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Las Cruces, New Mexico

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Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, January 5**—Family Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner.
- **Friday, January 12**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, January 19**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, January 26**—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



**We will gather for our
Tu Bish'vat Seder on
Wednesday, January 31
at 5:30 pm**

**All are welcome!
Please respond to
rabbi@tbelc.org
or 575-524-3380.**

Annual Congregational Dinner “EREV SIMCHA: EVENING OF JOY” Saturday, January 27, 2018 at TBE.

A Havdalah service will start the evening at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, with dinner right after in the Social Hall. **It is a fun time for Temple members,** where we can celebrate our wonderful Temple community, honor our new members, and enjoy each other's company as well. This is also one of the ways that our Board of Trustees gives back to you and thanks you for your membership and support of Temple Beth-El.

RSVP to Ellen Torres by phone or email
ellen4332@gmail.com -510-676-3211.

Send her your name and how many will be attending our member appreciation dinner.



Coming to Temple Beth-El on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm: “A Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain” with Robyn Helzner

Through entrancing Ladino songs, stories and images, Helzner magically transports audiences to the heart of Jewish Spain. Her captivating presentation brings to life the once flourishing Jewish communities of Toledo, Córdoba and Seville. In exploring the resurgence of a modern Jewish presence in Spain, “A Key to the Casa” celebrates the remarkable resilience of the Jewish people. Lyrics to the songs are projected so everyone can join in the singing.



A stunning vocalist and vivid storyteller, Robyn Helzner radiates a passion for Jewish music and culture. Her concerts and recordings are acclaimed worldwide. Robyn also leads Jewish Heritage Tours to Spain and to China.

We thank the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso for the grant that is supporting this program.

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, January 5 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner *coordinated by Susan Michelson and Rebecca Berkson.*

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Friday, January 12

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on “Finding and Preserving Freedom.” *Terri Sugarman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat to mark the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Friday, January 19

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on “Don't Look Back.” *Cherri Hudson-Brown and Wendee Lorbeer will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, January 20

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28

Friday, January 26

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy, with additions for Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of song. *Bryan and Lisa McCuller and Becca Krebs will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, January 27

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah Judges 4:4-5:31

Wednesday, January 31

5:30 pm **TU BISH'VAT SEDER:** Join us as we celebrate the New Year of Trees with a modern adaptation of this ritual that celebrates our ties to nature and to the land of Israel. Open to all congregants—please respond to Rabbi Karol by email or call the Temple office.

Friday, February 2 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El

Kaila Brown-Saturday, May 26, 2018

Derek Hyman-Saturday, June 2, 2018

Hannah Saltman-Saturday, June 30, 2018

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting

will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

We thank Ann Berkson for her service to Temple Beth-El as a board member. She has chosen to step down at this time. We look forward to her continued involvement in Temple projects and programs!



Message from Rabbi Karol

Boston.

I first visited there in 1965, with a return visit in 1966. I can remember some confusion with streets the first time (don't worry, I wasn't driving!). My mom attended a national Hadassah convention there in 1966, and we stayed at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Yes, I still have photos from that trip, including views of the city from the top of the Prudential Center.

The then-Union of American Hebrew Congregations held its biennial convention in Boston in 2001, with sessions at the Hynes Convention Center. Rhonda and I attended as delegates from our congregation in Kansas. Across the street is one of the buildings of Berklee College of Music, where our son Adam attended, leading up to his May 8, 2008 graduation when Rhonda and I again stayed at the Sheraton Boston hotel. I wrote the song "Eitz Chayim," on my latest album, that night in our hotel room.

The Union for Reform Judaism returned to Boston for its 2017 Biennial Convention at the Hynes Convention Center. Our Temple Beth-El contingent included Rhonda and me and Ellen and Fred Torres. There was also an expanded Karol contingent: my brother, Rabbi Steve Karol, attended, as well as his daughter, Samantha Tananbaum, who now is a Social Media specialist at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. We were joined by Adam, Juli and Joshua Karol, with Juli attending the biennial as a fifth-year rabbinic student.

Biennial participants included many, many people whom I knew from my years in high school, college, rabbinic school, and throughout my rabbinate.

For me, the conference began on December 6 with a biennial-sponsored "field trip" to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Ruth Klepper (mother of Cantor Jeff Klepper, whose music we sing often), a docent at the JFK Library, spoke about a Torah scroll that was placed on display for our group. It had been presented to President Kennedy in 1961 by Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath of the UAHC, in a ceremony at the White House that coincided with the dedication of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Freedom 7, the Mercury capsule in which Alan Shepard became the first American to fly in space, was on display, as well as the text of President Kennedy's inaugural address.

The learning sessions I attended touched upon a wide range of knowledge and expertise. During "Expect the Unexpected: New Insights from Diverse Jewish Sources," four professors from HUC-JIR offered brief lessons on why people turn to Psalms in times of crisis, the significance of medieval Jewish texts that mention or relate to Muhammed, the importance of minority opinions in Judaism, and how Judaism is intrinsically, and thankfully, a complex religion. In her talk on "Prophetic roots of modern Social Action," Dr. Andrea Weiss explored passages from ancient prophets that have relevance for our lives today. In "Music for a new reality," eight artists performed their new songs on the theme of

social justice. In "Taking a Stand," two HUC-JIR professors spoke about their projects that present religious viewpoints in a public forum. At the presentation on "When Hate Comes to Town," National Anti-Defamation League director Jonathan Greenblatt, along with Rabbi Tom Gutherz of Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville, VA, spoke about the demonstrations in Charlottesville in August 2017 and how they were handled by the congregation and community. They offered advice on how we should be vigilant in our communities if we face such a challenge. After speaking on Rosh Hashanah morning about Bruce Feiler's book, *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us*, I thought it was only fitting to attend the Shabbat luncheon that featured the author speaking about this very book.

Speakers at the large plenary programs for all delegates included The Rev. William Barber II, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Israeli author David Grossman. They all spoke about the importance of building community in a way that encompasses many people of varying opinions, based upon a strong moral foundation that can foster integrity and respect.

It is difficult to convey what it's like to pray with 6,000 people. It is inspiring, and it works because the people who attended the biennial brought their own special enthusiasm and spirit from their home communities to those moments of worship, led by rabbis, cantors and a choir of "our peers." One special moment for me was sitting for a few minutes with our daughter-in-law Juli and grandson Josh. It was the first time I had been a grandfather sitting with family in a worship setting. Hopefully, there are many more experiences of sitting with family that are yet to come.

During one of my elevator rides up to our floor, a man next to me asked the woman in front of him to move in a way that was a bit abrupt. As she stepped back, I saw that it was Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and one of the leaders of Women of the Wall. As if to soften the words spoken to her, but also to express my own gratitude for her great work, I said, "We are so glad you are here."

And I realized that community needs to be about that sentiment. We have the opportunity to be glad for our shared participation in our community locally, and nationally, and around the world. Let us do what we can to strengthen our ties here, so that our congregation can add its vitality to the continuity of Jewish life.

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.*

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

(See Biennial photos on Page 10)

Rabbi Karol is scheduled to attend, on January 7-11, the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis convention in Palm Springs, California. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.



Words of the President: *Divrei HaNasi*

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2017 URJ BIENNIAL

Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone, as it is said, "From all who would teach me, have I gained understanding." Pirkei Avot 4:1

I attended the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial convention for the first time, and it was an amazing experience. With 6,000 other Jews from all over North America in attendance at Boston's Hynes Convention Center, I have to say it was the most audacious Jewish experience in which I have ever participated. I attended multiple plenary sessions with outstanding keynote speakers—Reverend William Barber II and Senator Elizabeth Warren were especially charismatic. Their talks brought me to tears as they reminded us over and over again of our responsibility to the poor in our country, to those who need us the most, to our responsibility to support the progressive arm of our political process. I attended numerous learning sessions focusing on Strengthening Congregations, and particularly the Emerging Leadership trainings. These sessions included: The Why and What of Today's Governance, Volunteers and How to Get Them and Keep Them, Consensus Decision-Making: How to Avoid the Meeting After the Meeting, Making Sense of the Future, and The Emerging Leaders Lunch Meeting with URJ's Debbie



Niederman and Lisa Barzilai, who wrote valuable leadership modules that we will be sharing with congregants in the near future. I also attended the URJ's Temple Presidents' Scheidt Alumni Breakfast Discussion. (You may remember that I attended the Scheidt Seminar for Temple Presidents in February 2017 in San Diego.) The ultimate experience was participating in the Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services. They were beautiful, commanding, amazing, spiritual wonders. This is an experience that I highly recommend others attend, if they haven't attended a URJ Biennial before. I spent time with other Temple Presidents whom I met at the Scheidt conference, along with the people they brought with them from their congregations. We attended song sessions, dinners, and explored Copley Place in Boston, which was connected to our hotel and the convention center. I met someone with whom I attended college and who now lives in the Boston area, and I got to meet Adam, Juli, and baby Joshua Karol. Overall, the Biennial was an amazing experience that will remain with me for years to come.

Under the facilitation of Jim Rosenthal, a team of us has been meeting to plan a Leadership program that we will present to the congregation in the very near future. Thanks to our team—Jim Rosenthal, Jeff Brown, Sue Brown, Michael Mandel, Pearie Bruder, and Rabbi Larry—for joining me in establishing the objectives and laying the groundwork for these upcoming sessions. We hope to see you there!

Welcome to Stu Fleishman as Board member and Treasurer after Allen Blum chose to take a break from all his great work in that role. Allen will remain on the Board and will continue as the Budget Committee Chairman. Thank you Allen and Stu!

To all of our Congregants: 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

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on Wednesdays at
10:15-11:20 am (no session on January 10).

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com) with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



Save the date

Sunday, February 11, 2018

1:30 pm

at Temple Beth-El

**A Presentation of the audio recording of
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s**

March, 1961 address

to Temple Emanuel

in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A panel discussion will follow.



**Sponsored by the
Social Action Committee
of Temple Beth-El**

**and
the NAACP**

Dona Ana County Branch #6102

**(Thank you to Frances Williams
for providing the recording)**

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces and the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth-El will co-sponsor a public forum on electoral issues on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7:00-9:00 pm at Temple Beth-El**. This will be the first in a projected series of forums focused on civic concerns throughout our League's 50th anniversary year.

TBE Social Action chair Ned Rubin will offer a welcome, and Anniversary Committee member Win Jacobs will speak about how the League arrives at its positions on issues facing the community.

LWVGLC member Peter Ossorio will moderate an opening panel discussion. Panelists will include Scott Krahling, Dona Ana County Clerk; Viki Harrison, NM Common Cause; and Randy Harris of Great Conversations renown. The audience will have an opportunity to submit questions in writing for the panel. Plans are underway for the session to be broadcast by KTAL, our new community radio station, as well as taped for rebroadcast.

State Representative Joanne Ferrary and State Senator Bill Soules will be holding a **Legislative Town Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00-7:30 pm at Temple Beth-El**. Local citizens are encouraged to attend to ask questions and offer input about the upcoming 2018 legislative session. Similar gatherings met before and after the 2017 Legislative session.



Judaism: Roots and Rituals
An Introduction to Judaism Course
presented by Rabbi Larry Karol
This course meets (mostly) on selected
Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm.

Upcoming sessions will be held on:

**January 3 (Wednesday); January 16, 23, and 29 (Monday);
and February 6 and 13.**

Text: Essential Judaism, by George Robinson (newly revised version). This course is especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about Judaism and Jewish life! (Materials fee for this course is \$54.00). Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend, by calling Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 or by sending an e-mail to Rabbi Karol at rabbikarol@tbelc.org.

Temple Beth-El's

Jewish Women's Spirituality group,
led by Susan Lapid, is meeting periodically.

For more information,
contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or
Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

Shabbat Chanukah Latke Dinner, Chanukiah Lighting, Family Service, and "Dreidels and Dessert" Oneg Shabbat on December 15, 2017!



**One-word reflections
from the
Temple Beth-El
Las Cruces community
on Chanukah 5778 -
12/15/2017**

**Light
Gratitude
Perseverance
Brightness**

**Lights
Triumph
Hope
Family
Endurance
Remembrance
Miracle
Survival
Continuity
Festival**

**Tradition
Freedom
Empowerment
Enlightening
Pride
Dedication
Responsibility
Commitment
Focus**

**PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP
FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Pearie K. Bruder

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” This quote from Hillel the Elder has resonated with me my entire life, although I only heard it in the last ten years.

Leadership, to me, is using the gifts God has given you to benefit others with the dual benefit of being an example to motivate others whose gifts are not yet really known to them.

I am a Las Cruces native. I grew up in a single parent home and was very poor. My mother, a Las Cruces native as well, came from an affluent family, whose lives changed when my developer grandfather died, very young, in a freak accident. My dad, also a Las Cruces native, is the oldest of 7 children who sacrificed much for the benefit of family by helping to raise his younger siblings. I have been fortunate to have a fast-moving career, many times being catapulted into positions of leadership where everyone looked to me for results and guidance.

I think seeing the struggle my parents endured and the successes experienced, despite the obstacles, drove me to get out in front and go where others would or could not. Additionally, faking it until you make it hones those skills I talk about below!

I’ve learned being a leader doesn’t mean you sit in the front, talk the most, and run the show. Being a leader is about collaboration, patience, openness to perspectives not your own, flexibility, being reliable, inclusive, and so much more.

We all have leadership attributes, in some form or another, as evidenced when we collaborate with others, giving our time, talents, treasures and/or a combination of them all.

My journey from being an insecure wallflower with crooked teeth, covered in psoriasis, to the outspoken, supportive, roll up my sleeves, lead-by-example person I am today is due to my whole life’s experiences-good and bad.

My need for spiritual fulfilment, the relationships resulting from involvement, and the example to my children, family, and friends, are the wonderful rewards for putting myself out there.

Thank you to the many of you who have played a role through shared collaborations, your patience, flexibility, reliability, perspective sharing, in shaping who I am today. We are all important!



At the December 14 meeting of the TBE Board of Trustees, Allen Blum, Ellen Torres and Rabbi Karol presented Nicole Martinez, Executive Director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, with a check for \$615, a donation from TBE from the proceeds of the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament on October 29, 2017.

TBE Members served breakfast at Camp Hope on December 25, 2017

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast this morning. I think I can say that a good time was had by all. We had a great turnout and a pleasantly warm December morning. The following people, in no particular order, set up, cooked, schmoozed, sang and cleaned up: Rose Jacobs, Art and Wendee Lorbeer, Avis and Jeff Lewis, Diane Fleishman, Jane Grider, Arthur, Becca, Mia and Lilah Berkson, Inigo Garcia Bryce, Leora Zeitlin, Amalia Zeitlin Kelter and Stuart Kelter, Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, Terri Sugarman, Eve and Allen Palanker and Beth and Morgan Tierney. And these folks provided food and financial support: Andrea Orzoff, Linda Kruger, Alison Mann, Becca Krebs, Marlene Benz, Frank Baskey and Louise Feldman-Baskey, Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, Ellen Torres, Sue Brown, and Irv and Barbara Ross, Elizabeth Lewis-Olson and Tom Olson. Some folks should actually be on both lists! And last but not least, the impromptu Temple Beth El Carolers.



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)



ISRAEL UPDATE - JANUARY 2018 WORTHY CAUSES By Phil Alkon

What better time to think about ways that we can support Israel than at the start of a New Year? Our precious Jewish land will have no shortage of conflicts and crises to overcome – that we know – and many of these challenges will be beyond our ability, as a Jewish community in the United States, to ease or even strongly influence. But we are well situated to make useful contributions to the Israeli people and to Israeli society in several meaningful ways.

The following charities and foundations are among many that offer us an opportunity to do our small part in demonstrating our commitment to the greatest Jewish accomplishment in our lifetime, the rebirth of the Land of Israel. Please go over this list and decide how you may do your part.

American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA)

Contact: info@amfda.org

Western Region Headquarters (Los Angeles, CA)

Tel: (800) 323-2371; (323) 655-4655

Email: wester@afmda.org

MDA is Israel's Red Cross organization, and serves throughout the country as the national rescue service. It relies on private contributions to support its many life-saving emergency operations. In the past two years alone, MDA patients included 859 victims of terrorist attacks.

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF)

Contact: fidf@fidf.org

Western Region Headquarters (Los Angeles, CA)

Tel: (323) 2690

Email: california@FIDF.org

FIDF provides Israel's soldiers with well-being and educational services to ease the burden they carry on behalf of the nation and the Jews worldwide. From helping wounded soldiers and the families of fallen soldiers, to supporting Lone Soldiers from all over the world, to granting college scholarships to combat veterans; every donation ensures that one more soldier is cared for.

United With Israel

Contact: info@unitedwithisrael.org

Website: www.unitedwithisrael.org

Facebook: facebook.com/unitedwithisrael

Tel: (404) 994-5101

United With Israel is an independent, global grassroots movement, founded by Jewish families, that sponsors a wide range of activities intended to promote Israel's survival, prosperity and image. Recent projects have included gift packages of winter cloth-

ing to Israeli soldiers serving in challenging winter locations, and Chanukah parties at IDF bases.

International Federation of Christians and Jews (IFCJ)

Contact: info@ifcj.org

Store: store.ifcj.org

Tel: (800) 486-8844

IFCJ, founded in 1983 by U.S. Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, has become a major source of support of Jewish causes throughout the world. As an ardent advocate of Israel's survival and welfare, IFJC provides direct support in Israel to Holocaust survivors, the aged and infirm, orphans, needy families, victims of war and terror, and IDF soldiers and their families. Purchases at the IFCJ Store (see address above) also benefit these causes.

American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (ASPNI)

Contact: info@aspni.org

Tel: (800) 411-0966

For decades, the SPNI has pioneered in the conservation of Israel's wildlife and unique natural resources for the benefit of Israel citizens and visitors from throughout the world. As a result, Eretz Yisrael boasts a variety of ecological treasures and nature reserves unmatched in the Middle East, and a citizenry that strongly supports conservation programs. SPNI also publishes a monthly magazine in English and hosts Field Schools throughout the country.

Other Charities for Israel's Needy

The following organizations are also worth your consideration to provide food and other essential support to Israel's poorest families.

Meir Panim Contact: info@meirpanim.org Tel: (877) 736-6283

Yad Eliezer Contact: www.yadeliezer.org Tel: (888) 354-3737

Israel365 Charity Contact: www.israel365.com Tel: (305) 671-9053

These suggestions are only a sample of the wide spectrum of organizations, institutions and foundations that promote the best values in Israeli society and that are deserving of our support. They also afford us all the privilege of sharing in the defining event in the history of the Jewish people during our lifetimes.

Temple Oral History Project Training and Interviews

The History Committee will supervise a 2018 Temple oral history project. This might become part of a grant for which TBE is seeking Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso funding. We plan to work with TBE volunteers to conduct interviews even if we do not get the grant. History Committee members and volunteers would interview TBE members and others about the Temple's activities, members' involvement with TBE, and the Temple's impact on Las Cruces.

We will hold a training workshop and oral history interviews in January and conduct other interviews in February or March. If the grant is funded, the oral histories, along with other materials about TBE, would provide background for Dr. Wil Kilroy (NMSU Theatre Arts) to work in consultation with the Rabbi and Committee to develop a play about the Temple's history, aspects of Jewish life and culture, and the Jewish impact on Las Cruces. The play would be presented at NMSU in later 2018.

The **training workshop** will be **from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 21** in the TBE social hall. All members are welcome, no experience is necessary. Please bring your smart phone. Young people and students are especially encouraged to participate!

We invite TBE members to be interviewed in the social hall from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, January 28.

Please contact Jeff Brown at jbrown@nmsu.edu if you plan to participate in the training workshop, and/or if you would like to be interviewed. We can set up interview times when we know who will attend.

Thank you!



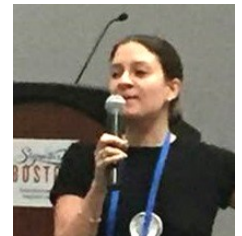
Rabbi Larry Karol pointed to "our spot" (Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, NM) on one of the pillars in the entry hall of the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts at the Union for Reform Judaism biennial convention on December 6-10, 2017. Congregations with delegations in attendance were listed on the pillars.

AT THE UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM BIENNIAL CONVENTION

During a tour of the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum on December 6, this Torah scroll, presented to President John F. Kennedy in 1961, was on display, along with a photograph of the President receiving the scroll.



Our TBE Las Cruces delegation sat together at Shabbat dinner on December 8—Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and Ellen and Fred Torres.



HUC-JIR New York Fifth-Year Rabbinic Student Juliana Karol led a Shabbat morning Torah study on December 9.



The Rev. William Barber II, a member of the national board of the NAACP, spoke to the URJ Biennial Plenary on Wednesday, December 6.

Rabbi Larry Karol and his brother, Rabbi Stephen Karol, stood together before the beginning of the Shabbat morning service on Saturday, December 9.



Board of Trustees Meeting Summary—December 14, 2017

Rabbi Karol gave the invocation. The Rabbi and President Ellen Torres discussed their experiences at the Boston biennial. The Rabbi signed a contract for Robyn Helzner's presentation on January 22, 2018. Rabbi Karol has a chapter included in Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity (CCAR Press) and will attend the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis convention in Palm Springs on January 7-11, 2018. TBE will have four bar/bat mitzvahs through June 2018, including Joshua Rosenberg on December 30, 2017. The Board approved the Rabbi's 2018 annual parsonage. Bill Soules and Joanne Ferrary may rent the social hall for a community forum in January. Temple Beth El/Social Action and the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces are sponsoring a community forum on electoral issues at TBE on January 30.

Members discussed the budget. We will ask committee chairs to submit 2018-2019 budget requests well in advance of the congregational meeting. The Leadership group is discussing ways to seek to involve more Temple members in sacred leadership. The Board discussed storage shed policies and fund raising duties. The annual congregational Havdallah and dinner will be at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 27. It has been renamed "Erev Simcha-Evening of Joy." Ann Berkson had previously stated her decision to resign from the Board. Thank you for your service, Ann! The Board appointed Stu Fleischman to the Board, and he was named Treasurer. Jennifer Blazer will remain our bookkeeper.

Allen Blum introduced Nicole Martinez from the Community of Hope, our partners in the golf tournament. We gave a check to the Community for its role. Nicole anticipated having 34 to 35 residents at the annual Christmas breakfast. Leora Zeitlin and Amalia Zeitlin discussed annual BETY/BEMY activities and the Youth Committee's finances. The Board noted that the new telephone system has been completed. The History Committee rescheduled its oral history training to Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the temple social hall, and it will hold an oral history interviewing session on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00. The Library computer system has been fixed. The Strategic Planning Committee is forming and will begin meeting in January, 2018.

The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

will be accepting applications for assistance and support for pursuit of Jewish education. Temple members are eligible to apply. Each applicant will have an opportunity to chronicle his/her Jewish journey and to describe the nature of the request and what makes that request unique. Application forms will be available soon. Announcements will be made in the Adelante and by e-mail to all members.



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 for December, 2017

General Fund

- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, in memory of Irv Wolf and Lionel Jacobs
- Wayne and Sharon Falcone, in memory of Irv Wolf
- Jackie Sloan, in memory of Irv Wolf
- Dee Cook, in memory of Irv Wolf.
- Bea Klein, in memory of Irv Wolf
- Deana Kessin, in memory of Kenneth Kessin
- Allen and Eve Palanker, in memory of Lionel Jacobs, Willie Pass, and Irv Wolf
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Melvin Kirschner
- Dee Cook, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Irv Wolf and Lionel Jacobs
- Bruce Styler and Nancy Liskar, in memory of Irv Wolf
- Carol and Ralph Troeller, in memory of Irv Wolf
- Daniel Krause, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Robert Libby, in memory of Harris B. Libby
- Nina Rothman, in memory of Irv Rothman

Religious School Fund

- Roy and Leona Klaskin, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Jere Fisher, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Arthur and Wendee Lorbeer, in memory of Lionel Jacobs and Willie Pass

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Beverly Lewis
- Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Etta Muchnikoff
- Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, in memory of Aron Fiszbein
- Ellen and Alfred Torres, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Frima Marquez and Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Carlin Marquez and Dr. Alvin Krasner
- Rose Jacobs and family, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Jay Feldman
- Cheryl Loudon-Decker and David Decker, in memory of Lynn Loudon
- Irv and Barbara Ross, in memory of Sam Ross
- Margot Leverett

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- Joan Silar, in memory of Irv Wolf

Irving M. Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Harry Segal and Lionel Jacobs

Adult Education

- Rosalind Poynter, in memory of Lionel Jacobs

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

General 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.

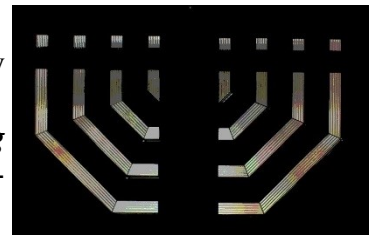
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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, Stu Fleishman.



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.

JANUARY 2018 (TEVET-SHEVAT 5778)**Yahrzeits-December 30, 2017 through
February 3, 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, January 5 and
Saturday, January 6**

Ed Entin (Maxine Webber, Jason Rosenberg)
Aron Fiszbein* (Abraham Fiszbein)
Ruth Gluck*
Henry Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
Alvin Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeff Marquez)
Harris B. Libby (Robert Libby)
Dorothy Palanker (Allen Palanker)
Nancy Rees Brown (Marieka Brown)

**Read on Friday, January 12 and
Saturday, January 13**

Jerome Deutschman* (Ellen Torres)
Jack Frank*
Bernard Gluck*:
George Gorelick* (Amy Fiszbein)
Faige Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
Leon Markson (Linda Kruger)
Laura Metzger (Bryan McCuller)
Lee Moss (Rachel Stevens)
Frances Pass*

**Read on Friday, January 19 and
Saturday, January 20**

Phyllis Orner Chonoles*
Miriam Cutler (Michele Blum)
Shmuel Farkas* (Yosef Lapid)
Herman B Golden (Darlene Goldberg)
Morris Goldstein (Wendee Lorbeer)
Coleman Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
Pearl Greenfield Higgins*
Eva Isaacson (Louise Feldman-Baskey)
Warren Klein (Debbie Levy)
Jeanette Marks (Rhonda Karol)
Evelyn Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)
Joseph Tashlik (Allen Blum)
Barbara Yalkut*

**Read on Friday, January 26 and
Saturday, January 27**

Elaine Brown* (Jeff Brown)
Richard Garner (Carrie Swartz)
Zeena Audrae Geller (Ruth Rubin)
Isaac Kruger (Linda Kruger)
Jesse J Muchnikoff (Stan Muchnikoff)
Irene Neidich*
Edward Schoenbrun*
Stanley Skigen* (Michelle Skigen)
Leah Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

**Read on Friday, February 2 and
Saturday, February 3**

Clinton Cook* (Dee Cook)
Lola Davis*
Jennie Davison*
Janet Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
Samuel Klein* (Sonny Klein, Bea Klein)
David Kloss*
Benjamin Lampert* (Gabriel Lampert)
Hesh Langner (Bernice Langner)
Margret Leverett (Margot Leverett)
Leonardo Oczon (Aggie Saltman)
Ethel Paul*
Alvin Phinick (Karen Currier)
Neysa Pritikin (Leonard Pritikin)
Harold Rabinovitch (David Rabinovich)
Edward F Resnick* (Frances F. Williams)
William Stein (Bill Stein)
Arthur Stern* (Heshel Wolf Ben Mair and Yentl)
(Ann Berkson, Arthur Berkson)
Dr Edward Weiss* (Diane Bass)

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.
- Hebrew vs. conventional 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 calendar date are asked to please email or call the administrator a few days prior to the service.

*Asterisks at left indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office.



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.



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www.tbcl.org
for in-depth information about Temple
and its programming and updates on cur-
rent Temple events

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

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

(It is open for all to see!)

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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 (rabbik@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 February, 2018 Adelante is January 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 rabbik@tbcl.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



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Technical documents of all sorts.

(for accuracy, continuity, organization, style
 grammar, readability, supportability, etc.)

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.



JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Tevet 14 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	Tevet 15 2	Tevet 16 3 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tevet 17 4	Tevet 18 5 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner following	Tevet 19 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 20 7 Religious School 9:00 am	Tevet 21 8	Tevet 22 9 Public meeting on Legislative issues with Senator Bill Soules and Representative Joanne Ferrary 6:00-7:30 pm	Tevet 23 10 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tevet 24 11	Tevet 25 12 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Oneg Shabbat for the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman	Tevet 26 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 27 14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Tevet 28 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY	Tevet 29 16 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 1 17 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 2 18 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Shevat 3 19 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Shevat 4 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Shevat 5 21 Religious School 9:00 am Oral History Training Workshop 1:00-2:30 pm	Shevat 6 22 "A Key to the Casa" Program presented by Robyn Helzner 7:00 pm	Shevat 7 23 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 8 24 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 9 25	Shevat 10 26 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Shevat 11 27 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Erev Simcha—Evening of Joy—Havdalah and Dinner—5:30 pm
Shevat 12 28 Religious School 9:00 am TBE History Interviews 1:00-4:00 pm	Shevat 13 29 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 14 30 League of Women Voters and Social Action Committee Forum 7:00-9:00 pm	Shevat 15 31 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Tu Bishvat Seder 5:30 pm	Shevat 16 Feb. 1	Shevat 17 Feb. 2 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner following	Shevat 18 Feb. 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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