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Las Cruces, New Mexico

APRIL 2018 (NISAN-IYAR 5778)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, April 6—Last Night of Pesach (and Shabbat) Service at 7:00 pm**

• **Friday April 13—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm including prayers for Holocaust Remembrance**

- **Friday, April 20—NOTE SPECIAL TIME**

Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm including prayers, readings and songs for Israel's 70th birthday. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will follow.

- **Friday, April 27—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**

Last Morning of Passover Service on Saturday, April 7 at 10:15 am, including yizkor/memorial prayers. A Pesach Kiddush will follow.

Our Hebrew school students, Rabbi Karol and other congregants will lead candlelighting ceremonies and special prayers and songs to mark Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm and Yom Ha-atzma-ut, Israel Independence Day, on Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Join us for two programs with writer, author and Liturgist-in-Residence

Alden Solovy
on April 30 and
May 1, 2018
at Temple Beth-El.
See Page 5 for more information!



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See Page 8 for information on how you can help make our "Chai Five" JFFF a success!

*Celebrate
Israel's 70th
Birthday at
Temple Mount
Sinai in*

*El Paso, Texas on Sunday, April 22, 2018!
See Page 6!*



**Join us for
a TBE
Mitzvah Day
on Sunday,
April 29, 2018!
See Page 11!**

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, April 6—7:00 PM (NO EARLY SERVICE)

7:00 pm Last night of Passover service, including excerpts from the Song of Songs, the scroll assigned to Passover. Rabbi Karol will speak on "Where freedom and love come together." *Pearie Bruder will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat/Chag. Pearie Bruder will also represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, April 7

LAST MORNING OF PASSOVER

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Last Morning of Passover Service, including Yizkor Prayers—Pesach Kiddush Following Parashah for Pesach Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
Haftarah Isaiah 10:32-12:6

Wednesday, April 11—5:30 pm

Memorial candlelighting and prayers for the eve of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, led by our Hebrew School students and other congregants. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, April 13

7:00 pm This Shabbat Evening Service will include prayers for Holocaust Remembrance. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 18—5:30 pm -Israel at 70!

A candlelighting and prayers and songs will mark Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, led by Hebrew School students and other congregants. All are welcome to attend as we mark the actual day of this celebration!

Friday, April 20—SPECIAL FAMILY SHABBAT (6:00 PM!) CELEBRATING ISRAEL AT 70!

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES—We will celebrate Israel's 70 years with readings, prayers and songs! *Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner including Israeli foods! *Dinner coordinated by Pearie Bruder and Rosemarie Livigni.*

Saturday, April 21

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, April 27

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

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27
Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

Friday, May 4—7:00 PM (NO EARLY SERVICE)

7:00 pm Lay-led Shabbat Service, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. *Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 5

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El

Kaila Brown-Saturday, May 26, 2018

Derek Hyman-Saturday, June 2, 2018

Hannah Saltman-Saturday, June 30, 2018

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting
will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018
at 7:00 pm.**



Message from Rabbi Karol

New York City will be thematically and visually represented at this year's "Chai Five" Jewish Food and Folk Festival. It really isn't that easy to create an ambience in Las Cruces, New Mexico that truly approximates the feeling of walking on a street in Manhattan, Brooklyn or Queens

(based on my own personal experience). We can, of course, present culinary offerings that are common in or near a city with a large Jewish community.

During Rhonda's and my "spring break" visit to the Big Apple, we were treated to the sights, tastes and smells of characteristic Jewish foods. Eating establishments on the Upper East Side of Manhattan (near where the New York Karols live) feature bagels, lox and various cream cheeses; kosher meat dishes (chicken schawarma has become my favorite); and a breakfast café, where Adam, Juli and I heard several conversations in Hebrew. A nearby supermarket touted the widest selection of Passover items in the city. One bakery displayed small challot, challah rolls and sweet delicacies right in the window.

My choice for lunch at "Russ and Daughters" at the Jewish Museum featured a pumpernickel bagel, cream cheese and lox with a Dr. Brown's diet black cherry soda.



While these foods may represent a definite component of Jewish identity, we know that Jewishness goes much deeper than stimuli for our taste buds. Our visit to the Jewish Museum on March 19 was not just about food. There was a major exhibit of items from their long-term collection that are not always on display.

That included ancient artifacts that bore a 7-branched Menorah and six-pointed stars; paintings and sculptures that portrayed Jewish holiday observances; and a presentation of home symbols such as mezuzot, chanukiot, wine cups and Havdalah sets in various shapes and sizes. There was an ark that had been housed in a synagogue in Sioux City, Iowa, up-river from my hometown of Kansas City.

What affected me the most were the items displayed in two adjoining galleries. The first gallery presented items from Terezin, the Theresienstadt "camp-ghetto" in Czechoslovakia, which existed between November, 1941 and May, 1945. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website, Theresienstadt served as a transit camp for Czech Jews to be sent to other camps, and, later, as a ghetto-labor camp where the Nazi regime created a cultural life that successfully concealed the nature of the camp



itself and the ultimate deportations. The exhibit included an art piece with verses from Psalms that were suggested to the artist by Rabbi Leo Baeck, a liberal rabbi in Germany who survived throughout the war and settled in London afterwards.



There was a chanukiah and a piece of jewelry with multiple symbols, both fashioned in the camp. There were drawings that depicted scenes in Theresienstadt that offer evidence of life there at that tragic time.



In the next room was an exhibit of stereographic photographs from the Middle East from the years before and after 1900. There were viewers provided for visitors to look at the images in their "near-3D" format. One stereograph showed worshippers at the Western Wall (men and women together). There were other scenes of Jerusalem and Jewish settlement in the land at the time.

Before we moved on to another floor, I took a moment to reflect on what I had just seen. There were images and items that reflected vibrant Jewish communities over the course of centuries. There were paintings and expressions of our ritual and religious tradition that had been created even amid the harsh reality of a seeming ghetto/village that expressed anti-Semitism through subterfuge and hidden cruelty. There were visual portrayals of the developing Jewish community in what is now the State of Israel, which is approaching the 70th anniversary of its creation.

As we now observe our festival of Passover, with its theme of freedom, it bears a strong message for us in the present day. We are standing on the shoulders of Jews and their communities that demonstrated commitment and persistence in sustaining Jewish life. We, as members of a Jewish congregation and community in the United States, have the unique opportunity to maintain that spirit for the present and the future. We declare, as the Passover Seder concludes, "Next Year in Jerusalem!" May the "next year" and the decades to come in Las Cruces and throughout the world bring an ongoing renewal of the Jewish soul, in our taste-buds, for sure, but, primarily, in our minds, hearts and souls!

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.*

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

Rabbi Karol will be away on April 22-24. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.



Words of the President:
Divrei HaNasi

In March we hosted the 2018 Shabbat Across America Dinner and Service on March 9, celebrating with friends and guests. We also celebrated Passover 2018, with the first Seder in our homes and the second Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club, sponsored by our Sisterhood. It is always a wonderful way to celebrate Passover with our friends and Temple Beth-El congregants.

This month, we observe Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Wednesday, April 11 during Religious School and on Friday, April 13 during services, with candle-lighting, songs, and prayers, and then Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on April 18 during Religious School and on Friday, April 20 during services. We will also be hosting a booth at the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at Temple Mount Sinai on Sunday, April 22 from 12:00 to 3:30 pm. Phil and Sally Alkon of our Israel Committee, will sponsor the booth along with a performance by the Mesilla Valley International Folk Dancer performance, presented by Erich Zameret, Ruth Rubin, Carolyn Gressit and Julie Schmitt. We hope you join us for this wonderful event!

A must-attend event is our 5th Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival on Sunday, April 15 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please contact Rose Jacobs to volunteer. We need everyone to pitch in and promote this event to make it as fabulous as each one has been over the past four years. Thank you to our coordinators, Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman, for their fantastic organization and dedication. We couldn't do this without you! The Las Cruces community looks forward to this event as much as we all do. Please make sure to attend and volunteer!

On Monday, April 30 we will be hosting guest poet and liturgist Alden Solovy, who will present an adult education teaching and discussion event on "The Art and Act of Prayer", and a writing workshop on Tuesday, May 1. These programs are sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Books by Alden Solovy will be available for purchase at these programs.

Holidays and Events:

March 30-April 7: Passover

March 31st: 2nd Seder sponsored by TBE Sisterhood at Picacho Hills Country Club

April 15th: Jewish Food and Folk Festival—
Contact Rose Jacobs to volunteer!

April 22nd: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso

April 30th-May 1st: Writer and Poet Alden Solovy at TBE

May 10th: Annual Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm—Please plan to attend!

To all of our Congregants: Thank you for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. Continue to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and continue working together to strengthen our Sacred Partnership, Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, and Sacred Purpose.

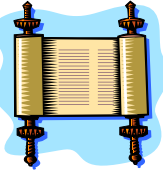
"God of time and space,
May this season be a blessing and a teacher.
Make me like the sunshine, a source of light.
Make me like the earth, flowing with bounty, ready to give.
Bless my days with service and my nights with peace.
Make me like a garden,
A source of beauty and purpose,
Sustenance and splendor."
From "For Spring" in *This Grateful Heart*, by Alden Solovy

***In Sacred Partnership,
Ellen Torres***

SAVE THE DATE!
TEMPLE BETH-EL
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Information on elections and
other items will be mailed
in the coming weeks.

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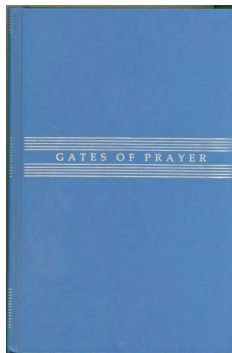


TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Rabbi Karol leads these study sessions on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am. We study and discuss the text using a variety of English translations.

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 is necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



Temple Beth El is currently using the *Mishkan T'filah* prayer book. We have a number of remaining copies of our earlier prayer books, such as *Gates of Prayer* and *Gates of Repentance*. We are making them available free of charge for our members. Please take some of those books that are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



Congregants came together for a special Shabbat dinner and service on March 9, 2018 as Temple Beth-El and many other congregations participated in Shabbat Across America, an annual event sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program. Our Temple choir joined Rabbi Karol in leading our worship, which included explanations of specific prayers and the order of the service.

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Alden Solovy

on April 30 and

May 1, 2018

at Temple Beth-El.



On Monday, April 30, 2018, at 7:30 pm, Alden will speak on “The Art and Act of Prayer,” a presentation in which he shares the foundations of his own approach to prayer in Jewish tradition and what guides him to create new prayers.

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 7:30 pm., Alden will lead “Discover Your Personal Prayer,” a hands-on workshop focused on creating personal prayers. Participants will start by writing their own six-word prayer, and then go deeper to look at how our own “deepest desires” can be expressed in our own words.

Alden Solovy spreads joy and excitement for prayer. A liturgist and poet, his work has been used by people of all faiths throughout the world. He’s written more than 600 pieces of new liturgy, offering a fresh new Jewish voice, challenging the boundaries that often separate poetry, meditation, personal growth and prayer. He’s a teacher, a writing coach and an award-winning essayist and journalist. His ELI talk, “[Falling in Love with Prayer](#)” was recently released.

Alden’s writing was transformed by multiple tragedies, marked in 2009 by the sudden death of his wife from catastrophic brain injury. As a result, he deepened his exploration of meditation, poetry, liturgy and personal prayer as a healing, spiritual practice. His third book, [This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day](#), was recently released by CCAR Press. His prayers appear regularly on www.reformjudaism.org and RitualWell.org. His latest prayers are available at www.tobendlight.com.

This program is being supported by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and by congregants who are co-sponsoring this program.



APRIL 22, 2018 YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Come join us as we celebrate Israel's Independence Day! This is a free event open to the El Paso and Las Cruces Community. We will have Israeli food, jumping balloon, kids games and crafts, Israeli music and dancing, bicycle decorating contest and prizes, an essay/poem contest and a city proclamation presentation.



Join members of the El Paso and Las Cruces Jewish communities at this celebration of Israel's 70 years on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 12:00 Noon to 3:30 pm! Our congregation will be represented in a number of ways at this event to be held at Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso. Please join in this program that marks a major milestone for the State of Israel!

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Happy 20 Chai

Last year the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund produced \$1,024.00 in earnings that will be distributed as scholarships in 2018.

Shortly after January 1, 2018, I had a conversation with Rabbi Karol and I wished him a Happy New Year. He pointed out to me that the Gregorian year 2018 could be read as "twenty chai." As most readers of "Adelante!" know, in Hebrew the letters that correspond to 18 also spell the word chai (life). To most Jews the number 18 is considered "lucky". Twenty chai (2018) equals 360.

Therefore, I am making the following offer for 2018: I donate \$3,600.00 in matching money, to double as many as 10 contributions of 20 chai (that's \$360.00) to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund made between January 1st and July 31, 2018. In addition, I will match all other contributions to the fund (up to an additional \$1,800.00) made in the same time frame.

That's a total of \$5,400 of matching funds. I believe that there are at least ten members of Temple Beth-El who believe in the value of supporting Jewish education in Las Cruces who will donate twenty chai in 2018 and see their donations doubled, and for those who want to grow the fund, but cannot donate 20 chai, their donations (up to the additional \$1,800.00) will also be doubled.

*Mike Batkin,
grandson of Irving Batkin*

***Purim 5778 on Wednesday, February 28, 2018—Carnival and Shpiel
AND making Mishloach Manot bags on Sunday, March 4, 2018***



CHAI FIVE to Temple Beth-El
as it gets ready to put on its
FIFTH Jewish Food and Folk
Festival on Sunday, April 15,
2018 at 11:00 am-3:00 pm!

The JFFF is TBE's biggest fundraiser that brings in funding that is crucial for the operation of Temple-Beth-El and its programs. TBE needs help from its members to put on another successful event!

TICKETS AVAILABLE: The JFFF will only be a success if we get the word out and let the community know about the event. JFFF TICKETS are available for members to sell in the TBE office, or by calling Brenda Parish at 644-4744. You can call Brenda and arrange to pick them up at her Steinborn office on Roadrunner during regular business hours. Please sell what tickets that you can before the event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VOLUNTEER MEETING: The VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION meeting is currently planned to take place on **Tuesday, April 10, at 6pm** at TBE. Every year we try to make improvements, so please come and find out about new volunteer instructions. If you are volunteering in the family fun area, there is no need to attend this meeting. If you have questions or can still sign up, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rose Jacobs at roxyj46@gmail.com.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED: There are many costs associated with having the JFFF, which is why sponsorships are so important. Please see the March 24 JFFF email update for the JFFF sponsorship package. If your business or a business you frequent would like to sponsor or place an ad in the program, please fill it out. Contact information is on the forms.

BETH-EL BAZAAR (Silent Auction): Cheryl Decker is collecting items for the new silent auction, called "Beth-El Bazaar." Please contact Cheryl at [575-640-9559](tel:575-640-9559), [575-520-5986](tel:575-520-5986) or doubledeckerohio@msn.com. She will come pick up the items! Do you have a dessert that you can auction off? Those are very popular sellers at silent auctions.

BIG RAFFLE ITEMS: If you or a business can donate a large raffle item, please let us know! A big raffle item might be vacation packages, airline tickets, a jet ski, a car, a boat, a motorhome, ok maybe those are a lot to ask, but a girl could dream big and I've seen it done.

BAKING DESSERTS: We are short on rugelach and mandelbread. Can you help make some? If you can help, please contact Ruth Rubin at wrruth5@hotmail.com.

Thank you all and we are looking forward to another great JFFF!

Aggie Saltman, mzaggieo@gmail.com Rebecca Berkson, becca.berkson@gmail.com

PS—See page 10 for a note about a special JFFF art project to create Chamsa pieces on April 8!



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Israel Update

A TALE OF TWO MIDDLE EASTS by Phil Alkon

My last column noted that Israel faces a grim reality regarding recent shifts in the Middle East balance of power, but is more secure regarding the thorny Palestinian issue and in its relation with its Sunni Arab neighbors. At an international scale, the UN and European community remain hostile to lukewarm regarding Israel's claims as a Jewish homeland. But increased U.S. backing, and unexpected support among other nations, has restored some balance to that equation. Within the Middle East itself opposing forces have intensified in recent weeks. We'll try to tackle some of the regional dynamics here.

The grim "northern" issue reflects Iran's enlarging influence in the region and its growing proximity to Israel's Syrian and Lebanese borders. In the past, Iran's Hezbollah puppets routinely carried out terrorist and military actions against Israel from those countries. Last week, though, Iranian troops in Syria launched a renaissance drone into Israeli territory – an act of war according to international law. The IDF responded by destroying the drone base, and an ensuing conflict resulted in extensive destruction of Syrian air defenses and the loss of an Israeli jet fighter. Casualties thus far include two wounded Israeli pilots and an unknown number of Syrian, Hezbollah and Iranian – yes, Iranian – combatants. Israel announced that it would not allow Iran to establish a permanent military presence in Syria. The Iranian leadership vowed Israel's total destruction, and a full-scale war between Israel and Iran appears close. Israel is actively preparing for that conflict on both military and civilian fronts. In addition to Iranian and Syrian forces, Israel is threatened by some 100,000 Iranian missiles from Hezbollah bases in Lebanon that can hit anywhere in the country. These were transferred to Hezbollah via Syria under the very noses of the UN observers in Lebanon, who were stationed there specifically to prevent that from happening. We also know that Tehran is collaborating with North Korea in development of advanced missile systems, and that North Korea now actively sells its weapon systems to its Middle East Arab clients.

The Syrian regime's other major backer, Russia, is now also having qualms about Iran's growing belligerence towards Israel. Bashar Assad's Syria has been Russia's base of operations in the Middle East for decades. Russia's commitment to the Assad regime has been clearly demonstrated by its brutal military actions against Assad's opponents and non-supporters. Civilian casualties are in the hundreds of thousands and 2+ million refugees to date. But Russia is anxious to avoid a regional conflict that might jeopardize its current status and incur Russian casualties, even if ignited by a fellow Syrian ally. Russian and Israeli officials, including PM Netanyahu and Putin, are in regular contact regarding events in Syria, and Russia is striving to temper Iran's hostile words and provocative moves. Putin as peacemaker? Hard to believe – but this is the Middle East.

Recip Erdogan's Turkey also has adopted a hostile, anti-Israel posture in recent years that appears to be more annoying than dangerous thus far. Busy quashing Kurds and internal opponents, Erdogan is unlikely to resurrect a Middle East Ottoman empire, even in the guise of an Israel-bashing Moslem regime. Incidentally, Israel has been the Kurds' only reliable regional supporter over the years. They too deserve a non-Arab Middle East nation in many people's eyes. Unfortunately, the U.S. has let the Kurds down with a bang more than once.

Meanwhile, the U.S.'s reinvigorated support of its only reliable Middle East ally – Israel – does signify a welcome shift in the regional "Game of Thrones." Iran, Russia and Turkey will not have the field to themselves. As an example, American and IDF forces recently conducted joint missile defense exercises that directly address Hezbollah and Iranian threats against Israel. The U.S. also has established a permanent air base in Israel, and has made clear its concerns regarding Iran regional ambitions and military adventures in the region. The Iranian regime must now consider a potential U.S. response in the event of war-like actions against Israel. A potential U.S. response will hopefully contribute to dampening Iran's aggressive urges, and thereby temper Israel's "northern" challenge.

Perhaps the most significant "southern Middle East" development is Israel's growing acceptance among its Sunni Arab neighbors. The ascension of Mohammad Bin Salman to Saudi Arabia's leadership is particularly telling. He is not only revolutionizing Saudi society, but has effectively accepted an independent Jewish state in the Middle East as a neighbor. Saudi religious authorities, perhaps the most influential regional clerics, have now banned anti-Jewish and anti-Israel declarations as contrary to Moslem belief. This in the nation that famously adopted a rigorous Wahhabi Islam as its religious creed, and exported it around the world. Other Gulf States also are undertaking a wide range of direct and indirect communications with Israel, thereby creating a realm of "secret" diplomacy that is known to all. Iran's territorial and Shia-only ambitions have no doubt fostered closer relations between Israel and its Sunni neighbors. But it's worth remembering that Jordan and Egypt had already concluded formal peace treaties with Israel. Moreover, many Arabs appear tired of promoting the Palestinian "cause" as a defining regional issue or as related to their own self-interests. As far back as the post-WWI era, Emir Feisal, the most prominent Arab leader of the time, welcomed a revived Jewish Palestine as beneficial to Arab Moslem progress in the region.

There is no more challenged and divisive region in the world than the Middle East, and it is not surprising that we Jews are having issues in recreating a long-dormant nationhood in that hostile and treacherous setting. We were not promised a return to Gan Eden or even a veritable Rose Garden in our own small covenantal property. But Pesach does serve to remind us that we have been pretty well prepared as a people for that historic adventure. Hag Samayach!

Board Meeting Summary March 15, 2018

The Rabbi thanked Pearie Bruder and everyone involved in distributing Mishloach Manot bags. Rhonda Karol's religious school class produced a Kid's Chadashot newsletter. Our next b'nai mitzvah will be Kaila Brown (May 26), Derek Hyman (June 2) and Hannah Saltman (June 30). Alden Solovy will give his major talk on Monday evening, April 30 and will lead a writers' workshop on the evening of May 1. TBE members were invited to attend the Palm Sunday service on March 25 at Morning Star United Methodist Church. People from different religious faiths were invited to the service as a sign of good will.

President Ellen Torres reviewed previous Board discussions and information about the joint meetings of the Nominating Committee and the special Leadership Committee. These had been presented to the Board at a number of its meetings and had been discussed at the Board by Jim Rosenthal. Board members discussed the nomination process. Ellen encouraged members to attend the Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration in El Paso on April 22. It will be held from 12:00 to 3:00 at Temple Mount Sinai. The Rabbi noted that there will be observances in Las Cruces as well. Some members still need to pay Fair Share dues.

The Board discussed the Library Committee report. Members suggested reducing holdings (to a small extent), adding a small amount of new books, and/or moving some books if space opens up. The Board agreed to sell excess *Mishkan T'filah* prayer books to a small temple in Sandusky, Ohio. The Social Action Committee is arranging Temple participation on April 29 in a TBE Mitzvah Day, which will coincide with the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's Good Deeds Day project. We will carry out Mesilla Valley Hospice yard and rock work. Members discussed potential speakers from a list provided by the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society. No costs for the first speaker would be paid by the Temple.

Art Lorbeer discussed the sign and driveway lighting projects. He hopes to finish the draft wood sign within a week. The lighting part of the project will take place later. Committee budget requests are due

to Allen Blum by April 15, 2018. The Board began to discuss potential amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. There will be a special Board meeting on April 12, 2018 to review them. Dee Cook distributed JFFF tickets to sell.



**On Sunday, April 8,
at 11:15 am,
congregants of
all ages
are invited
to participate
in an art project
to create**

**special decorations for
the Fifth Annual**

Jewish Food and Folk Festival!

**Children and adults will be making
CHAMSA pieces that will honor the first
five years of our fundraiser that wel-
comes the Las Cruces community to
TBE.**

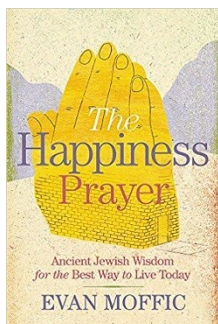
**Please join us to add this special touch to
the 2018 JFFF!**



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)

The Happiness Prayer: Ancient Jewish Wisdom for the Best Way to Live Today is Rabbi Evan Moffic's extended interpretation of the "Eilu D'varim" prayer in the morning service. **Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on this book as part of our Erev Shavuot celebration and study session on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm.** The book is available from online booksellers as a printed text or e-book. You are encouraged to read the book for May 19 to be a active participant in the discussion.



The Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee invites congregants of all ages to join in a special "Mitzvah Day" on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

We will be helping Mesilla Valley Hospice with a grounds clean-up, along with other tasks that will be designated in the coming weeks.

Everyone who wants to take part will meet at Temple at 12:00 Noon that Sunday. Our community service will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude at around 4:00 pm.

More information will be shared about this effort via email in the coming weeks. We hope you will consider participating in this effort!!!



**Mesilla Valley
Hospice**

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 March, 30, 2018

General Fund

- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Louis and Ida Bass.
- Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Patricia Collier Ehlers.
- Michael Morales
- Jill Kerr and David Steffen, in honor of Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
- Murray and Evelyn Bruder, in memory of Max Steinberg
- Carla and Robert Libby, in memory of Marvin Siegel
- Selma Ryave, in memory of Cecelia Lipsitz, Norman Green, Samuel Ryave, Chana Podolsky, Rebecca Bleiberg, and Isaac Podolsky

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, for the honor of participating in an Aliyah
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Lillian Cooper
- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Rita Herman
- Elliot Katz

Biblical Garden/Brick Walkway Fund

- Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Harold Mann

Religious School Fund

- Dee Cook, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot.
- Deana Kessin, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot.
- Ann and Burt Berkson, thank you to the students and staff of TBE Religious School
- Art and Wendee Lorbeer, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot
- Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of James McCuller
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Blanche Blum and Sima Tashlik.

Social Action Fund

- Win Jacobs, in memory of Ed Jacobs, Birdsey Youngs, and Sam Jacobs.

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.

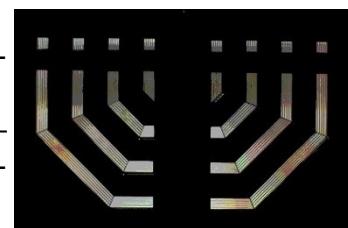
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

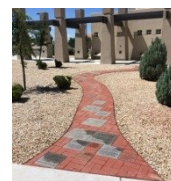
Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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.



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/Biblical Garden.

APRIL 2018 (NISAN-IYAR 5778)**Yahrzeits-April 1 through May 5, 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)

Read on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7

Blanche Blum (Allen Blum)
Dorothy Blumkin*
Ethel Bond*
Carl Hansen*
James McCuller (Bryan McCuller)
Shirley Muffs* (Carol Bernstein)
Jack Petrowsky* (Margaret Petrowsky)
P.M. Pollack*
Esther Schechter
Daniel Seton Barber (Julie Seton)
Marvin Siegel (Carla Libby)

Read on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14

Ida Bass* (Harry Bass)
Max Bruder* (Murray Bruder, Ron Bruder)
Helen Capin* (Bea Klein)
Tessie Dash (Bernard Dash)
Norma Dorfman* (Peter Dorfman)
Sarah Kellner*
Alice Mazer* (Norman Mazer)
Jacob Mazer* (Norman Mazer)
Byron Saltman (Mark Saltman)
Ann San Filippo (Philip San Filippo)
Isador Edward Tapper (Dan Tapper)

Read on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21

Devorah Bat Mordecai (Tanah Hemingway)
Joseph H Bell (Joseph Bell)
Harry Berkove*
Saul Blum (Allen Blum)
Henry Frank* (Lester Frank)
Max Greenfield*
Jacob Kellner*
Morris Leibson*
Rosalie Muffs* (Marvin and Carol Bernstein)
Irving Rubinstein*
Zachery Shporer (Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman,
Terri Sugarman)
I.A. Wechter*

Read on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28

Hilda Deutschman (Ellen Torres)
Tamara Entin (Maxine Webber, Jason Rosenberg)
Jess Horwitz (Ellen Torres)
Jack Kelter* (Stuart Kelter, Susan Lapid)
Lew Kruger (Linda Kruger)
Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Leora Zeitlin)
Abraham Pomerantz (Avraham ben Shmuel V'Rivkah) (Harry
and Diane Bass)
Rebecca Pomerantz*

Milton Silverman*
Fanny Strauss*
Mark Wechter
Sidney Weiss
Zvi Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin)

Read on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5

Hilda Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)
Rae Dorfman*
Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Jerome Herman (Avis Herman Lewis)
Irving Kallman*
Harold Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
Ruth Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)
Stanley Kasten*
Dora Kirschner (Bob Kirschner)
Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)
Meyer Lieberman (Michael Lieberman)
Louis Rashall*:
Bessie Rothschild*
Sadie Sugarman (Barney Sugarman, Terri Sugarman)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

***Leora Zeitlin and Bernice Langner, on the death of
Rabbi Allan Langner, on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in
Montreal, Canada. Rabbi Langner was Leora's uncle
and Bernice's brother-in-law.***

***Vera Schwartz, on the death of her husband, Burton
Schwartz, on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in
Pleasant Valley, NY.***

***Deana Kessin, on the death of her brother,
Dr. Martin Feingold, on March 16, 2018.***

May their memories be for blessing.

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

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Newsletter.
- Hebrew vs. conventional calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional calendar date are asked to please email or call the administrator a few days prior to the service.

*Asterisks at left indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office.



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 cur-
rent Temple events

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

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

(It is open for all to see!)

If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click “Like” and join us in our Facebook community!

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 May, 2018 Adelante is April 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.



APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nisan 16 1 No Religious School	Nisan 17 2	Nisan 18 3	Nisan 19 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Nisan 20 5	Nisan 21 6 Last Night of Passover and Shabbat Service 7:00 pm (No Family Shabbat Service)	Nisan 22 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Last Morning of Passover and Shabbat Service including Yizkor prayers 10:15 am
Nisan 23 8 Religious School 9:00 am Hamsa Making 11:15 am	Nisan 24 9	Nisan 25 10 JFFF Volunteer Orientation 6:00 pm	Nisan 26 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Yom Hashoah Ceremony 5:30 pm	Nisan 27 12 YOM HASHOAH Holocaust Remembrance Day	Nisan 28 13 Shabbat Service including prayers for Holocaust Remembrance 7:00 pm	Nisan 29 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 30 15 JEWISH FOOD AND FOLK FESTIVAL 11:00 am-3:00 pm	Iyar 1 16	Iyar 2 17	Iyar 3 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Yom Ha'aztmaut Ceremony 5:30 pm	Iyar 4 19 YOM HA'ATZMAUT Israel Independence Day Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Iyar 5 20 Special Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm marking Israel's 70 years Potluck dinner following	Iyar 6 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 7 22 Religious School 9:00 am Yom Haatzmaut Celebration Temple Mount Sinai El Paso 12:00 Noon-3:30 pm	Iyar 8 23	Iyar 9 24	Iyar 10 25 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Iyar 11 26	Iyar 12 27 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Iyar 13 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 14 29 Religious School 9:00 am MITZVAH DAY 12:00-4:00 pm	Iyar 15 30 ALDEN SOLOVY The Art and Act of Prayer 7:30 pm	Iyar 16 May 1 ALDEN SOLOVY "Discover Your Personal Prayer" 7:30 pm	Iyar 17 May 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Iyar 18 May 3	Iyar 19 May 4 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm (No Family Shabbat Service)	Iyar 20 May 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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