

Las Cruces, New Mexico

JULY 2015 (TAMMUZ-AV 5775)



Shabbat Services (Full Schedule on Page 2) <u>Friday, July 3</u> "Pre-Neg" at 5:30 pm

Early Shabbat service for all ages at 6:00 pm including our annual Great American Sing-Along (no dinner & no 7:30 pm service)
Friday, July 10

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm <u>Friday, July 17</u> Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, July 24

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:30 pm Friday, July 31

Lay-led Shabbat service at 7:30 pm

Saturdays

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

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the August Adelante is July 20. The 20th of the month will be the monthly deadline for the months to come as well. 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. Please call before you come, or email Rabbi Karol at

rabbi@tbelc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com.

You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!



Join us on Saturday, July 25, at 7:30 pm for Havdalah and dessert (please bring a dessert to share) followed by an observance

of Tish'ah B'Av, including readings and songs about Jerusalem and chanting a short section from the book of Lamentations. You will also have a chance to share memories of and thoughts about Jerusalem. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend.



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ship service for interested congregants and potential service leaders. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend!!!



Mailings related to the High Holy Days, including requests for those who want to participate in

worship, the Yizkor Book, as well as High Holy Day Greetings (and other special touches for the High Holy Days) from Sisterhood, will be coming to you soon!

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

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

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

TBE Website—www.tbelc.org



Worship Schedule

Please note: All 7:30 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a sermon/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 an insight based on the parashah for the week.

Friday, July 3—SPECIAL TIMES TO BEGIN THE JULY FOURTH WEEKEND!

5:30 pm "Pre-neg" Nosh before the service, sponsored by the Karols

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including a "Great American Sing-along" led by Rabbi Karol. *Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 4

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat Balak-Numbers 22:2-25:9 Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8

Friday, July 10

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on "What makes a leader?" *Ari, Carrie and Ezekiel Swartz will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Paul Feil will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1 Haftarah I Kings 18:46-19:21

Friday, July 17

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on "Deserving a Second Chance." *Tammy Tellez and Aggie Saltman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Joan Glickler will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat Matot-Mas'ei Numbers 30:2-36:13 Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

Friday, July 24

7:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit led by Rabbi Karol, featuring special music and prayers for healing along with our Shabbat liturgy. *Ellen Torres and Susi Kolikant will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat D'varim Deuteronomy 1:1 3:22 Haftarah Isaiah 1:1-27

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Friday, July 31

7:30 pm Lay-led service. *Dee Cook and Ann Berkson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Monika Kimball will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Lay-led Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat Vaetchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26

Friday, August 7

FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE FOR ALL AGES 6:40 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner.

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on "A reward for goodness—the Torah's moral calculus." *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Karols on their 33rd wedding Anniversary.*

Saturday, August 8

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Rabbi Karol will be attending the NewCAJE (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education) convention on July 30-August 6 in Hartford, CT. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Monika Kimball at 248-318-6745.

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Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23 at 7pm.

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RABBI JILL JACOBS



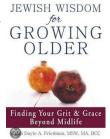
Message from Rabbi Karol
It is good to begin a new year, my fifth
year at Temple Beth-El of Las Cruces.
Much has been accomplished since
2011 that establishes our congregation
on a firm foundation because of the

on a firm foundation because of the dedication and leadership of many members. You have chaired events and taken on individual tasks that engage

congregants with each other and facilitate an ongoing presence in the Las Cruces community. We are partners in sustaining a depth of commitment and participation, and I look forward to your continuing creativity that will keep Temple life meaningful!

Summer is a time when I read a variety of books in preparation for the High Holy Days. This coming year will be a time when we can join together in discussing books on particular subjects. In setting my goals for 2015-2016, I chose specific themes that I hope to discuss with those of you interested in taking part in conversations on certain issues which affect our lives. Here are the topics and the books which I have chosen for our study and review.

Moving through the life cycle: Jewish Lights Publishing has just released Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older: Finding Your Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife. Rabbi Dayle A. Friedman uses Jewish tradition to frame and reframe our understanding of what it means to move from one decade to another in our lives as we face personal challenges, shifting

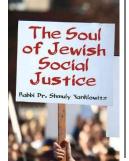




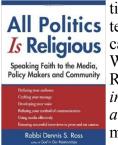
family roles and experiences of illness and death. In another new book, *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit,* Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal gather texts from a variety of religious and spiritual sources to provide a deeper understanding of how to age well. We will begin with Rabbi Friedman's book in the fall.

Judaism, Social Justice and Public Policy: I believe that it is important for us to gain a broad perspective on how Jewish teachings can guide the positions we adopt

on societal issues. For modern Orthodox Jews, Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz writes about how Jewish wisdom can help us create a more just society in his book, *The Soul of Jewish Social Justice*. In *There Shall Be No Needy:*Pursuing Social Justice Through Jewish Law and Tradition, Conservative Rabbi Jill Jacobs offered her views on



this topic. She stated in her introduction: "Ancient texts offer significant wisdom about human nature, economic cycles, the causes of inequality, and our obligations to each other. These insights can inform our own approaches to current issues, challenge our assumptions, and force us to consider alternative approaches. The conversa-



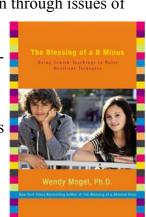
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can enrich our experience of both." We may also explore Rabbi Dennis Ross' *All Politics is Religious: Speaking Faith to the Media, Policy Makers and Community.* Rabbi Ross, one of my Reform colleagues, believes that our faith can grow when we speak of it

in the public square and live out its vision for a better world. We will begin in the fall with Rabbi Jacobs' book.

Parenting: Wendy Mogel became known for her wisdom about raising children with *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee. In The Blessing of a B Minus: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Resilient Teenagers*, she continues to share her insights into how we can best guide children and grandchildren. This book addresses how parents can help their children through issues of

competition, the need to achieve, and challenges that arise in communication. I read this book several years ago, and it gave me an opportunity to look back in retrospect to our twenty-plus year old son's teen years. It gave me a lens that enabled me to see where we had been during that journey and how we arrived at a good place once "20" came to be.



I will let you know about session

schedules and when you need to purchase books in the coming months. I am excited at the prospect of engaging with you in conversations about such meaningful matters for us as individuals and as a community.

Until then, keep reading whatever is on your current list, and stay cool in this hot-as-usual summer!

L'shalom, Rabbí Larry K.

See Rabbi Karol's blog at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.

President's Message July 2015



I am pleased to be writing my first article to you as your new president and approach the task with joy and humility. Our past president, Dee Cook, deserves much praise for her incredible committment and toil on behalf of this congregation. I am fortunate indeed to have Allen

Blum as Vice President. He has also agreed to be the Long Range Planning committee chair. Moreover, dedicated new and continuing board members will engage in collaborative decision making. I am a great proponent of the "it takes a village" concept and I will aim to involve many congregants in the stewardship of temple life.

Most board members are committee chairs but they need members to fulfill the mission of each committee and I hope that when they call on you that you will agree to serve. One of our new board members, Ellen Torres, has graciously agreed to chair the Adult Education Committee, which was my task for the past three years. So, now, on Adult Education Sunday afternoons, you will see me as attendee instead of MC. (The list of all chairs is published in this edition of the *Adelante*).

In terms of the future, it is my hope that we can grow in numbers, and see more faces of congregants whom we have not seen in a while. As always, our financial health is of utmost importance in order to not only remain viable today, but to ensure a home for the Jewish community of Las Cruces in the future. To achieve this noble task, all of us need to pitch in according to our ability.

A good friend sent me this quote from Isaiah 40:31, which spoke to me: **But they who trust in the Lord shall renew their strength**

as eagles grow new plumes:

they shall run and not grow weary, they shall march and not grow faint.

I feel confident that I possess the strength to fulfill the role of president, but as to "growing new plumes," I have my doubts. With your help, I am confident that we can continue to be the friendly, welcoming little shul in the desert for which we have become known.

Monika Kimball

Committee Chairs for 2015-2016

Acquisition, Specific Gifts, and Aesthetics:

Michele Blum

Adult Education: Ellen Torres

Budget: Steve Helper

Building and Grounds: Jerry Silverman, Spring/

Summer: Norm Mazer, Jeff Lewis

Cemetery: Dee Cook - waiting for replacement

Dues: Michael Mandel Library: Linda Kruger

Long Range Planning: Allen Blum

Marketing and Public Relations: Renee Frank Membership and Outreach: Diane Fleishman

Nominating: Jim Rosenthal

Religious Practices: Stuart Kelter, until October.

Jeff Lewis, October- May

Religious School: Marieka Brown and Mark

Saltman

Social Action: Ned Rubin Technology: Dave Zeemont; Website: Bob Kimball

Ways and Means: To be announced

Youth Activities: Leora Zeitlin and Julie Seton

Temple Beth-El Batkin Fund Challenge

Dear Congregants,

You may remember the challenge which Mike Batkin presented to the community at the annual congregational meeting in May. At that time, he offered up to \$1800 in matching funds for donations to the TBE Batkin Fund which is housed in the El Paso Jewish Community Foundation. An increase in the amount deposited will obviously raise the amount of interest our temple will receive annually, and initial donations have been received. However, we are far from the maximum amount so please consider helping us to reach our goal.

Thank you for your consideration!

Monika Kimball

ADULT EDUCATION Culture אורה Holidays בריום בינים



TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

Led by Rabbi Karol on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am

TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study meets every Saturday in the Social Hall at 9:00 am before the Saturday morning service. Prospective students are welcome. Contact Erich Zameret or Tanah Hemingway for more information.





Sweet Songs:
A Journey into the
Book of Psalms
will meet next on August

10 and 17, continuing with

Psalms 39 and 40.



Are you interested in adding to the music of our worship on High Holy Days and Shabbat? Rehearsals will begin soon! Please contact Rabbi Karol for more information.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood's Jewish Women's Spirituality group, led by



Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically. For more information,

contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or

Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, <u>lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu</u>.



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High Holy Days 5776

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Saturday, September 5, 2015 7:30 pm

Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship

Erev Rosh Hashanah —Sunday, September 13, 2015 Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah — Monday, September 14, 2015

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 15, 2015

Morning Service, 10:00 am with Mishkan Hanefesh, the new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and the Religious Practices Committee

> <u>Friday, September 18, 2015</u> Shabbat Shuvah Service at 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 19, 2015
Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 20, 2015 Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur —Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

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

Rabbi Karol in the Community in 2014-2015

- Served in leadership positions in local organizations: Served as president of the NMSU Interfaith Council (and will be Executive Advisor in the coming year); served as Board President of NM CAFé; served as Board Secretary of Las Cruces Peace Village; convened a monthly clergy breakfast.
- Participated in local and statewide events: Assisted with programming and led singing at Las Cruces Peace Camp on July 21-25, 2014; led Havdalah at Congregation Albert's (Albuquerque) Camp Oranim in Santa Fe on August 2; participated in the dedication of the Anousim/Crypto-Jew center in El Paso on August 10, 2014; performed at the opening night of Café Andalus at the Anousim Center in El Paso on January 5, 2015; delivered the closing prayer/remarks at the NAACP march on January 18, 2015 to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday; spoke at a commemoration of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision on January 22, 2015; offered a faith reflection on Passover at the NM CAFé clergy gathering on April 8; delivered the main address on April 16, 2015 at the White Sands Missile Range Holocaust Remembrance program; offered a prayer at a memorial service for members of the NMSU community who have died in the last year at the NMSU Spiritual Center on April 30, 2015; offered a faith reflection at the NM CAFé Regional Training on May 4; offered a prayer at the service marking the one-year anniversary of the designation of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument on May 17.
- Gave presentations on Judaism in the community: Presented on Judaism to 6th Graders at Mesa Middle School on December 2, 2014. spoke on the basics of Kabbalah at Peace Lutheran Church on December 4, 2014; presented on Chanukah at the Las Cruces Public Schools advanced pre-school on December 10, 2014, at Grace Village on December 17, 2014, and at Sonoma Elementary School on December 18, 2014; spoke at University United Methodist Church on Passover on February 15, 2015; presented on Passover at the Las Cruces Public Schools Advanced Pre-School on April 7, 2015; spoke on the book of Leviticus at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 7, 2015.
- Participated in national conventions: Attended Shabbat Shira, a musical enrichment program at Olin-Sang-Ruby Camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on October 23-26, 2014; attended the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 15-18, 2015.
- Original writings featured in local and national publications and featured in media reports/stories: Featured in a photo sounding the shofar in the Las Cruces Sun-News on September 25, 2014; letter-to-the-editor about hosting the Jewish Food and Folk Festival in the Las Cruces Bulletin on April 25, 2015; released "The Road Ahead," an album of original Jewish music, in December, 2014; remarks at the White Sands Missile Range Holocaust Remembrance event quoted in the WSMR *Missile Ranger* of April 28, 2015; added vocals to two songs featured on the RUACH 5775 CD/Album prepared for the North American Federation of Temple Youth 2015 Convention; blog post on "Song and Creation" on October 26, 2014 featured on the blog of Alden Solovy, www.tobendlight.com, describing our joint collaboration during the Shabbat Shira Songleaders' workshop at OSRUI on October 23-26; Adelante article from March 2015 was included in the Union for Reform Judaism Blog and featured on the weekly URJ email update on June 26, 2015.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Rummage Sale on June 7

Thank you to the many people who helped with the TBE Sisterhood Rummage Sale in early June. The sale helped to raise over \$1700. A part of the proceeds, \$250, was donated to La Casa, Inc., Las Cruces' domes-



tic violence shelter. The remaining funding will be used to assist the TBE community. Please keep in mind and save any items that you may want to donate for the *next* TBE rummage sale!



The Religious School committee expresses a sincere "thank you" and a warm "bon voyage" to Christi and Dan Rubin and their sons Zachary and Noah as they head to Oxford, Alabama in mid-July. Christi and Dan have been TBE members since 2001. Dan has provided his schlepping skills for many an important event -- from the old Gala days to the current JFFF extravaganza, and both he and Christi have been JFFF program mavens these past two years. Christi's particular expertise in Early Childhood Development has been a true gift for the Religious School community. She coordinated monthly Training Wheels activities from 2007-2009 for families with young children, and dedicated time and care to ensure its success. As a member of the Religious School committee, she has provided a professional development session for faculty, offered mentorship and support for new teachers, and developed curriculum for the youngest students in our school. We wish Christi and Dan well in Alabama and give many thanks for your contributions to our Temple community.

We also say Shalom u-l'hitraot to **the Eddy family** on their move to California.

"May you be blessed as you go on your way....may you be guided in peace."

Members of the TBE Sisterhood enjoyed a wonderful "Girls' Night Out" at St. Claire Winery and Bistro on June

24. Members listened to a report on the Sisterhood's

busy year, and the Sisterhood Council announced recipients of funds that will be awarded for Temple-related projects. The TBE groups that will receive funds are: \$300 to the TBE library committee for a software upgrade to assist in cataloging the library; \$300 for phase 2 of the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway; and





\$277.51 to the Religious School committee to provide new furniture for the school classrooms. The Council also announced the creation of the Sisterhood Camp Oranim Scholarship so that TBE religious school students can

enjoy the enrichment of attending a Jewish summer

camp.

The Sisterhood presented to La Casa Inc., Las Cruces' domestic violence shelter, a \$250 donation at the dinner. The donation was a percentage of the proceeds raised by the recent





Rummage Sale. Sara Armijo from La Casa attended the Girls' Night Out to accept the check.

Three new members will be joining the Sisterhood Council: Dinny Bomberg, Leslie

Glater, and Brenda Parish.

If you have not yet signed up for the TBE Sisterhood, come join us now! We are working to help the well-being of our TBE community. Annual fees are \$36. Contact Dee Cook about membership, 521-7319.



A eulogy for Rabbi Gerald "Jerry" M. Kane, 4/29/1944-5/29/2015, Zichrono livracha, may his memory be forever a blessing By Nancy Melrose



Jerry came into my life when I was 14 years old, and like most teenagers, I was stubborn, independent, and rebellious. Jerry was the acting rabbi/principal of the Hebrew High School for Jewish Studies in Phoenix. During the school year, two nights a week were devoted "to continuing my Jewish education" and socializing

with my friends. Back then, I called him Rabbi Kane, and I was struck with how easy going, warm, and good-natured he was ... not your typical school principal. He made our night school fun with interesting topics for classes and creative, inspiring teachers - not an easy feat to accomplish. What was clear was that he was not your everyday, typical Rabbi ... he was different - unique little did I know then what a truly exceptional man, a Renaissance man, he really was. My mom, Cyrille, met him through our synagogue; they shared so many common interests and after dating for some time, they became engaged. It was easier for me to leave for college, knowing that my Mom had found her b'shert in Jerry and we celebrated their beautiful wedding some months after. For the next 33 years, he became a devoted mentor and friend, and especially, a proud and loving Father and Grandfather to my husband, David, our sons, Brody and Amir and me I'd like to share with you the 3 most important things that I learned from Jerry.

#1. Jerry taught me the values of kindness, mutual respect, and responsibility to and for one another. His training as a Rabbi and educator was deeply a part of who he was. He lived what he taught, through the words of the Torah, the values and ethics of our fathers, Pirke Avot. He embraced the words of Yehoshua ben Perachia, "make for yourself a teacher, invest in a friend, and judge others with the benefit of the doubt." This is an important element in Jewish ethics and morality, he taught me to look beyond the surface with care and compassion; to not jump at an opportunity without looking at all sides and to make wise decisions based on values and knowledge.

From the Talmud, Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh, which means that all of Israel, all people are responsible for one another. This quote continually reminds me how Jerry taught me the importance of taking care of each other, charity in all forms, whether it is volunteering my time, donating to tzedakah and how all, no matter what religion, are obligated to help the well-being of others who are in need.

#2. The second important thing I learned from him was that he shared with me his love for all things cultural: music, theater, literature, film, and especially, **GOOD** FOOD. Jerry was a film, food, and theater critic, in addition to being a gifted artist, painter, and potter. I marveled at his ability to create such beautiful work.

Many of you know that eating with Jerry was not just having a meal it was an entire culinary experience. He would taste, savor, and ask questions about ingredients, as he understood the nuances of fine cuisine. He was always so complimentary regarding my own cooking skills and I would often hear him say, "Oh, Nancy, this is wonderful ... how did you make that?"

Some years back, when our sons were younger and Mom and Jerry were visiting, we were at a restaurant and he was enjoying his meal so much as everything was delicious, he exclaimed, "this

is yummers!" From that point on, one of our fond nicknames of Grandpa became Rabbi Yummers and how the boys eagerly awaited their visits with anticipation of Grandpa's excitement for trying our local restaurants in Califor-



#3. The third important thing I learned from Jerry was sharing

his love for all things Jewish, including Israel, celebrating the holidays with fun and flare, and imparting his wisdom and traditions to my family and friends.

Going back to my high school years, Jerry told me about a program in Israel. Little did I know then how much it would alter the course of my life today. He encouraged me to apply, helped me with scholarships and most importantly, convinced Mom that it was going to be a positive and important experience for me to learn about my Jewish identity while gaining independence. I ended up living in Israel for many years, hold dual Israeli-American citizenship, met my husband through mutual Israeli friends, and have co-founded an international non-profit, peace organization based in Israel. Thank you, Jerry.

Many, many years ago, I was at a Passover seder, when all of a sudden, Jerry pulled out a small keyboard, grinned, his blue eyes twinkling, and simply stated, "now it's time to sing". Instead of the old Passover tunes, he started playing the keyboard and we sung Passover songs to favorite show tunes like "there's no seder like our seder" and other classics. That was an unforgettable seder.

One would think having a Rabbi in the family would be taken for granted. I honestly will say that because of having a Rabbi in the family, we all benefited by his knowledge and teachings at every simcha throughout the years, at weddings and bar mitzvahs. Quite simply, he was our own private and personal Jewish educator and officiant, always bringing both his accepting attitude and enthusiasm to these special occasions. As adults, he imparted his Jewish wisdom in gentle ways and taught my family, my best friends, along with all of our children the importance of just being a good, kind person. He wasn't pushy or self-righteous - he only wanted us to be happy, to love one another and to enjoy

each of life's sweet moments. Exactly a month ago, we celebrated Amir, our youngest son's Bar Mitzvah. This was the first family celebration without Grandpa Jerry's presence. While we missed him dearly, all of his years of teaching us about the beauty of Judaism and his values for living emerged and were reflected in the wonderful service. When Grandma Cyrille placed Grandpa Jerry's Tallit on Amir, we knew he was wrapping his arms around all of us.

I would be remiss if I did not quote a Broadway show in Jerry's honor, so here is one from Les Miserables, one of his favorites:

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness. We pardon to the extent that we love. Love is knowing that even when you are alone, you will never be lonely again."

Victor Hugo, Les Miserables

May Jerry's memory, zichrono livracha, serve to guide us with kindness and responsibility to one another, to inspire us toward creativity and to give generously his love for meaningful relation-

ISRAEL UPDATE

OREN ON OBAMA by Phil Alkon

President Barak Obama's second term has been marked by lapses, inconsistencies and outright failures in foreign policy, especially with respect to the Middle East. These have tarnished the gloss of a Presidency in which many of us had invested great hopes and expectations. Especially disturbing to me and others has been the transformation of the U.S.- Israel relationship into an alarming series of minor and not so minor face-offs that are eroding the deep and mutually cherished ties between these two unique democracies. Moreover, the process appears to be deliberate. The media is prone to depict the problem as a personality conflict between Obama and Bibi Netanyahu; or as one those instances in which Israel and U.S relations hit a significant but temporary roadblock. Most famously, perhaps, was the Eisenhower administration's threatening reaction to Israel's collusion with Britain and France in the "liberation" of the Suez Canal from Egyptian seizure back in 1956, during the height of the Cold War. But something more insidious and profound may be happening now. Is the Israel-U.S "marriage" in serious trouble? And if so, why?

Enter Michael Oren, who has now brought these questions into very sharp relief. Oren was the long-serving and well-respected Israel ambassador to the U.S. in the previous Netanyahu government. He resigned in 2013, and, this year, enlisted in the new Kulanu party that championed social and economic reforms, in the recent Israel parliamentary elections. The Kulanu Party garnered a respectable 8 seats and joined the new Netanyahu-led government thereby giving it a narrow Knesset majority. Although Oren did not agree with all of Netanyahu's decisions while serving in Washington (e.g., addressing Congress as a means of enlisting American opinion against a "bad" agreement) he was seen as a strong and effective advocate for Israel's foreign policy in America.

Back in the '80s, we had the pleasure of knowing Mike Oren and his wife Sally as fellow residents of the small Negev community of Sde Boker, long before he achieved ambassadorial fame. Michael was a research scholar at the Ben-Gurion Archives, a historical institute that focused on the modern history of Israel, a position for which he was eminently qualified. Raised in West Orange, New Jersey, he received his B.A. and M.A. in history at Columbia, followed by a PhD in Near East studies at Princeton. His doctoral research there, on the Six-Day War, was published to excellent reviews (Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East) and he later wrote an acclaimed book on U.S Middle East involvement (*Power, Faith, and Fantasy:* America in the Middle East: 1776 to the Present). Both are considered indispensible sources on the U.S. relationship with Israel and the region.

Michael and I shared an interest in tennis (he usually won), Ivy League sports, and many aspects of life and current events in Israel, especially from the shared perspective of American Zionists actually living in Eretz Yisrael and eagerly pursuing our professional careers there. I thoroughly enjoyed Mike's company, and greatly appreciated his knowledge and insights. I also was struck by his kind temperament and modesty. It was not until years later that I

learned of his impressive accomplishments as an athlete (varsity rower on the Columbia crew, gold medal oarsman in the Maccabiah Games), soldier (combat paratroop officer, IDF liaison to the US Sixth Fleet), and Zionist "spy" (arrested by KGB for underground contacts with Ukrainian Jews). Following the Sde Boker years, Oren joined the Shalem Center, a renowned intellectual think-tank in Jerusalem as a Distinguished Scholar. In 2008, long after the Alkons had returned to the States, Mike accepted Netanyahu's appointment as Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., the most important posting in the Israel's foreign service. I was incredibly proud for Mike; and also appreciated Bibi's insight in finally appointing a U.S. Ambassador who was thoroughly familiar with American culture and mores, and who had a solid historical understanding of Jewish, Zionist and American connections. Mike left that key post after five years of widely admired and appreciated service.

So what has led to the current firestorm surrounding his name and reputation? Michael has written a series of articles in prominent publications (Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Time Magazine, Los Angeles Times), and a new book to boot (Ally: My Journey Across The American-Israeli Divide), arguing that the Obama administration's Middle East foreign policy is seriously flawed, and that continuation of its current trajectory endangers both Israel and the West. Here I will summarize two of his main arguments. The first is his opposition to the current stance of the U.S. and its allies in the Iran nuclear negotiations. Oren argues that the current Iranian regime embodies an irrational commitment to a nuclear weapons program in order to promote Shia domination of the Middle East and beyond. Oren writes that the "rational/irrational dispute was ever-present in the intimate discussions between the United States and Israel on the Iranian nuclear issue during my term as Israel's ambassador to Washington, from 2009 to the end of 2013." The Obama Administration, Oren argues, finally decided to assume that the Supreme Leader and his minions are, indeed, rational actors, and that they will surrender their core Islamic beliefs and ambitions to some temporary economic discomforts imposed by their hated Western enemies. Oren's second argument is that the deterioration of U.S.-Israel relations is both real and a calculated result of the Obama administration's "deliberate" abandonment of core principles that have underpinned that relationship for so long. That is, the U.S. will no longer consider Israel an indispensible political ally that it must shield from a hostile world under all circumstances. Even more controversially, perhaps, Oren considers Obama's conflicted Middle East views in terms of a formative childhood background encompassing complex familial, geographic and religious influences.

My impressions? Just as Netanyahu's controversial talk to Congress crystalized legitimate concerns regarding Iran's nuclear goals and objectives, Michael Oren's intense focus on the Administration's confused regional endeavors, and its mishandling of Israel relations in particular, warrant a rigorous and focused critique. No one in Israel or the States is better prepared or qualified to offer that insight than Michael Oren. I urge you to read him.

Board Meeting Notes, June 25, 2015

After the Rabbi's invocation, Monika Kimball was elected president and Allen Blum was elected vice-president. Dee Cook presented the gavel to Monika after she was elected (see photo).

Budget Chair Steve Halper and Treasurer Paul Feil discussed the current financial status of the Temple. We are in the Black at present, but we were reminded that donations and dues must be fulfilled on an ongoing basis in order for the Temple to be maintained.

Susan Michelson spoke about the success of the Rummage Sale, a result of the hard work of the Sisterhood. There are plans to hold the event on a yearly basis.

Ellen Torres spoke about the upcoming Adult Education events, including a talk by Frances Williams about her experiences in Vietnam.

We were reminded of the Batkin Fund Challenge, which will match any donations to the fund up to \$1800. Donations are encouraged.

Fees for the Memorial Board will be maintained

at \$300 for members and \$450 for non-members with the charge for subsequent changes (e.g. replacement of the plaque itself) to be at \$50 (members) and \$100 (non-members).



The outside door locks will be changed so that all keys issued can be accounted for.

The Rabbi will purchase a new computer for his office due to the ill health of his current hard drive.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd at 7PM.

You can obtain a copy of complete Board meeting minutes from Joan Glickler at jglickler@hotmail.com.

Submitted by David Fishman

Ongoing Events at TBE WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of Jewish and general interest topics 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. (philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945)

MENSCH CLUB

For information about meetings and events, contact Dave Zeemont at 523-0913 or email at mudjob@earthlink.net.



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Peace Camp 2015

Camp for Grades 5-8 is July 13-17 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive in Las Cruces.

Camp for Grades 1-4 is July 20-24 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the First Christian Church, 1809 S. El Paseo Road in Las Cruces.

For more information, go to www.peacevillagelc.org



On Friday, June 26, Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol joined Casey Rosenberg, Hannah Saltman, and Olivia Cicero for the art show at the end of the Dona Ana Arts Council's Career Art Path Camp, a two-week program

in which they all took part. The camp and exhibit were held at the Alma d'Arte Charter High School.

THE CHESED GROUP

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Please CALL well in advance:

- David Zeemont at 523-0913 if you need transportation to a medical appointment
- Sally Alkon at 524-6945 if you need transportation or someone to shop for food
- TBE office at 524-3380 if you would like a hospital visit from Rabbi Karol
- TBE office at 524-3380 if you do not drive and need a ride to Temple services.
 If you are interested in being a coordinator/ helper/driver for services or temple events, please call
 Dave Zeemont at 523-0913



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.

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. For more information or questions, contact

- Liz Lewis-Olson, Casa de Pereginos (elewis4@comcast.net)
 - Eve Palanker, El Caldito (palanker1@msn.com)

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@tbelc.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.

Donations through July 1, 2015

General Fund

- Alison & Gary Mann, with thanks to Dee Cook for her leadership as President of TBE
- Zuki & David Fishman, in memory of Helen Landau
- Simy & Dan Allan, in memory of Irving Benowitz
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Terry Petty
- Ms. Thelma Weinglass, in memory of Leonard D. Weinglass
- Lila Ziegler, with sincere thanks for cards, phone calls and other expressions of condolences on the death of my sister, Ruth Berger

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Barnett Sugarman, in memory of Zachary Shporer
- Helen & Rex Douglass, in memory of Marika Katz
- Susan Brown, Marieka Brown, and Jeanne Abkes, in memory of Rabbi Kane

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Fund Adult Education Fund

Contributions in memory of Rabbi Kane:

Alison & Gary Mann; Gerald, Alice and Ellen Weinstein; Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff; Arlene Lurie; Jeff and Avis Lewis; Daniel and Simy Allan; Ellen Suni; Michael and Linda Begleiter; Jim and Marianne Rosenthal; Barbara Seglin; Shelly and Jerry Silverman; Abraham and Amy Fiszbein; Neysa and Leonard Pritikin; Syril Newman; David and Donna Rea; Rabbi Michael Zedek; Norm and Sue Mazer; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson; Jeff Brown, Cherri Hudson-Brown, Haley Brown and Ira Brown; Sharon and Peter Dorfman; Russel Kraus and Ellen Jeveli; Annette and Joel Fish, Cara Fish, Bryan and Christina Fish.

Beth-El Temple Youth Fund

- Alison & Gary Mann, in honor of Monika Kimball's Temple Presidency
- Dave and Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Charles Roselinsky

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- Michael & Stacey Hyman, in memory of Aaron Hyman
- Rabbi Paul and Susie Citrin, in memory of Rabbi Jerry Kane

Community Service Fund

• Sally Sicherman, in memory of Ruth & David Sicherman

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

Torah Endowment Project—For the purchase of a new Torah. Donations above the cost of the Torah are used to secure the financial future of the Temple.

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

Community Service Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Send a Kid to Israel Program (S.K.I.P. Fund)—To send Temple youth to Israel.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To provide a Jewish education for our children. Earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School.

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 Adult Education Fund—Provides funds to help further adult education and cultural programming at TBE.

Beth El Temple Youth Fund—Provides 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, Paul Feil.

Brick Walkway

Please know that on July 1, 2015, bricks increased in price due to increased costs of bricks and shipping. We appreciate your contributions and addition to our walkway!!! Your brick purchase helps to keep the Temple going as well as enhances the building's beauty. It is a great way to recognize a special occasion or a special person. Call Dee Cook and put in your order now!



and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway.

Yahrzeits-June 28 through August 8, 2015

Read on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4

Raymond Gettleman, Stepfather of Sally Sicherman Joseph Okin, Uncle of Gerie Muchnikoff Beatrice Mintz, Mother of June Jenkins Marcia Rabinovich, Wife of David Rabinovich Zachery Shporer, Nephew of Barnett & Ruth Ann Sugarman, Cousin of Terri Sugarman Dora Stern*, Mother of Ann Berkson, Grandmother of Arthur Berkson

Read on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11

Josephine Glater, Mother of Leslie Glater Kathryn Goldstein, Mother on Wendee Lorbeer Diane Gutman, Sister of Allen Palanker Arnold Heart, Uncle of Nancy Bergman Gertrude Kalmanowitz, Mother of Sally Sicherman Jacob Krasner*, Father of Frima Marquez, Grandfather of Jeffrey Marquez Sarah Meltzer Smalley, Mother of Alison Mann Dorothy Whitledge, Aunt of Dee Cook

Read on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

Lakie bat Aaron v'Katya, Aunt of Ann Berkson Manny Blumkin* Joseph Rosenfeld* Shana Sicherman, Daughter of Sally Sicherman David Williamson, Uncle of Barbara Mandel Burton Zuckerman*

Read on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25

Ludwig Paul Bergman, Grandfather of Nancy Bergman

Rea Bienstock, Mother of Gerie Muchnikoff
Jacob Dash, Father of Bernard Dash
Dottie Davis, Cousin of Bea Klein
Marion Deutschman*, Mother of Ellen Torres
Magda Farkas*, Stepmother of Yossi Lapid
Carmen Freudenthal*
Scott Klein, Son of Sonny and Rosie Klein
Jacob Klempner, Grandfather of Dee Cook
Natalie E. Libby, Mother of Bob Libby
Dorothy Rashal*
Esther Seidman*
Meyer Seidman*
Jacy Walpole, Grandson of Dia Taylor

Read on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1

Tillie Brandt, Mother of Lila Ziegler Jay Druxman, Brother-in-law of Sonny and Rosie Klein and Bea Klein

Cecilia Guller*, Mother of Abraham Fiszbein Chana Sarah Langer, Mother of Marianne Zeitlin Louis Madenberg, Father of Janet Stevens Charlotte Pollack*

Ted San Filippo, Father of Philip San Filippo Rena Taslitt*, Mother of Nina Rothman

Read on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8

Jacob Aboulafia*

Anne H Bergman, Mother of Nancy Bergman Laurel (Batkin) Cahn (Leah bat Mina), Family of Mike Batkin

Thelma F Goldberg, Mother of Richard Goldberg Ellie Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane Gloria Hudson, Mother of Cherri Hudson-Brown Milton Kirschner, Grandfather of Bob Kirschner Lillian Krasner*, Mother of Frima Marquez, Grandmother of Jeffrey Marquez

Edward Palanker, Father of Allen Palanker Joseph Rothman, Father of Irv Rothman Mary Shickler*, Fred Silverston* Rose Wechter*

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.



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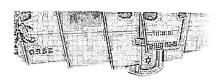
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