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Las Cruces, New Mexico

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## Shabbat Services

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Friday, December 2- Family  
Shabbat Service at 6 pm, includ-  
ing birthday blessings for  
September, October, November

and December—Potluck Dinner following

Friday, December 9-Shabbat Service at 7 pm

Friday, December 16-Shabbat Service at 7pm

Friday, December 23-Shabbat Service for  
Renewal of Spirit at 7 pm

Friday, December 30—Shabbat Chanukah  
celebration (See right-hand column!)

### Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am

Shabbat Service at 10:15 am,  
followed by a potluck Kiddush



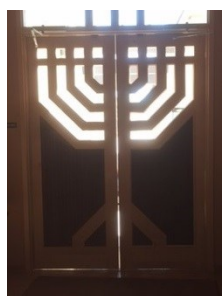
On Friday,  
December 30,  
join us for a

## SHABBAT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!

- Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck & LATKE dinner at 5:30 pm. "Potluck" Latkes are welcome and encouraged!
- Bring your menorah to light!
- Multigenerational Service at 6:15 pm including participation by congregants of all ages and our 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!



Join us for a special  
dedication of our new  
front doors during our  
7:00 pm service on  
Friday, December 16,  
2016!



## JUDAICA SHOP BOUTIQUE FOR CHANUKAH!



Chanukah begins on the even-  
ing of December 24, and the  
TBE Judaica Shop will be open to help  
fill your Holiday needs! Items will be on  
display for purchase on Sunday, Decem-  
ber 11, from 9:00am-12:30pm at Temple  
Beth-El. Come purchase candles,  
dreidels, gelt, wrapping paper, gifts for  
kids, books and MORE! If you have any  
questions please contact Aggie Saltman, at  
[mzaggieo@gmail.com](mailto:mzaggieo@gmail.com).

(See Page 6 for a note about the Jewish  
Federation of Greater El Paso's  
Chanukah Celebration at San Jacinto  
Plaza on Wednesday, December 28)

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 partici-  
pate and offer your support.

## Worship Schedule

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

### Friday, December 2-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including September, October, November and December Birthday blessings. *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, December 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Toledot Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7

### Friday, December 9

7:00 pm Rabbi Karol will speak on "Finding meaning in EVERY place." *Shelly Silverman and Renee Frank will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, December 10

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayitzei Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah Hosea 12:13-14:10

### Friday, December 16

7:00 pm Rabbi Karol will speak on "We are not alone." **This service will include a dedication of our new front doors.** *Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, December 17

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43

Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

### Friday, December 23

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

### Saturday, December 24

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8

### Friday, December 30

**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 congregants of all ages and our Choir. *Michael Lieberman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

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

### Saturday, December 31

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haftarah for Chanukah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

### Friday, January 6-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES. *Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, January 7

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7pm.**



### Message from Rabbi Karol

At this writing, on the day after Thanksgiving, Israel is very much on my mind. There are fires that are raging across the country. Some of the fires are the result of arson, with alleged perpetrators likely taking advantage of high winds and dry ground to inflict damage.

The blazes pose a physical threat to Israeli citizens of all backgrounds. It is heartening that a variety of countries have assisted in fighting the fires, including firefighters from the Palestinian Authority. It is unfortunate when anyone believes that setting a fire makes a personal or political statement. Judaism views the preservation of nature (and human life!) as a mitzvah. Hopefully, by the time you see this article, most of the fires will have been put out. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who were touched by this unfortunate and unexpected challenge to their well-being.

Thanksgiving morning in the United States brought the news that Kehilat Ra'anana, the Reform synagogue in Ra'anana, Israel, had been covered with graffiti from members of a sector of Israeli society that vehemently opposes the creation of an egalitarian prayer space in the Western Wall area. My college contemporary, Judy Katzin, a long-time member and leader of the congregation, posted updates on Facebook which kept me informed of the events related to this unwarranted attack. There were envelopes with threatening messages placed on the building. They were addressed to Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism; Anat Hoffman, director of the Israel Religious Action Center; and Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. Knives affixed next to the envelopes bore excerpts from rules about murder from Jewish law. Spray-painted onto the building was a verse, from the book of Obadiah in the Bible, that encourages violence against heretics. Another spray-painted message bore a quote from the Midrash: "The Divine Presence never moves from the Western Wall."

However, the Divine Presence, the Shechinah, according to Jewish belief, exists throughout the universe, not just at the Kotel/Western Wall. No one has a monopoly on the Shechinah and on what God wants from us. After watching the hatred of certain individuals, expressed through picket signs and faxed fliers bearing hateful messages during my years in Topoka, I see this vandalism as an expression of people who have made their ideology their idol. If they really believed in the Divine Presence, they would take the precept of God's Oneness and the potential to bring humanity together under the Divine Unity as a sign to find other ways to register their disagreement. The same could be said of arsonists who set the fires in various locations in Israel. Perhaps these individuals bent on destruction of the property of others should truly try to find God in themselves, so that they might make other choices on how to approach other human beings and the natural world.

In recent days, I have been thinking a lot about values as the basis of human community. Our discussion on humility at our program on November 18, "Humble Enough? An Inter-

faith Conversation," was a reflection of how people of different backgrounds and faith can come together to share their views and create a common language. This can only be done in a spirit of mutual respect and a commitment to work with each other as equal partners. That has always been the guiding principle of my work within the Jewish community and in an interfaith setting.

During our first session of the Judaism: Roots and Rituals class on November 15, I asked the students to generate a list of values that they believed to be part of Jewish traditions based on their current knowledge. Their list captured many of the fundamental tenets of our heritage. At the Board meeting on November 17, I offered an invocation based on the comments from my students. As we move into the coming months, may we answer the questions posed by this prayer, with the hope that we can arrive at responses that will lead us to paths of combined action to sustain the best of our values in our community and nation:

God of our days and years,

We look at the times in which we live and consider

How the gift of our heritage can guide us in our lives.

We call You our Creator. What can we do to help preserve the natural world around us?

We call You our Teacher, the One who has revealed to us knowledge and wisdom through the Torah and other values that have come down to us. How can we gain enlightenment from that learning, and how can we teach others what we have learned in a way that will resonate with them?

We see You as our Companion throughout the course of history. How can we hear Your voice and recognize Your presence in ourselves, in the wisdom that others share, and in the events that shape our times?

We call You Compassionate One. How can we apply our own approach to compassion and mercy in a way that will touch all of humanity and offer them help and hope?

We call You the Author of Freedom and the True

Judge. How can we work with others to find the middle road that will sustain freedom and justice for all people?

We believe in You as One who remembers what all people say and do. How can we write upon the scrolls of our lives thoughts and deeds that will deserve to be remembered in centuries to come?

We see You as our partner in celebration. How can we better find the joys that have been given to us, and how can we create moments of contentment for ourselves and our community?

Be with us, Eternal One, every single moment, and take us forward to where we need to go to make a better life for ourselves and for all humanity.

*L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*





**President's Message  
(Report at the Board Meeting on  
November 17, 2016)**

Forty years ago today, November 17, 1976, I almost lost my life. I woke up to my Albany, New York, apartment being engulfed in smoke. My throat was burning and there were flames on the other side of my bedroom door. I was very disoriented and ran to my third story window to see what my options were. There was a fireman on a ladder below the window, telling me to climb out of the window, but his ladder wasn't high enough and he wasn't able to reach me. I ended up falling and hitting a metal railing, almost being impaled on a metal spike. As I fell from that 3<sup>rd</sup> story window, I saw my life unfold before me. After hitting the railing, I bounced to the concrete and found myself in a puddle of water with a severely broken femur and pelvis. They didn't think I would survive, and I spent a week in the intensive care unit hooked up to machines. The next few months of recovery from traction to surgery with a metal plate being installed in my leg, found me in a hospital bed coming to terms with my feeble physicality but praising God for saving me and protecting me through this horrific accident. I thank God every day for being alive and allowing me to embrace my humanity in all its forms throughout these many years. This event was a watershed moment in my life--one that reminds me of the fine line between life and death and how God and our faith carries us through our tragedies and our joys.

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Since we last met, the following events occurred: 1) many wonderful Shabbat services; 2) the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament at Red Hawk, which was a fun and engaging event (my husband and I even helped collect money for an activity at one of the holes and I learned a few things about golf); 3) the Renaissance Faire Pastrami and Hot Dog Booth, where TBE got to resurrect our much loved food booth at one of Las Cruces' special events of the year; 4) two meetings of the ad hoc Leadership Committee headed up by Jim Rosenthal; 5) our Grant presentation to the Jewish Federation of El Paso's grant committee; and 6) our Special Congregational Meeting on Nov 10. In addition, the Adult Education Committee hosted an Interfaith Discussion on Humility on Sunday, November 20. This was a program that the Rabbi and I developed last year, in which leaders of various religious organizations in Las Cruces participated in a very thoughtful panel discussion on thankfulness. And of course, I hope that all of you and your families enjoyed a wonderful, joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

I want to thank you for your participation and support at the November 10 Congregational Meeting. It provided members of the congregation an opportunity to discuss the issues and to clarify some points. About 60 votes were cast, with the Rabbi receiving 72% of the vote, reelecting him as our Rabbi. When the vote was announced, people seemed genuinely pleased and gave the results, and the Rabbi, a round of applause. I thank Gil and Becca Krebs and Margot Leverett for volunteering to provide a delicious bounty of refreshments that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. I also thank Mark Saltman, Chair of the Security Committee, for giving those present an update on the items we have purchased to maintain a higher level of security for our members.

The ad hoc Leadership Committee, comprised of Jim Rosenthal, Rabbi Karol, Renee Frank, Diane Fleishman, Dee Cook, Sue Brown, Terri Sugarman, and myself, have met twice and will hold a third meeting on Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 pm. Pearie Bruder has indicated that she would like to join us as well. We have read an article and are spending time fleshing out what we feel should be done in regard to improving our leadership skills and how we are going to do it. We have written paragraphs in response to an article we read, and we have discussed our thoughts about our goals. We have also talked about how to utilize resources to create a leadership program here and have discussed the importance of unifying our leadership in order to unify the congregation. An important topic is how we as a board, as leaders, and as a congregation, can become more welcoming. We are working on clarifying our expectation of leadership and determining our commitment level. What do we do that reflects our culture and values? We will share our progress and let you know how it goes.

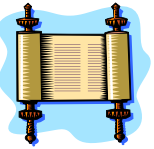
Finally, Dee Cook, Ann Berkson, Sue Brown, and I are planning the upcoming FestivUS event, the Board-sponsored annual dinner for all congregants to be held this year on Saturday evening, January 21. Invitations to all members will be forthcoming. Please plan on being there to partake in this fun, welcoming, congregational celebration!

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

*Shalom,  
Ellen Torres*

# ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs

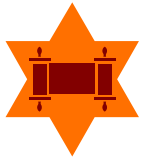


## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

## LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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



## Judaism: Roots and Rituals— An Introduction to Judaism

presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

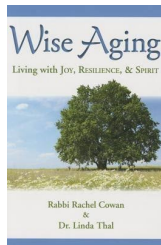
A course on selected Tuesday nights at  
7:30-9:00 pm on December 6, 13, and 20;

January 3, 10, 17 and 24; and February 7 and 21.  
(schedule subject to change)

**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 [rabbik@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbik@tbelc.org).

Join us on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7pm for the first session in a discussion series on the book *Wise Aging*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Rabbi Karol will lead these conversations. Subsequent sessions will be held in January. The book is available from Behrman House publishers as well as on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com). Please let Rabbi Karol ([rabbik@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbik@tbelc.org)) know if you plan to attend.



## Temple Beth-El's

### Jewish Women's Spirituality group,

led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically.

For more information,

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



## "Humble Enough? An Interfaith Conversation" generated discussion on November 20

Over 50 community members assembled at Temple Beth-El to discuss the topic of humility on November 20. This event, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, began with presentations by a panel of local faith community representatives: Rabbi Larry Karol, Linda Mervine (First Christian Church), The Rev. Sue Redfern-Campbell (Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces), Father Gabriel Rochelle (St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Christian Mission), The Rev. Carol Tuck (United Methodist), Tim Reed (Las Cruces Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends), and Micki Pittsenbargar (Islamic Center of Las Cruces). The presentations offered stories, insights and specific teachings about humility from these various religious perspectives.



Following the presentations, each panel member went to a table to lead a small group discussion that focused on defining humility, recognizing life experiences that shed light on humility, and how humility leads to an appreciation of God and the gifts we have in our lives.

Many thanks to all who attended, and thank you to the Adult Education committee for providing refreshments enjoyed by our guests. A number of participants requested that programs like this one be held on a more frequent basis.

**Jim Rosenthal's Short Story Discussion Group, focusing on Amos Oz's *Between Friends*, will continue on Monday, December 5 and (tentatively) on Monday, December 26 at 10:00 am.**





### Pick a Brick

Chanukah is quickly approaching and you're still looking for a gift for someone special.

**PICK A BRICK!** What

better way to celebrate an historical Jewish event than to give a donation to the Temple through purchase of a brick, AND to honor a person or event in your Jewish life that is also memorable?!

The forms are available through Dee Cook or Alison Mann and the recipient of the honor will receive a special note if you wish, telling them of your brick gift in their honor. And when the brick arrives, another note goes out urging the recipient to view their brick in the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway.

If you haven't taken a look at the walkway recently, come and see the variety of ways a brick tells a message...from memorializing a loved one, to celebrating an anniversary, to saying "I love you" and many more. We'd love to see a Happy Chanukah addition!



At the November 17 Board of Trustees meeting, Allen Blum (Temple Treasurer and member of the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament Committee), Temple President Ellen

Torres and Rabbi Karol presented a donation to Maria Vasquez, Executive Director of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity. The Golf Tournament has been able to share some of its proceeds with this worthy organization each year to help in its work of building homes for people in need in the Las Cruces area. Many thanks to all whose participation and donations made this gift possible!

Community Relations Council of  
The Jewish Federation Of Greater El Paso  
Invites You To A Community Wide

# Hanukkah Celebration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 6PM  
SAN JACINTO PLAZA – EL PASO, TX

Hanukkah  
Menorah  
Lighting

Mega  
Dreidels'  
Games

#### Participating Organizations:

Congregation B'nai Zion  
El Paso Jewish Academy  
JCC Preschool  
Temple Beth-El (Las Cruces)  
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### Chanukah at San Jacinto Plaza

Our Religious School students will be decorating a large dreidel (see photo) for the Chanukah event at San Jacinto Plaza at the corner of Oregon and Mills in downtown El Paso on December 28. Temple Beth-El was asked to be an equal partner in this event with other Jewish organizations in the area. Be watching for further details!





## Temple Beth-El and Center for Spiritual Living—Partners at the Renaissance Faire in 2016

### Report from Jeff Lewis, President, Temple Beth-El Mensch Club

On November 5 and 6, Temple Beth-El and the Center for Spiritual Living collaboratively entered a Pastrami and Hot Dog Booth at the Renaissance Faire.

It was an enjoyable weekend, done with a lot of hard work, planning, and mutual cooperation between two great partners. We appreciate the hard work and dedication shown by the Center For Spiritual Living. Special thanks to Mary Barce of the Center----you were amazing. Thank you, also, to Larry Pass, who had the original idea of our joining forces.

It was great getting the Temple involved in the community at this event. While attempting to make a profit is important, it is also vital to improve Temple's outreach to the Las Cruces community, as well as being able to work together as a group. I feel we certainly accomplished that goal.

We had poor weather on Saturday, after our hail storm on Friday night. This contributed immensely to a slow sales day on Saturday for everyone. The weather was great on Sunday, and correspondingly our booth did well that day. We expect that we will be able to cover all of our expenses and show a small profit.



Temple Beth El won the award for the best food vendors booth presented by the Dona Ana Arts Council. We met a lot of great people from the community, heard a lot of great comments from them, and received a lot of praise for the renewed involvement by Temple Beth-El.

There is a substantial list of people who deserve our thanks. Thank you to Michael Currier, Tom Levy, and Michael Lieberman for their amazing contributions. Michael Mandel served as an organizer from the beginning, as well as acting as our liaison with the Dona Ana Arts Council.

Without their extraordinary efforts, our involvement in the Faire would have not been possible.

Thank you to Dee Cook for all her contributions. Your work and hard effort, Dee, are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Dave Zeemont for all his hard work and effort----your effort is greatly appreciated by everybody. You were the one who motivated us all to try this again and we value your dedication and leadership.

The following is a list of everyone else who helped us in this effort and I wish to thank them for their efforts: Frank Baskey, Louise Baskey, Barbara Berger, Nancy Bergman, Ann Berkson, Dinny Bomberg, Sue Brown, Pearie Bruder, Veronica Bruder, Dee Cook, Karen Currier, Cheryl Decker, David Decker, Diane Fleishman, Stuart Fleishman, Jane Grider, Paula Kramer, Avis Lewis, Barbara Mandel, Michael Mandel, Bryan McCuller, Gerie Muchnikoff, Brenda Parish, Ford Parkes-Perret, Martha Roditti, Irv Ross, Ruth Rubin, Aggie Saltman, Mark Saltman, Jerry Silverman, Shelley Silverman, Dia Taylor, Erich Zameret (apologies to anyone who worked whose name was not included in this list).

We look forward to doing this next year. We all learned a lot this year, and we are grateful for everyone who took part in this community effort and partnership!



### WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

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

### Adelante Deadline

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

### Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Tuesdays at 10:30am until 11:15 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at [rabbikarol@tbclc.org](mailto:rabbikarol@tbclc.org) or [rablpcarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpcarol@gmail.com). You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

TEENS ! YOUTH ! PARENTS ! INTERESTED ADULTS !

Join us for a day with

**Lynne Butner—Senior Regional Director—NFTY-Southwest**  
(NFTY=North American Federation of Temple Youth)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4- 9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**



**Lynne Butner** is coming to Temple Beth El — come meet her and get inspired! Lynne will meet with parents, Religious School classes, and our BEMY middle-schoolers, and then have lunch with all our teens (BEMY and BETY), and take them on a special social action field trip. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to learn more about how to deepen our Jewish connections and motivate our youth (and ourselves!)

**Lynne Butner** is Senior Regional Director of NFTY-Southwest, where she has worked for 16 years. She is the longest standing Regional Staff member working in NFTY! She has over 20 years of experience working with high school students, and is a member of Temple Har Shalom in Park City, UT.

**9 am-Meet with parents (bagels/beverages provided!) 10 am-Visit religious school classes**

**11 am- Meet with middle schoolers (BEMY) 11:30 am: Pizza with BEMY and high schoolers (BETY);**

**12:00 pm Social action field trip (back by 1:30). Please bring \$5-\$15 for purchases**

**for underprivileged children. (No teen should stay behind for lack of funds!)**

**To participate in the field trip, you must register at:**

**<https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/temple-beth-el-nfty-event/>**

***Come listen, learn, ask, have fun, and ENGAGE!***



### **Report on Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District Convention—From Leslie Glater**



Hello, TBE Sisterhood Sisters. First, I thank the Sisterhood Council for their generous donation supporting the costs of the registration fee to attend the WRJ 53rd Pacific District Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) engages tens of thousands of women through a global network of hundreds of sisterhoods to advance Reform Jewish values. Stronger together, we make sure the voices of progressive women are heard in order to make a difference in the world. The WRJ represents the collective voice of Reform Jewish women, strengthening sisterhoods and

providing opportunities for women to connect with one another, cultivate leadership, mobilize our communities for social change, and ensure the future of Progressive Judaism in North America, Israel and around the world.

This event kicked off on Thursday, November 3rd with the First Timer Orientation. There, I met many ladies like myself, participating in their first convention. New friendships were made, bonds were formed and warmth and love was felt and passed from smiles to hugs. Existing active members met us with warm welcomes and guest speakers began our education of what the WRJ is and does. We left the orientation with time to enjoy dinner and an optional Las Vegas Strip Desert and Tour. Day one was up early with a quick cup of coffee and a long walk through the casino to the convention center meeting rooms for our first workshop. I attended the "Programming for Change-Attract Younger Women" followed by the first Plenary meeting. We were treated to a delicious luncheon before our afternoon sessions began. I attended the "New Ideas in Fundraising for Your Sisterhood" workshop. At 4:45 pm the buses arrived to take us all to Shabbat Services at Congregation Ner Tamid. A wonderful pre-Oneg snack was served then services began with their wonderful Rabbi and Cantor followed by a delicious catered dinner. This was the highlight of the weekend event, but we still had one and a half days to go. Saturday started early with a 9:00 am Torah Study—The Torah: A Women's Commentary—that was very enlightening and followed by Shabbat Services and Installation of all new officers. Lunch followed and the day was completed with the afternoon workshop, "Growing Your Membership". The afternoon Plenary II session was mostly on changes to bi laws and corrections. Saturday night was a free night to attend a show or just relax and have a night in the casino. Sunday morning was the third Plenary meeting and a closing Brunch Celebration.

In closing, I would like to say what a fantastic time I had and I wish to invite you all to join me in 2018. Start saving now. We can get organized and begin to talk about this convention in 2017. I promise, you will not be disappointed with the wonderful friends you will make and information you will bring home.



## ISRAEL UPDATE (A Personal Perspective)

### WHAT NOW? ISRAEL AND A TRUMP PRESIDENCY

By Phil Alkon

Following a divisive, often dispiriting campaign, the American people have elected a President, and a new Administration is poised to take over the Executive reigns of power. Post-election whining, wailing or celebration must now give way to serious thought of what lies ahead for our divided country and a very conflicted world. As Americans, we take great satisfaction in an incredibly smooth and civil transfer of Executive power among deeply opposed political bodies. As Jewish Americans, we also must ask - How will the advent of a Trump Administration, allied with a Republican Legislature, impact America's relationship with Israel? Because Israel's status and fate are inextricably wedded to the future of Judaism and the Jewish people in its entirety, the implications extend far beyond boundaries of the State of Israel itself.

Let's start by considering the U.S.- Israel connection over the past eight years of an Obama administration. I liken that relationship to a double-edged sword. On the one hand, the Administration continued long-standing American policy of supporting Israel's material security needs. On the other, Obama has overseen a significant degradation of political support for and friendship between the two countries. A President who openly apologizes to the Arab Muslim world for the egregious sins committed against it by the Judeo-Christian world, and who openly dreamt of Iran's acceptance into the "community of nations," has managed to turn Israel, the only shared democracy and reliable ally of the U. S. in the region, into a virtual opponent. Critics of Israel, including "progressive" Jewish voices in the U.S., conveniently attribute this unwelcome decay in bilateral relationships to the political leadership, and specifically to Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu. Without doubt, America's Lecturer-in-Chief cannot abide Bibi's father-like lecturing to him on Middle East realities. But the real issue is far more profound than personal relationship. Obama advertises no such personal animosity towards Turkey's Erdogan, Russia's Putin or other unsavory world figures he encounters on an almost daily basis.

In fact, evidence of a fundamental attitude shift towards Israel arose at the outset of Obama's Presidency, and has logrolled downward ever since. His first foreign policy declaration, a Cairo based-overture to the Muslim World, pointedly blamed Israeli (i.e., Jewish) "settlements" in the West Bank and Gaza as a major source of regional friction. Although Arab-Iranian leadership totally dismissed Obama's overture for enhanced ties with the West, it was not until late in his second term that Obama found time to visit Israel. Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, the unrelenting military, terrorist and anti-Semitic attacks by Palestinian leaders on Israel during his Administration did nothing to lessen the focus on "settlement" activity (including city or new housing for Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem) as worthy of forceful condemnation. By contrast, explicit calls by Palestinian leaders for elimination of Israel and their celebration of deadly terrorist attacks were largely ignored. Similarly, the President dismissed Iran's calls for Israel's destruction and its support for an international terrorist war against Israel as "mischief." Other negative signs included: implicit blame of Israel for the failed Kerry peace process; condemnation of Israel for Gaza civilian casualties in a war initiated by Hamas; the warm welcome of PLO leader Abbas to Washington as a genuine partner for peace, while Netanyahu was denied audiences with the President; and blatant *persona non grata* treatment of the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. I believe that these and other statements, slights and actions represent a concerted policy by the President himself to diminish America's close ties with Israel. The motivation behind this shabby treatment of a trusted ally is be-

yond my grasp. But then, much of the Administration's incoherent Middle East policy remains unexplained and hard to fathom.

In the recent election campaign, Donald Trump unleashed an unbounded and unfettered condemnation of the Obama Presidency. Nary a single policy, program or Presidential action, domestic or foreign, escaped his often intemperate wrath. His overriding message was that America had suffered an unacceptable decline in self-esteem and confidence at home, and a loss of respect, influence and leadership abroad. He understood the calamity that had befallen the country, and he alone was capable of restoring "America's greatness."

Much of his path to restore that greatness, however, remained unclear. Regarding the Middle East specifically, Trump offered an array of general, often conflicting solutions. He did vow to abrogate the Iran nuclear agreement (the "worst foreign policy disaster in American history"), destroy ISIS and eliminate Islamist terrorist threats to the U. S. and the free world. He presented himself as a strong friend of Israel, and vowed to officially recognize Jerusalem as Israel's Capitol, and immediately move the American Embassy there from Tel-Aviv. We recall that this same promise, by Democratic and Republican presidential candidates, was never fulfilled once they took office. He also vowed to apply his unparalleled negotiating skills to settle the hitherto unsolvable Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Now that Donald Trump is about to assume the Presidency, what do his statements and actions to this point tell us about his administration's likely relations with Israel? First, we note that the President-elect may be shedding much of the troubling "loose cannon" demeanor that typified Donald Trump the candidate. He has adopted a civil, even respectful tone to former opponents, both Republican and Democrat, and a more considered response to programs and ideas that he once condemned unconditionally. I also am encouraged by the effort and time he is devoting to filling important posts in his administration. The surprisingly smooth transition of Executive power now taking place in Washington represents the American political dynamic at its finest. Dare we hope that the President and the President-elect's collaboration in this process may lead to a more civil national climate? No nation will benefit more from a united, confident America than Israel.

That Trump is consulting a wide range of experienced foreign policy experts and practitioners is reassuring, as is his personal outreach to many foreign leaders. Today, in fact, Trump was on the phone with President Obama discussing the implications of Fidel Castro's death. The make-up of Trump's Administration is still a work in progress, but some early choices bode well for a renewal of close and warm ties between Israel and its most important global ally. His Vice-President to be, Mike Pence, is regarded as one of the most ardent supporters of Israel on the American political scene. Pence will serve as a key liaison with a Republican Congress that is likely to strongly support positive Presidential initiatives pertaining to Israel. Trump's forthcoming Ambassador to the U.N., Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina, is a leader in the struggle against anti-Semitism, and expected to have Israel's back in the international arena. A Secretary of State has yet to be named, but every likely candidate to date has openly embraced close ties with Israel. It is worth noting that Hillary Clinton as President would also have pursued a more robust U.S. foreign policy that encompassed enhanced relations with Israel.

## Temple Board of Trustees

### Meeting Summary –November 17, 2016

The November 17 Board of Trustees' meeting was called to order by Ellen Torres at 7:05 pm. Rabbi Larry Karol gave the invocation. The minutes of the October 20th meeting were accepted with corrections.

Rabbi Karol reported on a number of events and activities, including that an online album is being assembled with songs by various Jewish musicians, that will include his song, "Natatah Simchah V'Libi" (You Put Joy in my Heart), and that the Las Cruces Bulletin has asked him to write a monthly column for the Religious section of the newspaper.

President Ellen Torres commented on the many wonderful services and successful events that have occurred in the last month. She thanked everyone for their participation and support at the Congregational Meeting on November 10. A total of 57 votes were cast, including absentee ballots, with 72% of the votes supporting the renewal of the Rabbi's contract.

Allen Blum gave the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the URJ has accepted our proposal for a reduced dues billing for this year. He also reported that with the first quarter income and expenses reported, we are looking at facing a shortfall for the year if changes aren't made. He stated that a significant number of congregants haven't paid their pledges either this year or last year. A discussion ensued about how to keep these congregants active and feeling welcome, and to get them to see the need to pay their pledges. He also reported that the Matzo Ball Open brought in approximately \$5,500 after all expenses were paid.

Leora Zeitlin and Julie Seton made a brief presentation to the Board regarding the Youth Activity Committee and the importance of BETY, BEMY and participation with NFTY to TBE's youth. They are asking for support of the Board with higher emphasis placed on the youth groups and involvement of the youth. Lynne Butner, the SW Regional Director for NIFTY will be in Las Cruces on December 4 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. There will be a bagel breakfast for parents and adults; meetings with the high schoolers and middle schoolers. There will be a Tikkun Olam field trip in which kids can decide what they want to buy for charity and an opportunity to sign up for NIFTY.

Mensch Club Representative Jeff Lewis reported that the food booth at the Renaissance Faire took first place for "best food booth". They took in about \$4500 in sales for both days, although Saturday was an ugly, dreary day, and only \$1300 came in that day. They anticipate a profit, although they are still waiting to get all the expenses tallied. Jeff thanked the 25 volunteers from TBE, saying they worked hard and the participation was great.

Membership Chair Diane Fleishman reported there is a boon in new members and inquiries about memberships. She has been following up on referrals, and encourages everyone to give her referrals of potential new members.

President Ellen Torres reported for the ad hoc Leadership Committee that there have been reading and writing assign-

ments to help define specifically what leadership means to TBE, and how we can clarify expectations and work towards creating a more welcoming spiritual environment and inspire greater participation in TBE life.

Plans are in the works for the second TBE FestivUS, a congregational event hosted by the Board of Trustees. The Festivus will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

TBE is working to take advantage of grant opportunities. Ellen reported that ideas that have been developed on how to utilize grant money from an anonymous donor, made available through the Batkin Fund. She also reported on the grant proposal submitted to the Jewish Federation, which would allow TBE to bring in very high quality programs and speakers from which the Jewish community and the community at large will benefit.

The Board meeting went into executive session to vote on accepting a new member to the congregation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

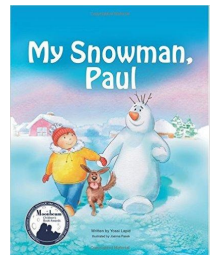
## Snowman Paul—Children's Book Series by Yossi Lapid



Yossi and Susan Lapid presented to Jim Rosenthal's Short Story discussion group about Yossi's new children's book series, **Snowman Paul**, on Monday, November 28. Susan read the stories, and Yossi and Susan both

offered commentary and led a discussion on the content of the stories.

Written in rhyme, the "Snowman Paul" series celebrates the magic of winter through the evolving friendship between a young boy named Dan and his mischievous snowman, Paul. Whimsical and humorous, the stories also touch upon serious themes such as friendship, peer pressure, family relationships and ethical values. The stories are based in part on Yossi's youth growing up in a small town in Romania, where winters were long and toy stores were nonexistent.



ent. Joanna Pasek, an artist from Poland, complements the narrative with vivid illustrations. Recently, the series was awarded the Silver Medal in the Best Picture Books category of the Moonbeam Children's Books Awards contest.

Yossi describes the book's protagonist as someone who "has big dreams and is not afraid to be different. For nearly four decades, I was a professor of political science," he says. "It took some courage to move from researching and teaching international relations to writing picture books for young children. But writing children's books was my secret dream throughout my entire adult life and, now that I'm retired, I am delighted to be able to realize that dream."



**Diocese of Las Cruces Project Oak Tree**

The Social Action Committee of Temple Beth-El is giving congregants an opportunity, if they so desire, to participate in Project Oak Tree, again coordinated by the Diocese of Las Cruces. The project involves hosting refugee families of Central American women and children at Holy Cross Retreat Center. They stay for several days and are given clothing and toiletries as well as help in arranging transportation to their destinations (they all have family here already). Right now they need the following items: winter clothing for women and children (jackets, hats, mittens, scarves), women's hygiene supplies, deodorant (travel size), children's and women's underwear (preferably cotton), baby and toddler toys (stuffed animals are much appreciated), and bilingual books (Barnes and Noble has a good supply). There is a bin in the lobby of the Temple for your donations.

**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.



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](http://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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 for November 2016

### General Fund

- Dia Taylor, in memory of Mel Taylor, Jr.
- Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in memory of Allen M Brooks
- Grace Hammesfahr, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Gerson & Ina Goldberg
- Nina Rothman, in memory of Israel Isaac Taslitt
- Dee Cook, in memory of David Edelstein and Nathan Edelstein

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Helen Raphael, in memory of Oscar Leiser
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Mary Lois Gardner
- Jeffrey & Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Harold Brown
- Barnett & Ruth Sugarman, in memory of Isaac Geisinger
- Jeffrey and Avis Lewis, in memory of Beverly Lewis

### Temple Beth-El Youth Fund (BETY & BEMY)

- Bryan & Lisa McCuller, in memory of Arlene Metzger Jerome

### Biblical Garden Fund

- Vivian Steinborn, bricks to honor of the memory of Abe Pomerantz and Irv Rothman

"Natatah Simchah" ("You Put Joy in My Heart"), one of Rabbi Karol's songs from his album "The Road Ahead," is among the 26 tracks included in an online anthology of songs, offered for free download, entitled "There is Hope."

Rabbis Menachem Creditor and David Paskin invited Jewish artists to contribute a song that had a positive theme and could help generate a sense of support and optimism in challenging times.

The album is available for download at [www.hopesongs.net](http://www.hopesongs.net).



### TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

**Campship 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 support Jewish education for our children (especially need-based scholarships).

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

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

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

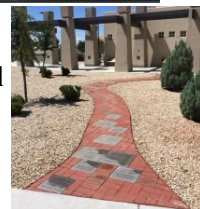
**Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund**—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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

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



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



Brick Walkway.



**DECEMBER 2016 (KISLEV-TEVET 5777)****Yahrzeits-November 27, 2016 to January 7, 2017****Read on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3**

Leroy Bibo\*  
 Isadore Blumkin\*  
 Phillip Bond\*  
 George Brankman, Father of Sally Alkon  
 Allen M Brooks\*, Father of Sharon Dorfman  
 Allen Elias, Father of Steven Elias  
 Adele Kimmel\*, Relative of Murray Bruder  
 Yetta Lipschutz\*  
 Esther Rosenfeld\*  
 Mac Singer\*  
 David Steinborn, Husband of Vivian Steinborn  
 Rebecca Wechter\*

**Read on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10**

Lucy Miller Atkins\*  
 Leo Bienstock, Father of Gerie Muchnikoff  
 Rose Caplan, Step-mother of Betty Rosse  
 Celia Greenberg, Grandmother of Cyrille Kane  
 Victor Hartman\*  
 Mel Kirschner\*, Father of Bob Kirschner,  
     Husband of Lila Ziegler  
 Charles Kruger, Husband of Linda Kruger  
 Dr. Michael Polsky, Husband of Rita Polsky  
 William Silberman, Grandfather of Cyrille Kane  
 David Silverman, Father of Jerald Silverman  
 Arthur Wiener, Father of Robin Labe  
 Hershel Zohn\*

**Read on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17**

Meyer Bass, Friend of Tanah Hemingway  
 Daisy Chapman, Mother of Diane Fleishman  
 Ivy Dessaur\*  
 Ida Weinstein Epstein, Mother of Marlene Benz  
 Samuel Goldman, Father of Rochelle Silverman  
 Murray Gould\*  
 Ken Kessin\*, Husband of Deana Kessin  
 Charles Klein, Grandfather of Debbie Levy  
 Dave Levy\*, Father of Bea Klein  
 Bernie Lieberman\*, Husband of Buzzie Lieberman

**Read on Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24**

Lois Bissonette, Mother of Lynn Berkeley  
 Jay Feldman\*, Son of Louise Feldman-Baskey  
 Samuel David Goldberg, Father of Richard Goldberg  
 Lillian Klein, Grandmother of Debbie Levy  
 Hyman Krepps\*  
 Max Kruger, Brother-in-law of Linda Kruger  
 Tony Pakinkas, Friend of Tanah Hemingway  
 Rose Rice Orlins\*  
 Sam Shickler\*  
 Edward Sochat, Cousin of Helen Raphael  
 Abraham Weinglass, Father-in-law of Teddy Weinglass  
 Harry A Winkelman, Father of Joan Silar  
 Tova Zameret, Mother of Erich Zameret

**Read on Friday, December 30 and Saturday, December 31**

Toma G Bell, Mother of Joseph Bell  
 Max Freudenthal\*  
 Joel Glickler\*, Husband of Joan Glickler  
 Eleanor Goldman, Mother of Rochelle Silverman  
 Lee Gutman, Nephew of Allen Palanker  
 Helen Isaacs, Aunt of Linda Kruger  
 Florence Kaye, Mother of Susan Quinn  
 Sidney Kaye, Father of Susan Quinn  
 Ruth Metz Lazarus  
 Etta Muchnikoff, Mother of Stan Muchnikoff  
 Irv Rothman, Husband of Nina Rothman  
 Margaret Schoenbrun\*  
 Ruth Steinborn\*, Mother of Mark Steinborn  
 Carolyn Wolfe\*, Mother of Elissa Poel

**Read on Friday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7**

Abraham Bongar, Grandfather of Steven Elias  
 Baruch Freedental\*  
 Leopold Gluck\*  
 Morris Gluck\*, Husband of Helen Gluck  
 Henry Greenberg, Uncle of Cyrille Kane  
 Dorothy Leibson\*  
 Harris B. Libby, Father of Robert Libby  
 Dorothy Moss, Sister-in-law of Linda M. Kruger  
 Michele Murdoch\*, Daughter of Joan Glickler  
 Harry Segal, Grandfather of Michele Blum  
 Barbara Zenz Siegel\*  
 Sonia Silverman, Mother of Jerald Silverman  
 Lois Stern\*  
 Sylvia Weiss\*, Mother of Diane Bass  
 Evelyn Willman\*, Mother of Elliott Willman

***The Temple Beth-El Family  
 extends condolences to:  
 Rabbi Cy Stanway and Stella Jerusalmi Stanway,  
 on the death of Cy's father, Lyle Stanway,  
 on Tuesday, November 8  
 in Toronto, Ontario.  
 May his memory 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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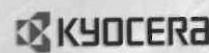
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Kislev 1 1	Kislev 2 2 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Kislev 3 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 4 4 Religious School 9:00 am Lynne Butner visit	Kislev 5 5 Book Group 10:00 am	Kislev 6 6 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 7 7 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 8 8	Kislev 9 9 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Kislev 10 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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Kislev 25 25 Breakfast –Camp Hope <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>  Second Night	Kislev 26 26 Book Group 10:00 am  Third Night	Kislev 27 27  Fourth Night	Kislev 28 28 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am No Hebrew School Chanukah at San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso 6pm  Fifth Night	Kislev 29 29  Sixth Night	Tevet 1 30 Shabbat Chanukah Dinner 5:30 pm Service 6:15 pm Dreidels & Dessert 7:00 pm  Seventh Night	Tevet 2 31 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Last night Of Chanukah  Eighth Night

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