



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

JUNE 2015 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5775)



## IN MEMORIAM

Rabbi Gerald M.  
Kane

April 29, 1944-  
May 29, 2015

Rabbi of  
Temple Beth-El  
1998-2007

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El  
2007-2015

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**Shabbat Services**  
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### Friday, June 5

Family Shabbat Service at  
6:00 pm; Dairy/vegetarian  
potluck dinner at 6:40 pm;  
Regular Service at 7:30 pm

### Friday, June 12

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

### Friday, June 19

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

### Friday, June 26

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit  
at 7:30 pm

### Friday, July 3

“Pre-Neg” at 5:30 pm

Early Shabbat service for all ages at 6:00 pm  
including our annual  
Great American Sing-Along

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### Saturdays

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

## Lynn Ellins, Dona Ana County Clerk, to speak on “Justice and Responsibility” on Sunday, June 28 at Temple Beth-El

On Sunday, June 28,  
2015, at 2:00 pm, Lynn  
Ellins, Dona Ana County  
Clerk, will speak to the  
congregation on “Justice  
and Responsibility.” He



will discuss some of the decisions  
and issues that have arisen during  
his tenure in this important position.  
There will be a question-and-answer  
period at the conclusion of his talk.

Refreshments will be served.  
This event is sponsored by the Tem-  
ple Beth-El Adult Education Com-  
mittee.

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## 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 or 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, June 5

#### 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 “Following Signposts Ahead.” **Monika Kimball and Alison Mann will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Erich Zameret will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 6

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush—Rabbi Karol will mark the 34th anniversary of his rabbinic ordination at this service.

Parashat Behaalotecha Numbers 8:1-12-16

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

### Friday, June 12

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol speak on “Success around the corner?” **Pearie Bruder and Elisha Rosenberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 13

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha Numbers 13:1-15:41

Haftarah Joshua 2:1-24

### Friday, June 19

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Conflict, Compromise and Civility.” **Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 20

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah First Samuel 11:14-12:22

### Friday, June 26

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. **Michele Blum and Susan Michelson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. David Fishman will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 27

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Chukat Numbers 19:1-22:1

Haftarah Judges 11:1-33

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

5:30 pm Pre-neg 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.

### 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



**Ruth Rubin and Gerie Muchnikoff stand before the ark after changing the Torah covers to white on Shavuot Morning.**

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David Zeemont (Mensch Club)

Sisterhood Representative to be announced

Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25 at 7pm.**



### Message from Rabbi Karol

There is a folk song that has been sung at many a summer camp and youth group event over the last century in our country and, perhaps, in other places around the world as well. The earliest sheet music for the song bore the title, "Come by here." It was asking God to

come by, to be present, at times when we face trouble and challenge, at the times when we lift our hearts and voices in prayer. This song invoked divine help or, at least, the support of a community that, in its core beliefs, acknowledged the oneness of humanity and the unity of creation. At Temple Beth-El, and in Jewish communities around the world, we do, in fact, ask God to "come by here," or we recognize that God is here, when we recite the Shema, when we read from the Torah, when we seek to generate healing in the Mi Shebeirach prayer, and when we ask God to "grant us peace." That sentiment is embodied in the inclusion of Psalm 23, "The Eternal One is my shepherd," in a funeral service. It is reflected in our Rosh Hashanah worship and at a shivah minyan when we read Psalm 121, "I lift my eyes to the mountains. What is the source of my help? My help comes from the Eternal One, maker of heaven and earth." The folk song "Come by here," when referred to by its more popular title, is most often associated with expressions of doubt and skepticism about the prospect of people in conflict finding a way to resolve their differences. "Come by here" is not the title of this song with which we are most familiar. It seems that former slaves who lived on the Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia spoke a creole dialect called Gullah. The phrase "Come by here" translates in that language to "Kum bah yah." Sadly, the most common citations about this song these days relate to two countries engaged in frustrating and nearly fruitless peace talks. Even in recent months, some negotiators and world leaders have been known to say, "Well it's not like the two sides are going to get together, hold hands, and sing Kum Bah Yah!"

That is what happens when we forget about the song's direct request for God's presence and help, showing an awareness of higher purposes at work in our lives. When it comes to asking for God to be with us, or for community members to be present for one another, nothing matters but that higher purpose. Disagreements, ideological conflict, past disputes, and present enmities should be secondary to our need for God's care and for communal support. What does matter most is the commitment to be part of a community that enables each of us to find meaning and purpose in our lives. Part of that goal is the de-

sire that God, in some way, would "come by here" so that we won't be afraid of taking the next steps in our life's journey. The last verse of Adon Olam declares, "Into Your hands, God, I commend my spirit, both when I sleep and when I wake; and with my soul, my body as well, You, Eternal God, are for me and with me, I will not be afraid." Embedded in our tradition is that confidence that we can live and not be afraid. Hopefully, that is part of what we do at Temple Beth-El: be present for each other as we push away our fear and offer respect and support without hesitation or condition. It may be that, simply, through discussion and learning about our tradition and its central teachings, we can let go of some of our apprehensions about daily living and gain confidence to move forward with each new day. It may be through putting God's teachings into action in the greater community, working for justice, reflecting God's mercy and compassion, and doing loving deeds - G'MILUT CHASADIM - that we can transform our fear into optimism, into a feeling of partnership, and into a sense that God HAS come by here to walk by our side. Or it may be that, by joining our voices together in prayer and song, we overcome fear because, no matter what else is going on in our lives, we don't feel alone anymore. All of that can happen if we approach our faith and our community with open minds and open hearts.

Earlier this week, I asked congregants to reflect on the meaning of being a member of Temple Beth-El. Your comments – 60 of them - cited values of congregational life, specific programs and milestones you have shared with our community. Here are some of your statements about how membership at Temple Beth-El is meaningful to you:

- Helping members of all ages find an avenue for Jewish expression and learning and to practice Tikun Olam.
- The spiritual and community ties that link our members
- Religious Service and Community
- Friendship and Learning from Others
- Modeling values for the next generations
- Sharing my Jewish identity through social justice. Being a part of a Jewish community that carries on our traditions of fighting injustices and helping others.
- Temple gives me a place to commune with God, to maintain a meaningful connection to my parents and family members who have passed on, and to continue practicing Judaism with members of the Temple community.

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### President's Message for May 2015

I would like to thank everyone for attending our annual meeting and for giving your support to all of us.

It has been an interesting two years for me. I've enjoyed working with the various groups of people who

have the same goal of supporting this temple for now and for future generations. You have helped us to fund-raise not only with your financial support but with your actions as well. Most recently, our Jewish Food and Folk Festival showed how you came together as a community. The Golf Tournament and Brick Path and Fountain fundraising events have been a big help, but I think one more fundraiser will help us even more. So put on your thinking caps, talk to others, talk to people in your former temples to see what they are doing to raise funds. Dues alone do not support us.

There is much going on in our community. There are many opportunities for you to volunteer your time and expertise. Take the time to look at your options for participating in committees. If we all pitch in, it takes the pressure off of the few who can easily burn out if not given support.

Mr. Mike Batkin attended our annual meeting and explained how the Batkin Fund has evolved. It is now part of the Jewish community Foundation of El Paso. He has challenged us to a matching donation up to \$1800. If we reach that goal, he will again donate up to \$1800 for another matching opportunity. This will be added to the principle which in turn will generate greater interest for us. I will donate the first \$100.00 to get the ball rolling. Please join in the challenge.

I appreciate the opportunity I've had as President but now it's time for someone else to take the reigns and carry us forward. Please give them your full support. I thank you for your commitment to our temple and for the support I have been given.

***Thank you,  
Dee Cook***

### Annual Meeting – May 21, 2015

At the Temple Annual Meeting, Dee Cook and Rabbi Larry Karol presented their annual reports/messages. Handouts were made available that included a listing of congregational events and accomplishments for 2014-2015, and Rabbi Karol's report on Temple duties and activities and his involvement in the community.

Several committee and auxiliary leaders gave their reports for the year.

Mike Batkin of El Paso addressed the congregation to provide information about the Batkin Fund, including an \$1800 matching donation challenge (see Dee Cook's article).

The results of the Temple election were as follows:

Elected to the board were: Diane Fleishman, Ned Rubin, Ellen Torres, Renee Frank, and Erich Zameret.

Thank you to Ann Berkson and Carrie Swartz for their willingness to be nominated to run for a Board position.

Thank you for service to Temple to outgoing Board members Arthur Berkson, Susi Kolikant, Jason Rosenberg, Bryan McCuller, and Temple President Dee Cook.

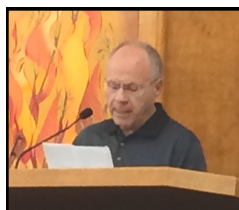
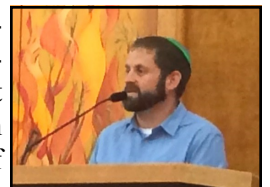
Both constitutional changes passed. The Temple Annual Meeting will be held by the third week in May. Membership in Temple auxiliaries (Sisterhood/Mensch Club/BETY) will no longer require Temple membership as a prerequisite.

Thank you to all Temple members who attended the meeting and took part in our process of moving Temple forward into a new year!

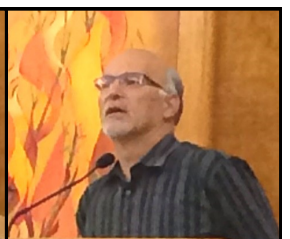
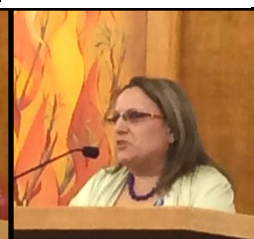


Alison Mann reported for the Brick Walkway and Biblical Garden committee on the progress made this past year and plans for the coming year.

Arthur Berkson gave a report on the success of this year's Golf Tournament fundraiser and gave information on the next Golf Tournament, which will be held on October 25, 2015 at Picacho Hills Golf Course.

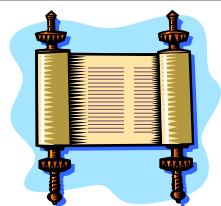


Jim Rosenthal, chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report and introduced the candidates running for board positions this year. Pictured below are Erich Zameret, Ellen Torres and Ned Rubin as they addressed the congregation.



# ADULT EDUCATION

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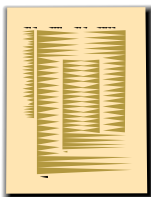


## TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

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

• Monday, June 1  
and Monday, June  
8 — Psalm 37:

“Wicked or Righteous—Who  
will prevail?”

• Monday, June 15 — Psalm 38—  
“Overcoming Pain and Chal-  
lenge”

## Temple Beth-El Sister- hood'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](mailto:sblapid@gmail.com) or

Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, [lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu](mailto:lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu).



**Rabbi Gerald M. "Jerry" Kane, 71, died Friday, May 29, in his home on the eve of the Jewish Sabbath.** He had fought multiple myeloma and its complications for over a decade. Born in Paterson, NJ, April 29, 1944, Rabbi Kane

earned his Bachelor's Degree at the University of New York, Buffalo, and his reform Rabbinic Ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1970.

A gifted writer, artist and nationally acclaimed educator, Rabbi Kane became Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El Las Cruces in 2007. In retirement, he was the Volunteer Theatre and Opera Reviewer for the Las Cruces Bulletin as his "way of giving back to the community" which warmly welcomed him in 1998.

Jerry was the only child of the late Janet and Harold Kane. He is survived by 9 first cousins, his wife of 32 years, Cyrille, four children, Celia Richard, Philip Melrose, Adam Melrose, and Nancy Melrose. Also 9 grandchildren, Ellie, Jake, Ben, Matt, Madison, Brody, Amir, Noah and Asher. **A funeral service to which all are welcome will be held Wednesday, June 3, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue, at 10 am followed by burial at Masonic Cemetery. All are also welcome at a Shiva service of farewell at the Kane home, (5165 Noche Bella Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011) Patio, at 6pm Thursday, June 4. Rabbi Lawrence Karol will officiate, at both.**

The family wishes to thank Dr. John Glick and Dr. Constance Wash, Home Instead Seniors and Mesilla Valley Hospice for their loving care. Funeral Services are entrusted to La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home and a thank you for their services as well.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education and Scholarship Fund of the Temple Mensch Club.

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- Connecting to Adonai so that life has a deeper, real meaning and is not simply social connections with no depth.
- Worship - inspiration - illumination – education
- The sense of community on Shabbat.
- Community -- being surrounded by people dedicated to the same values and the same set of questions. (I think of Judaism as a religion devoted to questions and questioning...) and family -- we were married in TBE, both our sons were named here....This synagogue has shaped us all as people, for the better.
- The Temple gives me a place where I can be surrounded by the sights and sounds of my Jewish upbringing. It is a place of peace, comfort and acceptance. I know that my Temple is a place where I will have no fear of discrimination. It is a place where I can learn from my Rabbi and other scholars about Torah and Talmud and where my questions will be answered without judgement of my lack of knowledge or understanding. My membership is important as Temple is a place where I can become involved and make friends with other Jews. It is a place to celebrate life, the joys and sorrows that touch us all. Although we may be from other places and may not share the same Jewish education and knowledge of traditions and beliefs, we have much in common with each other which brings us together as family. May Adonai bless our Temple that our Temple be a place of peace, love and warmth to all who enter.

Maintaining Temple Beth-El as a vibrant, supportive, warm, welcoming, and giving community is a goal for which we all work together. We apply our creativity, experience and energies to sustain our values and our special spirit. You can look at the summary of events from this past year to see the specifics of what we have done to strengthen fellowship and friendship and to make our Jewish tradition and heritage come alive. With Temple Board members and committee chairs and members, leaders of Sisterhood, Mensch Club, and BETY, participants and workers in all kinds of events and pursuits, worship leaders, singers, dancers, teachers, learners, and volunteers on many levels, we can move forward without fear. We can be like Jacob, sharing his vision at the original Beth-El, when he said, "Most definitely God was in this place, and I, I did not know." We can continue to be God's partners and devoted companions for one another, committed to

the central teachings of our heritage, recognizing that God and godliness are beside us every step of the way.

For this coming High Holy Days, we will receive a limited number of copies of *Mishkan Hanefesh*, the new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook, to use for worship on the second morning of Rosh Hashanah and for discussion and study on Yom Kippur afternoon. That will give us an ample opportunity to explore *Mishkan Hanefesh* before making a total change later on. We will continue to use *Mishkan T'filah* on Shabbat holidays, with its words in Hebrew and English that are there to teach us something new if we truly listen to the message of each prayer. There is a reading in *Mishkan T'filah* on page 39 that tells us how we can walk side by side from past to present to future:

Standing on the parted shores of history

We still believe what we were taught before ever we stood at Sinai's foot:

That wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt

That there is a better place, a promised land'

That the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness.

That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands

Marching together.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

See Rabbi Karol's blog at [rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com](http://rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com).

## In the July Adelante

- **Rabbi Karol will highlight specific goals for the year to come and new opportunities for study, discussion and service to the congregation and community. Rabbi's annual listing of involvement at Temple and in the community will be included as well.**
- **There will be a page devoted to sharing memories of Rabbi Gerald. M. Kane.**
- **There will be a full schedule of High Holy Day services and other programming during our fall holiday season.**



**We need  
your stuff!  
For the  
Temple Beth-El  
RUMMAGE  
SALE**



Please collect and bring items you can donate to TBE on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,  
June 1, 2 and 3, 5-7 pm.

We could sell household items, working appliances, gently-used clothing, and more.

Beat the crowds and come to the  
preview party/early sales on  
Saturday at 7pm!

The actual rummage sale will be held on  
**Sunday, June 7, from 7-1pm**

Part of the proceeds will be donated to  
the La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter

**Sponsored by Temple Beth-El  
Sisterhood**

**Temple Beth-El Sisterhood  
Girls' Night Out  
Wednesday June 24, 2015  
5:30 PM at the  
St. Clair Winery and Bistro  
1720 Avenida de Mesilla Las Cruces**

**Sit down Dinner \$25  
Choices for Dinners are salad,  
choice of Sirloin steak,  
Chicken Marsala,  
Grilled Salmon or  
St. Clairs' Pasta Danielle  
Coffee and dessert are included  
You will choose your dinner entrée  
at the event**

**Cash Bar**

**Raffle Prizes**

**By June 16, Mail your \$25 check payable to TBE Sisterhood and send to:**

**Thank you!**

**Elizabeth Lewis-Olson**

**4419 Nambe Arc**

**Las Cruces, 88011**

**For more information, call her at  
612-759-4377**



On Sunday, May 17, Rabbi Larry Karol participated in a service at the La Cueva Picnic Site to mark the first anniversary of the

declaration of the designation of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

**Religious School 2014-2015—Reflections on learning throughout the year from our students (photos from our last day of classes on May 3 except 7th Grade)**



**Kaitlyn Mead's Pre-K/K Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I am taking care of people; when I thank God; when I am playing with my friends at Sunday School.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is that I can help people if they get hurt; the names of the Jewish holidays.



**Sarah Mindlin's 1st-2nd Grade Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I go to Sunday school; when I'm with "you guys"; when we play outside; when I celebrate Hanukkah; when I'm playing with my friends.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is new Hebrew words and Hebrew letters; about an earth-

quake, an animal shelter and food banks.

My favorite thing we did this year was being in the Sanctuary with the Rabbi; learning our Hebrew names; learning about Hanukkah.



**Rhonda Karol's 3rd-4th-5th Grade class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I am in the Temple; when the Jewish holidays come around; every day; when the community is together at services, dancing, singing and celebrating; because it is unique and not many people are Jewish; because I have been here a long time and the rules have not changed; when I go to Temple and get to do Jewish traditions; when I eat chocolate gelt on Hanukkah.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is reading Hebrew; new Jewish songs; singing and saying prayers and learning about Jewish life a long time ago; we are/we have to be good citizens; some kids don't always get treats – we need to be sure to spread happiness by sharing; being Jewish is being a part of a community; you can learn about interesting stuff like the Holocaust.



**Erich Zameret's 5th-6th Grade class**

I am proud to be Jewish when we celebrate Passover; when we celebrate Hanukkah; when we celebrate Purim.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this

year is that Jews were in so many deathly situations; that you can always get hope in bad situations.



**Rabbi Karol's Seventh Grade class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I do acts of Tzedakah; when I feel the rush of doing something that

other people will appreciate and cherish; when people ask me what a certain holiday celebrates, and when I am learning a different language and using it.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is more Hebrew and how to chant Torah and Haftarah; to help out other people in need and to be kind to one another; it's ok to try new things, but never forget that you are Jewish; it's ok to believe in different things and to be different; be confident about who you are and what you believe in!

The Religious School Committee would like to thank the TBE Sisterhood for giving us the funds to create a "Campership Fund" that will provide scholarships for TBE Religious School students who are interested in attending Jewish Summer Camp. This year the funds are focused on students who would like to attend Camp Oranim in Northern NM. If you have a child in the age range for Camp Oranim, you have been sent information through the mail and via e-mail. If this information has not reached you, please contact Rabbi Karol ASAP.

We look forward to the possibilities for expanding this fund through contributions and fundraisers in the future. Thank you Sisterhood for being the foundation for this project!



## Temple Beth-El Programs, Events and Accomplishments in 2014-2015

### Worship and Celebration

- Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit on June 20, July 18, August 22, October 31, September 26 (for Shabbat Shuvah), November 28, December 26, January 23. February 27, March 27, May 31.
- Family Shabbat Service on June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5 (at Veterans' Memorial Park), November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, May 1, June 5.
- Tish'ah B'av service on Monday, August 4.
- Temple Beth-El Choir began meeting in the summer and took part in the Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, our Shabbat Service on January 30, and at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival under its new name, "Kolot Bamidbar – Voices of the Desert."
- Installation Shabbat for members of Temple Board of Trustees and Sisterhood Council on September 12, 2014.
- Selichot Study (on "The Essence of Judaism"), Havdalah and Service on September 20, 2014.
- Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg /Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, sponsored by Sisterhood.
- 98 congregants participated in High Holy Day worship.
- Sukkah Building by Mensch Club on October 5, 2014,
- Erev Sukkot Service with Pizza dinner on October 8, 2014.
- Simchat Torah Dinner and Service on October 15, 2014.
- Havdalah on November 8, 2014, sponsored by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.
- Shabbat Chanukah Celebration on Friday, December 19, 2014 with a Latke Dinner and lighting Chanukiot at 5:30 pm, a 6:15 pm Chanukah Service, and "Dreidels and Dessert: at 7:00 pm.
- Shabbat Service welcoming New Members on January 30, 2015.
- Tu Bish'vat Seder on February 4, 2015.
- Purim Carnival (sponsored by BETY), Pizza Dinner and Purim Spiel (by Stuart Kelter) on March 4, 2015.
- Shabbat Across America Dinner and Service on March 13, 2015.
- Temple Beth-El Sisterhood sponsored our Second Night Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club on April 4, 2015.
- Yom Hashoah Candlelighting and brief service on April 15, 2015 led by Rabbi Karol, Hebrew School students and other congregants.
- Shabbat Service with prayers for Holocaust Remembrance on April 17, 2015.
- Yom Haatzmaut Candlelighting, brief service and celebration on April 22, 2015 led by Rabbi Karol, Hebrew school students and other congregants.
- Shabbat Service with prayers and songs and for Israel's 67 Years on April 24, 2015.
- Shavuot Dessert, Study and prayers on May 23, 2015.

### Community Building/Administration/Ways and Means

- Brick Walkway Dedication on September 13, 2014; Fountain installed in April, 2015.
- Temple Beth-El Sisterhood offered Round Challah, Honey and an opportunity to offer a High Holy Day Greeting as High Holy Day fundraisers.
- Yizkor Booklet for High Holy Days.
- Temple Tee Time Golf Tournament at Red Hawk Golf Course on Sunday, November 2, 2014.
- Jewish Food and Folk Festival, April 26, 2015.
- Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Brunch on November 9, 2014.
- Sisterhood Judaica Shop sold items during Chanukah (December 7 and December 14) and throughout the year.
- Congregational Shabbat Dinner on January 30, 2015.
- An anonymous donation provided new tables for our Social Hall.
- A knitting group met every Tuesday.
- New computer for Temple office.
- Email distribution of Adelante and weekly eblasts.
- Maintaining/updating [www.tbcl.org](http://www.tbcl.org) website and Temple Beth-El Facebook Page.

### Social Action

- "Do Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" discussion led by Rabbi Karol on July 30, 2014.
- On November 20, 2014, Temple Beth-El Sisterhood presented to Jardin de los Niños baby items that were collected at the Temple at the Sisterhood membership luncheon on November 9, 2014.
- Temple Beth-El served breakfast at Camp Hope on December 25, 2014.
- Donations to Casa de Peregrinos, La Tienda de Jardin, and El Caldito.
- Congregants served meals at El Caldito.

### Youth Education and Programming

- Bat Mitzvah of Veronica Bruder on August 9, 2014; Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Garcia-Bryce on August 30, 2014; Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Hyman on January 10, 2015.
- Several Temple students took part in Camp Oranim in early August, presented by Congregation Albert of Albuquerque at a camp in Santa Fe. Attending were Jacob Saltman, Ben Carvlin, Sadie Carvlin, Sam Garcia-Bryce and Mateo Garcia-Bryce.
- Religious School/Hebrew school program engaged 34 students from Pre-School through High School. Machon (Grades 7-10) students served as aides in younger classes on Sundays. The school sponsored its usual program of learning, based on specific goals/benchmarks set last year. Teachers developed goals for their students which were shared with parents. A new innovation this year was a special interest group/Chugim day on April 12, 2015.
- Hamentaschen Baking at Religious School/Hebrew School on February 22 and 25.

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- Mishloach Manot Bags for Purim were delivered to 60 congregants' homes by Religious School families on March 1.
- Religious School students prepared donation bags for children which were delivered to Casa de Peregrinos by Rhonda Karol's Hebrew School class on April 29, 2015.
- BETY sponsorship of Purim Carnival on March 4, 2015, and participation in regional events.

**Adult, Israel and General Education**

- Torah discussions on Saturday mornings and some Friday nights.
- Torah/TANAKH study – weekly on Wednesdays.
- Talmud Study – weekly on Saturdays.
- “Judaism: Roots and Rituals” Introduction to Judaism Class in November through February.
- “The Hidden Jews of New Mexico,” Presentation by Nan Rubin on June 8, 2014.
- “The Jewish Cemetery in Berlin,” Presentation by Klim Maling on June 29, 2014.
- Rabbi Paul Citrin spoke on his books, *Ten Sheaves* and *Lights in the Forest*, September 7, 2014.
- Marianne Langner Zeitlin read from and discussed her acclaimed book, *Motherless Child*, on October 12, 2014.
- Jim Rosenthal led short story discussion series: “Two Writers, Two Generations”: Molly Antopol's *The UnAmericans* (fall) and Philip Roth's *Goodbye Columbus and Five Short Stories* (winter).
- Mark Medoff spoke on “How it all Began” on December, 14, 2014.
- “The Hidden Jews of New Mexico” An Evolving Legacy of Drama and Discovery, presentation by Nan Rubin on Sunday, February 15, 2015.
- Third Annual NMSU Bel Canto Scholarship Winners' Benefit Concert on March 8, 2015.
- Selichot Study on “The Essence of Judaism” on September 20, 2014.
- “Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms,” on June 10, 17, 24; July 8, 22, and 29; November 10 and 24; January 12 and 26; February 2 and 9; March 2, 9 and 30; April 13; May 11 and 18.
- Israel Roundtables: “Religion in Israel: Diversity and Dynamics” on August 17, 2014; “How do recent world events impact Israel?” on February 8, 2015.
- Mensch Club films: “The Producers” (1967) on September 14, 2014; “5 Broken Cameras” on Sunday, November 16, 2014; “The Book Thief” on April 12, 2015.
- Havdalah, Dessert and CD Release program on February 7, 2015, as Rabbi Karol explained and performed the songs from his new album, “The Road Ahead,” with participation by the Temple Beth-El Choir.
- Sisterhood: Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality – regular meetings during the year.
- Wednesday Breakfast speakers on various topics.
- Shavuot Evening Study, “Loving God, Loving One Another,” based on Dr. Jeff Levin's book, *Upon These Three Things: Jewish Perspectives on Loving God*, May 23, 2015.

***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.



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**MENSCH CLUB**

For information about meetings and events, contact Dave Zeemont at 523-0913 or email at [mudjob@earthlink.net](mailto:mudjob@earthlink.net).

**KNITTING GROUP**

**WILL NOT MEET IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST—SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!** For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or [Kessin@comcast.net](mailto:Kessin@comcast.net)

**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.**

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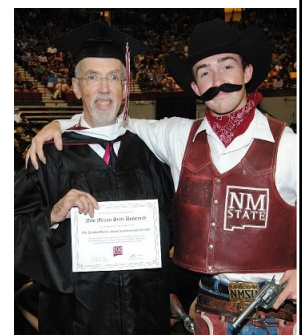
**Camp for Grades 1-4 is July 20-24 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the First Christian Church, 1809 S. El Paseo Road in Las Cruces.**

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**For more information, go to [www.peacevillagec.org](http://www.peacevillagec.org)**

***Congratulations to:***

- **Bea Klein**, on celebrating her milestone birthday on May 15.
- **Leonard Pritikin**, on celebrating his milestone birthday on May 17.
- **Patrick Quinn**, on receiving an Interdisciplinary Masters Degree in Psychopharmacology for Practicing Psychologists from New Mexico State University on May 9. (Seen here with Pistol Pete!)



**THE CHESED GROUP**

**Is here for members in need of assistance due to health issues.**

**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 Peregrinos  
(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 May 26, 2015

### General Fund

- Simy & Dan Allan, in honor of the arrival of our grandson, Joshua Michael Allan
- Simy & Dan Allan, in honor of Rabbi Howard Laibson's retirement & all he did for the TBE community.
- Dee Cook, in memory of Paulina Salopek & Ann Hansen
- Zuki Fishman, in memory of Jack & Helen Landau
- Dee Cook, in honor of Bea Klein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Dee Cook, in memory of Rebekah Edelstein, Esther Berlin & Frances Klempner
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Doris K. Schroeder
- Selda Steckler, in honor of Bea Klein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Ann & Burt Berkson, in memory of Ann Hansen & Chuck Kruger
- Ann & Burt Berkson, in honor of Bea Klein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Michael & Barbara Mandel, in memory of Harriet Mandel's yahrzeit
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina & Irv Rothman
- Joan Glickler, in memory of Rabbi Gerald M. Kane

### Building Fund 2004

- Cheryl & Bob Marians, in memory of Oscar & Gertrude Muller and Ann Hansen

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Shelly & Jerry Silverman, in honor of Patrick Quinn's Masters Program graduation
- Nico Bertola & Elinor Halac, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Sue & Norman Mazer, in memory of Sue's mother, Dorothy Schlisman,
- Margaret Petrowsky, in memory of Jack Petrowsky and thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Avis & Jeff Lewis, in memory of Jerome Herman
- Susan Brown, in honor of Bea Klein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Susan Brown, in memory of Allan Joseph
- Marieka Brown, in honor of Bea Klein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Marieka Brown, in memory of Allan Joseph

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

From Rabbi Jerry & Cyrille Kane:

- In memory of Ann Hansen, Charles Kruger, and Paulina Salopek
- In memory of our Dads, Harold Kane & Ben Silberman
- In honor of our family's 3 high school grads: Brody Barkan, Ben Richard & Madison Melrose
- Mazel Tov to Joan & Jim Silar on their new home in Colorado
- Mazel Tov to new NMSU graduate Jacob Manning, son of Nancy Oretskin

### Jewish Food and Folk Festival

- Richard & Rosalie Kaufman, in honor of The Berksons—Burt, Ann, Arthur, Rebecca, Mia & Lilah

### 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.





**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 (still \$72 per leaf) and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway.**



**JUNE 2015 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5775)****Yahrzeits-June 5 through July 4, 2015****Read on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6**

Michael Bruder\*, Son of Murray & Evelyn Bruder,  
 Brother of Ron Bruder  
 Carl Caplan, Father of Betty Rosse  
 Michael Max Cohen, Nephew of Richard Goldberg  
 Esther Edelstein Berlin\*, Grandmother of Dee Cook  
 Sarah Eskin, Sister of Charles Kruger  
 Christina Griffasi, Sister of Deborah Lee Thuman  
 Aaron Hyman, Father of Michael Hyman  
 Doris Kirschner\*, Mother of Bob Kirschner  
 Doris Schroeder, Mother of Dia Taylor  
 Andrea B Siegel\*  
 Anna Weinglass, Mother-in-Law of Teddy Weinglass

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

Jerome Batkin\*, Relative of Mike Batkin  
 Richard Batkin\*, Relative of Mike Batkin  
 Ruben Kasten\*  
 Clara Kleiner, Grandmother of Rachel Stevens  
 Miriam Kuznekoff\*, Mother of Chuck Kuznekoff  
 Helen Landau, Mother of Zuki Fishman  
 Nathan Mandel, Father of Michael Mandel  
 Steven R Pasternack\*

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

Bernard Cutler, Father of Michele Blum  
 Siebert Feldman\*, Husband of Louise Feldman-Baskey  
 Ralph Holiday, Father of Marjorie Gordon  
 Martha Katz, Aunt of Helen Raphael  
 Kristin Meidell, Daughter of Patricia Selanikio  
 Lena M Schwartz, Mother of Burton Schwartz  
 Asher Segen\*  
 Benjamin D Siegel\*  
 Max Taub\*

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

Milton Berkson\*, Father of Burt Berkson  
 Ruth Frank, Mother of Lester Frank  
 Jennie Frank\*  
 Henrietta Horowitz, Mother of Marion Deutschman  
 Harold Nachison, Father of Jerry Nachison  
 Rachelle Petrowski\*  
 Roslyn Rice\*  
 Leo Steinborn\*, Father of David Steinborn and Mark  
 Steinborn  
 Leonard Weinglass, Husband of Teddy Weinglass  
 Pearl Weisman, Grandmother of Cyrille Kane

**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

***The Temple Beth-El Family  
 extends condolences to:***

***Cyrille Kane and family,  
 on the death of her husband  
 and our Rabbi Emeritus,  
 Rabbi Gerald M. Kane,  
 on Friday, May 29, 2015  
 in Las Cruces.***

***Lila Ziegler and her family,  
 on the death of her sister,  
 Rita Berger, on May 30, 2015  
 in Brooklyn, New York.***

***May their memories be for blessing.***

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

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Newsletter.
- 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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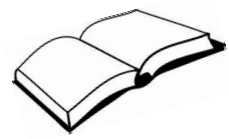
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sivan 14 1 Psalms 7:00 pm	Sivan 15 2	Sivan 16 3 Funeral For Rabbi Gerald M. Kane 10:00 am	Sivan 17 4	Sivan 18 5 Family Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 6:40 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Sivan 19 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am  Rummage Sale Preview 7:00 pm
Sivan 20 7 Rummage Sale 7:00am-1:00 pm	Sivan 21 8 Psalms 7:00 pm	Sivan 22 9	Sivan 23 10 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Sivan 24 11	Sivan 25 12 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Sivan 26 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Sivan 27 14 Psalms 7:00 pm	Sivan 28 15	Sivan 29 16	Sivan 30 17 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 1 18	Tammuz 2 19 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tammuz 3 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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Tammuz 11 28 ADULT EDUCATION Lynn Ellins County Clerk 2:00 pm	Tammuz 12 29	Tammuz 13 30	Tammuz 14 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 15 2	Tammuz 16 3 Pre-Neg at 5:30 pm Shabbat Service for all ages including Great American Sing-along 6:00 pm	Tammuz 17 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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