



MAY 2015 (IYAR-SIVAN 5775)



**Shabbat Services
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Friday, May 1

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

Friday, May 8

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, May 15

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, May 22

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, May 29

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

“Loving God, Loving One Another”

Join us on Saturday, May 23

at 7:30 pm

to celebrate Shavuot (the late spring festival of nature and learning) with an evening of prayer, study and fellowship.

We will begin with dessert and continue with brief worship and discussion to enjoy the fruits of our shared wisdom!

Dr. Jeff Levin’s *Upon These Three Things*:



***Jewish Perspectives on Loving God* will serve as the basis for our study.**

Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend

(call Temple at 575-524-3380)

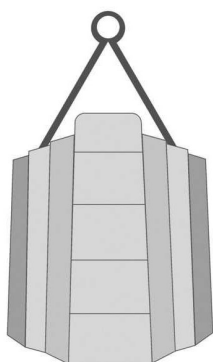
or email rabbi@tblc.org

Shavuot Morning Service

Including Yizkor/Memorial Prayers

on Sunday, May 24

at 10:00 am followed by a Bagel Brunch Kiddush



Temple Beth-El

Save the date!

Temple Beth-El

Annual

Congregational

Meeting

Thursday,

May 21, 2014

7:00 pm

More information will be mailed to members in the next few days!

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.tblc.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 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, May 1

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 speak on: “Holy Acts in our lives—what do we do that is holy?” **Susan Lapid and Cherri & Jeff Brown will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.**

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27

Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

Friday, May 8

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol explore “Living in Jewish Time: Why is our calendar different from all other calendars?” **Renee Frank and Pearie Bruder will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.**

Saturday, May 9

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 15

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Restoring Equality in the face of Inequality” . **Eve Palanker and Paula Kramer will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.**

Saturday, May 16

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, May 22

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will explore “Counting every soul.” **Carla Libby, Rebecca Martinez and Avis Lewis will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.**

Saturday, May 23

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bamidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

Saturday, May 23

7:30 pm “Loving God, Loving One Another” - Erev Shavuot dessert, prayers, songs and discussion—join us and share your insights and wisdom! (This will be our Tikkun Layl Shavuot, our Shavuot evening study program). Please respond to Temple! Dr. Jeff Levin’s *Upon These Three Things: Jewish Perspectives on Loving God* will serve as a basis for our study.

Sunday, May 24

10:00 am Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service

Followed by a Bagel Brunch

Shavuot Torah reading: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12

Friday, May 29

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. **Marlene Benz and Jamie Bronstein will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.**

Saturday, May 30

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89

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

Haftarah Judges 13:2-25

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.” An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Saturday, June 6

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Behaalotecha Numbers 8:1-12:16

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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Message from Rabbi Karol

In my service to Temple Beth-El and to the community, I have found that both ordinary days and special events teach important lessons about what is important in life. We all have causes and activities about which we are passionate. Bringing people together for commemoration, prayer, song or study are among

the passions that drive my involvement in congregational programs and local events.

- On April 7, I sang Passover songs and folk songs at the Las Cruces Public Schools Advanced Pre-School (where Rhonda teaches), including Dayenu and Puff, the Magic Dragon!



- On April 8, my talk to the Wednesday Breakfast group on "Passover and Religious Freedom" examined the place of Jews in American society in 1780-1820 and focused on the correspondence between President George Washington and Jewish congregations and other religious communities.

- On April 12, during our Religious School Chugim (Special Interest groups) Day, I had a chance to sing with several of our students rather than a large group. That session has laid the groundwork for more participation by Temple students in music in Temple worship and events.



- On April 16, I spoke at the White Sands Missile Range Holocaust Commemoration on this year's national theme: "Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act." In my remarks, I shared

some insightful excerpts from Menachem Rosensaft's new book, *God, Faith and Identity from the Ashes: Reflections of Children and Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors*.

- On April 22, our Hebrew School students, joined by other congregants as well, marked the beginning of Yom Haatzmaut-Israel Independence Day. We had a candlelighting cere-



mony with readings from *Mishkan T'filah* and concluded, after singing Hatikvah, with a joyous hora to "Hava Nagilah"!

- On April 26, many of us were present at the Second Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival. Kudos to Rebecca Berkson, Aggie Saltman, other JFFF committee members and all of our volunteers for a job well done!!!! Our choir, now



called "Kolot Bamidbar/Voices of the Desert," was intergenerational for the first time, providing a strong sound for songs about peace, love, hope, cooperation, and celebration! You can see my April 25 letter-to-the-editor of the *Las Cruces Bulletin* on hosting the JFFF on page 10 of this newsletter.

- On April 30, I offered the opening prayer at the New Mexico State University Memorial Service to pay tribute to faculty, staff, students and alumni who have died over the last year. My prayer included sentiments reminiscent of our own meditations before the Kaddish: "There are friends, family members, classmates, teachers, companions, who walked with us, who helped us, who provided us with wisdom, who enabled us to put new life lessons into perspective. We learned with them. We laughed with them. We may have even cried with them. And we relied on them as they renewed our confidence, refreshed our strength, and restored our hope. And now they leave a legacy to us that will remain and become a part of who we are and who we will be. May their souls be bound up in the bond of all life."

All of those events had their own unique significance and meaning, and it was an honor to join with other community members for celebration, reflection, discussion, and edification. Everyone who attended those gatherings came with their own passion and personal motivation that engendered a feeling of warmth and unity

Every week, there are two times that we gather for celebration, reflection, discussion and edification. Shabbat services, both evening and morning, offer us an opportunity to bring our best selves to Temple, to add our voices to prayer and song, and to contribute our own special spirit to our collective congregational soul. It is your presence that makes each service what it is and makes us who we are as a congregation. I look forward to seeing you soon!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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



President's Report for April 2015

It takes a village and we certainly have a great village. Thank you to our leaders Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman and to everyone who made this year's JFFF possible. I wish

I could mention everyone. However, I would like to say a special thank you to Jim Kramer who flew in just for the event. Not only did he set up and work 10 hours Sunday prepping food and making pastrami sandwiches, but he stepped in to make the foods that I was unable to make at the last minute. Paula Kramer, as always, was there to work and prepare food and work in the kitchen. Without the brother and sister team, we would really have struggled.

I'm sure you've had the opportunity to see the beautiful fountain adjacent to our brick path. Thank you to Jerry Silverman, Linda Kruger and Frances Williams for driving up to Madrid NM to select the fountain. Thank you to Linda and Frances for purchasing the fountain and to Mike Batkin and a few anonymous donors that helped to make the water flow into a final beautiful piece of art.

Thank you to Jerry Silverman, Norm Mazer and Jeff Lewis for painting the playground fence and to Jerry for getting the playground back to an attractive usable area for our children.

On May 21, our annual Congregation meeting will take place. As usual, in an odd year, we will be selecting 5 Board of Trustees members to add to the remaining group for a 2 year term. We will also be looking at some changes to the current Constitution and By-Laws. Namely, we hope to change the current wording referring to our annual meetings being related to so many days after Passover to "no later than the 3rd week in May." Another change we would like to make is to revert Article 12 Section 1 back to

its original wording which was changed in May of 2010. The current wording reads: Affiliated organizations are organizations in the Temple itself that bear the name of the Temple and/or are under the auspices of the Temple. Examples of eligible organizations are women's auxiliary/sisterhood, men's group/brotherhood and youth groups. 5 years ago this line was added: Membership in Temple Beth-El will be required for all members of affiliated organizations. We would like to strike (eliminate) this last line.

This will make us a more welcoming community.

This is almost the end of my tenure as President. It has been a fascinating and rewarding experience. As this past week has shown, we can come together as a community and work together for the betterment of our congregation.

I want to thank the Board of Trustees for their hours of dedication to the Temple. I've enjoyed working with everyone. Good luck to the new board for 2015-2016.

**Thank you,
Dee Cook**



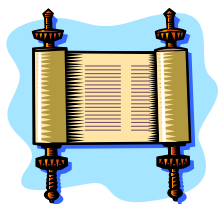
**Fence painters
Jeff Lewis and
Norm Mazer
add their
special touches
to the
playground fence!**

**We have new grass on
our playground area
that will take a couple
of weeks to settle in.
Thank you to Jerry
Silverman for over-
seeing this addition
and restoration of GREEN to our grounds!**



ADULT EDUCATION

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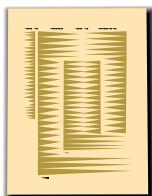


TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

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, May 11-
Continuing Psalm

35—"No Good Deed Goes Unpunished."

• Monday, May 18 —Psalm 36-
"Staying away from Evil—then and now."

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.

TBE Religious School Chugim Interest Group Day on April 12, 2015



Erich Zameret led Israeli Folk Dancing



Sarah Mindlin led many games of "Gaga"



Rhonda Karol guided students in making bags for children in need to be donated to Casa de Peregrinos (See Page 10)



Kaitlyn Mead led the creation of flags and other decorations for the JFFF—and Rabbi Larry Karol led music (see page 3)!!!!

Jewish Food and Folk Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped with another successful Temple Beth-El Jewish Food and Folk Festival! Our Temple was again filled with energy, aromas, tastes, music, and people! We think everyone left with not only a full stomach, but also an appreciation for Jewish culture and traditions. As we've said, we could not have done it without all of you! We sincerely thank you all, we know you worked hard and we hope that you enjoyed yourself!

Before applying the expenses for holding the food festival, we raised over \$14,000! This is funding that the Temple can now use for operating expenses and for our education and community outreach programs.

We cannot list every single person who helped (we know who you are!), but we do want to thank and recognize our growing list of sponsors:

Queen Kosher Sponsor

Joan Glicker

Matzah Mensch Sponsors

Bruder Real Estate Team

Frank Baskey and Louise Feldman-Baskey

Integrative Medical Center- Drs. Arthur and Burt Berkson

Challah Helpers

Professional Excellence (Frances Williams)

Sleep Lab of Las Cruces (Dr. Paul Feil)

Burt and Ann Berkson

Michael and Barbara Mandel

Bagel Buddies

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces

Dee Cook

Jerry & Jodie Nachison

Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal

Ellen and Fred Torres

Thank you to our terrific teams who planned and put those plans into place:

Event Organizing Team

Dee Cook

Rabbi Larry Karol

Brenda Parish

Michael Mandel

Ann Berkson

Dee Cook

James Kramer

Paula Kramer

David Zeemont

Family Fun Team

Pearie Bruder

Robin Labe

Elisha Rosenberg

And to our dependable people in charge of certain tasks:

Volunteer Coordinator.....Ellen Torres

Decorations.....Rhonda Karol

Silent Auction.....Sue Mazer

Program Book.....Christi and Dan Rubin

Basket Coordinator.....Terri Sugarman

Tickets.....Brenda Parish, Debbie Levy, and Michael Mandel

Entertainment.....Rabbi Larry Karol

Folk Dancing.....Erich Zameret with the Mesilla Valley International Folk Dancers

Special thanks to:

- Pearie Bruder for arranging the donation of our awesome JFFF T-shirts from the Bruder Real Estate Team- the t-shirts added extra panache to our event!
- Tom & Debbie Levy and Tony Pope at Party World – tent donation
- Tom & Debbie Levy – donating fees associated with accepting credit cards
- Frances Williams - donating over 70 challahs
- Bob Kimball and Robin & Adam Labe for constructing the bagel wheel
- All of you who baked, cooked, and worked at the festival! It takes many hands!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please use this email to reach us: lcjewishfestival@gmail.com.

It's an honor for us to coordinate this memorable event for the Temple. It continues to confirm to us that we are part of a wonderful and caring community. Thank you again!

Rebecca & Aggie
Co-Chairs

A taste of Jewish Food and Folk Festival 2015 Photos— Many more on Pages 7 and 8!



Why was this day at Temple different from all other days? It was our second annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival on April 26, 2015!!!



Still more photos from the Jewish Food and Folk Festival on April 26, 2015!



ISRAEL UPDATE**SOME IMPRESSIONS OF ISRAEL** by Phil Alkon

First time visitors to Israel invariably express surprise, and often admiration, at the reality of Israel- the land, the nation and the people - as compared to their preconceived expectations, perhaps more so than any other place on Earth. But for those of us who have previously lived in Israel for any length of time, a return visit represents a bit of a challenge. Why? Because much about Israel has and continues to change at a more rapid pace than any other place we have ever experienced. You can be sure of alterations, modifications and even transformations, but in what ways and how profound? Should we have accepted the axiom that 'you really can't go home'?

That's why Sally and I felt trepidation as well as some hopeful anticipation before our recent brief return to the Promised Land following a 7-year separation. I made my first visit to Israel as an adult in 1964; followed by a honeymoon trip with Sally in 1967. We lived in Israel from 1968 to 1971 while doing my dissertation field research; and returned for a 20-year hitch as faculty member with Ben-Gurion University beginning in 1978. Since settling in Las Cruces in 1998, we've visited Israel in 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2008, culminating in our recent 2-week stay this April. All in all, our Israel experience has spanned over five decades, has enabled us to absorb much about its history and character, has shaped our professional experience, and has served as the framework for our sons' (Danny and Aviel) education and maturation, including combat service in the IDF. It has also enabled us to share a big part of our lives with close family members, including many with deep roots in Eretz Israel.

In a nutshell, our recent stay encompassed many visits with family, friends and colleagues; planning some collaborative research; excursions in Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, Beersheva, Netanya, Jerusalem, the Coastal plain, Lower Galilee, and the Negev. Our visit was during Passover and Easter, and just followed the Israeli elections. There was much to see and do in only two weeks.

Well, what did we find? Describing our varied experiences and responses would be far easier verbally than in writing, and I hope to do that as well. In fact, I expect to devote two forthcoming Wednesday Breakfast Club sessions to our trip: one as a spoken commentary (on May 20th) and the other as a pictorial slide show (TBA). Meanwhile, let me leave you with a few lasting impressions.

The visit was memorable. This is not surprising, given that Israel remains an exceptionally intense, varied and colorful country in so many respects. It also remains the subject of unending external and internal pressures of which Israelis are very much aware.

On a personal level, our trepidations about physical changes were partially realized. Municipal areas have grown dramatically, including Tel-Aviv, Netanya, Beersheva and

Jerusalem. High-rise buildings now dominate areas of Tel-Aviv, and the greatly increased density of cars makes parking there a heroic challenge. Concurrently, the country's highway system has been transformed. Former modest lanes and roads are supplanted by divided superhighways that facilitate speed and heavy traffic, but make it much harder to appreciate and connect with the surrounding countryside. All in all, it took us about three days of fretting to acknowledge and partially acclimate to these undesirable signs of "progress."

What of the positive side of the ledger? The longer we stayed, the more we began to appreciate the surprising extent to which beloved aspects of Israeli life and landscape have endured and actually improved, even without our help, if you can imagine that! In fact, my strongest overall impression is that Israel today is more robust, vibrant and prosperous than ever. Following the recent election, which resulted in a rather unclear outcome and again displayed Israel's nearly impossible political system, the country remains a lively, cantankerous and strong democracy. Watching comedians on Israeli TV skewer politicians of all stripes makes SNL, Jon Stewart, et al., seem mild and amateurish by comparison. Israeli's print and broadcast media remains vigorously opinionated and chronically hostile to "establishment" figures and institutions.

A few other facets of Israeli life that caught my attention:

- The great expansion of the Israeli Arab population as evidenced by the growth of Arab towns and cities in western Galilee, Wadi Ara and near Jerusalem; and of Bedouin communities in the Negev. Given the quality of new housing, mosques and other infrastructure, the Arab population appears to be prospering. Israeli Arabs also are taking a more active role in national politics.
- The retention of large areas of agricultural and natural open spaces in much of the country, a gratifying effort at preventing urban sprawl in the face of increased housing, industrial and infrastructure development. Much of the industrial growth reflects the prominent role of hi-tech companies rather than dirty manufacturing.
- That I heard so little about last summer's war with Hamas reinforced my faith in the incredible resilience of the Israeli people. Challenges that would easily destroy or fatally distort other societies are met on a daily basis, not by stoic robots, but by a very human and vulnerable assemblage of people. Have the centuries of persecution and displacement pre-adapted Jews to endure and thrive in their own land despite the huge obstacles? And even relish the experience.

I look forward to sharing much more of what we experienced in Israel in upcoming Wednesday breakfast meetings. I also am eager to hear your questions, criticisms and opinions regarding my take on the miraculous saga of today's Israel.



On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Casa de Peregrinos Director Lorenzo Alba and one of his staff members received, from Rhonda Karol's Hebrew School class, donations for children in need prepared by Religious School Students on April 12.

Congratulations to Daniel and Simy Allan, on the birth of a grandson, Joshua Michael Allan, on April 7, 2015. Joshua's parents are Joel and Jennifer Allan, who live in Culver City, California! Mazal Tov to the whole family!

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 Dr.
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 Rd.
in Las Cruces.
For more information,
go to
www.peacevillagec.org**

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

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Letter to the editor Festival welcomes all

We may not know each other as well as we should, but we are all neighbors when we live in a community together.

We come from varying backgrounds. We have our own stories about who we are and from whence we came.

No matter what makes us different, our desire to learn and to grow can lead us to broaden our horizons and even find common ground.

Cultural events and festivals create opportunities for us to engage on a path of discovery that can turn the unknown and unfamiliar into a part of our experience that we might even want to revisit again ... and again.

There is a blessing that is part of my faith that praises God as a "gracious giver of knowledge." Learning by itself is important, but these chances that we have around us to get to know

each other are gifts that we can receive with gratitude and even joy.

The Jewish Food and Folk Festival, planned by members of Temple Beth-El, where I have had the honor to serve over the last several years, will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the temple located at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. This brings people together to socialize and to taste and experience aspects and customs of a group, or people, as a way of telling where they have been and where their future will take them.

The sight of people from across the community gathering in our "home" last year was very special. It represents one way that we can draw closer, as neighbors.

Please, join us as we take this event into its second year, and let us continue to do all we can to find new ways to create good will and unity among us.

Rabbi Larry Karol

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***

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 April 23, 2015**General Fund**

- Joan Glickler, in memory of Ann Hansen
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina & Irv Rothman
- Julie Seton, in memory of Daniel Seton Barber
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Gayle Evans Kiteley
- Diane & Harry Bass, in memory Chuck Kruger, Mary Fitzgerald & Ann Hansen; get well to David Steinborn, and in honor of Adam & Juli Karol's wedding
- Jane Grider, in memory of Sally Miller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ralph Barocas & Carol Schulman, Shabbat at TBE was the highlight of our Las Cruces trip!
- Ellen Torres, in memory of my grandmother, Hilda Deutschman
- Helen Raphael, in honor of Rose and Gerald Leiser
- Allen Blum, in memory of Saul Blum
- Norman & Suzanne Mazer, in memory of Jacob & Alice Mazer
- Daniel Tapper, in honor of Isador Edward Tapper
- Jerold & Jodie Nachison, in memory Ida Desgun Nachison

Beth-El Temple Youth

- Elizabeth Lewis Olson, in honor of Alison Mann's birthday

Religious School

- Judith Cicero, Purim thank you

Another Smash Hit for Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El has always been blessed with many leaders, and Aggie Saltman and Rebecca Berkson have joined the ranks of those who preceeded them, and even more so. The planning, coordination, scheduling and timing could be emulated by a corporate or military organization, not to mention other entities who are dysfunctional and need a plan or vision. I especially want to also recognize the many members of our Temple who made the plan work, and contributed to the success of this function. They all deserve our praises and thanks. It speaks to the talents and support of our Temple members, who keep this place humming and alive. From a grateful member.

Frances F. Williams

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.



MAY 2015 (IYAR-SIVAN 5775)**Yahrzeits-April 26 through June 6, 2015****Read on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2**

Hilda Deutschman, Grandmother of Ellen Torres
 Tamara Entin, Grandmother of Jason Rosenberg
 Shirley Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane
 Jess Horwitz, Uncle of Ellen Torres
 Jack Kelter*, Father of Stuart Kelter and Susan Lapid
 Lew Kruger
 Jack Landau, Father of Zuki Fishman
 Rabbi Mordechai Langner, Father of Marianne Zeitlin
 Rebecca Pomerantz*, Mother of Abe Pomerantz
 Milton Silverman*
 Fanny Strauss*
 Sadie Sugarman, Mother of Barnett Sugarman
 Mark Wechter
 Sidney Weiss, Cousin of Abe Pomerantz
 Zvi Zeitlin, Father of Leora Zeitlin, Husband of Marianne Zeitlin

Read on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9

Hilda Berkeley, Mother of Arthur Berkeley
 Rae Dorfman*, Sister of Abe Pomerantz
 Lily Edwards, Mother of Peter Edwards
 Abraham Gordon, Father of Harvey Gordon
 Jerome Herman, Father of Avis Herman Lewis
 Irving Kallman*
 Harold Kane, Father of Rabbi Gerald Kane
 Ruth Karol, Mother of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Stanley Kasten*
 Dora Kirschner, Grandmother of Bob Kirschner
 Frances Klempner, Grandmother of Dee Cook
 Gerry Leiser, Brother of Helen Raphael
 Meyer Lieberman, Father of Michael Lieberman
 Louis Rashall*, Grandfather of Tina Silverman-Schwartz
 Bessie Rothschild*

Read on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16

Irving Benowitz*, Father of Simy Allan
 Gertie Davison*
 Harold Deutschman, Uncle of Ellen Torres
 Allan Joseph, Brother of Susan Brown, Uncle of Marieka Brown
 Alice Ross, Mother of Irwin Ross
 David Schwartz*
 Mollie Segal, Grandmother of Michele Blum
 Hana Segen*
 Leland Trafton*
 Nate Wagner*

Read on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23

Nat Dorfman*, Brother-in-Law of Abe Pomerantz
 Rebekah Klempner Edelstein*, Mother of Dee Cook
 Steven Gantz, Brother of Patricia Selanikio
 Martin Harris, Father of Nancy Rushforth
 Sidney Kalmanowitz, Father of Sally Sicherman
 Pauline Rosenberg, Grandmother of Jason Rosenberg
 Eugene J Stern Jr.*

Read on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30

Hilda Bortnick, Grandmother of Allen Palanker
 Hyman Capin, Cousin of Bea Klein
 Emanuel Gluck*
 Jennie Greenfield*
 Simmie Greenfield*
 Luba Klaitman, Mother of Rita Polsky
 Harriet Mandel, Mother of Michael Mandel
 Florence Poel, Mother of Martin Poel
 Charlie Roselinsky, Father of Lynn Zeemont
 Shirley Ruttenberg, Aunt of Ellen Torres
 Irving Schindler, Stepfather of David Zeemont
 Dorothy Schlisman*, Mother of Suzanne Mazer
 Leonard Sicherman, Brother-in-Law of Sally Sicherman
 Ben Silberman, Father of Cyrille Kane

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

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

***David and Vivian Steinborn, on the death of
 Vivian's mother, Paulina Salopek, on April 1.***

***The Family of Ann Hansen, on Ann's death on
 March 31.***

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Iyar 12 1 Family Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 6:40 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Iyar 13 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 14 3 Religious School Last session for the year 9:00 am	Iyar 15 4	Iyar 16 5 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Iyar 17 6 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Iyar 18 7 LAG BA-OMER 33rd Day of the Omer Period of counting between Pesach and Shavuot	Iyar 19 8 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Iyar 20 9 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 21 10 MOTHER'S DAY	Iyar 22 11 Psalms 7:00 pm	Iyar 23 12 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Iyar 24 13 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Iyar 25 14	Iyar 26 15 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Iyar 27 16 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 28 17	Iyar 29 18 Psalms 7:00 pm	Sivan 1 19 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Sivan 2 20 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Sivan 3 21 Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting 7:00 pm	Sivan 4 22 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Sivan 5 23 Talmud Study 9am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am SHAVUOT Dessert and Study 7:30 pm
Sivan 6 24 Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service 10:00 am	Sivan 7 25 Memorial Day	Sivan 8 26 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Sivan 9 27 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Sivan 10 28	Sivan 11 29 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Sivan 12 30 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Sivan 13 31	Sivan 14 1 Psalms 7:00 pm	Sivan 15 2 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Sivan 16 3 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 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

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