



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

OCTOBER 2018 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5779)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, October 5**—Service at 6:00 pm. **CHAVA MIREL**, a renowned Jewish singer/songwriter, will add her music to our Shabbat worship. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will follow the service. (Her visit is being supported by the Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund—see page 2 for more information).
 - **Friday, October 12**—Lay-led Shabbat service at 7:00 pm
 - **Friday, October 19**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
 - **Friday, October 26**—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm
- Saturdays**
Talmud Study at 9:00 am,
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am,
followed by a potluck Kiddush

*The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
Co-sponsored with Temple Beth El presents:
“Telling the Stories: The Personal Accounts
of New Mexico Jews in Business
and Community Life”*

*Join us for an evening of sharing the personal stories
of leading New Mexico families who played major roles in
the state, including Debra Wechter-Friedman
from Las Cruces.*

WHEN: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:00 pm

WHERE: Temple Beth-El,
3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue

WHO: Debra Wechter-Friedman
Howard Friedman

Harvey Buchalter, on behalf of the Goldman family
Noel Pugach, Project Director



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*Light Refreshments
will be served*

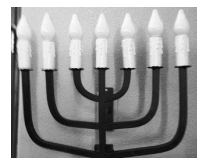
BETY/BEMY Game and Dessert Night

Open to all congregants

Saturday, October 27, 2018—7:00-9:00 pm—See Page 10

Leadership Series -Sunday, October 28, 2018—2:00 pm
“Defining Spirituality” with Rabbi Karol—See page 7

MEMORIES: A TEMPLE IN LAS CRUCES AT NMSU at 2:00 P.M.

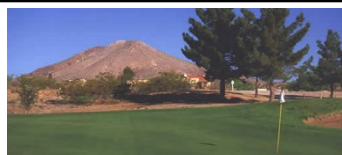


ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Temple Beth-El received funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso to conduct 25 oral history interviews. These interviews will provide the main basis for a play to be written by Wil Kilroy, the head of NMSU’s Department of Theatre Arts. **The play will be performed at the ASNMSU-CFTA Theatre building (at the corner of Espina and University) at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 7, 2018.** All characters in the play will have pseudonyms, and in some cases information from multiple interviews will be melded. The play will include vignettes about Temple Beth-El’s members’ experiences that will help a general audience to understand more about the Temple, its history and its members. The play will be about one hour in length and will be followed by a Q&A panel discussion. Since the production is funded by the grant, admission is free and refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend—thanks!

**Candidate Forum Series—Sponsored by the
Adult Education/Social Action committee
Tuesdays, October 9 and October 16, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 PM.**

See Page 5 for more information



**Temple Beth-El’s
Sixth Annual
Matzo Ball Open
Golf Tournament**

**at Picacho Hills Country Club
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018**

See Page 6 for more information!

Worship Schedule

Please note: All 7:00 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a d'var torah, a brief discussion based on the Torah portion, a compilation of prayers and/or songs on the theme of the Torah portion, or a brief D'var Torah that offers insight based on the parashah for the week.

Friday, October 5—6:00 pm

Join us for a special service featuring Jewish singer/songwriter Chava Mirel adding her unique original music to our worship and joining with Rabbi Karol on familiar melodies! *Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will follow the service.*

Saturday, October 6,

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat B'reisheet Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Friday, October 12

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 13

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service (led by Stuart Kelter) & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9 - 11:32
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Friday, October 19

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Trusting the Road before us.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Cherri Hudson-Brown. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 20

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27
Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday, October 26

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal. *Brenda Parish and Paula Kramer will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 27

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Vayeira Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-37

Friday, November 2 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Lay-led Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES. *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*
6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service (led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin) & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah First Kings 1:1-31



Chava Mirel, a contemporary Jewish singer/ songwriter and a talented and eclectic musician, **will join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm to add her music to our worship.** Chava will be the featured performer at the Yom Hashir/Day of Song in El Paso

on October 7. It is an honor to have her join us on Friday night. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will follow the service. Please join us for this special evening!

Chava's appearance is being supported by the Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund.

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The next Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 18, 2018.



Message from Rabbi Karol

“Why do we always make a paper chain to decorate our Sukkah?”

Sarah was an inquisitive and precocious nine year-old. She was always drawing, painting, questioning, and singing. The arts were her best mode of expression. She liked soccer, too. And baseball. Somehow, though, as Sukkot was coming once

again, she was thinking about how to make this year’s paper chain for the Sukkah even longer than last year.

She always joined in on the fun. In her small Temple, even when there were only 20 students in her Religious School, there was a friendly competition between one group of children and another. Once they all had completed their work of carefully curling the paper segments and stapling or taping them together, admiring their miraculous work, they would join their separate chains together.

What had been a series of long chains became one mega-mega chain.

Before they attached it to the Sukkah, they extended it to its fullest length. The rabbi and some of the parents would stand by, snapping pictures of the children brimming with pride at their work.

Sarah asked her parents why they thought this “paper-chain Sukkah decoration” was so popular. They told her that they remembered doing this themselves “back in the day.” It was fun, and no one had told them why they did the activity, other than that it was easy to prepare, it took time, and it occupied the students for a while. And, of course, the result was always impressive.

So Sarah decided to ask the rabbi what the paper chain meant.

The day came for putting up the Sukkah and making decorations. She found the rabbi in his office before the program began, preparing for the service in the Sukkah later that afternoon.

“Rabbi, we always make paper chains to put on the Sukkah. Why do we do it? I know that it adds some color, and that it is a fun thing to do. There has to be some other reason to make the chain.”

The rabbi had never been asked the question before. He had, for many years, in several different congregations, watched the students in each Temple Religious School create construction paper-strip chains of 30 feet, 50 feet, 70 feet. He realized that he hadn’t thought about a deeper purpose...that is, not until now.

“Sarah, that is an excellent question. No one has ever put that question to me. I suppose it is because it is easy to set up and you all have so much fun doing it. You are so excited when you are finished, and you hang the chain on the Sukkah with incredible enthusiasm! You know, the chain doesn’t always make it through the whole week of Sukkot, due to wind and rain. It always looks great, though, on the first day.”



“So here is what I think. Do you remember, Sarah, when we took out the miniature Torah and unrolled it last year during our school assembly before Simchat Torah?”

“Yes, I do!” Sarah said. “You pointed out some of the special sections on the scroll, like the Shema, the special blessing of the priests, the Ten Commandments, the song the Israelites sang after crossing the sea, the dream of Jacob, and the story of creation. That was great. So what does that have to do with a paper chain?”

“Sarah, sometimes I talk at services when a boy or girl becomes Bar or Bat Mitzvah about a chain of the Jewish people and our tradition,” the rabbi explained. “Each link in the paper chain can represent a generation in your family history, or maybe special people that you recall. The chain can signify your own family story going back for centuries. It’s the same when we open up the Torah. We usually just read a little bit of the Torah every week. When we open up the Torah on Simchat Torah, and see it all at once, we realize that we are

part of an amazing tale of teaching, learning and survival. It is like the paper chain, demonstrating

every point in a ever-growing story. The blessing we say on holidays and at special times thanks God for keeping us alive, for sustaining us, and bringing us to special times. Each time we say that blessing, it’s like a link in the chain. Do you have anyone special that you think about from your family history, Sarah, someone whom you never met but about whom you have heard stories?”

“Rabbi, I heard that my great-grandmother Surah - I was named for her - came to this country all alone on a boat nearly 100 years ago. She was only 15. She did have an aunt and uncle waiting for her when she arrived, but I can’t imagine how she made that trip. She must have been brave. The rest of her family - two sisters, a brother, and her parents - joined her, too. It is because of her that we are here. You know, we even have a photo of her with her son and daughter-in-law - my grandparents - and her oldest grandchild - my mother - at the synagogue Sukkah.”

“See, Sarah, that photo you just described to me is also one link in the chain of your family story and in our ever-unfolding Jewish history. Our stories make each of us special. So, are you ready to make a new chain this year?”

“Yes, rabbi, am I ever!” Sarah exclaimed.

She joined the other children and got to work on making the longest paper-chain Sukkah decoration ever created.

This time, she added something new. She took one paper strip, found the nearest marker, and wrote the name “Surah.”

And she said to herself, “I am still here, great-grandma. This one is for you.”

L’shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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



Words of the President: Divrei HaNasi
Speech given on Kol Nidre night,
September 18, 2018
L'Shanah Tovah Members, Visitors, and
Friends!

Liturgical writer Alden Solovy came to speak at our Temple last April. He wrote the following meditation, "The Season of Healing," for the High Holidays, in his book, *This Grateful Heart*, in the hopes that in the coming year we would see the goodness in the world and in ourselves. Here is his poem, "The Season of Healing."

*This is the season of healing: of healing our hearts and souls,
 Of healing the moments we share with each other
 And the moments we share with ourselves.*

This is the season of memory:

*Of remembering our parents and grandparents,
 The love of generations, the holiness of our ancestors.*

*This is the season of stillness, the season of silence and quiet:
 Of deep breaths, of open eyes, of compassion and consolation.*

This is the season of healing:

*The season of grief turning to wonder, of loss turning to hope,
 The season that binds this year to the next,
 The season that heralds the redemption of spirit
 And our return to God's Holy Word.*

I'm so happy to see all of you and to stand here for the third year as your President at this holiest time in the Jewish calendar.

Thank you to all of our Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs, Mensch Club members, Sisterhood, and every volunteer for all you do for our Temple community. Also, thank you, Rabbi Karol and Rhonda, for your dedication and leadership. We appreciate you all so much! In addition, congratulations to Dave Zeemont, who received our Volunteer of the Year Award at the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's Annual Meeting this past June.

We are grateful to the Chairs of our upcoming 2018 and 2019 fundraisers, which help bring in needed funds to keep our Temple thriving:

- Chairs of the October 21, 2018 Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament—Lynn Zeemont, Michael Mandel, and Dee Cook;
- Chairs of the November 3 & 4, 2018 Pastrami Booth at the Renaissance Faire—Dave Zeemont and Jeff Lewis; and
- Chairs of the April 7, 2019 Jewish Food & Folk Festival—Rose Jacobs and Francine Feinberg, along with their Volunteer Coordinators, Susan Michelson and Susan Quinn. I congratulate them for stepping up to the plate and taking on this significant role. I was the JFFF Volunteer Coordinator in 2015 and 2016, so I understand what it takes, and I value the work they will do. You will be hearing from Susan Michelson and Susan Quinn in a few months, asking you to volunteer for our 6th annual JFFF, and I know you will graciously help out as you have for the past five years. Thank you in advance for your esprit de corps and dedication to our Temple.

In addition, we still need golfers for the Matzo Ball Open and volunteers for the Renaissance Faire Pastrami Booth. Please contact the chairs of these events for more information, or let me, or any Board member, know and we will get you in contact with the person in charge.

I appreciate YOUR continued support of Temple Beth-El in the many ways you contribute. In consideration of this, you will find donation envelopes for the High Holidays in your prayer books and on the tables at the sanctuary doors, and I hope that you will consider making a contribution to continue supporting TBE.

You should have recently received a thank you call from a Board

member in appreciation of your dedication to our Temple and wishing you a Happy New Year. If you have not yet heard from someone, I want to personally thank you today for your support, your membership, and your continued dedication to Temple Beth-El. We continue to thrive because of your love and support of Judaism and our Temple family. **Thank you from the bottom of my heart.**

I also encourage your attendance at a few upcoming events. First, we hope to see you at the Sunday, October 7, 2:00 pm theatrical performance of our members' personal stories, performed by NMSU theater students at the NMSU Center for the Arts at the corner of Espina and University. This theatrical production has been funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Please join us for a phenomenal experience, a panel discussion, and refreshments on Sunday, October 7, at 2 pm at the NMSU theater. Thank you to Jeff Brown and the History Committee for all their work on this project.

Next, I encourage you to attend the following workshops in our Leadership series.

- On Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm here in the TBE Steinborn Social Hall, Rabbi Karol will present a workshop on "Defining Spirituality"
- On Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall, I will present a workshop on "Leadership Styles and Skills," and
- On Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 pm, Sue Brown and Ann Berkson will present a workshop on "Exploring our Temple."

In closing, let's turn to page 284 and read together the "Prayer for Our Congregation" from *Mishkan Hanefesh*.

"Prayer for Our Congregation"

*Eternal Presence, who blessed our mothers and fathers,
 Bless this holy congregation—a house of study, prayer, and righteous deeds. Together we give thanks...*

*For our leaders: those who learn, teach, and uphold the Torah,
 Inspiring others to learn, teach, and uphold the Torah:*

*those who do the sacred work of building our community.
 May their service bring them joy, fulfillment, and purpose;
 And may they go from strength to strength.*

*For our members: diverse in age, interest, and background;
 Jews by birth, Jews by choice,*

*And those of other faiths who join with us;
 All who offer their time and talent, their love and commitment.*

*For all who come here, on this holy day of Yom Kippur,
 To share the search for meaning and renewal:*

*Your presence is a blessing, your friendship a gift.
 May the spirit of peace, dignity, and respect live within these walls,
 inspiring us to care for one another with compassion;
 And may we be a source of goodness, light, and healing for the world.*

May the One who blessed the generations before us bless us as we stand together this day: one congregation joined with all Jewish communities of the world through our prayers on this Day of Atonement. Let us renew ourselves for the year ahead.

Let us honor the precious legacy that is ours.

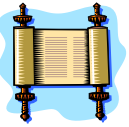
Thank you for all your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. I encourage you to continue to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, and Sacred Purpose so that our names can be inscribed in the Book of Life.

In Sacred Partnership, I wish you a meaningful and happy Shanah Tovah!

Ellen Torres

ADULT EDUCATION

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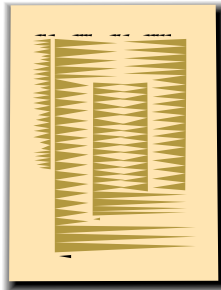
TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Sessions meet on Wednesday at 10:15-11:15 am.

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study (in English)

has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. No previous background or Hebrew knowledge is necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



In This Political Season ...

Once again, the Adult Education/Social Action committee has invited candidates for several offices to participate in two scheduled political forums.

The first is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 and the second the following Tuesday, October 16. Both are scheduled to take place at 6:30-8:30 PM.

On October 9, candidates for two state house districts have been invited for the first hour: District 35, Angelica Rubio (I,D) and Jonathan Kyle Allen (R); and candidates for District 37, Bev Courtney (R) and Joanne Ferrary (I,D). The second hour, candidates for Doña Ana County Sheriff have been invited: Todd Garrison (R) and Kim Stewart (D).

On October 16, candidates for Doña Ana County Commission have been invited. The commission seats up for reelection include District 1, Lynn Ellins (D) and John Zimmerman (R); District 3 candidates are Shannon Reynolds (D) and Benjamin Rawson (R) and District 5 candidates are Kim Hakes (R) and Karen Trujillo (D). For the second hour, candidates for the Public Regulation Commission, District 5 have been invited: Ben L. Hall (R) and Steve Fischmann (D). As is our usual format, some questions will be developed by the committee, and written questions will also be able to be submitted from the audience. There will be an opportunity for coffee and socializing after each forum.

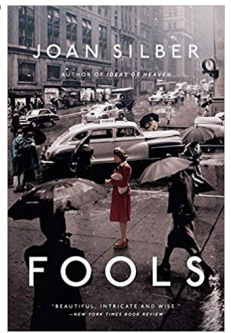
Please come to these Temple and community events to help you decide which candidates for these positions you will support.

Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol will be away on October 11-15. Please contact Ellen Torres (510-676-3211) in case of any urgent concerns.

New SHORT STORY GROUP will read and discuss

“FOOLS,” by Joan Silber

I would like to invite you to join our next short story group as we read “Fools,” by Joan Silber. Our first session will begin on **Monday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m.** in the social hall and continue Mondays for six weeks. The paperback version is widely available at Amazon and other places.



Silber has written seven books of fiction, including *The Size of the World* (finalist for *Los Angeles Times* Fiction Prize), *Ideas of Heaven* (finalist for the National Book Award) and *Household Words* (winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award). Her stories have appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The O. Henry Prize Stories*. She lives in New York and teaches at Sarah Lawrence College. She won the 2017 National Book Critics Circle Award in Fiction and the 2018 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction for her novel “Improvement.”

A *Washington Post* review described “Fools, which is comprised of six interrelated short stories, this way: “*She has an American voice: silvery, within arm’s length of old cadences, but also limber, thieving, marked by occasional raids on slang and jargon, at ease both high and low, funny, tenderhearted, sharp. It gives her the rare ability to reach the deepest places in the plainest ways.*”

When asked in an interview who motivated her to become a writer, Silber responded: “*I was very lucky to study with Grace Paley at Sarah Lawrence College. I had originally wanted to be a poet—Grace had all her students try writing prose if they were poetry students and the prosers had to try a poem. It was my first story in college and I was quite thrilled with myself, though it was a few years before I decisively chose fiction. Grace believed that the key to fiction was character and that a story could be organized like a poem, two ideas I’ve carried with me. She was a great support and a great example.*”

So, I hope you will join your fellow congregants for what I know will be a stimulating and enjoyable series of readings and discussions. You can contact me at 522-6478 or jar529@gmail.com to let me know you will be joining us and I will put you on our mailing list for occasional updates. As always, there is an \$18 fee that goes to the Adult Education Committee and, as always, I make the coffee!!

Jim Rosenthal

**Temple Beth-El's Sixth Annual
Matzo Ball Open
at Picacho Hills Country Club
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018**



**11 a.m. Registration
12 p.m. Shotgun Start Tee-Off
\$100 per player**

Temple Beth-El is hosting its sixth annual golf tournament, the Matzo Ball Open on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces.

Registration will start at 11 a.m. at the clubhouse and come enjoy a bowl of matzo ball soup. The format will be a four-person best ball team scramble, which means each player gets to take a shot from their team's previous best shot. Your entry fee per 4-person team includes cart, range balls, dinner (vegetarian option available), as well as a certificate for a complimentary round at PHCC.

We will have a \$10,000 putting contest, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests for both men and women. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the tournament as well as mulligans and 50/50 tickets.

We hope that you will consider being a hole sponsor or make a contribution to our raffle table. Your business or individual name will be advertised at a tee box and in the Temple Beth-El newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at the tournament.

CALL (575) 523-0913 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Doña Ana Arts Council's



Renaissance Faire

Temple Beth-El will once again sponsor a Pastrami and Kosher Hot Dog booth at this year's Renaissance Faire at Young Park in Las Cruces. The booth will be in operation on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4.

Volunteers are needed for Friday, November 2 to meet at the Temple to transport all items to Young Park, and then to set up the booth. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 to operate the booth. After the Faire ends on November 4, we will take the booth down and return all supplies and items to the Temple.

Volunteers are also needed for Monday, November 5 to help put away all the supplies at the Temple. If you can help please, we would appreciate your participation. Please contact Dave Zeemont at mudjob@earthlink.net or Michael Mandel at mmaandel@gmail.com, or leave a message at the Temple office (575-524-3380).

**Join us on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm
in the Temple Social Hall
for the first in a series of sessions
focusing on Jewish leadership**

**Rabbi Karol will facilitate an hour-long program
entitled "Defining Spirituality," during which we
will explore and discuss how Judaism's central
teachings bear lessons for how we work together
in a congregation.**

Light refreshments will, of course, be served!

**Please respond to rabbi@tbelc.org if you plan to
attend. This program open to all congregants.**

**Future dates, topics and
sessions include:**

**Sunday, Dec. 16 – 2 p.m
LEADERSHIP STYLES**

**AND SKILLS –
Ellen Torres**

Sunday, Feb. 10–2 p.m.

EXPLORING OUR TEMPLE –Sue Brown & Ann Berkson

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity
Leadership
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

*Save
the
Date*

**Saturday,
January 26,
2019
6:00 PM**

- **Expand your social life!**
- **Learn something new!**
- **Develop skills!**
- **Share your talents!**
- **Treat yourself to something special!**
- **Make new friends!**

**Watch for information
on this amazing evening of fun,
good food and unique happenings.
Everyone is invited!**

Board of Trustees Biography: PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP

By Luke Duddridge

I was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts in 1948. Fitchburg at the time was a major center of industry, and my father did his part while my mother was a stay at home mom. My parents were holiday Christians, my sister, two brothers, and I were raised with the expectation that we would follow along. I loved the music, sang in the choir, but the message didn't take for me. I went to school in Massachusetts before wandering off to sail the seven seas. Well, that's not quite true. I didn't see much of the seven seas, I saw too much of the Pacific Ocean, and way too much of Viet Nam.

Religion was always a sore point for me within my family. I could not accept Christianity but I didn't have a problem with G-d. Life experience, education, and friendship led me to Judaism. As you might expect it wasn't that easy. Choosing and announcing a decision to convert to Judaism contributed to family and career issues, and some confusion for my kids. It took many years, and a lot of work to complete the conversion process.

I loved the Navy and when I wasn't in Viet Nam I got to spend a fair amount of time walking the decks of one ship or another. A Naval combat ship is a community dependent on the actions of its members in much the same way our temple is a community dependent on its membership.

Something I observed on board ship that's worthy of note here is that the people who were usually happy were the most successful. They didn't just do an assigned task, they worked to excel at their assignment; then they looked for more ways to contribute. You could say they participated fully and led others by the example of participating. Some of these people were or became leaders. Some of these people were just happy to participate. All of them contributed to the success of their community by doing good work.

Merriam-Webster defines leadership as a noun meaning 'having the capacity to lead' or 'the office of a leader'. I believe those definitions miss the mark. I hold that leadership is the ability to move others to action either by influence or example.

At Temple Beth-El we have a small group of participant leaders who are directly involved in every activity that enables our community to function. We as a community need to emulate and expand membership in this group. We need people not just to worship together but to participate in the day to day functions of the community. Some might choose to become leaders, others will be happy just to participate. All can contribute to the success of our community by doing good work.

On Friday, September 7, 2018, Shabbat Under the Sky (Stars) was moved to an alternate location: Temple Beth-El's Biblical Garden and our Temple entryway. We may just do it again!



Tashlich on September 10, 2018 at Young Park





The Israel Committee is sharing this video with the congregation and readers of the *Adelante* near and far to further our knowledge about Israel. Take a look!

<http://files.mail-list.com/m/naomiragen/VIDEO-2018-09-05-13-58-21-1.mp4>

Scenes from the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Family Services on September 10 and 19, and Sukkah building, decorating and the Sukkot Evening Service on September 23.



Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary—September 20, 2018

Rabbi Karol distributed a report about his activities. President Ellen Torres thanked everyone involved in High Holy Day services and the break fast. She noted that Francine Feinberg and Rose Jacobs will lead JFFF this year, and that Susan Michelson and Susan Quinn will organize JFFF volunteers. She thanked Board members for their calls to Temple members thanking them for all that they do for the Temple. She discussed aspects of the October 7 2:00 p.m. TBE history play and the October 21 noon golf tournament. Treasurer Michael Mandel discussed our budget.

The Board discussed the possibility of working again with the Center for Spiritual Living at the Renaissance Faire deli booth. It discussed ideas for Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso grant applications. Dave Decker represented the Building and Grounds Committee and discussed steps to help it carry out its responsibilities. We will explore ways to augment TBE communications and publicity. Jim Rosenthal reviewed comments made by Board and other members on his Leadership questionnaire. The Board concurred that we need to be active and do things, not simply agree to try to do things.

The Ways and Means Committee proposed holding a silent auction on January 26, 2019 in which TBE members would bid for personal services and events arranged by TBE members such as dinner in a home, a literary discussion, or dog-walking. TBE will move forward in planning for the auction. The Board welcomed Anne Weinberg and Rob Goldstein, Steven Marcus and Robin Rhodes, and Corry McKissack to Temple membership.

The Temple will host two candidate forums at 6:30 p.m. on October 9 and October 16. We will host an oral history panel discussion at 7:00 p.m., on October 30, with Debra Wechter-Friedman from Las Cruces among the panelists. The first TBE leadership training program, "Defining Spirituality," is scheduled for Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m., and will be led by Rabbi Larry Karol.



BETY/BEMY
is pleased
to invite
Congregants of
ALL AGES

to a
GAME AND DESSERT NIGHT
on Saturday, October 27, 2018
at 7:00-9:00 pm.

Admission is \$10 for adults,
and \$5 for teens and children.

Youth groupers will prepare desserts (free)
for all to enjoy, and snacks will be available for
sale. There will be a raffle as well!

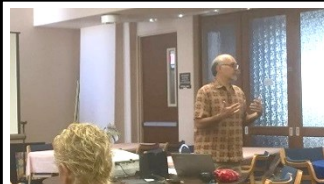
The theme for the night is "Decades" -
wear, if you wish, clothing that reflects
your favorite era in history!

Join in playing your favorite Board games
(feel free to bring your own from home).

If you plan to attend, please respond to
Amalia Zeitlin at 575-642-3727
or amaliakz@bu.edu.

**"Expressing Jewish Identities:
Challenges and Accomplishments"**
*2018 New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
Conference*

**November 10-11, 2018- Sheraton Uptown
Albuquerque, New Mexico**
Register at www.nmjhs.org



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of topics of Jewish and general interest are held at the Temple every Wednesday morning. Breakfast begins at 8:45 am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon for information at philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945)

**Thank you to all of you who enhanced High Holy Days 5779
with your participation and leadership:**

- Rabbi Larry Karol, Stuart Kelter, Leora Zeitlin and Amalia Zeitlin, for their leadership of our worship (and to Leora for leading a meaningful Yizkor reflections session on Yom Kippur afternoon).
- Our Temple choir, for their participation in our Rosh Hashanah Evening Service (members included in the listing below).
- All who led readings in the services (including Haftarah portions) or helped with lifting and dressing the Torah: Ellen Torres, Monika Kimball, Barbara Mandel, Diane Fleishman, Marianne Rosenthal, Jim Rosenthal, Tanah Hemingway, Terri Sugarman, Jane Grider, Erich Zameret, Marcus Cohen, Ruth Rubin, Joe Bell, Anne Weinberg, Brenda Parish, Sue Brown, Marieka Brown, Kaila Brown, Liana Brown, Joanne Turnbull, Allen Blum, Stuart Fleishman, Gerie Muchnikoff, Rhonda Karol, Diane Bass, Jeff Brown, Phil Alkon, Cherri Hudson-Brown, Avis Lewis, Jeff Lewis, Luke Duddridge, Elaine Baeza, Patrick Quinn, Dan Tapper, Cyrille Kane, Arthur Berkson, Susan Michelson, Bill Stein, Mark Saltman, Jacob Saltman, Hannah Saltman, Marlene Benz, Klim Maling, Yossi Lapid, Lynn Zeemont, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Frima Marquez, Jeff Marquez, Jeanne Brown, Beth Tierney, Ned Rubin, Bryan McCuller, Lilah Berkson, Mia Berkson, Rachel Baudo, Eli Baudo, Morgan Tierney, Kaylee Zelodon, Casey Rosenberg, Michael Bruder, Derek Hyman, Nancy Bergman, Norm Osborne, Alison Mann, Martha Roditti.
- All who took part in our group aliyot on Rosh Hashanah morning on the first and second day, and on Yom Kippur morning and afternoon. It was an opportunity for us to see before our eyes the various experiences and histories of our congregants.
- Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, for coordinating the Rosh Hashanah Oneg and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast.
- Monika Kimball, for providing bimah flowers for Yom Kippur.
- The Mensch Club and others, for their set-up assistance for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- Board members who served as ushers at all of our High Holy Day services.
- BETY/BEMY, for coordinating our annual food drive, collecting items to be donated to Casa de Peregrinos.

Apologies to anyone who read and your name was not included in this listing. Your name can be added to the final copy of this Adelante issue that will be posted on the website.

**Bricks for the Biblical Garden and
Brick Walkway**

will be ordered again in the coming months. Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of yours or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



**Ladies Clothing
Contributions for
La Tienda de Jardin**

La Tienda de Jardin, located at 335 La Colonia Ave (at the southwest corner of Alameda and Main St), would greatly appreciate contributions of ladies clothing, jewelry,

shoes, handbags and household items. La Tienda does the following very well:

- It supports Jardin de Los Ninos, a local charity that takes care of homeless and near homeless children and families.
- Purchases help mostly working women dress appropriately at a fair price.
- The donations help those who donate keep their closets tidy while doing a good deed.
- Items not sold are given to other charities and nothing goes to a landfill.

If you have not visited us, please do. We are open Monday-Friday, 10am to 5pm and Saturday at 10am to 2pm. If a pick-up would help you make your donation or you need more information, please call the Temple office.

Donations through September 28, 2018

A warm thank you to all congregants and greater community members who gave generous donations for the Yom Kippur Yizkor book.

General Fund

- Bob and Carla Libby, in memory of Ida Siegel
- Collette Meltzer, in memory of Richard Meltzer
- Michael Morales
- Frima and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Walter Sisson, Renee Frank's father

General Fund— High Holy Days

- Bill Stein and Susan Michelson
- Bea Klein
- Gary Cohen
- Gerson and Ina Goldberg
- Nancy Oretskin
- Frank and Dinny Bomberg
- Sonny and Rosie Klein
- Lauren Rosenberg and Robert Hepner
- Lori Shalett
- Abraham and Amy Fiszbein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller
- Frima and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Ramon Marquez and Robert Krasner
- Sue Brown, in memory of Emily Cohen
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Samuel Freeman
- Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Donald Gantert
- Elaine Baeza
- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Eva Rayblatt and Wolfie Jacobs

Biblical Garden Fund

- Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Samuel Smalley

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund

- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, for High Holy Days



Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and mile-

stones (and also the memory of friends and family) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.



TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

Biblical Garden Fund—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

Campership Fund—Providing scholarships for Temple students to attend Jewish summer camp programs.

Social Action Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To broadly support Jewish education, based on merit or need, through participation in the TBE Religious School, camperships, and/or pursuit of Jewish collegiate studies or rabbinical studies.

Frances Williams Library Fund—To provide books and infrastructure for the TBE library.

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

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

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund—Support for Youth activities at TBE.

Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Michael Mandel.

“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”

An important part of our future is represented by bequests made by members.

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come. From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

A simple codicil can be added to your existing will, if you wish to make a bequest, such as:

“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ _____ [or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney. Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

OCTOBER 2018 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5779)**Yahrzeits-September 30
through November 3, 2018**

(Listings include the name of the loved one
on the yahrzeit list and the name of the congregant or
congregants remembering that loved one—asterisks indicate
loved ones remembered with memorial plaques)

Read on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein (Marvin Bernstein)
Debra Eckert (Marlene Benz)
Mary Lois Gardner (Brenda Parish)
Benjamin Geller (Ruth Rubin)
Barnet Katz*
Frank Kozeliski*
Irving Leonard Podolsky (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn
Richman)

Read on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13

Meyer Davison*
Perry Kohn (Michael Mandel)
Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl A. Loudon-Decker)
Helen Michelman (Michael Levine)
Esther Y. Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
James Quinn (Patrick Quinn)
Manas Rosenberg (Jason Rosenberg)
David Sugarman (Barnett Sugarman)
Mel Taylor* (Dia Taylor)
Ruth Terman (Cyrille Kane)

Read on Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20

Susan Bronstein* (Jamie Bronstein)
Harold Brown* (Jeff Brown)
Nathan Edelstein* (Dee Cook)
Tillie Frank*
Benjamin Galatzan*
Le Roy Jenkins (Brad Jenkins)
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin*
Marlene Deanne Saltman (Mark Saltman)
Olga Szucs*
Darlene Taylor*

Read on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27

Evelyn Benowitz* (Simy Allan)
George Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)
David Edelstein* (Dee Cook)
Arlene Metzger Jerome* (Bryan McCuller)
Sylvia Hackman Lazar (Tanah Hemingway)
Fanny Levy* (Bea Klein)
Beverly Lewis (Jeffrey Lewis)
Edith Madenberg (Janet Stevens)
Gary Metzger (Bryan McCuller)
Isadore Rosenfeld*
Freda Schoenbrun*

Kenneth Williamson (Barbara Mandel)
Erwin Willman*

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

Elsa Galatzan*
Anna Jacobs (Winifred Jacobs)
Colman Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
Esther Kloss*
Erwin Michelson* (Susan Michelson)
Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Rosalyn Richman & Selma
Ryave)
Herschel Schreier*
Sanford M Siegel*
Israel Isaac Taslitt* (Nina Rothman)
Ausvel L. Williams* (Frances F. Williams)
Agnes Youngs (Winifred Jacobs)
Dov Zameret (Erich Zameret)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

***Renee and Lester Frank and family,
on the death of Renee's father,
Walter Sisson, in North Carolina
on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.***

***Tammy and Luis Tellez and family,
on the death of Tammy's father, Mickey Agosta,
on Saturday, September 15, 2018
in Manchester, New Jersey.***

***Sue Brown and family,
on the death of Sue's sister-in-law, Phyllis Joseph,
on Friday, September 28, 2018
in San Francisco, California.***

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.
- Names are read on the Shabbat following the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) 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 (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.



Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to www.smile.amazon.com. You will be required to enter the charity you wish to donate to – just type in Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces in the charity box and this will set the Temple as your charity of choice. Then just shop – pretty easy and also, since many people today shop online via Amazon, it becomes a win-win situation for all.



Visit the Temple Beth-El Website
www.tbcl.org
for in-depth information about Temple
and its programming and updates on current Temple events

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

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

(It is open for all to see!)

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VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

At Temple Beth-El, we depend on you, our members, to inform us if you know of someone who needs a visit, especially if they are in a hospital or a rehabilitation or assisted living facility, and also if they are not able to leave their homes due to health-related issues. In order for us to keep our list of who needs a visit current, we ask you to call or email Rabbi Karol (rabbi@tbcl.org) with the names of congregants who you know would like to be visited. We appreciate your cooperation in this area, so that we can be, as much as possible, a truly caring community.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the November, 2018 Adelante is October 20. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Wednesdays at 10:00-10:30 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbcl.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



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Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE

Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

Here are longer lists for items needed!

**For Casa de Peregrinos: Peanut Butter and the following
Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables,
Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats**
**For El Caldito: Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans, Beef
and Chicken Soup Stock**

Casa de Peregrinos provides staple foods to the needy, and El Caldito provides a hot meal 365 days a year to the hungry in our community. Both organizations are part of the Community of Hope located on the same campus at 999 W. Amador. There are common interests and goals and the food received is often shared between the two organizations in order to best utilize both perishable and non-perishable foods. Please bring something for one or both of these organizations and put your donation in the marked containers in the hallway opposite the Library. For more information or questions, contact the Temple office.

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tishrei 21 Sep. 30 Hebrew/Machon 9:00-10:00 am Religious School 10:00 am-12:30 pm SIMCHAT TORAH Dairy/Vegetarian potluck dinner 5:30 pm Service at 6:30 pm	Tishrei 22 1 Sh'mini Atzeret & Simchat Torah, including Yizkor prayers 10:00 am	Tishrei 23 2	Tishrei 24 3 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tishrei 25 4	Tishrei 26 5 Shabbat Service 6pm Singer Chava Mirel will join us!!! Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner following	Tishrei 27 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 28 7 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Memories: A Temple in Las Cruces 2:00 pm NMSU Theatre	Tishrei 29 8 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Tis 9 Candidate Forum #1 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 1 10 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 2 11	Cheshvan 3 12 Shabbat Service Led by Erich Zameret & Ruth Rubin 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 4 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am (led by Stuart Kelter)
Cheshvan 5 14 Hebrew/Machon 9:00-10:00 am Religious School 10:00 am-12:30 pm	Cheshvan 6 15 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 7 16 Candidate Forum #2 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 8 17 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 9 18 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 10 19 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 11 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 12 21 Hebrew/Machon 9:00-10:00 am Religious School 10:00 am-12:30 pm MATZO BALL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT Pichacho Hills 12:00 pm	Cheshvan 13 22 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 14 23	Cheshvan 15 24 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 16 25	Cheshvan 17 26 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 18 27 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am BETY-BEMY Game and Dessert Night 7:00-9:00 pm
Cheshvan 19 28 Hebrew/Machon 9:00-10:00 am Religious School 10:00 am-12:30 pm LEADERSHIP Defining Spirituality 2:00 pm	Cheshvan 20 29 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 21 30 "Telling the Stories: <i>The Personal Accounts of New Mexico Jews in Business and Community Life</i> " 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 22 31 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 23 Nov 1	Cheshvan 24 Nov 2 RENN FAIRE SET-UP Shabbat Family Service Lay-led 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner following	Cheshvan 25 Nov. 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Led by Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin) 10:15 am RENN FAIRE

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