



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

APRIL 2017 (NISAN-IYAR 5777)



**Shabbat Services**  
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**Friday, April 7**  
Family Shabbat Service at  
6 pm—Potluck Dinner  
following

**Friday, April 14**  
Shabbat Pesach Service  
at 7 pm

**Friday, April 21**  
Shabbat Service at 7pm  
including prayers for  
Holocaust Remembrance

**Friday, April 28**  
Shabbat Service for  
Renewal of Spirit at 7pm

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

**FOR PESACH**  
**Tuesday, April 11**  
First Morning of Pesach  
Service at 10am-Kiddush  
Following  
**Tuesday, April 18**  
Last Morning of Pesach  
Service at 10am-Kiddush  
following

**NEW at this year's  
festival  
RUGELACH!**



LIVE MUSIC with  
renowned  
klezmer artist

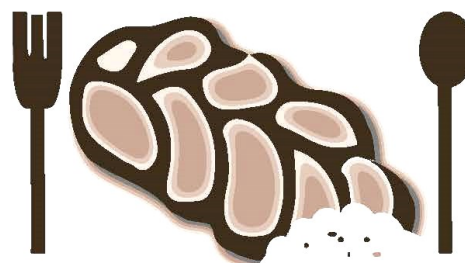
**Margot Leverett**



with **Jordan Wax**  
of Santa Fe's  
Lone Piñon



- ★ Folk Dancing
- ★ Kids' Fun Area
- ★ Silent Auction



# JEWISH FOOD FOLK festival

Temple Beth-El  
Las Cruces, NM

Sunday, April 23, 2017

11am-3pm

Temple Beth-El

3980 Sonoma Springs Ave

Tickets: (575) 524-3380

LCJewishFestival.weebly.com

Admission \$3

Kids Under 12 Free

Food sold separately at event

**Rain or Shine!**

See Page 6 for more information  
on how you can help and participate)!



- ★ Pastrami  
Sandwiches
- ★ Babka



- ★ Knishes
- ★ Falafel



- ★ Rugelach
- ★ Kosher hot  
dogs



- ★ Kugel
- ★ Much More!!!!



Happy Pesach

**Temple Beth-El's Second Night Passover Seder will be hosted by  
TBE Sisterhood at Picacho Hills Country Club  
on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm**  
(The reservation form was mailed to congregants—copies are available on the table  
in the Temple entry foyer).

**Payment deadline is April 3, 2017**

**\$32.00 for members, \$38.00 for those who are not Temple members, \$16.00 for children**

**For more information, please contact**

**Michele Blum at 575-373-9039 or Lynn Zeemont at 575-523-0913**

## 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 an insight based on the parashah for the week.*

### Friday, April 7-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

*Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

*Ruth Rubin will coordinate the dinner.*

### Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Haftarah for Shabbat Hagadol Malachi 3:4-24

### Tuesday, April 11

#### **FIRST MORNING OF PESACH SERVICE**

10:00 am Service and Kiddush

Parashah for Pesach Exodus 12:21-51

Haftarah Joshua 5:2-6:1

### **Second Night Passover Seder—see page 1**

### Friday, April 14

7:00 pm Shabbat Pesach Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on “Becoming Free, Staying Free.” Rabbi Karol will read an excerpt from the Song of Songs, the scroll assigned to Pesach. *Monika Kimball and Alison Mann will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, April 15

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Pesach Morning service  
& Potluck Kiddush

Torah Pesach Shabbat Chol Hamoed Ex 33:12-34:26

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14

### Tuesday, April 18

#### **LAST MORNING OF PESACH SERVICE**

**Including Yizkor/memorial prayers**

10:00 am Service and Kiddush

Parashah for 8th Day Pesach Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

Haftarah Isaiah 10:32-12:6

### Friday, April 21

7:00 pm **This Shabbat Evening Service will include prayers for Holocaust Remembrance.** *Marianne and Jim Rosenthal will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, April 22

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Shemini Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftarah II Samuel 6:1-7:17

### Friday, April 28

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Andrea Orzoff and Elisha Rosenberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, April 29

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Tazria-Metzora Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Haftarah II Kings 7:3-20

### Friday, May 5-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES—**We will celebrate Israel's 69 years!** The service will include April and May birthday blessings.

*Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

*Marlene Benz will coordinate the dinner.*

### Saturday, May 6

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Acharei Mot-K'doshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27

Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 7pm.**



**Message from Rabbi Karol**  
**"If I can help somebody as I pass along" -**  
**Reflections on the CCAR Convention in At-**  
**lanta (March 19-23, 2017) - D'var Torah for**  
**Vayakheil/P'kuday - March 24, 2017**

This has been a difficult week. Some news commentators would likely apply that thought to what happened in the House of Representatives today.

Others might cite the Westminster attack, which is part of an unfortunately persistent wave of hatred and intolerance borne out in violent actions and murder.

Many Jews around the world might be thinking of the young Jewish man in Israel who is now the main suspect identified as the perpetrator of bomb threats against Jewish community centers in the United States and in two locations in Australia and New Zealand. We are still not certain whether we will ever be able to explain his actions, even with reports that a medical condition may have affected his judgment, making him somehow see his actions as appropriate. This particular situation leaves us asking more questions, even though we may have a partial answer.

In both of those cases of threat and tragedy, the perpetrator wanted to tear down a house, so to speak, or a society. There may have been a desire to replace the house with something else. Or the motive may have been simply to derive a sense of twisted satisfaction by exerting personal abilities and power to sow chaos, disruption, or even loss of life.

During the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Atlanta, which I attended over the last several days, my colleagues and I saw other examples of attempts to create chaos and act upon prejudice.

Some of us participated in a tour of Civil Rights sites in Atlanta on Sunday morning. Our first stop was at an apartment and shop complex called the Pencil Factory. I immediately knew where we were. Leo Frank had moved to Atlanta from New York in 1908 to take over a pencil factory at that location. In 1913, one of his employees, 13 year old Mary Phagan, came from Marietta to pick up her paycheck and never returned home. As best as we can tell, after the revelations provided in the 1980s by Leo Frank's office helper Alonzo Mann, custodian Jim Conley had murdered Mary Phagan. Mann, who saw Conley carrying Phagan's body, was told by Conley that, if he told anyone, he would be murdered, too. The prosecutor in the case didn't believe that Conley, a black man, could have perpetrated the crime. The guilt was, instead, pinned on Frank, an easy target because of his Jewish identity.

Frank was convicted of the murder and sentenced to death, a judgment commuted by Governor Jim Slaton in 2015. Soon after that, Leo Frank was taken from a prison hospital by a group called "The Knights of Mary Phagan" and lynched.



The Knights actually distributed post cards that bore photos from the lynching at that time. From those events emerged the Anti-Defamation League and, sadly, an emboldened and renewed Ku Klux Klan. So, standing at the Pencil Factory was simply chilling, and a reminder of how stereotypes and

hatred can tear down decency in our midst.

We then visited the graves of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. We sat in the pews of the original Ebenezer Baptist



Church, where Martin Luther King, Jr.'s father had served as pastor and where King himself sang in the children's choir. We attended the service at the current Ebenezer Baptist Church. Last Sunday morning, 1500 people gathered to celebrate the 131st anniversary of the church. The service featured music led by different generations of singers and instrumentalists, dancers, a bell choir, and an inspiring sermon delivered by the Rev. Traci Blackmon from St. Louis. While the death of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the result of yet another person - or a group of people - who wanted to sow chaos in society, the church itself, both old and new, signified how a holy space can yield the creation of sacred partnership from one generation to the next.

Our final stop on the tour was at the NAMES Project/AIDS memorial quilt headquarters. What we heard from the project's president and CEO, Julie Rhoad, was that this organization began as a way to draw people's attention to the challenge of AIDS through reflection and remembrance. That left an impression on me.

They hoped to make great strides in medical research that would ultimately lead to a cure for AIDS. Their means to reach that end became the creation and public displays of quilt pieces sent to them memorializing individuals who died of AIDS and donations that came in from all around the world. I admire their continuing efforts and their peaceful approach that has woven together into a human tapestry of hope so many relatives and friends of persons with AIDS who died.

And that brings us to the Torah reading for the week. Moses called upon selected artisans, led by Bezalel and Oholiab, to come forward to fashion the Tabernacle, the Israelite house of worship, and its furnishings. The people were asked to donate materials that could be used in the creation of the Israelites' sacred space.



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### President's Message

Spring time is a wonderful season for Jewish holidays. On March 11 we celebrated Purim with our Purim Carnival, Purim Spiel, and pizza dinner sponsored by Rabbi Karol. Each activity was orchestrated with enthusiasm by many dedicated Temple volunteers. Thank you to Andrea Orzoff, Pearie Bruder, and many parents and students of our Religious School for their efforts and energy. The fun-filled Purim Carnival activities were sponsored by the Religious School students and parents and BETY and BEMY. The Purim Spiel was a delightful spoof on "current events," and as always, was the brainchild of Stuart Kelter. Many thanks also go to the many performers, including Mateo Garcia-Bryce as King Ahasuerus, Stuart Kelter as Mordecai, Leora Zeitlin as Esther, Amalia Zeitlin as Haman, Susan Lapid as Royal Advisor, and Monika Kimball as Vash-ti. Supporting players included Ruth Rubin, Jane Gridler, Liana Brown and Kaila Brown as Royal Guards, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Michael Bruder, Jacob Saltman, Erich Zameret, Marcus Cohen, and Terri Sugarman, among many others. Many thanks also go to Pearie Bruder, Religious School Chair and Board Member, who facilitated the baking of hamentaschen and delivering the Mishloach Manot (Purim treat bags) to many of our "more senior" congregants with the help of the religious school students.

On March 10 the women of Hadassah facilitated a Hadassah Shabbat service run by the leaders and members of our local Hadassah chapter—President Barbara Mandel, Treasurer Susi Kolikant, and Membership Chair Diane Bass, along with Frances Williams, Ruth Rubin, Dee Cook, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Michele Blum, Michael Mandel, Tanah Hemingway, among others. It was a very meaningful tribute to the work of Hadassah in support of medical research and innovation in Israel, along with many other projects.

On April 11, our Sisterhood is sponsoring the TBE Annual Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club. Thanks to the volunteer work of Michele Blum and Lynn Zee-mont, we will again enjoy a spiritually moving and delicious community Seder together in our celebration of Passover. Thank you to Rabbi Karol for his worship leadership at this event.

Please remember to volunteer at our fourth annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival on April 23, our largest

and most lucrative fundraiser of the year. Much love to our super volunteers and JFFF coordinators, Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman, for their fantastic dedication and organization of this fabulous event.

Thanks to the hard work of the entire JFFF team of organizers, bakers, food servers, volunteers, silent auction team, Family Fun Area workers, singers, musicians, dancers, artists and artisans, ticket sellers, behind-the-scenes folks, and everyone who joins in to make this event such a success each year!

Finally, please join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm to vote on ballot issues and our nominees for open positions on the Board of Trustees. Information on this important event will be sent out mid-April. Absentee ballots will be available upon request. Read upcoming Eblasts for more information.

I continue to thank you all for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El, to remind you to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, Sacred Purpose—and our **Sacred Partnerships**.

*Shalom,  
Ellen Torres*

## TEMPLE BETH-EL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

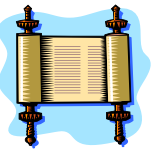
**Please attend to vote on important  
ballot measures and nominees for the  
Board of Trustees.**

**Information on elections  
will be mailed soon.**

**If you need an absentee ballot,  
please contact Board Secretary  
Renee Frank, 575-496-7727,  
[renee@renee frank.com](mailto:renee@renee frank.com)**

# ADULT EDUCATION

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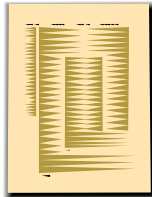


## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

## LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud students have been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 23 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



## Social Action Chavurah

The next meeting of the Chavurah will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 7:30-9:30 pm. A place will be set soon. This group will continue to discuss a wide range of contemporary topics and issues through a Jewish lens. All congregants are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [susanfitzgerald@hotmail.com](mailto:susanfitzgerald@hotmail.com) or 575-405-1739.



At the Las Cruces International Film Festival on Thursday, March 9, 2017, a screening of the 1992 film, "School Ties" (with its theme of anti-Semitism in the 1950s) was followed by a panel with Rabbi Larry Karol, as well as Rabbi Bery Shmukler of Chabad of Las Cruces...and a special guest. Brendan Fraser, who was at the festival to speak about a variety of films in which he starred, joined the

panel to speak about his starring role in "School Ties" and the impact of the film at the time of its release and now.

## Temple Beth-El's

### Jewish Women's Spirituality group,

led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically.

For more information,

contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, [sblapid@gmail.com](mailto:sblapid@gmail.com) or Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, [lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu](mailto:lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu).

## FROM THE RABBI -CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

So, they brought their contributions....and then more, and even more...until what they were donating became overwhelming. Bezalel and Oholiab and their colleagues had accumulated enough raw materials to move forward with their work. They told Moses to announce to the people to stop! The Torah says that the people "had brought enough for the work to be done, and even more."

Here was a group of people, in the wilderness, having just escaped slavery, able to be exceedingly generous. After some of their fellow Israelites had previously given their jewelry to create the golden calf, a sign of communal breakdown and chaos, the people had learned from the past and reached a new level. They understood unity. They understood the honor of giving to something sacred. They understood how important it would be, in their present and their future, to build up, whether it was raising their own spirits or raising a structure where they could go to feel the presence of God with them.

One moment that I haven't mentioned from the convention exemplified how history can create a holy foundation upon which we can build in the here and now and in the future. Mary Gurley, who is now 88 years old, sang in the children's choir at the Ebenezer Baptist Church with Martin Luther King, Jr. During the funeral of the civil rights leader, she was called upon to sing a song called "If I Can Help Somebody." Just before the Kaddish during our convention service this past Monday morning, the service leader spoke about Mary Gurley (SEE PHOTO). Then, to the surprise of some of us, she herself walked up to the stage in the hotel ballroom, took her place at the microphone, and sang these words: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or a song, if I can show somebody he is travelling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain!"



Know that among the 500 rabbis and other family members and guests gathered for that service, there was likely not a dry eye in the house. That song's lyrics describe some of the most crucial building blocks of community because they direct us to act with kindness, with compassion, and with enough of a sense of fellowship to reach out to support others along our shared life's path.

What we do in our lives should not be about power, or control, or being more important and precious than anyone else. We can be like the Israelites who brought their best to build a holy space where they would meet God. And we, in our day, can do the same with generous hands and open minds and hearts.

May the space we create allow all people to enter, remembering that God's house can and should always be a house of prayer for all peoples. May we make it so.

*L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*



**That's the ticket!**  
**Get yours, and help sell tickets to the fourth annual**  
**Temple Beth-El**

**Jewish Food and Folk Festival**

**Sun. April 23, 2017**

**11 AM - 3 PM**

**Just three weeks away!**

Admission \$3

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**Help sell tickets to your friends and family and bring  
the community in through our new doors!**

**Please contact Brenda Parish at**

**[bjparish@comcast.net](mailto:bjparish@comcast.net) to get your tickets.**

**There are other ways you can help:**

- **Volunteers** - Rose Jacobs at [arejay11@icloud.com](mailto:arejay11@icloud.com) -Add to the fun and bring a buddy or a relative!
- **Silent Auction** - Sue Mazer at [smazer2@q.com](mailto:smazer2@q.com)
- **Sponsorships/Ads** - Terri Sugarman at [terrisugarman2@gmail.com](mailto:terrisugarman2@gmail.com) or Art Lorbeer at [artlorbeer@roadrunner.com](mailto:artlorbeer@roadrunner.com) Ask a business to sponsor or place an ad in the program. Forms available at temple or on website:  
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- **Furniture Movers** - Jim Rosenthal at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com)—Minor brawn needed to help us move, set up, and tear down.

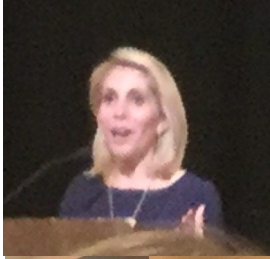
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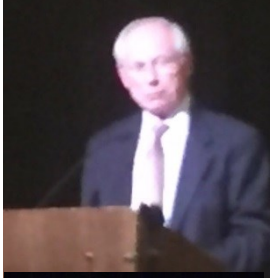
## More from Rabbi Karol on the Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on March 19-23, 2017



**Dana Bash, correspondent for CNN**, reaffirmed her belief in the strength of the checks and balances built into our government. She said that she can't remember a time working as a journalist that resembles the current national moment.



**Deborah Lipstadt**, author and scholar and the focus of the film "Denial," spoke about the need to acknowledge anti-Semitism, but to always make Jews the "subject," in terms of what we do, and not the "object," in terms of what people think about us.



**Joseph J. Levin, Jr., co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center**, spoke about growing up in the south where "assimilation was the name of the game." He noted that the racism he heard expressed as a child in Montgomery, Alabama, has never really totally disappeared.



**Cornell William Brooks, National President of the NAACP**, noted how many more people need to be able to benefit from progress in our country. He hopes that we can make that happen by all Americans standing together.



**Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz** (whose book, *The Soul of Jewish Social Justice*, some congregants discussed last year), shared texts from Jewish tradition that he hoped would help us "move what we know in our heads into our hearts." He continues to see Judaism as a force for change.



**We visited The Temple in Atlanta for a performance of "The Temple Bombing,"** a dramatic reading which presented the events surrounding the bombing of The Temple in 1958. The portrayal of the responses to the bombing and

subsequent trial enabled us to relive the time period, including support from the Atlanta community.

(See next column!)



The evening at The Temple ended with a panel that included Melissa Fay Greene (author of the book, *The Temple Bombing*), Jimmy Maize (director of the play/dramatic reading), Rabbi Alvin Sugarman (who grew up at the congregation and later served there as senior rabbi), Rabbi Bill Rothschild (son of Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, who was rabbi at the time of the bombing), and Janice Rothschild Blumberg, widow of Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, whose recollections were still as sharp as ever. The panel's message to us was to continue to be committed to working for civil rights in our country.

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Finally, the convention gave me a chance to spend time with my hotel roommate, rabbinic colleague, and, mainly, my brother, Steve Karol, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook, New York.



### 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](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com) or 575-524-6945)

### Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the May 2017 Adelante is April 20. The 20th of the month is the monthly deadline. 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 Tuesdays at 10:30am until 11:15 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at [rabi@tbcl.org](mailto:rabi@tbcl.org) or [rablkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablkarol@gmail.com). You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



***Purim at TBE on March 11, 2017***  
***Camaraderie and Comedy! (Commencing with a Carnival)***





## ISRAEL UPDATE

Article from *Times of Israel* shared (with permission)  
by Phil Alkon

**DEATH, ISRAEL STYLE** By Catriella Freedman

I wasn't surprised, but I also wasn't prepared. After living in Israel for 10 years, you get used to everything being served raw without much subtlety. This is terrorism. This is childbirth. This is the supermarket on Erev Yom Kippur. This is your child's elementary school. This is the evacuation of a settlement.

And then, this is my mother, dead. Eight months after she moved to Israel, to Zichron Ya'akov, to the same city where she had dated my father more than 62 years before.

The 5'9" woman who towered over me most of my life was now shrunken to the size of a small child, with nothing but a thin, form-fitting shroud wrapped in such a way so that I could make out the shape of her nose, her face, her arms. Like everything else, the Israeli shroud seems to say, Diaspora Jewry's simple pine box will not do; it glosses over reality. One must face the facts.

And this is my father, wracked with grief, crying and crying out with abandon. I don't remember him ever crying; but 60 years of being in America, all that learned westernization, is wiped away in a cemetery in Israel, and he is finally returning to his Middle Eastern roots. He doesn't realize that I've seen this identical image before, eight years ago, when his brother with the same face, buried his wife, the love of his life, in Petach Tikvah. That brother died seven years later, they say of a broken heart.

Into the earth she goes. Unceremoniously lowered in, cement bag-sized buckets of dirt are thrown in after her.

She died at nine in the morning. The silence in her hospital room the first sign that things were different. The monitors quiet, the sun streaming in, she was lying there as though napping, still warm, or was it the sun? The reaction of the staff was the second sign. Always on the move, never much time to talk or confer, nurses, doctors, orderlies, always a racing streak of white, green, and blue.

Suddenly they appeared. One by one, they stopped, they gave hugs, they cried. For once, they didn't tell us to leave the room. I guess it didn't matter anymore. The physical therapist who had helped her with her breathing had tears streaming down her face. Doctors who never had time to talk now came. The beautiful nurse with the perfectly white hijab insisted we keep drinking, forcing cups of water into our hands. And finally, Ra'ad, the Arab nurse who had become our ally and our friend, appeared at 12 and said, you must take your father, you

must get ready for the funeral. I promise you, I will not leave her side until the Chevre Kadisha comes to take her. I will not leave her. *Rak b'smachot*, he added, next time let us meet at a joyous occasion.

And then there was the cemetery. So many people. They had dropped everything, work, family, school, they had driven, taken buses, walked. They had come from Ashdod, Jerusalem, B'nei Brak, Ra'anana, with little more than two-hours warning, they arrived on time to witness the shrouded body and the heartbroken husband. Family, friends, many who knew my mom, many who didn't. My children's classmates, even 8-year-olds showed up to stand by my youngest daughter.

I wasn't surprised, but I also wasn't prepared for how seriously Israelis take the shiva period. A steady stream of people bearing food, stories, large ears for listening, and an ability to stay, stay, stay. Secular men arrived with kippot. Non-religious joined in the constant *minyanim*. Haredim melded with non-Haredim. It all seemed like a well-orchestrated opera; everyone knows it will be dramatic, and yet everyone knows their part.

Death creates a chasm between the living and the mystery of life. To the mourner, it feels as though that mystery will never be regained, will never be felt again. Israelis, from hard-earned experience, understand this. It seems that as a nation they are determined to carry each mourner back to the other side.

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Catriella Freedman is the director of [PJ Our Way](#), a book-based tween engagement program from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. She and her husband are raising four kids and a dog in Zichron Ya'akov, Israel.

**Be watching for information about our  
TBE celebration of Israel's 69 years at  
our Family Shabbat Service  
on Friday, May 5 at 6:00 pm.  
We are invited to join with the El Paso  
community in celebrating  
Yom Ha'atzma'ut in El Paso at their  
event on Sunday, May 7 at 11am-4pm.  
More information will be forthcoming  
on that program.**

### Temple Board of Trustees Meeting Summary – March 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Torres, President at 7:02 pm.

**Rabbi's Report.** Rabbi Karol reported that nearly 50 people attended the Family Shabbat/Shabbat Across America service on March 3. The local chapter of Hadassah led a Hadassah Shabbat service on March 10. The Mensch Club has approached him wanting to take part in a Shabbat service soon. The Purim Carnival and Dinner was successful, with a multi-generational crowd on March 11.

The series on the book WISE AGING concluded on March 8, and this year's series of Judaism: Roots and Rituals concluded on February 28.

The Rabbi was a participant in a discussion of anti-Semitism during the Las Cruces International Film Festival on March 9, following the screening of the 1992 film, "School Ties."

**President's Report.** President Ellen Torres had sent out a survey questionnaire to Trustees prior to the board meeting asking questions about our thoughts on TBE relationships, meaning and impact. She had learned about this survey at the URJ's Scheidt Seminar for Temple Presidents, and felt this would be a very effective point of discussion. She urged each Trustee to turn them in to her.

Ellen is still looking for a replacement for TBE's open seat on the Jewish Federation Board, and encourages anyone interested to get in touch with her. She will also be calling for nominees for the Volunteer Recognition at the Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day event on May 7.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Allen Blum provided an extensive Statement of Activity for the period ending February 28, 2017. The main concern is that TBE may fall short of collecting member pledges that were budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. All other receipts and expenses are in line with expectations.

He reported that he has been working with Linda Kruger and Dave Zeemont (see Library Committee report below) to locate and restore missing funds that had been pledged to the Library. Approximately \$5,000 has been identified and is being restored to the Library fund.

#### Committee Reports

1. History Committee - Jeff Brown has agreed to chair the committee and is working on developing a statement of duties for the committee to be included in the By-Laws.
2. Nominating Committee – Jim Rosenthal, Chair. The Nominating Committee has held a couple of meetings and is continuing to meet. Jim recommended to the board that the requirement to present two additional nominees for the Board over the actual number of vacancies on the board be removed from the By-Laws.

3. Ways and Means Committee – Lionel Jacobs, Chair.

A flurry of work is underway to prepare for the Jewish Food and Folk Festival, which will be on April 23. Depending on volunteers is the only way that JFFF can happen! Please let Rose Jacobs (at arejay11@icloud.com) know that you can volunteer for a shift that day. Sue Mazer is collecting nice items for the Silent Auction. Her contact info is on the sheet as well. We could always use more sponsorships and ads in the program book. We would like to ask Board members to recruit any sponsors and contact Terri Sugarman to coordinate. You can buy a one-line message in the program book for \$18. You can contact Emile Elias to have one included in the book. We need people to bake the desserts that will be sold. We are adding rugelach this year. If you would like to help, contact Dia Taylor.

4. Youth Activities Committee: Leora Zeitlin, Chair.

Because of her travel schedule, Julie Seton has had to resign as Co-Chair of the Youth Activities Committee. Leora Zeitlin will be stepping back in as the Chair. She reported that students are registered to attend the NFTY Social Action Weekend (SAW) in April, and that they are looking for scholarship support for them to attend.

#### Old Business

Mike Batkin February 26 Meeting Update: On February 26, Mike Batkin met with Temple President Ellen Torres, Treasurer Allen Blum, and Rabbi Karol (these 3 individuals comprise the Trustees of the Batkin Fund). Currently the Irving Batkin fund balance is almost \$20,000. Mike Batkin announced he will match any contributions to the Batkin fund up to a total of \$1800 this year.

#### New Business

Based on his report to the Board, Jim Rosenthal presented a proposal to remove the wording of Article 2. Duties of Committees, Section 11, Article 2 of the Bylaws requiring there be "at least two (2) names in excess of the number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees for the annual Congregational meeting." A motion was made and seconded to propose that change in the By-Laws to the Congregation at the Congregational meeting. The motion carried.

The date of the congregational meeting has been tentatively set for May 16. During that meeting, members will vote on the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees, and will vote on any proposed changes to the Constitution and/or By-Laws. Ellen has asked trustees to review the TBE Constitution and Bylaws and determine if additional amendments should be brought to the Congregation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



**Congratulations to:**

- Bea Klein, on the birth of a great-grandson, Coen Cobb, on January 4, 2017 in Austin, Texas. The proud parents are John and Ashley Cobb, and the kvelling grandparents are Dena and Mark Nussbaum.
- Barbara Berger, who was the recipient of the 2017 Food and Farm to Schools School Food Service Award, presented to her on February 20 in Santa Fe at the State Capitol by the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council.

***Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El******Mateo Garcia-Bryce—Saturday, June 24, 2017******Casey Rosenberg—Saturday, July 29, 2017******Michael Bruder—Saturday, December 2, 2017******Joshua Rosenberg—Saturday, December 30, 2017******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.

**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.

**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.

**Donations: February 24-March 24, 2017****General Fund**

- Bea Klein, in honor of Great Grandson Coen Cobb
- Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in memory of Earl W. Dorfman
- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Faye Berkson
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Clifford V. Evans
- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Louis and Ida Bass
- Barbara Berger, in memory of Estelle and Sidney Berger
- Jane Grider, in memory of Katherine Lathrop
- Deana Mallon-Kessin, in appreciation for the Purim Basket
- Judith Cicero, a thank you for the Purim Basket
- Robert and Carla Libby, in memory of Marvin Siegal
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**Religious School Fund**

- Dee Cook, thank you for the Mishloach Manot bag
- Cherri Hudson-Brown and Jeff Brown, a thank you for the Mishloach Manot Goodie Bag

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Rita Herman
- Michael and Barbara Mandel, in memory of Eleanor Williamson
- Michael and Stacey Hyman, in memory of Jean Lemelin
- Barnett and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Beatrice Gibbs
- Barnett and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Lillian Cooper

**Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY & BEMY)**

- Irving and Harriett Wolf, in honor of the Temple Youth Group

**Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship**

- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Sima Tashlik

**Social Action Fund**

- Margot Leverett, in memory of Marnie Leverett

**Biblical Garden Brick Walkway Fund**

- Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Patricia Collier Ehlers

***Here is a great opportunity to support Temple Beth-El!***

Mike Batkin has offered to **match** all contributions to the **Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund** up to a **total of \$1800**. This applies to donations **received by July 31, 2017**.

***Please join us in this effort!***

**TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer**

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, Allen Blum.



**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 and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway.**





**APRIL 2017 (NISAN-IYAR 5777)****Yahrzeits-April 2-May 6, 2017****Read on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8**

Molly Aboulafia\*

Dvora Alkon, Mother of Philip Alkon

Ann Hansen\*

Terry Petty\*, Husband of Brenda Parish

Abe Rayblatt, Father of Rose Jacobs

Michael Resnick\*, Nephew of Frances Williams

Joel Roth, Cousin of Tanah Hemingway

Charles Rothschild\*

Paulina Salopek, Mother of Vivian Steinborn

Marvin Siegel, Father of Carla Libby

Morty Steckler\*

**Read on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15**

Dorothy Blumkin\*

Ethel Bond\*

Gail Evans Kiteley, Sister of Dia Taylor

Jennie Hackman, Aunt of Tanah Hemingway

Carl Hansen\*

Bill Hemingway, Husband of Tanah Hemingway

Leonard Hurwitz, Father of Susan Fitzgerald

Maxine Markson, Mother of Linda M. Kruger

James McCuller, Father of Bryan McCuller

Jack Petrowsky\*, Husband of Margaret Petrowsky

Daniel Seton Barber, Brother of Julie Seton

Ernest Siegmeister, Grandfather of Jamie Bronstein

**Read on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22**

Helen Capin\*, Sister of Bea Klein

Tessie Dash, Mother of Bernard Dash

Norma Dorfman\*, Mother of Peter Dorfman

Sarah Kellner\*

Alice Mazer\*, Mother of Norman Mazer

Jacob Mazer\*, Father of Norman Mazer

Shirley Muffs\*, Mother of Carol Bernstein

Ida Desgun Nachison, Mother of Jerry Nachison

P.M. Pollack\*

**Read on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29**

Ida Bass\*, Mother of Harry Bass

Devorah Bat Mordecai, Mother of Tanah Hemingway

Max Bruder\*, Father of Murray Bruder

Henry Frank\*, Father of Lester Frank

Max Greenfield\*

Jacob Kellner\*

Sam Levine, Father of Michael Levine

Rosalie Muffs\*

Byron Saltman, Father of Mark Saltman

Zachery Shporer, Nephew of Barnett &amp; Ruth Ann

Sugarman, Cousin of Terri Sugarman

Sadie Sugarman, Mother of Barnett Sugarman

Isador Edward Tapper, Father of Dan Tapper

**Read on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6**

Joseph H. Bell, Father of Joseph Bell

Harry Berkove\*

Saul Blum, Father of Allen Blum

Hilda Deutschman, Grandmother of Ellen Torres

Shirley Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane

Jess Horwitz, Aunt of Ellen Torres

Morris Leibson\*

Abraham Pomerantz, Uncle of Harry and Diane Bass

Rebecca Pomerantz\*

Irving Rubinstein\*

Milton Silverman\*

Fanny Strauss\*

Mark Wechter

I.A. Wechter\*

Sidney Weiss

Zvi Zeitlin, Father of Leora Zeitlin

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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 for in-depth information about Temple and its programming and updates on current Temple events  
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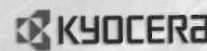
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Nisan 6 2 Religious School 9:00 am	Nisan 7 3	Nisan 8 4	Nisan 9 5 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Nisan 10 6	Nisan 11 7 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Nisan 12 8 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 13 9 Religious School 9:00 am	Nisan 14 10 FIRST NIGHT OF PESACH SEDERS IN HOMES	Nisan 15 11 First Morning of Pesach Service 10am  TEMPLE SEDER Picacho Hills Country Club 6pm	Nisan 16 12 No Wednesday Breakfast Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Nisan 17 13	Nisan 18 14 Shabbat Pesach Service 7:00 pm	Nisan 19 15 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 20 16 NO Religious School	Nisan 21 17	Nisan 22 18 Last Morning of Pesach Service with Yizkor prayers 10am	Nisan 23 19 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Nisan 24 20 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Nisan 25 21 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Including prayers for Holocaust Remembrance	Nisan 26 22 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 27 23 JEWISH FOOD AND FOLK FESTIVAL 11:00 AM-3:00PM	Nisan 28 24 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day	Nisan 29 25	Nisan 30 26 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Iyar 1 27	Iyar 2 28 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 3 29 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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