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Las Cruces, New Mexico

MARCH 2015 (ADAR-NISAN 5775)



Shabbat Services
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Friday, March 6

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

Regular Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 13

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Shabbat Dinner at 6:15 pm

Learner's Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 20

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 27

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit
at 7:30 pm

Saturdays

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

3rd Annual NMSU

**Bel Canto Scholarship Winners'
Benefit Concert at Temple Beth-El**

On Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm,
join Dona Ana Lyric Opera director,
Dr. John Carlo Pierce, and the winners of
the Bel Canto Scholarship of New Mex-
ico State University for an eclectic pro-
gram of favorites from the world of op-
era and musical theater. Featured on the
bill are songs by Kurt Weill and arias by
George Frideric Handel. The three win-
ners will join their voices together for the
sublime trio from Mozart's comic mas-
terpiece, "Cosi fan tutte."

Refreshments will be served, and all do-
nations will benefit DALO's Bel Canto
Scholarship fund.



PURIM
Wednesday,
March 4, 2015
at 5:00 pm

*Men, women, and children of all ages,
costumed or uncostumed, are invited to
a pizza dinner and Purim carnival
(sponsored by BETY) followed by Purim
songs, a Purimshpiel (at 6:30 pm)
and chanting of an
excerpt from the megillah.*



***Temple Beth-El's Second Night
Passover Seder will be hosted by
TBE Sisterhood at
Picacho Hills Country Club
on Saturday,***

April 4

at 6:15 pm

***See page 10 for
the reservation
form (which has
also been mailed
to congregants).***



Happy Pesach

Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 4

PURIM CELEBRATION—5:00 pm

Join us for a Pizza Dinner and Purim Carnival followed by Purim songs and, at 6:30 pm, our annual Purimshpiel!

Friday, March 6

FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE FOR ALL AGES

6:40 pm Potluck Dinner—please bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share.

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will lead a Torah discussion: “God’s ‘hands’ and Our hands.” *Susi Kolikant and Ellen Torres will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. David Fishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

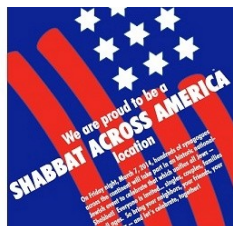
Parashat Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah I Kings 18:1-39

Friday, March 13—SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

6:15 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm We will join with congregations around the country in hosting members of the greater Jewish community and congregants in celebrating Shabbat. This Learners’ Service for all ages will take us through the Shabbat evening prayers with added insights and inspiration. *Shelly Silverman and Debbie Levy will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Monika Kimball will represent the Board of Trustees.*



Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayakheil-Pekuday Exodus 35:1-40:38 (Shabbat Parah)

Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38

Friday, March 20

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on “Giving and Receiving.” *Geri Muchnikoff and Linda Kruger will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susi Kolikant will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service followed by a Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26 (Shabbat Hachodesh)

Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Friday, March 27

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. *Alison Mann and Marianne Rosenthal will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Paul Feil will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36 (Shabbat Hagadol)

Haftarah Malachi 3:4-24

Friday, April 3 is the first night of Passover. There will be no evening service at Temple. It is customary in almost all congregations to facilitate the home celebration of Passover (when the first night is a Friday night) if that is not the night of a congregational Passover Seder. If anyone would be willing to host extra guests at their seder, or if you are looking for a seder to attend, please contact Rabbi Karol at Temple (rabbi@tblc.org) and he will match you to a home that night.

Saturday, April 4

FIRST MORNING OF PESACH SERVICE

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashah for Pesach Exodus 12:21-51

Haftarah Joshua 5:2-6:1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2014-2015

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TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Temple Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm.

Message from Rabbi Karol**What Weddings Can Teach Us About Community**

Mishpachah - Family. Kedushah - Holiness. Ahavah - Love.

They comprise the essence of every life event, both joyous celebrations and times of sorrow and remembrance.

They are the ingredients of our most treasured relationships.

They lie at the foundation of any community.

I could have shared these reflections at any of the milestones that have already happened in my own life or within our family. I didn't. Family, holiness and love were present in large measure in our son Adam's birth ceremony, Consecration, Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation, and even in elementary school, middle school, high school and college graduations.

As Adam married Juli Schnur on February 21, I realized that all of those elements were part of our celebration, but it was different.

It was deeper. It was unique.

All of those other life events are significant landmarks along the path of life. They brought both sides of a family together.

A wedding is a moment of creation. It takes two families and makes them, at least to some extent, one, through the union of the couple that was, in this case, standing under a chuppah.

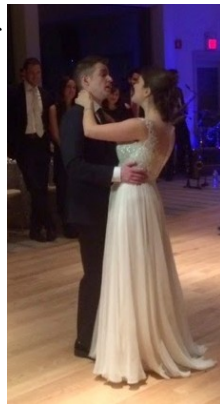
It has the potential of adding to a parent's life yet another person who will call him or her "Dad" or "Mom."

It defines, in the broadest way, which friends who are outside the family have become family-by-choice, not just through their presence on the guest list, but through the connection they feel to the couple and through events in the future by which a shared history will unfold. MISHPACHAH is a tree of generations, a web of connections, and a story of how all of those bonds came to be and will continue to grow.



that represents the couple's first home; rings that illustrate their union as they form a circle of two; wine as a symbol of joy; and the breaking of a glass that has many explanations, but its place at the end of a wedding ceremony, with the shout of "MAZAL TOV" offers a culmination of a holy celebration which is often called KIDDUSHIN (taken from the root for holiness).

In Adam's and Juli's celebration, sacred ceremony was linked with weekly sacred Jewish time. We welcomed Shabbat with selected prayers before the rehearsal dinner, participating with Juli's parents, Steve and Nancie. We recited Havdalah before the signing of the Ketubah and the wedding itself (at which Rabbis Rick



Jacobs and Ken Kanter officiated). We had marked the beginning and end of Shabbat, so that we entered the holy space and



moment of KIDDUSHIN having marked the very observance of which it has been said, "More than the Jewish people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people." As with Rhonda and me, Shabbat will be a time

which will define a regular part of life for Adam and Juli, not only in time, but in its underlying values of creation and working for freedom and liberation for all people. Those principles reflect a KEDUSHAH all their own.

AHAVAH, love, is central to what Rabbi Akiba called the "fundamental principle of the Torah" - "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is, of course, all important in a marriage, in all family relationships and friendships, and in the interconnections of community which we have the opportunity to create together.

As I looked around at those assembled for Adam's and Juli's wedding, I could see the love

in their eyes for the couple. I could hear the depth of the bonds between each of the rabbis and the bride and groom. I could sense the spirit that flowed between the parents standing on either side of the chuppah and the two people who were about to merge their life stories into one. Throughout the weekend, as I looked around at those present whom I already knew, I thought about how they were a part of my own story and Rhonda's and my shared journey. Yes, there was MISHPACHAH - family. Yes, there was KEDUSHAH, holiness, because of the uniqueness of the tales we have spun through shared experiences. And there was love, not only among family, but with friends as well. Picking up Adam's high school friends at the train station reminded me of the love of friendship that exists between them all and is a joy to behold, connections in which I have, in some way, always been a participant, not just a bystander. AHAVAH, between family and friends, whether they are present in body or spirit, can be a powerful source of joy, inspiration and hope.



So Rhonda and I have returned home. There is a young woman who now calls us Mom and Dad. Adam will do the same with her parents. MISHPACHAH, KEDUSHAH and AHAVAH will guide us in strengthening newly-formed ties that we will always cherish.

And we know that this can happen in any type of community, if we see each other as part of the same family, if we are willing to recognize that what brings us together is unique and special, and if we allow the love of our neighbor and the love of God to embrace and engulf our souls. Then we will know what it truly means to be one.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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



President's Report for March 2015

I would like to thank all of you who have participated in the Rabbi evaluation. We will be going over them shortly and will keep you informed as to the results. Rabbi Karol has been very cooperative in working with us to devise the format and we will be working with him to go over

the results and to set up goals that will go hand in hand with the results.

I'd also like to thank all of our board members for their work in putting together the congregational dinner in January. There was nice input in our planning sessions (Thank you to Rebecca Berkson for serving coffee to our group) It was especially fun to watch the men, setting tables with tablecloths, silverware, napkins, water glasses etc. You'd think they were part of a regular catering crew. Thank you to Bob Kimball for setting up tables and measuring spaces between tables on Thursday evening so there was equal space between tables.

Thank you to Susan Michelson, Monika Kimball and Joan Glickler for helping to cook. Board members were also great waiters. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

It's also important to let you know that every member of the board paid for the event out of pocket, so a big thank you to one and all.

I hope you're all getting excited for the 2nd annual JFFF which will take place on Sunday, April 26. We've had several planning sessions and have made plans for community cooking so please check Sign Up Genius to find out what is happening and where you can be of help.

We would like everyone to be a part of this event. It is our biggest fund raiser for the year.

Mark your calendars for 2 events in May. Sisterhood hopes to have a Rummage Sale, so please start saving gently used items that will be someone else's treasure. More information will follow. The tentative date is May 17.

The other date to mark is Thursday, May 21 for our annual meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Purim events. I had the pleasure of walking through the kitchen when the religious school was making hamentaschen. What a delight to see. They really look delicious.

***Thank you,
Dee Cook***

Let's Get the Water Flowing!

You will soon be seeing a new poster in the lobby of TBE announcing a new phase of the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway. We have received a commitment from Linda Kruger and Frances Williams to gift the Temple with a fountain and two benches which will be part of the semi-circular meditation area just east of the Brick Walkway. Eventually that area will have a pergola for shade and a wall to lessen erosion, and Biblical plants around it. We hope too that a Holocaust Memorial plaque might reside there.

So what's with the poster? While we've been gifted with the fountain and benches, we've learned that electricity for the timing device and a water line will need to be installed to keep the fountain flowing. Even the digging of the hole, lining the fountain base and grading the area will have to be completed before a fountain can be functional. All of that takes funding...so we are asking the Congregation to once again pitch in to help build the infrastructure of the fountain. Buying more bricks will help (and they can go into the meditation area if you wish) or making a donation directly for the fountain infrastructure will be great too. We will acknowledge your gift with an announcement in the donation section of the Adelante and a thank you card too.

Geri Muchnikoff and Bob Kimball are working on the poster, showing how high the funding has gone, and Norm Mazer, Jerry Silverman and Bob have the information on the infrastructure. Dee Cook and Alison Mann will take donations if put in an envelope and mailed to either the Temple or their homes noting "fountain" on your check. And Linda and Frances are busy looking at suitable fountains and benches to enhance the beauty of the area. We need you to start the water flowing... please help! And Thank You!

***Alison Mann
for the Brick Committee***

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):
Led by Rabbi Karol on Wednesdays at
10:15-11:20 am

TALMUD STUDY

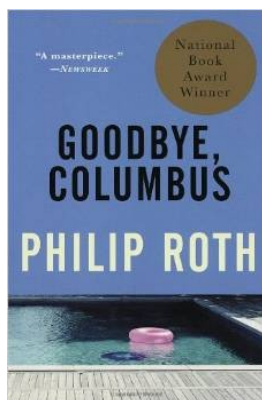
Talmud study meets every Saturday in the Social Hall at 9:00 am before the Saturday morning service. Prospective students are welcome. Contact Erich Zameret or Tanah Hemingway for more information.



Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms

continuing on selected
Mondays throughout the coming months. at 7:00 pm

- March 2—Psalm 32—How and to whom do we admit when we have erred?
- March 9—Psalm 33—In what or whom can we put our trust in this day and age?
- March 30—Psalm 34—How do we find a path to good? What does it mean to care for the brokenhearted?



Jim Rosenthal's
Short Story
discussion group
will continue to
meet in March.
Please contact Jim
(jar529@gmail.com)
or call 522-6478)

**about dates and times for the
upcoming meetings.**



**The Hidden Jews of
New Mexico**
Presented by
Nan Rubin
Sunday,
February 15,
2015



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, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

IT'S BACK! THE TEMPLE BETH-EL JEWISH FOOD & FOLK FESTIVAL: **Sunday, April 26, 2015-<http://lcjewishfestival.weebly.com>.**

Revisit the flavors of our pastrami and hot dogs from last year's fundraiser and/or the Renaissance Faire!



- Jewish Food
- Folk Dancing
- Kids' Games & Crafts
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Music

Admission \$3
Kids under 12 Free
 Food sold at event

Pastrami • Knishes • Falafel
 Kosher Hot Dogs • Matzo
 Ball Chicken Soup • Desserts
 Challah & More!

3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

Sunday, April 26, 2015
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tickets: (575) 524-3380
LCJewishFestival.weebly.com



The Jewish Food and Folk Festival (JFFF) will be a fun-filled event with traditional Jewish foods, live music, a family fun area, silent auction, raffle, dancing, and more! The event will be held on **Sunday, April 26, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Admission is \$3.00; kids 12 and under are free.

We need your help!

Last year's festival would not have been the great success it was without the help of all our wonderful volunteers! Please help us showcase the Temple by selling tickets, helping with food preparation, or volunteering that day. We also need help selling ads for the program, securing sponsorships, and donating silent auction items.

Volunteer

We need volunteers to sign up to serve food, sell tickets, to "man" the raffle, to be food replenishers, to be a greeter/traffic controller (new position), or to be part of the clean-up crew. If you can volunteer, please sign up for a shift or two at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094caba82aa1fa7-jfff>

For more information, contact JFFF Volunteer Coordinator Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211 or email her at ellenhowerton@comcast.net.

Tickets

Tickets for the second Jewish Food and Folk Festival will soon be available to sell. The festival is a major fundraiser for Temple Beth-El, so we need members to sell as many tickets as you can! Please watch your email for information when they become available. We will also be trying to reach you all to arrange the sale of tickets.

THANK YOU and we look forward to another successful festival!



Congregational Dinner on Friday, January 30, 2015



Israel Roundtable—Discussion moderated by Judith Sherman Russell Sunday, February 8, 2015



CD Release Havdalah, Dessert and Program on Saturday, February 7, 2015



**Tu
Bish'vat
Seder
on
Wednesday,
February 4**



ISRAEL UPDATE***The Latest News: Now and Then*** by Phil Alkon**Bibi Invades Washington**

Bibi Netanyahu, the Israeli that President Obama (and others) love to hate, has whipped up a storm of controversy by accepting House Speaker John Boehner's invitation to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress on March 3rd. The White House may have been informed of the invitation prior to its issuance, but it certainly raised major alarms when the Israeli PM accepted. So, why the storm? An ostensible concern is that that event is within two weeks of the Israeli election (see below), and that Bibi's real aim was to burnish his image by stealing the spotlight at a prominent and widely covered forum. If that's true, shouldn't the Israeli electorate, rather than the U.S. administration, decide whether the PM has crossed a political red line? And not surprisingly, Bibi's venture is drawing substantial criticism among Israelis for political opportunism and for jeopardizing relations with U. S. The Obama Administration also claimed that the visit breaks a U.S. tradition prohibiting foreign leaders from addressing Congress within weeks of forthcoming elections. But that argument faded with exposure of significant historical exceptions to this supposed "bedrock principal." The real reason for the furor is that Bibi will publically challenge the Administration's approach and aims in its negotiations with Iran's government regarding its covert nuclear weapons program. Israel has major, legitimate concerns regarding the negotiations because their goal has shifted from *eliminating* the Iranian nuclear weapons threat to *accommodating* it at some "acceptable level." The negotiations also have totally ignored the Iranian missile development program that may already render it capable of delivering nuclear warheads on much of Europe as well as the entire Middle East. I would add another of *my* concern about the trajectory of the current negotiations. That is the Administration's seeming desperation to achieve some sort of major foreign policy achievement before it's tenure comes to a close. The Obama/Kerry Middle East record comprises a string of abject policy failures, extending from the Arab Spring to Libya to Syria to Israel-Palestine peace to dissolution of Arab states to rise of Islamic extremism and, now, to a growing alienation of our one and only reliable ally in the region (Guess Who?). These failures are not accidental, but reflect the Administration's inability to understand and/or accept the historical, deeply embedded processes that continue to shape history and current events and in the region (see T.E. Lawrence commentary, below). I also believe the Administration is still piqued that Egypt, not the U.S., successfully brokered a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, despite Kerry's non-stop shuttling throughout the region. Perhaps the solution to the Bibi invasion, as suggested by California Congressman Adam Schiff – a good friend of Israel – is to have Netanyahu address his strategic concerns to a closed session of Congress, and then make his public remarks to a following AIPAC annual meeting that is sure to be well covered by the media. Sounds reasonable to me. In the meantime, everyone in the Obama administration has been instructed to avoid Bibi like the plague. After all, Pesach is just around the corner.

Israel Elections

No one really understands Israeli politics; so don't hold your breath here. Some 26 (count them) political parties are registered for the March 17 Israel elections, of which only 11 are expected to be in contention for any of the Knesset's 120 seats. In

Israel's parliamentary democracy, each voter selects a party - not individual candidates. Seats are allocated to parties according to their proportion of the total vote, and individual seat winners are those high enough on registered party lists to make the cut. Party leaders inevitably become Knesset members because of their higher place on lists. Then, the President of Israel invites a party or aligned bloc of parties to form a government (≥ 61 combined seats). If the first choice fails, the bargaining among parties restarts, and the entire process goes on until that miracle of a government is achieved. The final step is the allocation of cabinet positions from among elected Knesset members of the governing coalition. And you wondered why Israeli politicians seldom smile.

Here's the way things stand now – from a credible prognostication in *The Jerusalem Report*. The two major competing parties are the newly formed, centrist Zionist Union (led by Yitzhak Herzog and Tzipi Livni) and the right-wing Likud (Netanyahu), each expected to receive ≥ 20 seats. Parties on the center left and left, potential coalition partners with the Zionist Union, are Yesh Atid (Yair Lapid, 11 seats), Koolanu (Moshe Kahlon, 8 seats) and Meretz (former Labor party, 6 seats). On the right side of the spectrum are Naftali Bennett's Jewish Home (15 seats), Avigdor Lieberman's scandal-ridden Yisrael Beytenu (5 seats) and Yahad (0-4 seats). Their relationships with Likud are mixed at best. Other significant parties are the Arab United List (12 seats); and two Jewish religious parties, Shas (7 seats, representing the Mizrahi branch) and United Torah Judaism (7 seats, the Ashkenazi side). That's the current picture, more or less. Not even Las Vegas offers odds on what the next Israel government will look like.

The Middle East According to Lawrence of Arabia

In a compelling recent history, Scott Anderson* describes a brief WWI-era report on the Ottoman Empire's Syrian province (present day Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Sinai), as follows: "In just eight pages of terse and wonderfully opinionated prose, the essayist ... methodically delineated the myriad fissures that divided and subdivided that country, fissures that extended beyond tribal, ethnic and religious fault lines to even produce rivalries between cities and towns. Completely shorn of wishful thinking, that dangerous proclivity of bureaucratic essayists everywhere, the writer instead painted a stark picture of the problems awaiting any outsider who might attempt to impose their will there.... The writer in a few words (also) suggests the bitterness which exists in Palestine against the Zionists."

The author of that brilliant essay was T. E. Lawrence, a young British intelligence officer stationed in Cairo and shortly to emerge as the conflicted champion of Arab independence and leader of the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman regime. I have found no clearer explanation of why future Western peace attempts in the region were and are virtually doomed to failure. The Arab World's war against itself is more violent than ever, and the Palestinian Arabs' inability to accept Jewish sovereignty in a homeland predating Islam and the Arab Conquest is unwavering.

*Anderson, S. 2013. *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*. Anchor Books, New York

THE TEMPLE BETH EL SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO....

Join us for this year's **SECOND NIGHT** Passover Seder on April 4, 2015, 6:15 PM, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre, Las Cruces.

Enjoy the experience as we follow our Passover tradition led by Rabbi Karol.

We have a wonderful open buffet dinner planned, a vegetarian alternative, and sumptuous desserts.

We will be providing each table with sweet kosher wine, and/or grape juice. There will also be a cash bar available for those who wish to imbibe in other spirits.

Full payment is required to hold your place at the Seder table. The deadline for early payment is MARCH 24th. After MARCH 24th, please note the increased cost below. We cannot accept any requests after MARCH 30th, due to requirements of the PHCC.

Families of 5 or more, and groups of 6 or more may reserve seating before MARCH 24th. Table settings will be 8-10 guests, and the committee will do its best to accommodate all requests. To reserve your family or group seating, please indicate a name and phone number as the contact for your family or group, and contact:

Michele Blum 373-9039 or Lynn Zeemont 523-0913

Please note special needs requirements at the bottom of this form. ****

Kindly fill out the form below and return it with the enclosed envelope.

Checks are made payable to: Temple Beth El Sisterhood

EARLY PAYMENT DEADLINE MARCH 24, 2015

Name _____ Phone # _____ email _____

Regular Meal Vegetarian Meal

_____ # _____ Temple Member \$30.00 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ # _____ Non-temple member \$36.00 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ # _____ Children-12 and under \$15.00 TOTAL \$ _____

MARCH 24-30, 2015 PAYMENT DEADLINE

Regular Meal Vegetarian Meal

_____ # _____ Temple Member \$36.00 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ # _____ Non-temple member \$40.00 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ # _____ Children-12 and under \$20.00 TOTAL \$ _____

****Special needs: _____

Upcoming Sisterhood Council Meetings: Sisterhood Council meetings will be held on the 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH at Temple at 6:30 pm. Council meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

Rabbi Larry Karol will be away on March 15-19 to attend the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Dee Cook at 521-7319.

Congratulations to Aaron Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman, on achieving his star rank in the Boy Scouts.

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.



KNITTING GROUP—A knitting group meets at TBE on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 am. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or Kessin@comcast.net

MAH JONG—A Mah Jong group is meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Frima Marquez at 522-0470 or panchic@comcast.net.

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 Joan Silar at 521-1925.

Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

The food for March or Casa de Peregrinos is Peanut Butter

Foods for March for El Caldito are Tuna fish, rice, pasta and peas. (Plastic bags are needed as well!)

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.



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Donations through March 1, 2014

General Fund

- David Lewis & Alice Eagle, in honor of our children, Jeffrey & Avis Lewis, who gave their time and energy to help their ailing brother, Mitchel, in his time of need. No one could have shown more love and affection. Peace and good health be with them in the years ahead.
- Sonny Klein, in memory of Samuel Klein
- Frank & Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Carl & Eva Isaacson
- Frank & Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Siebert & Jay Feldman
- Jeff Brown, in memory of Dolly Zabin
- Sonny Klein, in memory of Samuel Klein
- Dee Cook, in honor of the marriage of Adam & Juli Karol
- Dee Cook, in honor of the Conversion of Rebecca Martinez
- Dee Cook, in memory of Mary Fitzgerald
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Clifford V. Evans, Sr.
- Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Itzhak Kolikant
- Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Margaret Gantert
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina & Irv Rothman
- David and Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Milton Zeemont
- Joan Glickler, in memory of Mary Fitzgerald
- Joan Glickler, in honor of the marriage of Adam & Juli Karol
- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of her brother, Lawrence Friedman
- Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in honor of Monika Kimball's birthday
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Faye Berkson.
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in honor of Rebecca Martinez
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Mary Fitzgerald

Building Fund 2004

- Peter & Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Ruth N. Brooks, beloved mother of Sharon
- Bass & Pomerantz, in memory of Louis & Ida Bass

Community Service & Social Action Funds

- Susan Brown, in memory of George Cohen
- Arlon and Brenda Parish, in memory of Wade Gardner

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- Frankie Lerner & Ford Parkes-Perret, in memory of Mel Taylor and Charles Kruger

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Linda Kruger, in gratitude to Rabbi Larry Karol
- Elizabeth Lewis, in honor of Monika Kimball's birthday
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Hesh Langner
- Vera & Burton Schwartz, in memory of Rose Segreto
- Barnett & Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Beatrice Gibbs
- Dan Tapper and Judy Long, in memory of Reba Rose Tapper

- Rachel Stevens, in memory of Freda Stevens
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in honor of Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol on the marriage of their son, Adam, to Juli Schnur.

Beth-El Temple Youth Fund

- Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Charlotte Mann
- Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Patricia Collier-Ehlers

Religious School Fund

- Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving Glater

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.

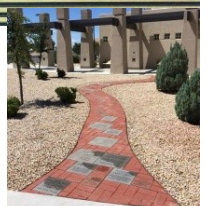
Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund—Provides funds to help further adult education and cultural programming at TBE.

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.

MARCH 2015 (ADAR-NISAN 5775)**Yahrzeits-March 1 through April 4, 2015****Read on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7**

Louis Bass*, Father of Harry Bass

Rachel Fox*

Jack Lipschutz*, Brother-in-law of Abe Pomerantz

Bertram Marks, Father of Rhonda Karol

Isabelle Sazer, Cousin of Tanah Hemingway

Sheldon Schoenbrun*

Mieke Skigen*, Mother of Michelle Skigen

Edith Steinberg, Mother of Evelyn Bruder, Grandmother of Ron Bruder

Helen Troy, Mother of Marsha San Filippo

Joseph Wolfe*, Father of Elissa Poel

Read on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14

Ralph Alkon, Brother of Phil Alkon

Tessie Rose Bergman, Grandmother of Nancy Bergman

Faye Berkson*, Mother of Burt Berkson

Betty Brankman, Mother of Sally Alkon

Mollie Bruder*, Mother of Murray Bruder, Grandmother of Ron Bruder

George Burstein, Father of Laini Burstein

Samuel Chapman, Father of Diane Fleishman

Clifford Evans Jr, Father of Dia Taylor

Lorraine B Fidler*

Sam Jacobs, Father-in-Law of Win Jacobs

Lena Lieberman*

Jacob Neidich*

David Andrew Steinzig*

Read on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21

David Aboulafia*

Sidney Berger*, Father of Barbara Berger

Shirley Burstein, Mother of Laini Burstein

Dorothy Frieder*, Mother of Linda Fisher

Muriel Heiman*

Harold Mann, Father of Gary Mann

Hattie Neidich*

Abigail Palanker, Cousin of Allen Palanker

Richard Palanker, Cousin of Allen Palanker

Gertrude Silverston*

Clara Singer*

Sima Tashlik, Grandmother of Allen Blum

Anthony Thelkan*

Benjamin White*

Joel Ziegler*, Husband of Lila Ziegler

Read on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28

Estelle Berger, Mother of Barbara Berger

Lillian Cooper, Sister of Ruth Ann Sugarman

Reuben Friedman, Father of Teddy Weinglass

Syd Friedman, Mother of Teddy Weinglass

Mark Edwin Rosenberg, Husband of Julie Rosenberg

Charles Rothschild*

Elaine Silberman, Sister of Cyrille Kane

Eleanor Williamson, Aunt of Barbara Mandel

Read on Saturday, April 4

Molly Aboulafia*

Dvora Alkon, Mother of Phil Alkon

Jennie Hackman, Aunt of Tanah Hemingway

Bill Hemingway, Husband of Tanah Hemingway

Leonard Hurwitz, Father of Susan Fitzgerald

Edward Jacobs, Husband of Win Jacobs

Maxine Markson, Mother of Linda Kruger

Terry Petty*, Husband of Brenda Parish

Michael Resnick*, Nephew of Frances Williams

Morty Steckler*

Birdsey Youngs, Father of Win Jacobs

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adar 10 1 Religious School 9:00 am	Adar 11 2 Short Story Group 10:00 am Psalms 7:00 pm	Adar 12 3 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Adar 13 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Purim Carnival 5pm Purim Shpiel 6:30 pm	Adar 14 5 Mah Jong 1:00 pm	Adar 15 6 Family Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 6:40 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Adar 16 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Adar 17 8 Religious School 9:00 am Dona Ana Lyric Opera Bel Canto Scholarship Concert 5:00 pm	Adar 18 9 Psalms 7:00 pm	Adar 19 10 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Adar 20 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Adar 21 12 Mah Jong 1:00 pm Sisterhood Council 6:30 pm	Adar 22 13 SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Potluck Dinner 6:15 pm Learners' Service 7:30 pm	Adar 23 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Adar 24 15 Religious School 9:00 am	Adar 25 16 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Adar 26 17 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Adar 27 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am No Torah Study Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Adar 28 19 Mah Jong 1:00 pm	Adar 29 20 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Nisan 1 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 2 22 No Religious School	Nisan 3 23	Nisan 4 24 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Nisan 5 25 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Nisan 6 26 Mah Jong 1:00 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Nisan 7 27 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Nisan 8 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 9 29 No Religious School	Nisan 10 30 Psalms 7:00 pm	Nisan 11 31 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Nisan 12 Apr. 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Nisan 13 2 Mah Jong 1:00 pm	Nisan 14 3 FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER NO SERVICE SEDERS IN HOMES	Nisan 15 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am First Morning of Pesach Service 10:15 am Passover Seder 6:15 pm

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