City to fulfill the rules set by the Alien Registration Act of 1940. She naturalized in 1941 (this was the basis of my July 6, 2018 *Las Cruces Bulletin* column). Recently, one of my younger relatives (her grandfather was my first cousin, and her great-

grandfather, my uncle, was a member of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. for 70 years) posed several questions to me in our correspondence on www.23andme.com: Where were my mom’s parents married? When did they come to the United States? And I would add: WHY did they come to the United States? WHERE did they meet? Did they have relatives here already? I am now engaged in a search to find some answers.

Since my maternal grandparents left Lithuania and/or Poland in the late 1880s, I imagine that the increase in attacks on Jews under Czarist rule was, very possibly, one of the reasons they came to America. Fear of being a target of such violence had to be, at least, in the back of the minds of many of our recent ancestors who made their way to these shores.

Once the restrictions on Eastern European immigration tightened in 1921, and again in 1924, Jewish arrivals were limited to a trickle as compared to the previous 40 years. There was strict adherence to the quotas set for the countries with the largest numbers of Jewish immigrants in the past. At times, there were many more spaces available within the quota parameters which American officials did not permit to be filled.

There are always issues of security and safety that are related to entry into a country and to border protection. Even at Ellis Island, not everyone was allowed to stay. No matter what the attitudes of American citizens and residents, it seems that people facing oppression or violence at home still look to the United States as a nation that offers greater safety, security and opportunity than did the countries where they have lived all their lives.

I am certain that Jewish immigrants—and those from other ethnic groups—did not have it easy when they first settled in their communities. If there was already prejudice against them here before they came, I can only imagine how difficult it must have been once they began living and working in American cities and towns that begrudged their presence.

Still, in the United States, newly-arrived Jews were free from state-sponsored anti-Semitism. They could speak Yiddish and/or English in their homes. They could work. They could raise their children as Americans who valued the Jewish heritage that had accompanied them here.

I find echoes of the desires and the journeys of my own family forbears in the new arrivals of today.

I am guided by Jewish teachings about hospitality, compassion and welcoming. I will continue to provide rice...gum...toothpaste...and prayers for the well-being of American cities and towns as places that will continue to exude warmth, love and hope.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

See rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com for Rabbi Karol’s articles, Divrei Torah and sermons.

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol will be out-of-town on August 17-19. Contact Ellen Torres (510-676-3211) in case of any urgent concerns.



Words of the President:
Divrei HaNasi

Fundraising is Crucial to Keeping our Spiritual Home Alive

Temple Beth-El is an amazing spiritual home where we have built numerous Sacred Partnerships with each other and developed a Temple family that helps support us during happy times and times of need. To maintain this wonderful place of solace, comfort, and friendship, we need to remain solvent. We have established a few successful fundraisers, such as the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament in October, the TBE Deli Booth at the Renaissance Faire in November, and the Jewish Food and Folk Festival in April. We need your support at each of these events for them to continue being successful. We are also considering adding a Deli Night in December or February, when we would sell pastrami sandwiches and possibly a couple of other items. These would be available in a take-out style deli, or as dinner and social hour in the TBE social hall. Dave Zeemont has offered to help with this. We need your support for the upcoming Matzo Ball Open on Sunday, October 21, so please consider joining us as a golfer, a hole sponsor, or by donating items for the raffle table. Read the article about the MBO in this Adelante. Thanks to Lynn Zeemont, Michael Mandel, and Dee Cook for helping to co-chair this event. Please also remember to pay your annual dues to help us stay afloat. We count on you, as always, to keep TBE financially stable. We are also still looking for a chair or co-chairs for this year's JFFF. It is imperative to locate dedicated individuals to carry on this vital work originated by Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman. Please contact either Rebecca or Aggie if you can help with this. It is too important of a fundraiser to see it falter.

Jewish Federation Annual Campaign 2018

We held the Annual Campaign Calling Session on Wednesday June 7 to raise funds for the Jewish Federation, one of the requirements of receiving a grant from the Federation. Many Board members and Committee chairs joined us, along with Monika Kimball, who is now one of our representatives on the Federation Board. We called members and asked you to make pledges to support the amazing work of the Jewish Federation worldwide. To date, Campaign 2018 has 254 Pledges of \$263,757.00. Their goal is \$600,000, so there is always a need to make calls. We brought in \$3,118.00 in one hour. Campaign Director, Sue Bendalin, and Federation President Janet Wechter, join me in thanking you for your support and contributions. Our gifts determine how much they can provide in grants and programming to support local, national, and international causes. Remember, every dollar

contributed changes a life for the better.

Leadership Series:

We will be holding a Board Orientation and Dinner in August to welcome the new board members and to help us do some reflecting and planning. This orientation will be a lead-in to the Nominating Committee's upcoming Leadership Series, which will feature brief yet engaging workshops on key topics such as "Defining Spirituality," "Leadership Styles and Skills," and "Exploring Our Temple." This series will be open to all Temple members, along with our trustees, of course. We're setting a foundation to build strong leaders, which is crucial to the future and legacy of our temple. These workshops are intended to provide the needed support for those of you who have stepped up or will step up to be involved as temple leaders, so please attend. I will keep you posted. So far, the dates for the first three are Sunday, October 28, Sunday, December 16, and Sunday, February 10, all at 2:00 pm. Future topics may include Congregational Governance, Financial Responsibility, and Our Mission-Vision-and Values. There is an additional article about this series in another section of this Adelante.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 5779 High Holy Day services in September. Please respond to the mailing, sent out by our Religious Practices Committee (signed by Chair Jeff Lewis and Rabbi Karol), to volunteer for parts in the multiple services and to add the names of your loved ones to the annual Yizkor Memorial Book. L'shanah Tovah!

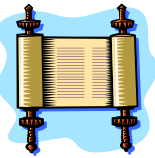
On Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 pm, we will be presenting an historical play about Temple Beth-El, using information from interviews with our members. This production is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. The play, written by Wil Kilroy, the head of NMSU's Department of Theatre Arts, will be performed at the ASNMSU-CFTA Theatre building at the corner of Espina and University. Please plan to attend! An article about this production appears on another page in this Adelante.

Thank you for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. Continue to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and continue working together to strengthen our Sacred Partnership, Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, and Sacred Purpose.

***In Sacred Partnership,
Ellen Torres***

ADULT EDUCATION

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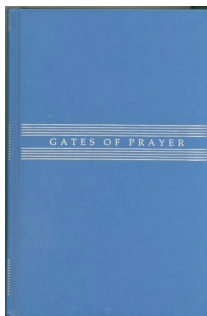
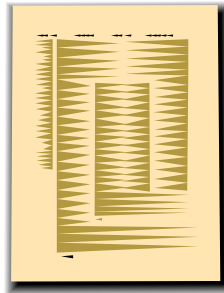


TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Sessions will resume on September 26.

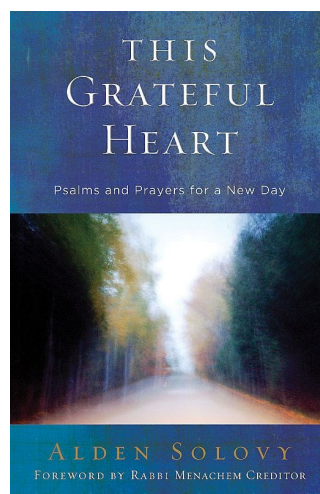
LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study (in English) has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. No previous background or Hebrew knowledge is necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



Temple Beth El is currently using the *Mishkan T'filah* and *Mishkan Hanefesh* prayer books. We have a number of remaining copies of our earlier prayer books, such as *Gates of Prayer* and *Gates of Repentance*. We are making them available free of charge for our members. Please take some of those books that are on the table at the side of the sanctuary.

We have several copies available of *This Grateful Heart*, by Alden Solovy, at a cost of \$15.00 per book. ***All books are signed by the author.*** Please contact Rabbi Karol if you would like to purchase one of these books.



TEMPLE BETH-EL PLAY AT NMSU

2:00 P.M., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Temple Beth-El received funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso to conduct 25 oral history interviews. These interviews will provide the main basis for a play to be written by Wil Kilroy, the head of NMSU's Department of Theatre Arts. **The play will be performed at the ASNMSU-CFTA Theatre building (at the corner of Espina and University) at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 7, 2018.** All characters in the play will have pseudonyms, and in some cases information from multiple interviews will be melded. The play will include vignettes about Temple Beth-El's members' experiences that will help a general audience to understand more about the Temple, its history and its members. The play will be about one hour in length and will be followed by a Q&A panel discussion. Since the production is funded by the grant, admission is free and refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend and place it on your calendar - thanks!

Save the Date!

**"Expressing Jewish Identities:
Challenges and Accomplishments"**
2018 New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
Conference
November 10-11, 2018
Sheraton Uptown
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Register at www.nmjhs.org



New Mexico ESTABLISHED 1985
Jewish Historical Society

**Temple Beth-El's Sixth Annual
Matzo Ball Open
at Picacho Hills Country Club
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018**



**11 a.m. Registration
12 p.m. Shotgun Start Tee-Off
\$100 per player**

Temple Beth-El is hosting its sixth annual golf tournament, the Matzo Ball Open on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces.

Registration will start at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse and come enjoy a bowl of matzo ball soup. The format will be a four-person best ball team scramble, which means each player gets to take a shot from their team's previous best shot. Your entry fee per 4-person team includes cart, range balls, dinner (vegetarian option available), as well as a certificate for a complimentary round at PHCC.

We will have a \$10,000 putting contest, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests for both men and women. Raffles tickets will be sold throughout the tournament as well as mulligans and 50/50 tickets.

We hope that you will consider being a hole sponsor or make a contribution to our raffle table. Your business or individual name will be advertised at a tee box and in the Temple Beth-El newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at the tournament.

CALL (575) 523-0913 FOR MORE INFORMATION

“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”

An important part of our future is represented by bequests made by members.

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come. From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

A simple codicil can be added to your existing will, if you wish to make a bequest, such as:

***“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ _____
[or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].***

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

Board of Trustees Biography: Sue Brown

I grew up in Racine, Wisconsin, a city of about 80,000. My parents owned a popular men's clothing store. We attended a conservative temple and my two brothers, sister and I attended Sunday school. I was confirmed there.

Civil rights was important to my family. My dad belonged to the NAACP in the 50's, was the first Jewish person to integrate a local country club, and the first clothing store owner to hire an African-American to be a salesperson. Through his words and actions, my father taught me Jewish values and the importance of social justice. He always told me "you don't have to go to Temple to be a good Jew". He believed that living your life by Jewish values and *acting* on those values was most important and because of antisemitism we had to uphold the highest standards. After leaving home, I didn't affiliate with a Temple or Jewish organization for years, but his words have always guided me.

In 1967, I joined the Chicago Teacher Corps and taught in the inner-city. There I met my husband Carl and we had opportunities to be involved with civil rights issues. Marieka was born in 1971 and Carl was accepted into a PhD Program at NMSU. I loved Las Cruces from the moment we arrived. Shortly thereafter, I entered a doctoral program. Upon graduation, I worked at NMSU's Center for Learning Assistance. We helped college students be successful and had special programs for low-income, first generation students. I was the Director until I retired in 2005. During that time, after Marieka came out, I founded our local chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender Individuals (PFLAG) and was active in securing equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community.

I did not affiliate with TBE until 1980. Frances Williams, whom I had met, urged me to put Marieka, then nine years old, into Sunday School. From the first day that she attended, Marieka loved everything about it. I am grateful to Frances for encouraging me to join. That first year, I met Bea Klein, who is such an important part of our family. I was a member until the early 90's when Marieka went to college. Marieka later moved back and got married and I rejoined TBE again in 2005 to share this experience with my mother Emily Cohen, Marieka, Jeanne, and my grandchildren, Kaila and Liana.

In 2008, I had the amazing experience of being reunited with my son, Mark, whom I had been forced to give up for adoption when he was a baby and I was 19. I was surprised at how much it meant to me that he had been raised by a Jewish family. My family has doubled. I feel so blessed to have Mark and Janet and my two grandchildren, Sophie and Michael, in my life.

It wasn't until Rabbi Karol came to the temple that I became really involved here. His open commitment to social justice represents the things my father had taught me and they form the basis for my Judaism. For the first time, I felt a connection between my Jewish values and my Jewish community. As a member of the board, I believe I have a responsibility to lead according to Jewish values and traditions. For me this includes being fair, being inclusive, listening, accepting differences, being kind and respectful, and working together as a community through words and actions, to ensure justice and equality for all.

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 28 – 2 p.m., Temple Social Hall—DEFINING SPIRITUALITY – Rabbi Larry Karol

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 2 p.m., Temple Social Hall - LEADERSHIP STYLES AND SKILLS – Ellen Torres

Sunday, Feb. 10 – 2 p.m., Temple Beth-El—EXPLORING OUR TEMPLE – Sue Brown

Dear Temple Members,

We're excited to have our 3rd annual Sisterhood Rummage Sale on Sunday, August 19, 2018. We are asking your help to make this event successful. Last year, we were able to offer several scholarship opportunities, as a result, and would like to continue again this year.

We, of course, need your gently used rummage, hangers, bags and clothing racks to more easily display clothing. **Please bring your contributions to Temple on Wednesday and Thursday, August 15 and 16, between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. Also, you can bring items on Friday, August 17, between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M.**

There will be a **pre-sale on Saturday, August 18, for Temple members from 7:00-9:00 P.M.**

We would appreciate any help you can give us on Saturday, August 18 to set up and on Sunday, August 19, between 7:00 A.M and 1:00 P.M. to monitor and help sell our collection.

**Thank you,
TBE Sisterhood Council**

Help with Temple Beth-El website

The website of Temple Beth El is hosted by the Union of Reform Judaism. This is a free service for us as congregational members. You may know that there are a number of categories of information listed there, including information about the temple itself, opportunities to study and pray as well as archives where we have issues of the Adelante, photos, annual reports, the constitution and bylaws, etc. There is also a calendar listing upcoming events.

For many years, URJ used a particular system and format (Joomla) and this was managed by several temple members. Recently, however, URJ has decided to change the format and is about to begin using RJ Web Builder 3.0, migrating content from the old site to the new. This website construction also uses a different method of input called WordPress.

This seems like an opportune time to change our "webmaster" as well. We are looking for someone *of any age* who may be familiar with these tools (or willing to learn) and is interested in devoting a bit of time to managing our website. This also provides an opportunity to make the website more active and user-friendly. The amount of time required to post current documents is relatively little (perhaps an hour/week) but the new website is ripe for more activity and creativity.

If you are interested in the opportunity to contribute to the Temple from your home, please contact Ned Rubin (erubin47@comcast.net) for information.

Israel Update

A LOOMING GAZA WAR By Phil Alkon

Last month's Update used the latest upsurge in Hamas-generated violence from Gaza to demonstrate the conventional media's inability to deal with Israel-Palestinian issues in anything approaching an even-handed or even evidence-based manner. The time tested mantra – *Israel can do nothing right and the Palestinians can do nothing wrong* – has a resilience and life-span that is awesome and death defying. Almost like the Jews themselves.

This month, I had hoped to expand my consideration of Israel-related events to a broader scale, going beyond the Middle East itself. But Gaza just won't go away. Give credit to Hamas for never letting an opportunity to create havoc for Israel and unnecessary pain for their own people - the residents of Gaza – go unexploited. The early border "demonstrations" along Israel's southern border soon morphed into a creative incendiary campaign torching thousands of acres of Negev agriculture fields and nature reserves; then to sniper attacks on Israeli troops; on to renewed expansion of underground terror tunnels under Israeli soil; and now to the familiar firing of hundreds of rockets on Israeli kibbutzim and towns in southern Israel. We've all been through these provocations and the predictable responses before; including IDF aerial attacks on Hamas targets in Gaza itself. Israel is now warning Hamas that the current level of violence from Gaza is intolerable, and will lead to a ground war against Hamas within Gaza itself. We are on the verge of a total war with Hamas that may leave much of Gaza devastated and many of its residents dead and injured.

And, to what purpose? What is behind Hamas' apparent goal of self-destruction and the erasure of the only realm it controls in the Middle East or elsewhere on Earth. In my view, the answer lies in a manifold, and complex virtual reality that exemplifies much of the dysfunction that plagues the Arab Middle East. Here goes: (1) Hamas' governance of Gaza, including its economy, finances and infrastructure, is in sham-

bles. A conflict with Israel has proved a handy and reliable diversion in the past, and may work again. (2) Hamas' real political enemy is the Palestinian Authority (i.e., PLO) in the West Bank. What better way to demonstrate that you are the true carrier of the torch than to pick a fight with Israel and kill some Jews. (3) Hamas' major supporter is Iran, which itself is provoking a virtual war with Israel in the north. Nothing like creating a second front against Israel in the south to garner appreciation and help from Big Brother. (4) Palestinian nationalism has lost considerable relevance in the Shia Arab world (i.e., all neighboring Arab states) at large. Lashing out at someone helps relieve otherwise



unmanageable angst. (5) Finally, rumblings from Washington indicate that a U. S. "solution" to the Israel-Palestinian conflict will begin with a major effort to revive Gaza's economy and infrastructure. Concurrently, Israel committed to the establishment of a commercial seaport for Gaza located in Cyprus, another potential boost to the Gaza

economy. Hamas fully realizes that improving the lives of Gazans amounts to a death sentence for Palestinian extremism. Why not start a real war with the Jews while there is still time?

I cannot end this note without my usual shot across the bow of the international media establishment. Has anyone come across any U.S. or other western media coverage of the conflict along the Gaza-Israel border within the past several weeks? Our Sunday *New York Times* covered every conceivable conflict locally and abroad, but not a hint of the discomfort that Israelis or Gazans may be undergoing thanks to Hamas. CNN loves to broadcast images of flames of virtually any origin in its regular network news programs. I have yet to see even a hint of smoke from southern Israel as part of their world news coverage.

Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary—July 19, 2018

President Ellen Torres led a discussion about Board members' responsibilities and conduct, and a statement about Board norms of behavior was adopted. Ellen reported that Temple fundraising efforts have brought pledges of \$3,118 so far to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. The Nominating Committee has planned three 2:00 pm hour-long TBE leadership training sessions for October 28 (defining spirituality), December 16 (leadership styles and skills) and February 10 (exploring our Temple). Future sessions will explore other topics. Verizon plans to install tower covers and to begin providing monthly payments to TBE. It has moved its port-a-potty from the shed area. Michael Mandel reviewed our budget, and members discussed cost cutting possibilities.

Linda Kruger gave a Library presentation. She has worked hard for years to remove duplicate copies, unless specific books are needed for classes. She plans to box and store the entire young adult collection, and may remove some adult fiction books. Together with filling empty Library shelves, this will permit moving books from the top shelf in the Library.

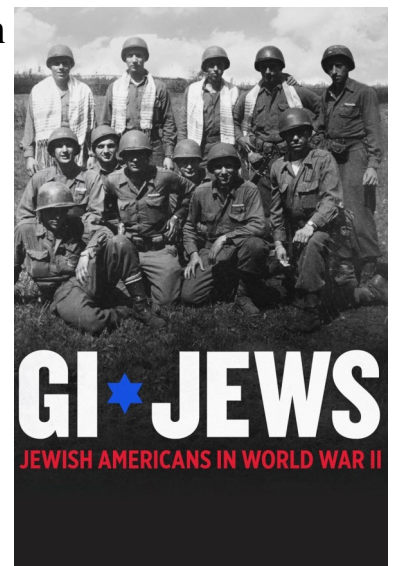
Dave Zeemont gave presentations about holding a Deli Dinner and about the 2018 Renaissance Faire booth. The Board agreed to participate in the November 3-4 Faire and to seek to share one day with another group. The Board approved the 2018-19 budget. After reviewing the contents of the storage room near the Bimah, the Board decided to provide a religiously appropriate burial for prayer books in the storage room that are no longer in use.

In the very near future, Board members will be calling members to thank them for their involvement with and commitment to the Temple and to wish them a Happy New Year. The TBE

History play will be held at NMSU at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 7, 2018. URJ, which hosts our Web site, is adopting a new Web format. We will be able to implement a Web calendar to inform people about events and help avoid time conflicts.

The Board welcomed Steven Haydu to Temple membership.

The TBE Mensch Club
will present
the PBS
documentary
“G.I. Jews”
(about American
Jewish soldiers
who served
during
World War II)
on



Sunday, August 26, 2018
at 2:00 pm.
in the Temple Sanctuary.



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of topics of Jewish and general interest are held at the Temple every Wednesday morning. Breakfast begins at 8:45 am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon for information at philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945)

“Singing Favorites: Songs of 1968 and More” on Saturday, July 28, 2018



Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

will be ordered again in the coming months. Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of yours or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

La Tienda de Jardin, located at 335 La Colonia Ave (at the southwest corner of Alameda and Main St), would greatly appreciate contributions of ladies clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags and household items. La Tienda does the following very well:

- It supports Jardin de Los Ninos, a local charity that takes care of homeless and near homeless children and families.
- Purchases help mostly working women dress appropriately at a fair price.
- The donations help those who donate keep their closets tidy while doing a good deed.
- Items not sold are given to other charities and nothing goes to a landfill.

If you have not visited us, please do. We are open Monday-Friday, 10am to 5pm and Saturday at 10am to 2pm. If a pick-up would help you make your donation or you need more information, please call the Temple office.

Donations through July 28, 2018

General Fund

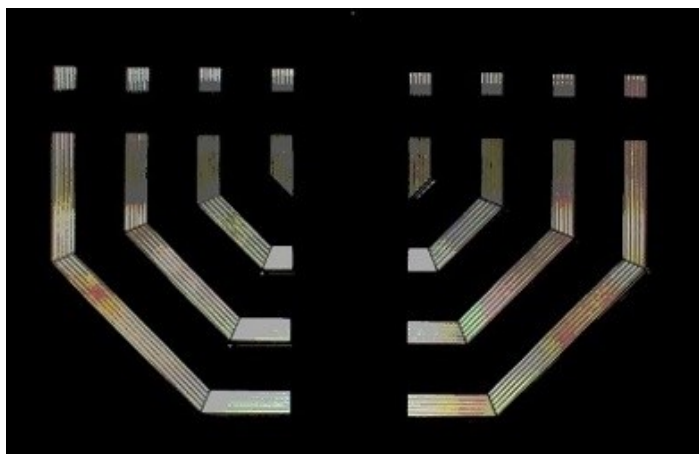
- Michael Morales
- Frima Marquez and Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Jacob Krasner and Lillian Krasner
- Robert and Carla Libby, in memory of Natalie E. Libby
- Bea Klein
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Tillie Brandt, Joel Ziegler and Rita Berger
- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Cecile Elfant
- Sonny and Rosie Klein, in memory of Scott Klein
- Dee Cook, in memory of Dorothy Whitledge and Jacob Klempner
- Selma Ryave and Rosalyn Richman, in memory of Cheryl S. Ryave Radov, Libbie Ryave, Albert Ryave, Irving L. Podolsky, Esther Y. Podolsky, Rev. David Beryl Ryave, Sol E. Podolsky, and Charles Lipsitz.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Cherri Hudson-Brown, for receiving an aliyah during services and on the improvement of her father's health
- Yossi and Susan Lapid

Biblical Garden Fund

- Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Sarah Meltzer Smalley
- Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Rea Bienstock



TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

General Operating Fund—For the day-to-day operation of TBE.

Biblical Garden Fund—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

Campership Fund—Providing scholarships for Temple students to attend Jewish summer camp programs.

Social Action Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To broadly support Jewish education, based on merit or need, through participation in the TBE Religious School, camperships, and/or pursuit of Jewish collegiate studies or rabbinical studies.

Frances Williams Library Fund—To provide books and infrastructure for the TBE library.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Fund—Provides funds to help further adult education and cultural programming at TBE.

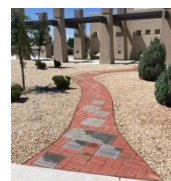
Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund—Support for Youth activities at TBE.

Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Michael Mandel.



Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and family)



by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.

AUGUST 2018 (AV-ELUL 5778)**Yahrzeits-July 29 through September 8, 2018**

(Listings include the name of the loved one on the yahrzeit list and the name of the congregant or congregants remembering that loved one)

Read on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4

Anne H Bergman (Nancy Bergman)
 Laurel (Batkin) Cahn*/Leah bat Mina (Mike Batkin)
 Thelma F Goldberg (Richard Goldberg)
 Gloria Hudson (Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 Milton Kirschner (Bob Kirschner)
 Lillian Krasner* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
 Edward Palanker/Echiel Ben Avram-Lab (Allen Palanker)
 Joseph Rothman (Nina Rothman)
 Mary Shickler*
 Fred Silverston*
 Rose Wechter*

Read on Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11

Morton Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Samuel Davison*
 Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Morty Horwitz (Ellen Torres)
 Howard Klein* (Bea Klein)
 Gina Libo* (Paul Feil)
 Ruth Plas (Nancy Bergman)
 Dorothy Quinn (Patrick Quinn)
 Eva Rayblatt (Rose Jacobs)
 Laszlo Szucs*

Read on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18

Irving Batkin* (Mike Batkin)
 Morris Bernstein* (Marvin Bernstein)
 Sol Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Paul Deutschman (Ellen Torres)
 Joseph Epstein (Marlene Benz)
 Bella Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Jane Abrams Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)
 Wolfie Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
 Mary Jacobs*
 Abraham Dov Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Chia Shayna Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Dina Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Isser Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Maria Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Yossel Kaplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Rose Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)
 Rose Lieberman Hodess (Michael Lieberman)
 Samuel Pomerantz* (Abe Pomerantz)
 Geneva Pritikin*

Read on Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25

Gail Bergman (Nancy Bergman)
 Irv Dworsky*
 Eve Holzman*
 Ethel Kreps*
 Albert Petrowski*
 Samuel Rice*
 Martin Steinman*

Donald David Stern*
 Sidney Waldman*
 Zarah Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

Read on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1

Thomas E Bell (Joseph Bell)
 Lulu Dimig (Tom & Deborah Levy)
 Morris Feldman*
 Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Millie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Philip Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Cheryl S. Ryave Radov (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

Read on Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8

Louis Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)
 Sylvia Blumkin*
 Zellie Capin (Bea Klein)
 Shari Kandel (Teddy Weinglass)
 Joseph Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)
 Ramon Marquez (Frima Marquez)
 Helen Rothman (Nina Rothman)
 Libbie Ryave (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
 Samuel Smalley* (Alison Mann)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

***Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown,
 on the death of their nephew, Logan Pearson,
 on July 13, 2018 in St. Petersburg, Florida.***

***Steven Pritikin, on the death of his father,
 Temple member Leonard Pritikin,
 on Thursday, July 19, 2018
 in Silver City, New Mexico***

***Sally and Phil Alkon, on the death of
 Sally's brother, Thomas Brankman,
 who died in Westport, New York
 during the week of July 15, 2018.***

May their memories be for blessing.

In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be recited during services, we have instituted the following practices:

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Newsletter.
- Names are read on the Shabbat following the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.



Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to www.smile.amazon.com. You will be required to enter the charity you wish to donate to – just type in Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces in the charity box and this will set the Temple as your charity of choice. Then just shop – pretty easy and also, since many people today shop online via Amazon, it becomes a win-win situation for all.



Visit the Temple Beth-El Website
www.tbcl.org
for in-depth information about Temple
and its programming and updates on current Temple events

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

(It is open for all to see!)

If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click “Like” and join us in our Facebook community!

VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

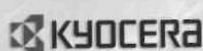
At Temple Beth-El, we depend on you, our members, to inform us if you know of someone who needs a visit, especially if they are in a hospital or a rehabilitation or assisted living facility, and also if they are not able to leave their homes due to health-related issues. In order for us to keep our list of who needs a visit current, we ask you to call or email Rabbi Karol (rabbi@tbcl.org) with the names of congregants who you know would like to be visited. We appreciate your cooperation in this area, so that we can be, as much as possible, a truly caring community.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the September, 2018 Adelante is August 20. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Wednesdays at 10:00-10:30 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbcl.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



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Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE

Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

Here are longer lists for items needed!

***For Casa de Peregrinos:* Peanut Butter and the following
Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables,
Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats
For El Caldito: Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans, Beef
and Chicken Soup Stock**

Casa de Peregrinos provides staple foods to the needy, and El Caldito provides a hot meal 365 days a year to the hungry in our community. Both organizations are part of the Community of Hope located on the same campus at 999 W. Amador. There are common interests and goals and the food received is often shared between the two organizations in order to best utilize both perishable and non-perishable foods. Please bring something for one or both of these organizations and put your donation in the marked containers in the hallway opposite the Library. For more information or questions, contact the Temple office.



AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Av 20 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Av 21 2	Av 22 3 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Av 23 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin 10:15 am
Av 24 5	Av 25 6	Av 26 7	Av 27 8 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Av 28 9	Av 29 10 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Av 30 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 1 12	Elul 2 13	Elul 3 14	Elul 4 15 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Elul 5 16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Elul 6 17 Shabbat Service Led by Ellen Torres and Ruth Rubin 7:00 pm	Elul 7 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Sisterhood Rummage Sale Pre-Sale 7:00-9:00 pm
Elul 8 19 Sisterhood Rummage Sale 7:00 am-1:00 pm	Elul 9 20	Elul 10 21	Elul 11 22 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Elul 12 23	Elul 13 24 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Elul 14 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 15 26 Religious School Orientation 9:00-10:30 am Sisterhood Brunch 11:00 am Mensch Club Film "G.I. Jews" -2:00 pm	Elul 16 27	Elul 17 28	Elul 18 29 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Elul 19 30	Elul 20 31 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Elul 21 Sept. 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Selichot Dessert, Study, Worship 7:30 pm

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