



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

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Shabbat Services

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Friday, December 4

- FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE at 6:00 pm.
Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 pm.
NO SERVICE AT 7:30 PM.

- Friday, December 11—SHABBAT CHANUKAH

- Friday, December 18—Welcoming Shabbat at 7:20 pm; Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm
- Friday, December 25—Welcoming Shabbat at 7:20 pm; Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:30 pm.

Friday, January 1—Pre-neg for all ages at 5:30 pm, FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE at 6:00 pm.

Saturdays

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

In memoriam

David Steinborn—1936-2015

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Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism

התנועה הרפורמית והקדומה בישראל

Please join us as Ron Bernstein, representative of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) will offer a presentation on the work and programming of our counterparts in Israel on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:30 pm. He will also inform us about ways in which we can offer ongoing support to the IMPJ.



On Friday,
December 11,
join us for a

SHABBAT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!

- Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck and LATKE dinner at 5:30 pm.
“Potluck” Latkes are welcome and encouraged!
- Bring your menorah to light!
- Multigenerational Service at 6:15 pm, with presentations by our Religious School students and with our Inter-generational Choir!
- Dessert and Dreidels at 7:00 pm, including dreidel games,, Chanukah activities, and a
- delectable Oneg Shabbat including Sufganiyot (Jelly Donuts)!
- ADD YOUR LIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!



(All are welcome to our candlelighting on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30 pm during Hebrew School)

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TBE Website—www.tbcl.org



Worship Schedule

Please note: All 7:30 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a sermon/d'var torah, a brief discussion based on the Torah portion, a compilation 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.

"WELCOMING SHABBAT" at 7:20 pm on December 18 and 25 will include songs to begin our worship. Candles will be lit at 7:30 pm, followed by our usual Shabbat prayers.

Friday, December 4

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES! Religious School students will share their reflections on gratitude.

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

NO SERVICE AT 7:30 PM ON FAMILY SHABBAT

Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8



Friday, December 11

Shabbat Chanukah

5:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner with **LATKES!!!** ("Potluck" Latkes are welcome!)

Bring your Chanukiah/Menorah to light!

6:15 pm Shabbat Chanukah Family Service, including Chanukiah lighting (bring your Chanukiah/Menorah to light) and participation by our Intergenerational choir. Our Temple children will offer their interpretations on the meaning of light. *Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*

7:00 pm Dreidels and Dessert! - An Oneg Shabbat including Sufganiyot/Jelly Donuts and other delicacies and Chanukah activities, including playing dreidel!!!

NO SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 12

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haftarah for Chanukah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Friday, December 18

7:20 pm Welcoming Shabbat

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on "We Can Work It Out." *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Frima Marquez and Rita Polsky. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 19

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

Friday, December 25

7:20 pm Welcoming Shabbat

7:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Jeff Brown, Cherri Hudson-Brown and Susan Fitzgerald. David Fishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 26

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah I Kings 2:1-2:12

Friday, January 1

Special Family Shabbat

5:30 pm Pre-neg reception FOR ALL AGES

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service. *Monika Kimball will represent the Board of Trustees.*

(No potluck dinner following)

NO 7:30 PM SERVICE

Saturday, January 2

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Temple Beth-El members will again be providing and serving breakfast for the residents of Camp Hope on the morning of December 25. Be watching in upcoming emails for details on how you can participate and offer your support.

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 7pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol Images of November 2015

In this day and age, a picture is still worth a thousand words. To show you some of the significant events in which I have participated in the last few weeks, here are some selected images:

The Union for Reform Judaism Biennial convention brought together over 4000 people to learn, pray, sing and reflect together.



From the back row at the Orlando World Center Marriott ballroom, I was able to see the entire congregation of 5000 in front of me at our Shabbat evening service. I attended sessions on Jewish-Muslim Dialogue, spirituality, leadership, writing mission statements, interfaith activities and social action in small congregations and communities, resettlement of refugees (from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), and engaging post-middle-age congregants. On Saturday night, Vice President Joe Biden came to address the convention, speaking highly of the good work of the URJ in the United States, and reiterating American support for Israel.



On November 14 and 15, the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society met in Las Cruces at the Farm and Ranch Museum for its annual conference. 40 of the participants joined us for Shabbat worship (at which our Temple choir added to the music of our worship). Susan Michelson offered essential support in organizing the event



and arranging for a Sunday morning panel which focused on Jewish communities in southern New Mexico, in which I participated, along with Dr. Jeff Brown (as moderator), Frances Williams, Sis Druxman, Deborah Wechter Friedman, and Sandy and Sherman Levenson from the Las Cruces area; and Jeff Diamond from Carlsbad. The Jewish history of our area is rich and multifaceted, and I hope to have texts for all of these talks available on our Temple website.



On Friday, November 20, members of the Temple choir, Harry and Diane Bass, and several other congregants met at Heritage



Assisted Living to provide Abe Pomerantz with a brief Shabbat celebration complete with candles, wine, challah and Shabbat songs. This was a "pilot project" that could be done again for other members and in other locations around Las Cruces. We thank

Monika Kimball for conceptualizing and organizing this event.

Sarah Mindlin's Second-Third grade class has been decorating Shabbat candlesticks and wine cups that they will



take home with them when they are finished. The results have been artistic and colorful!!!!



Rhonda Karol's classes (4th-6th Grade) were guided in making rainbow cookies on Sunday, November 22 by Aggie Saltman in relation to a chapter in the text they are currently reading. Nechama

Liss-Levinson's children's novel, *When the Hurricane Came*, focuses on the experiences of a Jewish family from New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The rainbow cookies figured prominently in one chapter (think of children getting a taste-test preview of an Oneg Shabbat).



The Adult Education program "Ever Grateful: An Interfaith Conversation" on Sunday, November 22 brought together nine local spiritual leaders to share their perspectives on gratitude and thankfulness (see page 5 for a report on the program). It was gratifying to welcome to the bimah these partners in interfaith relations in Las Cruces. A warm thank you to all who attended this unique event.



As we prepare for the coming celebration of Chanukah, let us consider how we can fill our homes and our community with the lights of joy and hope, lights that can inspire us and add meaning to our lives!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.
See Rabbi Karol's blog
at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.



President's Message December 2015

November included a fun filled fundraiser, our fourth annual golf tournament, and the newly named **Matzo Ball Open** which took place at Picacho Hills Country Club under the leadership of Arthur Berkson and his committee. I will leave the details to Arthur, who has reported in a separate article in this edition of Adelante, but I do want to commend him and his team for their work on behalf of the temple, and by extension all of us. It can't be said often enough that without the fundraisers we would not be able to balance our budget. Proceeds from them make up the 20% shortfall in dues and provide a financial lifeline, so the community extends its gratitude to Arthur, as well as Lynn Zeemont, Jason Rosenberg, Michael Stowe and Allen Blum.

The month also featured a political forum hosted by the temple under the co-sponsorship of the Social Action and Adult Education committees which brought mayoral and city council candidates to our bimah. These committees under the leadership of Ned Rubin and Ellen Torres and with help from Win Jacobs and Jim Rosenthal, did an amazing job planning and conducting this event. They made us all look good.

A most enjoyable Erev Shabbat took place when TBE hosted a contingent of New Mexico Historical Society conference goers who chose to attend our service, and mingle at the oneg. I received most favorable comments from our visitors in response to the Rabbi's service, the choir and our warm, welcoming congregation.

The temple committees are working hard on several issues such as strategic planning, dues policy, finances, website expansion, marketing and outreach, security management, religious practices, adult education programs, phase two of the brick garden, membership, and a poverty forum in late January hosted by the social action committee.

It may seem awfully early, but I wanted to tell you now about our planned members only event on **Saturday, January 23, 2016** now, so that you may mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it!

We are calling the party **TBE Family FestivUS**, after the hilarious Seinfeld episode of years gone by. When I say "we," I am referring to the planning committee comprised of Rhonda Karol, Michele Blum, Allen

Blum, Diane Fleishman, Renee Frank, Leslie Glater, Ann Berkson, and yours truly. It is a board sponsored affair, which means that all food and drink is paid for by members of the TBE board, and the work associated with it is done by them as well (along with others who are participating on and helping the committee). All YOU have to do is show up, ready to eat, drink, dance and be merry.

We will have wine and sparkling juices, assorted cheeses and fruit, as well as scrumptious appetizers and dessert items sure to please young and old. Arthur Berkeley has agreed to be the DJ for the evening, and he is ready to spin music from the past three decades along with favorites like *The Hokey Pokey* and the *Chicken Dance*. That may sound corny to our teenagers, but I hope it won't scare them away because there'll surely be music to their taste as well. So please put on your dancing shoes and have some fun with your TBE family.

The Rabbi will celebrate Havdalah at 5:30 on Saturday, January 23, and the party will begin directly thereafter at 6:00 and end at 8:00 P.M. Invitations will be sent out on January 2, 2016 and **I have great hopes that you will reply by January 13 to tell us if you are coming** so that we may purchase the correct amount of food, wine and sparkling juice. **Please call or email me** as requested on the invitation.

I also look forward to seeing many of you and our temple children and youth at our annual Chanukah menorah lighting on December 11.

Shalom,
Monika

Adelante Deadline

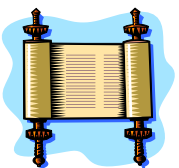
The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the January, 2016 Adelante is December 20. The 20th of the month will be the monthly deadline for the months to come as well. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

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 and Wednesdays at 11:00am until 1:00 pm. Please call before you come, or email Rabbi Karol at rabbik@belc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION

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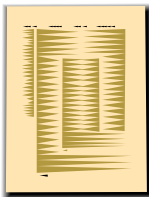


TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

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

TALMUD STUDY

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



JEWISH WISDOM for GROWING OLDER



Finding Your Grit & Grace
Beyond Midlife

Dayle A. Friedman, MSW, MA, BCC

Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older Book Group to meet on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm

Join us as we begin to read and discuss Rabbi Dayle Friedman's *Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older*. This book suggests how we make and re-make ourselves as we move into new decades and chapters of our lives.

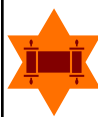
Please contact Rabbi Karol
(rabbi@tblc.org) for more information about when
and how to order the book and note if you plan to
attend!

Jim Rosenthal's short story group, featuring the elegant and insightful writing of Edith Pearlman, will continue at 10 a.m. on Mondays November 30 and December 14. The group is reading and discussing stories from Pearlman's latest anthology entitled "Honeydew." Questions? Call Jim at 522-6478 or email him at jar529@gmail.com

Temple Beth-El
Sisterhood's
Jewish Women's
Spirituality group,
led by Susan Lapid,

is still meeting periodically.

For more information,
contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or
Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.



Judaism: Roots and Rituals An Introduction to Judaism presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

A 12-week course on selected Tuesday nights at
7:30-9:00 pm—Meeting on December 1, 8, and 15
January 5, 12, 19 and 26, and February 2

Text: *Essential Judaism*, by George Robinson

This course is especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about Judaism and Jewish life! (Materials fee for this course is \$54.00). Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend, by calling Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 or by sending an e-mail to Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tblc.org.

Ever Grateful—An Interfaith Conversation focuses on religious expressions of thankfulness

Over 60 people were in attendance as local faith leaders offered their reflections on expressing thanks and gratitude in their religious traditions. The panel was moderated by Rabbi Karol along with Daisy Maldonado (of the Muslim community) as co-moderator. Panelists included Pastor Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church; Father Gabriel Rochelle of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Christian Mission of Las Cruces; Deacon David McNeill, Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces; The Rev. Sue Redfern-Campbell of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Las Cruces; The Rev. Linda Mervine of First Christian Church; Joyce Larsen, representing the Islamic Center of Las Cruces; and Beatriz Ferreira, representing the Baha'i Faith. The sentiments expressed during the presentation regarding thankfulness and gratitude included specific prayers, stories that teach about giving thanks, how faith leads us to gratitude through ritual and a positive outlook, and how gratitude can be an action we take when we manifest our gratefulness in what we do versus feeling thankfulness inside. A display of expressions of gratitude from congregants of all ages was featured on the back wall of the sanctuary, setting a context for this special program.



Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament Thank You!

Our Matzo Ball Open, the third annual TBE golf tournament, was a huge success! It was a beautiful day and we had a full course of 18 teams this year at Picacho Hills Country Club on October 25. Every year our event has grown and through our efforts, we raised **\$6785** with over **\$1000** to be donated to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity. We're really excited about our new relationship with Habitat, an organization that helps provide affordable housing for residents of Las Cruces. Thank you so much to all who participated!

Please be sure to support all the businesses that sponsored us!

- Kamran Kamali, MD, FACS, Las Cruces Surgical Associates
- Dr. Michael McGuire, orthopedic surgery
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- Journey Construction

And thanks to our individual sponsors:

- Jacob & Susanne Kolikant
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**Congrats to our
three time champion women's team!!**

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**Come eat, dance and enjoy live music at the 2016
Jewish Food and Folk Festival!**

April 17, 2016

11:00am-3:00pm

Rain or shine we'll be here!

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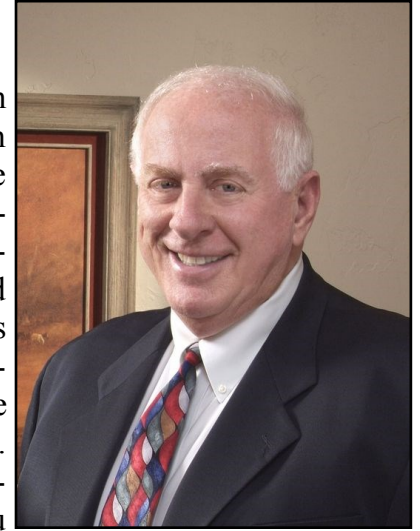
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David Steinborn - The Mensch

By Frances F. Williams

There are people who are legends in their own minds but David Steinborn was a true legend in his time. He epitomized the realization of the American Dream, changing a small town into a thriving metropolis. Pioneers came to the Mesilla Valley well before David and left legacies and monuments. David's contributions to the development and growth of this valley were just as monumental. He changed the face of this valley, leaving his large footprint in the sand and his imprint on the landscape below the Organ Mountains. David came to Las Cruces in the early sixties and began his real estate career. With his energy, creativity, keen intellect, leadership and vision, he saw the potential of this little hamlet, reaching out to capture the potential of what Las Cruces could become. As Jeremiah prophesied in the Bible, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". And so it was with David.



Nothing comes easy in life, but adversity develops strength and character. David knew about hardship and adversity, because his childhood introduced him to these lessons. Armed with the devotion to his faith and his community, he set out to be all that he could be, fueled by hard work, perseverance and energy and his superb intellect. He was an ardent "do gooder" and provided jobs and economic development, served on the hospital board, bank boards, and state boards, not to mention starting the teen program at Temple Beth-El. His students learned the lesson of mitzvot, giving to others, and many went on to have careers in medicine, business, education and banking, to name a few. David served as President of the Temple for seven terms, and was instrumental in the development and building of the new Temple Beth-El, and helping to pay off the mortgage so that there was minimum debt involved. He was an avid supporter of Hospice from its beginning, as well as other charitable organizations, locally, state-wide and nationally. David served as Mayor of Las Cruces. The town had begun to expand with the influx of new industries and retirees. Forbes magazine named Las Cruces one of the best places to live in the United States. Under his stewardship, new services and facilities were added and expanded, and he never lost his focus on making Las Cruces a better place to live, and was active in many educational programs. Under his masterful guidance and leadership, he led the city with transparency, insisting on open and honest government. He always remembered the tenets of his faith. He gave back to his city and his country, and left this town better than when he initially came into office. Our city flourished and continues to do so today. He has left a giant footprint in the sand, and his hard work and good deeds are reflected in many corners of this community as lasting monuments to his presence on earth. His legacy continues and we have been blessed to have known him. May his memory be for blessing.

(Thank you to Frances Williams for sharing this piece of history)



The August 2015 *Hands Across History* Newsletter of the White Sands Historical Foundation paid tribute to Nathan Wagner (a congregant at Temple Beth-El) with the reprint of an article from the July 9, 1965 post newspaper. Here is an excerpt from the column:

Nathan Wagner, chief of WSMR Flight Surveillance Office and Senior U.S. missile safety man, was first handed the job of making good on a "guess" and developing a total safety program in the missile dawn of 1947. Working under the first missile safety man, Herbert L. Karsh, Mr. Wagner had by the fall of 1947, organized the initial technical group charged with missile flight safety. Departing from the then accepted practices of launch crew responsibility for all phases of flight from lift-off to impact, Mr. Wagner began the development of a new concept for safety. He followed the rules of the "simplest, most reliable and reasonable" approach to the problem. This took a step forward in reverse by preparing a "bunch of solutions looking for a problem"....As the third decade of missile testing at White Sands opens, Mr. Wagner and his team are planning important changes in the missile flight safety program. There will be, as more sophisticated and higher velocity vehicles are introduced, continued reliance on preprogrammed control devices. But the main and continuing control will be in the mind of the man – control over the most reliable, rapid, and fantastic system ever imagined.

Let's Walk the Walk, Let's Fund the Fund

We wanted to give TBE members an update on the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway. In order to put bricks and biblical plants in the area around the fountain, some major infrastructure work is required in leveling the ground, putting up a small decorative retention wall, grading the planting area, and providing the base for the bricks. We've had three estimates to have the work completed and the cost is around \$6000.

As you know, the fountain was donated by Linda Kruger and Frances Williams, and these ladies would like to donate two benches as well, but we can't add anything to the fountain area until the infrastructure is completed. So how can we raise this money?

1. Buy bricks. The walkway has lots of space for more bricks and a large portion of every sale goes to our Temple. If we sold 70 more bricks, the cost of the infrastructure would be covered, and we'd have 70 more bricks with wonderful messages to walk on! Take a look at the poster that Debbie Levy did for us in the Temple's lobby and fill out the forms on TBE's hall table, and get it to Dee Cook or Alison Mann. The latest shipment of bricks came in last week, and once they are in the ground, the donors of those bricks will be receiving a note urging them to take a look at their bricks and qvell!
2. We now have a separate fund for infrastructure donations and you can contribute to that fund when you wish to honor or memorialize someone, or when you just want to add to the Fund. Thanks to Bob Kimball, your donation can now be made through the Temple's website and paid through PayPal. The name of the fund is the **Biblical Garden Construction Fund**. Whether you add to this Fund through the Donation page of the Website or send a check to the Temple noting that this is the Fund where you wish your contribution to go, you will be beautifying the Temple and providing a spot for meditation and relaxation. You don't have to be a member of the Temple to buy bricks or add to the Fund.
3. Our committee composed of Dee Cook, Bob Kimball, Linda Kruger, Alison Mann, Norm Mazer, Jerry Silverman and Frances Williams look forward to partnering with you to get this job done!!

Alison Mann, Committee Chair



Temple Beth-El Website News www.tbclc.org Bob Kimball

Hopefully everyone has visited the new Temple Beth-El website. It continues to be a rich resource for Temple members. Over the last two months, we have added a number of new features:

- 1) The website now has a menu button that leads directly to the latest Adelante newsletter. With just one click you can read the very latest Temple news. Under "Archives" you can find past issues of the Adelante.
- 2) The temple website now has copies of board minutes for your perusal. The minutes are listed under the "Archives" menu.
- 3) **Here's the biggest news of all!** You can now make donations and pay your temple dues through the temple website using PayPal. Just go to the website and click on the "Donate" menu. You will find a complete list of donation opportunities. We are very excited about providing members with a fast and easy way to support their favorite temple funds.

As a special kick-off activity, we ask that you consider making your first donation a contribution to the Biblical Garden and Brick Walk. We have finished the first phase of this project by installing the brick walk and the fountain and we are now taking bids to brick the fountain area and excavate the garden bed. This phase is expected to cost approximately \$6,000. Please help us continue this project with your first PayPal donation to the temple.

PayPal is a useful way to conduct Internet financial business. I have written a tutorial handout to help you set up a PayPal account if you don't have one. You will receive this tutorial via email.

ISRAEL UPDATE**PARIS AND BEYOND By Phil Alkon**

The well planned and coordinated attacks in Paris reveal that ISIS' ambitions have expanded well beyond creation of a Sunni caliphate in a chaotic Arab Middle East. They now encompass a full Jihadi agenda aimed at undermining contemporary European civilization. How has the world reacted to these events, and what does that tell us about the nature and consequences of the challenge?

First, let's consider some responses from Western governments. For one, German PM Angela Merkel was shocked that a major terrorist attack on Paris even took place, and urged Europeans to be tolerant of Jihad and maintain their European values. At the other end of the spectrum, President Hollande of France openly declared war on ISIS, and the French military immediately began a vigorous aerial campaign against ISIS targets in Syria. One wonders why so many juicy ISIS targets were still available to the French following months of American bombing, but that's another story. In any event, the U.S. Administration also was caught flat-footed by ISIS' expanded reach and operational capabilities. Only days before Paris, President Obama and Secretary Kerry assured the world that current U.S. strategy was on target. It was weakening ISIS and even reducing the size of its Syrian-Iraqi "caliphate." Their post-Paris reactions were telling. A much-subdued Obama characterized the Paris incident as an attack on innocent civilians, not as a credible threat to France or Western society. Kerry informed us that the tragic incident in no way signified a clash between civilizations. Neither invoked the term "jihad" nor even hinted at any religious or Islamic motivation. Aside from France, no Western government has yet publicly declared that ISIS or extreme Islam may pose a threat to Western civilization. How reassuring.

Media reaction to Paris also presents a very mixed and muddy picture. CNN and other networks pulled out the usual array of colorful adjectives to describe the attacks ("horrific", "barbaric", "horrendous", "appalling", etc.), and gave us extensive visual coverage of Paris locales, security activities and local citizenry. Much of the initial broadcast commentary studiously avoided any reference to possible ideological, religious or ethnic affiliation of the perpetrators. In a long and detailed interview with a Paris correspondent, Judy Woodruff, anchor of PBS Nightly News, never once asked her informant who the terrorists might be or about possible likely motivations behind the carnage. Even after ISIS proudly declared its responsibility for the attack, and the terrorists themselves proved to be European-born Muslims, we were repeatedly informed that they and their ilk comprised only a fraction of Europe's Muslim inhabitants. And besides, some may have had genuine grievances against their adopted countries. Political correctness trumps all.

A lack of consensus on the significance of the Paris attack among world leaders is mirrored by the absence of a unified vision of how to deal with it. France is determined to create a powerful international coalition that will forcefully confront what it considers a war on Western civilization. But President Hollande's meeting with Obama did not convince a seemingly sanguine U.S. President that a far more urgent and comprehensive response to ISIS' style was called for. Hollande's next stop is Moscow, where he will find a far more eager anti-ISIS

partner in Vladimir Putin. The Russian President will insist that any unified military operations against ISIS will not jeopardize Bashar al Assad's Syrian government. Assad's brutal regime is a major regional ally to both Russia and Iran, who themselves have been closely allied following the Iran nuclear deal. Germany, Britain and other European powers may not yet be prepared to join with France in a "war" against ISIS. Will NATO itself play an active role, owing to Turkey's involvement in regional conflicts? Who knows?

Public media and "expert" commentary offer little solace for an observer seeking clarity on the nature of the ISIS challenge or its solution. Fixes I've heard or read about include the following: humbly admitting Western responsibility for the chaos enveloping the Middle East and shifting our attention elsewhere; creating a committed Arab military coalition to fight those we consider to be the bad guys; enhancing Sunni political power in Iraq's Shia-dominated government in order to lessen Sunni support of ISIS; forming an anti-ISIS coalition that would unite the West with Russia, Iran, Hezbollah and other anti-Sunni elements; solving the Syrian crisis first via an international dialogue that would induce Assad to voluntarily relinquish his presidency in favor of an alternative, more democratic government. If any or all of these ideas strike you as delusional or unworkable, you are far more perceptive than the supposed Middle East experts and political leaders that support them.

Some Arab and Muslim responses to the Paris attacks are also noteworthy. Of 6,000 imams (Muslim clerics) serving France's large Muslim population, only 10 are known (so far reported) to have publicly spoken out against Islamic extremism. Immediately following the attacks, over 50,000 tweets on social media celebrated the event and glorified the perpetrators, which was an eerie reminder of widespread post-9/11 celebrations in the Arab World, and those among West Bank and Gaza Arabs following Jewish deaths at the hands of Palestinian terrorists. In fact, the Palestine Authority newspaper in the West Bank published a revelation that Israel's Mossad actually carried out the Paris attacks. This contradicted the Shia version, in which the Iran's Supreme Leader charged the U.S. with organizing the Sunni-inspired atrocity in France.

Finally, with all the conflicting noises generated by a European terror incident of obvious Middle East origin, the absence of any reference by Western leaders or media to Israel's long struggle against Arab terrorism is deafening. During the past October alone, Israel suffered over 600 Palestinian terrorist attacks on its citizens. More importantly, is there another civil, democratic country that has more first-hand experience in dealing with the violent political, societal and religious norms that plague the Middle East? Should not all Western societies be keenly interested in learning how this small, vulnerable nation, faced with huge threats to its physical existence, has managed to survive and thrive for 67 years while preserving its ethical values and democratic character. Israelis are eager to share what they have learned with all who are determined to enhance the human condition in these troubled times. Let's hope Western leadership proves willing to exploit this unique opportunity. In the meantime, even a small display of credible international leadership by the U.S. would be reassuring to one and all.

Notes From The Board-November 19th Meeting

After the Rabbi's invocation, and the acceptance of the minutes from last month's meeting, the minutes were read from the special meeting called for November 18th. This meeting clarified the funding procedure changes discussed at last month's board meeting.

At the meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Lisa Willman, who had served as financial consultant.

The Rabbi's report included the schedule for the upcoming Chanukah celebration, which will be advertised in the local press. He also discussed the Interfaith Conversation, which took place on Nov. 22nd.

Monika Kimball led a discussion on how the funds from some large donations might be spent. She also is looking at re-establishing the "Phone Tree" which was used in the past as a way to disperse special information to those members who might not have computer access.

Paul Feil raised the possibility of expanding the Rakefet computer service that we now use to include bookkeeping services.

Leslie Glater gave the Sisterhood report and talked about the new additions to the Judaica shop as well as the Nov. 22nd sale.

The Mens' Club is in the process of writing a new Constitution and By-laws.

Allen Blum of the Strategic Planning Committee continues to work on the key objectives of the Temple and would welcome any feedback in this regard from Temple members. He also reported on the success of the "Matzo Ball" golf tournament, which raised more money than last year.

The Adult Education Committee has many events planned for the New Year, which will be listed in upcoming issues of Adelante.

Marieka Brown is no longer Co-Chair of the Religious School, according to Mark Saltman who will continue as Chair. Mark also reported that the Temple Security recommendations would be forthcoming, and may include new entrance doors for the Temple.

The next Board meeting will be on December 17th, at 7PM.

Submitted by David Fishman

Temple Beth-El Mensch Club

The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club is finally getting around to collecting dues for the forthcoming year. The amount is still a minimum of \$20.00, annually. Please send your dues to the Temple office or to:

Temple Beth-El Mensch Club
PO Box 1317, Fairacres, NM 88033.

Checks can be made out to:

Temple Beth-El Mensch Club.

Once we have responses to this dues request, we will schedule an organizational meeting for the new year. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 575-523-0913 or 914-393-0282 (cell).

Thank you,
Dave Zeemont, Mensch Club President

Ongoing Events at TBE



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

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



KNITTING GROUP

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



A Note from the Francis F. Williams Library

Due to recent sizable book donations, the library's ability to further accept and process new books is extremely limited at present. If you are thinking of donating books of Jewish interest, please contact Librarian Linda Kruger at krugerl@aol.com before doing so. Please do not leave books that are not part of the library's current collection in the drop box outside the library door. As always, donated books should be in very good condition, preferably hard-cover or quality paperback.

THE CHESED GROUP

Is here for members in need of assistance due to health issues.

Please CALL well in advance:

- **David Zeemont at 523-0913 if you need transportation to a medical appointment**
- **Sally Alkon at 524-6945 if you need transportation or someone to shop for food**
- **TBE office at 524-3380 if you would like a hospital visit from Rabbi Karol**
- **TBE office at 524-3380 if you do not drive and need a ride to Temple services.**

If you are interested in being a coordinator/helper/driver for services or temple events, please call

Dave Zeemont at 523-0913



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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are longer lists for items needed!

For Casa de Peregrinos:

**Peanut Butter and the following Canned foods:
Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Fruits,
Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats**

For El Caldito:

**Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans,
Beef and Chicken Soup Stock**

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

- Liz Lewis-Olson, Casa de Peregrinos
(elewis4@comcast.net)
- Eve Palanker, El Caldito
(palanker1@msn.com)

**VISITING CONGREGANTS
WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND**

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

Donations from October 28, 2015 through November 30, 2015

General Fund

- Diane & Stuart Fleishman
- Grace Hammesfahr
- Steve Haydu, in appreciation of the Kol Nidre service this year
- Jane Grider, in memory of Jane's father
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Melvin Kirschner
- Cheryl & Bob Marians, in memory of Art Karshmer and David Steinborn
- Dee Cook, in memory of David Steinborn

Building Fund 2004

- Simy & Dan Allan, in memory of Evelyn Benowitz
- Peter & Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Allen M. Brooks, beloved father of Sharon
- Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Arthur Karshmer

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Alison & Gary Mann, honoring & thanking Rabbi Karol for leading us on a special occasion.
- Helen Raphael, in memory of Oscar Leeser & Edward Sochat
- Ruth Sugarman, in memory of Issac Geisinger

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- Stan and Gerie, Muchnikoff, in memory of Leo Bienstock

Religious School

- Leslie Glater

Brick Walkway & Biblical Garden

- Alison & Gary Mann, in memory of David Steinborn and Art Karshmer; for the speedy recovery of John France; and with thanks to Debbie Levy for her volunteerism

Congratulations to:

- **Evan Zigmond, son on Jamie Bronstein and Michael Zigmond**, who made Jazz all state ensemble on tenor saxophone for 2015-2016, and is first alternate for regular all state on oboe. Evan attends Onate High School.
- **Danielle Kirschner, daughter of Bob and Judy Kirschner**, on her engagement to Daniel Rabe. Their wedding is planned for October 14, 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

Torah Endowment Project—For the purchase of a new Torah. Donations above the cost of the Torah are used to secure the financial future of the Temple.

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

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

Community Service Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Send a Kid to Israel Program (S.K.I.P. Fund)—To send Temple youth to Israel.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To provide a Jewish education for our children. Earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School.

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

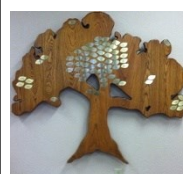
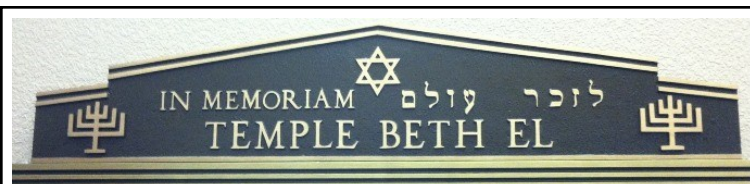
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

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

Beth El Temple 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, Paul Feil.



Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and family) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway.



Yahrzeits-November 29 through January 9, 2015

Read on Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5

Daisy Chapman, Mother of Diane Fleishman
 Jay Feldman*, Son of Louise Feldman-Baskey
 Samuel David Goldberg, Father of Richard Goldberg
 Samuel Goldman, Father of Rochelle Silverman
 Celia Greenberg, Grandmother of Cyrille Kane
 Hyman Krepps*
 Max Kruger, Brother-in-law of Linda M. Kruger
 Dave Levy*, Father of Bea Klein
 Tony Pakinkas, Friend of Tanah Hemingway
 Rose Rice Orlins*
 Sam Shickler*
 Edward Sochat, Cousin of Helen Raphael
 Tova Zameret, Mother of Erich Zameret

Read on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12

Toma G Bell, Mother of Joseph Bell
 Max Freudenthal*
 Joel Glickler*, Husband of Joan Glickler
 Lee Gutman, Nephew of Allen Palanker
 Helen Isaacs, Aunt of Linda M. Kruger
 Florence Kaye, Mother of Susan Quinn
 Sidney Kaye, Father of Susan Quinn
 Charles Klein, Grandfather of Debbie Levy
 William Silberman, Grandfather of Cyrille S. Kane
 Ruth Steinborn*
 Carolyn Wolfe*, Mother of Elissa Poel

Read on Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19

Baruch Freedental*
 Leopold Gluck*
 Morris Gluck*, Husband of Helen Gluck
 Eleanor Goldman, Mother of Rochelle Silverman
 Ken Kessin*, Husband of Deana Kessin
 Dorothy Moss, Sister-in-law of Linda M. Kruger
 Etta Muchnikoff, Mother of Stan Muchnikoff
 Michele Murdoch*, Daughter of Joan Glickler
 Margaret Schoenbrun*
 Harry Segal, Grandfather of Michele Blum
 Barbara Zenz Siegel*
 Lois Stern*
 Abraham Weinglass, Father-in-law of Teddy Weinglass

Read on Friday, December 25 and Saturday, December 26

Lois Bissonette, Mother of Lynn Berkeley
 Abraham Bongar, Grandfather of Steven Elias
 Ilona Farkas*, Mother of Yosef Lapid
 Aron Fiszbein*, Father of Abraham Fiszbein
 Gerard Frieder*, Father of Linda Fisher
 Rose Gordon, Mother of Harvey Gordon
 Sarah Jacobs*
 Lillian Klein, Grandmother of Debbie Levy
 Harry Kuznekoff*, Father of Chuck Kuznekoff

Dorothy Leibson*
 Sam Ross, Father of Irwin Ross
 Sonia Silverman, Mother of Jerry Silverman
 Ronia Van Stellingwerf*
 Sylvia Weiss*, Mother of Diane Bass
 Evelyn Willman*

Read on Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2

Ed Entin, Father of Maxine Entin, Grandfather of Jason Rosenberg
 Ruth Gluck*
 George Gorelick*, Father of Amy Fiszbein
 Henry Greenberg, Uncle of Cyrille S. Kane
 Alvin Krasner, Brother of Frima Marquez
 Lee Moss, Aunt of Rachel Stevens
 Dorothy Palanker, Mother of Allen Palanker
 Nancy Rees Brown, Step-mother of Marieka Brown
 Sarah Selanikio, Mother of Solomon Selanikio

The Temple Beth-El Family extends condolences to:

***Vivian Steinborn and family, on the death of
David Steinborn on November 10, 2015 in
Dallas, Texas.***

***Judy Karshmer and family, on the death of
Art Karshmer, on November 11, 2015,
in San Francisco, California.***

May their memories be for blessing.

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

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

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 29 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	30 Book Group 10:00 am	Kislev 19 1 Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 20 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 21 3	Kislev 22 4 Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm (No 7:30 pm service)	Kislev 23 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 24 6 Religious School 9:00 am Chanukah 1st Night 	Kislev 25 7 	Kislev 26 8 Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class (Karols') 7:30 pm 	Kislev 27 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Chanukah 4th Night 5:30 pm Candle Lighting at TBE 	Kislev 28 10 	Kislev 29 11 Shabbat Chanukah Dinner 5:30 pm Service 6:15 pm Dreidels & Dessert 7:00 pm 	Kislev 30 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—Lay led 10:15 am 
Tevet 1 13 Religious School 9:00 am Chanukah 8th Night 	Tevet 2 14 Book Group 10:00 am	Tevet 3 15 Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tevet 4 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism Presentation 7:30 pm	Tevet 5 17 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tevet 6 18 Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tevet 7 19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 8 20 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Tevet 9 21 <i>Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older</i> Book Discussion Group—First session 7:00 pm	Tevet 10 22 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Tevet 11 23 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am NO HEBREW SCHOOL	Tevet 12 24	Tevet 13 25 Serving breakfast at Camp Hope—Time to be announced Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service For Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Tevet 14 26 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 15 27 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Tevet 16 28	Tevet 17 29 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Tevet 18 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am NO HEBREW SCHOOL	Tevet 19 31	Tevet 20 Jan. 1 Pre-Neg at 5:30 pm Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm	Tevet 21 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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