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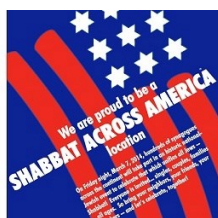
Shabbat Services

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Thank you to all members who participated in the survey on preferences for our time to begin Shabbat worship on Friday evenings (other than Family Shabbat). The overwhelming first choice (and second choice as well) was 7:00 pm. We will begin with this new starting time for Friday night services on February 12.

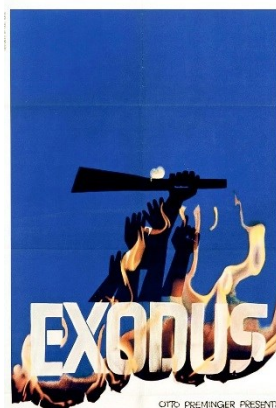
Friday, February 5—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE at 6:00 pm, followed by a Dairy/Vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 pm.

- Friday, February 12—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday February 19—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, February 26-Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, March 4-FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE for Shabbat Across America at 6:00 pm, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:50 pm.



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

**“Meet-the-Artist” with
violinist Yevgeny Kutik
at Temple Beth-El
on Wednesday, March 2, 2016
at 7:00 pm.
Please join us!**



OTTO PREMINGER PRESENTS
PAUL NEWMAN - EVA MARIE SAINT
RALPH RICHARDSON - PETER LINDBERGH
LEE J COBB - SAL MINO - JOHN DEXTER
HUGH GRIFITH - GREGORY HOFF
JILL HAWORTH IN "EXODUS"

On Sunday, February 21st, 2016, at 2:00 PM, the Temple Beth-El Mensch Club will screen the movie “Exodus,” starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint. Directed by Otto Preminger, with a screenplay by Dalton Trumbo, this movie received one 1961 Academy Award, and was nominated for two others, including Best Supporting Actor (Sal Mineo). All are welcome.

Mensch Club Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting of the Mensch Club on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at 12:00 Noon in the Temple Beth-El Social Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be:

- Election of new officers
- Presentation and discussion of revised By-Laws
- Discussion of upcoming Mensch Club activities for the coming year
- Discussion of dues structure

Although this is Super Bowl Sunday, it is anticipated that the meeting will not interfere with the viewing of the game. Light refreshments will be served. You need not be a member of the Mensch Club or Temple Beth-El to attend the meeting, however only paid-up members may vote.

If you have any questions, kindly contact
Dave Zeemont at 575-523-0913 or email –
mudjob@earthlink.net.

Worship Schedule

Please note: All 7:00 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.

Friday, February 5

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES!
Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.
6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 6

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haftarah Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33, 25-26

Friday, February 12

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Quality and Quantity.” *Pearie Bruder and Julie Rosenberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Leslie Glater will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 13

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haftarah I Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday, February 19

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “What if the light goes out?” *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Julie Seton and Sue Mazer. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 20

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20-30:10
Haftarah Ezekiel 43:10-27

Friday, February 26

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Diane Fleishman and Susan Quinn. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 27

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35
Haftarah I Kings 18:1-39

Friday, March 4

6:00 pm SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA-
We will join with congregations around the country in hosting members of the greater Jewish community and congregants in celebrating Shabbat. This service for all ages will take us through the Shabbat evening prayers with added insights and inspiration.



6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner
with brief prayer and song before and after dinner

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 7pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol

Rony Brauman, a former president of Doctors Without Borders responded to the January 11, 2016 stabbing of a Jewish resident of Marseille, France by claiming that wearing a kippah is now “an affirmation of loyalty to the State of Israel” and “a sign of a kind of allegiance to the policies of the state of Israel.” This was evident, Brauman said, because the boy who committed the attack saw the man wearing a kippah, and identified that aspect of his appearance as a reason to stab his victim.

This is not be the first time that a Jewish religious item has had its meaning reinterpreted by an outside group. In the 1970s and 1980s, as part of a program of oppression against Soviet Jews, the tallit was labeled as a piece of “Zionist propaganda.”



A kippah. A tallit.

Both items, both expressions of our faith, have now been identified as more than religious symbols.

We do know that the Israeli flag, originally the flag of the Zionist movement, used the tallit, with its white background and stripes that were often blue, as a pattern and an inspiration. Still, the tallit is, in itself, a biblically-based item worn during worship.

And well we know that wearing the kippah was, at first, a custom that was followed in some, but not all, communities. It likely took on greater significance when Jews in Europe sought to distinguish their practice from religious groups around them that did not require a head covering for prayer. The kippah/yarmulke became a sign of respect for God as men (and, more recently, women) adopted the practice of wearing it throughout the Jewish world.

When I was growing up, I wore a kippah (and tallit) only when I attended Orthodox and Conservative synagogues. My home congregation, which could have been characterized in the mid-20th century as “Classical Reform,” took its time in warming to the practice of anyone present wearing a kippah and tallit. University of Illinois Hillel changed that for me, as participation in worship there led me to frequently wear a kippah and, eventually, to bring my father’s tallit to college with me. The first time I wore a kippah (and tallit) in my home Temple was when I was serving as a rabbinic intern in 1978, and even, then, only on Shabbat morning.

One classic photo of religious leaders marching with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. portrays Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wearing a hat (with a kippah underneath), and Reform movement leader Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath carrying a Torah (but not wearing a kippah). Both rabbis represented their heritage in their own way. What they shared in

common was their commitment to social justice that led them to join a civil rights march in order to put into practice the message of the prophets of Jewish tradition.

The basis of wearing a kippah today is related to one’s personal approach to recognizing God’s presence, whether at all times or in association with specific activities. I wear a kippah when I pray and when I study, but not usually when I shop or go to secular community events. Other Jews make choices for themselves, and there are Reform Jews I know who regularly wear a kippah in public.

Connecting the kippah solely to the state of Israel, thus making a person wearing a kippah any place in the world a target for a politically-motivated attack, says more about a perpetrator’s penchant for generalization and stereotyping than about the views of a person who could become a victim. People wearing kippot in Israel (yes, men AND women) represent a wide range of views about Israeli politics; the potential for peace; engaging in ongoing dialogue among Jews, Christians and Muslims; and challenging the government’s policies, whether from the left, center, or right.

In fact, there are victims of attacks in Israel (who were wearing head coverings) who have been engaged in creating positive ties with members of neighboring Arab communities. It is unfortunate that such efforts towards a measure of cooperation get lost in a world where appearances mean more than the essence of a person and his/her perspectives and the respectful attitudes that could emerge from his or her faith.

So may we always remember to look beneath the surface, extending our hand in love and understanding when possible, but realizing that it is we alone who have the ultimate right to define what a kippah – or any external symbol – means to each of us.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

See Rabbi Karol’s blog
at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.



Rabbi Karol offered a Jewish perspective at the Las Cruces Coalition for Reproductive Justice event on January 22.

Rabbi Karol leads “For Trees” at the Tu Bish’vat Seder on January 24.





President's Message February 2016

I had planned to share with you the various issues that the board is contemplating at this time, but then it occurred to me that since you will now be able to access our temple website, where under "Archive" you

may read the Board minutes, I needn't bother. Our recording secretary, Ellen Torres, provides us with very detailed prose descriptions of the board's discussions as well as vote outcomes when appropriate. If you look, you will see that the board had a busy January agenda and voted on several motions.

I did want to mention that the Security Management Committee, under the leadership of Mark Saltman, has provided the board with the results of its research into what it takes to create a safe temple environment and will convene a special meeting with the board to discuss options for increased security. As can be expected, there will be costs associated with any improvements. Therefore, a fund will be set up so that donations can be made directly toward covering these expenses. It is a most important effort and you will be hearing more about it in the near future.

As is noted in this addition of Adelante and E-blasts, the Mensch Club is planning a discussion and election of officers on February 7, at noon. I would like to encourage our male members and friends to consider attending the "new" TBE Mensch Club meeting to discuss future plans, vote on a new constitution, and elect officers.

Finally, I hope that you enjoyed the FestivUS celebration sponsored by the members of the temple board of trustees. It was an evening of fun, food, drink, and laughter with many "old" friends enjoying a hug or two as part of the get together. Many thanks for your enthusiastic participation. A special thanks to members of the board. A special thank you as well to the FestivUs committee members: Allen Blum, Michele Blum, Renee Frank, Rhonda Karol, Diane Fleishman, Ann Berkson, Dee Cook, & Leslie Glater. Ann, Dee, and Leslie deserve an extra special thank you for all the delicious food they presented. We thank Arthur Berkeley for being the music man of the evening, and Jim Rosenthal, Allen Blum, and Bob Kimball for moving furniture and room dividers. We thank the Rabbi for a beautiful Havdalah.

May joy and goodwill be your daily companions.

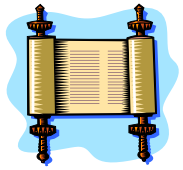
*Shalom,
Monika*

86 people from the Las Cruces community attended the 4th Annual NMSU Bel Canto Scholarship Winners' Benefit Concert on Sunday, January 31, 2016. This event was sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.



ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



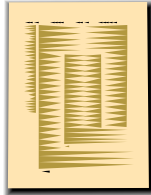
TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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.



Poverty in Las Cruces

With the goal of educating ourselves, the Social Action and Adult Education Committees sponsored a forum on poverty on Sunday, January 24 at the Temple. About 50 people attended, both from the congregation as well as the community at large. The five panelists, chosen by the social action committee to address the complexity and multiple consequences of poverty, were extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic in sharing their expertise and experience. Presenters were from varied fields, including Jim Peach, economist from NMSU; Martin Nanna manager of El Caldito; Micah Pearson, vice-president of NAMI-DAC; City Councilor Kasandra Gandara who has worked in child protective services for many years; and Matt Mercer, Outreach counselor and case manager at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

The panelists seemed to have stimulated a great deal of thought and concern on the part of the audience members, as there were many questions and comments from the audience. Many were not addressed due to time constraints and there seemed to be a general consensus that a subsequent forum be convened, addressing more specifically the issue of what we, individually, as a family, as a group, as a congregation and as a community can do to impact on this pervasive local and state problem. The social action committee will begin the conversation about Part 2. Now that we have educated ourselves a bit, "What's next?"

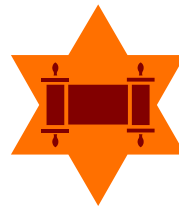


Yevgeny Kutik is a Belorussian violinist who will be performing with the Las Cruces Symphony on March 5 and 6.

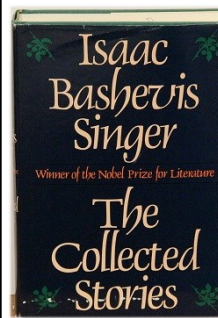
He will present a "Meet-the-Artist" event

at Temple Beth-El on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us!



**Judaism: Roots and Rituals
Temple's
Introduction to Judaism Course
Last two sessions
February 2 and 9 at 7:30 pm**



From Jim Rosenthal

I am pleased to announce that another Temple Beth-El short-story discussion series will begin on February 1, featuring *The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer*. The book is widely available in paperback (published August 1, 1983 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux with an introduction by Singer. The first of 47 stories is *Gimpel the Fool*.) **We will hold our first discussion on Monday, Feb. 1 at 10:00 am. in the social hall. In addition, we will read and discuss "Ricochet," a newly-published short story by former Las Cruces and temple member Gabriel Lampert, who is now living and writing in San Francisco. I will send out more details, including our first story, soon. If you are interested in joining us or have questions, send me an email at jar529@gmail.com or call me at 522-6478.**

**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.

Tu Bshevat Seder and Tree Planting January 24, 2016



SAVE THE DATE!



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!

• Jewish Food • Live Klezmer Music From Di Kavene Kapelye • Folk
Dancing • Kids' Area with Games and Crafts • Spin the Bagel •
Raffle • Silent Auction • Fun!

• Pastrami Sandwiches • Knishes • Falafel • Kosher Hot Dogs • Challah •
Matzo Ball Soup • Hamentaschen • Mandelbread • More!

LCJewishFestival.weebly.com

At recent meetings, the Religious Practices Committee and the Board of Trustees voted to grant a special request that would affect the foods we will serve at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival. Because the JFFF is a community event at which we present a variety of Jewish foods for our guests from the community, there was a feeling that, perhaps, it might be possible to serve a few traditional Jewish food items with dairy ingredients. These foods would be stationed well apart from any meat food items. A sign for each food item will provide a full list of ingredients. It was decided, in this case, to make an exception to the Temple food policy (which allows for meat/pareve OR dairy/pareve at any one event). This decision will apply only to the JFFF and not to any other events that would be held at Temple.

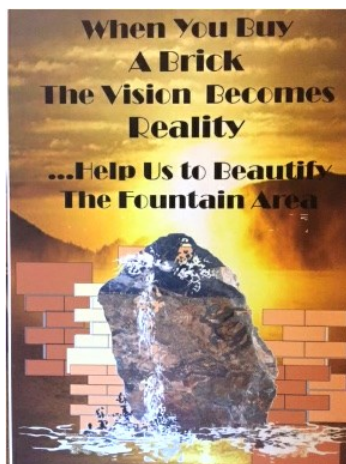


Visual highlights from the Temple Beth-El FestivUS Member Appreciation event on Saturday, January 23!



Another brick order is going in on February 16th.... Surprise your love for the 14th!

Our next order of bricks for the TBE Biblical Garden and walkway goes in on February 16th. What a perfect way to tell your sweetheart, your children, your parents, your grandchildren how much you love them (and letting everyone else know that too) by buying a brick that conveys that message!



If you order a brick before the 16th and want a unique card sent to the person being honored by the brick, we'll do that too, so she/he will know the brick will be coming and you are doing something special for the recipient.

Your brick order beautifies the Temple, helps with operating expenses and is a lovely tribute to the people in your life. Contact Alison Mann (575 680-0207) or Dee Cook (575 521-7319) to place your order. We'll help you with wording if you wish, and will get you the forms so that your brick can get into this order by the 16th.

In the word of Norm Mazer, "Everything wears out...but bricks and diamonds don't."

Order your brick TODAY!!

Alison Mann, Committee Chair

A Marketing/Public Relations Committee has been formed at Temple Beth-El. Led by TBE Board member Renee Frank, committee members include Rabbi Karol, Aggie Saltman, Terri Sugarman, and ad hoc member Susan Fitzgerald. The committee will work to promote, support, and communicate the goals and activities of TBE to the Temple Community as well as the community at large. If you have any activity that you would like to have promoted or advertised, please send it to TBEpublicrelations@gmail.com.



New Mexico Jewish Historical Society ESTABLISHED 1985

The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society invites proposals for papers or sessions related to the topic of the Fall Conference on "Jewish Identities: Lost, Re-discovered, and Reclaimed," which will be held in conjunction with the exhibit "Fractured Faiths: Spanish Judaism, the Inquisition, and New World Identities" at the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe on Nov. 12 & 13, 2016. Individual speakers should plan for 30 minutes and panel sessions should be no longer than 2 hours. **Proposals are due March 1.** For full information on how to submit a proposal, go to <http://nmjhs.org/blog/2016/01/08/call-for-2016-fall-conference-papers-and-sessions/>. To ask questions about proposals, contact Ron Duncan Hart at hart.gaon@gmail.com or Linda Goff at lagoff@hotmail.com.

Rabbi Karol will be attending a professional conference in St. Louis on February 14-17. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Monika Kimball at 248-318-6745.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the March, 2016 Adelante is February 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 and Wednesdays at 11:00am until 1:00 pm. Please call before you come, or email Rabbi Karol at rabi@tbelc.org or rablplkarol@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!

Israel Update Around The World With Israel by Phil Alkon

It never ceases to amaze me how much attention Israel attracts throughout the world on an almost daily basis. By any objective standard – area, population size, economic weight, etc. – Israel amounts to less than a footnote on the world stage. Yet, in an era of endless social and media noise, there is Israel ever present in the headlines and consciousness of contemporary humanity. Perhaps we should not be surprised. After all, Jews themselves have always comprised a small and exceedingly vulnerable part of mankind, but no people has had a greater impact on modern thought, values and progress.

Back to earth. The following is a selective look at news involving little Israel in a few countries, presented in alphabetical order.

Argentina. The deadly 1994 Iranian-backed Hezbollah attack on the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires continues to cast long shadows on Argentinian politics and its relations with Israel. Official Argentinian inquiries into the incident were marked by duplicity, evasion and corruption; and resulted in the dropping of all charges against Hezbollah, Iran and local conspirators. An investigative reporter who accused successive leftist governments of cover-ups and complicity was mysteriously murdered. The government of President Cristina Kirchner had actually signed an agreement with Iran itself to “jointly investigate” bombings against Israeli and Jewish targets in Argentina. Recent elections have ended that tragic farce with Kirchner’s defeat and her replacement by Mauricio Macri, a former Mayor of Buenos Aires and strong friend of Argentina’s large Jewish community. As one of its first acts, Macri’s government voided Argentina’s agreement with Iran and pledged to renew the AMIA terror investigation. It also seeks to improve relations with Israel.

Brazil. In contrast with Argentina, Brazil has a long history of support, cooperation and warm relations with Israel, and has protected the welfare of its large Jewish population. However the Israel connection has cooled with the prolonged Israel-Palestinian conflict, and sharply plunged with Prime Minister Netanyahu’s appointment of Dani Dayan as Israel’s ambassador to Brazil. Dayan has strong South American roots, but his former role as a representative of West Bank settlements is unacceptable to the Brazilian government and has resulted in an unfortunate standoff between the two countries.

Canada. The recent Canadian national election brought an end to the Conservative government of Stephen Harper who was succeeded by Liberal Party’s Justin Trudeau, son of legendary Canadian leader Pierre Trudeau. Harper was a valued and dedicated champion of Israel in domestic and international forums and may be missed. But according to sources in both countries, little change in Canada’s solid support of Israel seems likely with the ascension of Trudeau’s Liberal government.

European Union (EU). The EU is a 26-nation collaboration responsible for many economic and other actions undertaken by its constituent members. It has a partnership with Israel to promote mutually beneficial developments in the economic, social, civil, scientific and technological realms. It seeks to eventually integrate Israel into major European programs and policies, and provides much needed financial support for many progressive endeavors. That’s the good news for Israel. A potential downer is that the EU also sees itself as an active participant in resolving the thorny Israel-Palestinian conflict, a role that forces it to make difficult and often contradictory choices that usually satisfy neither side. At the moment, Israel is much concerned by an EU

dictate that agricultural products and other goods originating from Jewish communities in the West Bank not be labeled as “Made in Israel.” This blanket stricture applies even to West Bank communities approved under the Oslo Agreements and that are certain to become part of Israel in any two-state solution with the Palestinians. The EU and Israel are attempting to negotiate around this apparent conundrum. At least two EU member states have refused to go along with the EU’s labeling guidelines; and others have questioned the relevance of trivial “label censorship” given the large economic and security challenges facing Europe today.

France. Following four Islamic terror attacks in 2015, including the ISIS-wrought Paris carnage of November 13, France has emerged as an outspoken champion in the struggle against Islamic extremism. France’s President Francois Hollande and Prime Minister Manuel Valls have declared that Islamic terrorism comprises an existential threat to Western society and that a state of war exists with Islamic extremism. Muslim-fostered violence directly targets European Jewry, and French leaders have urged Jews to remain in France in order to maintain that country’s essential character. In fact, Islamic terrorism may have struck a deeper chord with French sensibilities than did the 9/11 attack on Americans. Now, even in the face of strong reassurances and protective measures, France was Israel’s largest source of Jewish immigrants in 2015, and signs point to an even expanded aliyah in coming years. A blessing for Israel perhaps, but not a happy prospect for France and Europe.

That’s it for now. I’ll comment on Israel news connections with India, Sweden, Turkey and the U.S. in a future article.

Israel and the Media: Biased media coverage of Israel has long concerned many of us, especially from sources that we once trusted for reasonably objective and informative news. Unfortunately the *New York Times*’ Israel-Palestinian reporting has increasingly adopted what I call the BBC mantra; that is, “Israel can do nothing right, and the Palestinian can do nothing wrong.” In a recent spate of hundreds of Palestinian knife and vehicular attacks against Jews in Israel and the West Bank, an especially vicious incident occurred on January 17th. A Palestinian youth knocked on the door of a house in the Jewish town of Otniel and then repeatedly stabbed a young Jewish mother (Dafna Meir), murdering her at the doorstep in the close presence of her 12-year-old daughter and with her other five children nearby. The event was widely reported in Israeli media and some international press. But nary a word from the *NYT*. I then predicted: “Wait and see. We’ll only read of Jewish victims when the *NYT* decides to headline Palestinian casualties.” Sure enough, one week later, on January 24th, a page 4 headline in the *Sunday Times* announced: “**Palestinian Girl 13, Is Shot Dead by Israeli Guard.**” Only by reading Isabel Kershner’s article do you learn that the girl left her house with a knife, announced her intent to commit mayhem to her parents, and indeed attacked the guard with the knife before she was shot. Halfway through the four-column article you finally learn of Dafna Meir’s murder one week earlier, and of the “many” other murderous attacks carried out by Palestinian teenagers. As a final footnote, former *NYT* Jerusalem bureau chief Jodi Ruderman informed us on her return to the States that she was always more fascinated by the stories surrounding Palestinian attackers than those of their ordinary and “random” Israeli victims. Some basis for objective reporting!

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING: January 28, 2016

Rabbi Karol and Jim Rosenthal are facilitating book groups in February. The Rabbi has led memorial services in January (and will in February) for family members of congregants and offered a prayer at the MLK march. Monika Kimball reported that the January 23 Family FestivUS was a huge success with about 120 attendees. Income is up this year, according to the treasurer.

Sisterhood reported that the Passover Seder date will be April 23 at Picacho Hills Country Club. The Mensch Club will have an organizational meeting on February 7. Adult Education is hosting the NMSU Bel Canto concert to be held on January 31 and the Belorussian violinist, Yevgeny Kutik, on March 2. The Strategic Planning Committee has finalized the Temple's Mission and Value Statements. Marketing and Public Relations will continue work on a Media Release Template and New Member Packet.

The Religious Practices Committee unanimously voted to recommend that an exception in the Temple Foods Policy be made for the JFFF (to allow a few items with dairy ingredients), as long as the items are served in separate areas of the Social Hall and that the ingredients are listed. The Temple policy as stated will stand for all other Temple events. The Board approved that the exception be made to our policy specifically for the JFFF. Shabbat service times on Fridays other than Family Shabbat (6pm for those weeks) will be changed from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. TBE will be participating in Shabbat Across America on Friday, March 4. The committee recommends the adoption of the new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook, MISHKAN HANEFESH, for the next High Holy Days.

The Religious School Committee organized a well-attended Tu B'shvat Seder, which included a tree planting near the playground area. Social Action reported on the informative Panel on Poverty that took place on January 24 with almost 60 attendees. They are also investigating the possibility of adopting a Syrian refugee family (no decision has been made yet). The Youth Activities Committee reported on registration possibilities for several upcoming regional events.

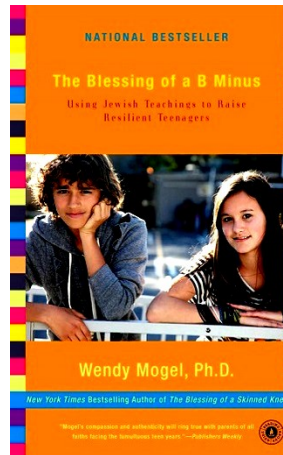
A special Board meeting on Security Management will be held on February 18 at 6pm. There is a plan to get a new front door. Doors featuring a menorah design are being considered.

The Board approved our Temple's affiliation with the Jewish Federation of El Paso.

The Board voted to purchase Directors and Officers Liability insurance. The Board voted to give the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Committee funds to complete infrastructure around the fountain.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm.

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00pm.



Join us for a brief discussion series on Wendy Mogel's book, *The Blessing of a B Minus: Using Jewish teachings to raise resilient teenagers*, at 9:15-10:15 am on two Sunday mornings, February 21 and 28.

Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by leaving a message at Temple or sending an email to rabbi@tbelc.org. The book is available in a variety of formats online.

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.

MAH JONG

Mah Jong meets Mondays at 1-3pm. We choose to play in each other's homes or, when necessary, at the Temple. Please contact Gerie Muchnikoff at 575-521-3040.

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 the Temple office.

VISITING CONGREGANTS
WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

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

Donations for January 2016

General Fund

- Dia Taylor, in memory of Jean Taylor, Mel Taylor's mother
- Carla & Bob Libby, in memory of Harris B. Libby
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of her mother, Zeena Audrae Geller,
- Ann & Burt Berkson, in memory of Arthur Stern
- Burton & Vera Schwartz, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Vivian Steinborn, thank you for David's Yom Kippur Aliyah, in memory of David Steinborn
- Michele & Allen Blum, in memory of Michele's mother, Miriam Cutler & Allen's grandfather, Joseph Tashlik
- Barbara & Michael Mandel, in memory of Leah Williamson

Building Fund (2004)

- Diane & Harry Bass, in memory of Louis & Ida Bass

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship

- Dee Cook, in memory of Clinton Cook
- Dee Cook, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Robert & Monika Kimball, in honor of Ben Carvlin's Bar Mitzvah

Biblical Garden Construction Fund

- Diane & Harry Bass, in memory of David Steinborn & Irv Rothman
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Sidney Rumack

Religious School Fund

- Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving Jack Glater
- Debbie Levy, in memory of her father, Warren Klein

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- J. Sandler & K. Bayle, in honor of Cyrille Kane

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Wendee & Art Lorbeer, in memory of Morris Goldstein
- Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Evelyn Roselinsky
- Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Jesse J. Muchnikoff
- Linda Kruger
- Burton and Vera Schwartz, in memory of Rose Segreto
- The Silberman Family, thank you to Rabbi Karol for the B'not Mitzvah affirmation service
- Abraham & Amy Fiszbein, in memory of Aron Fiszbein
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Hesh Langner
- Amy & Abraham Fiszbein, in memory of George Gorelick

Congratulation to Aaron Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman, who has advanced to Life Scout in the Boy Scouts.

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

Biblical Garden Construction Fund—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area. Goal: \$6,000.

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

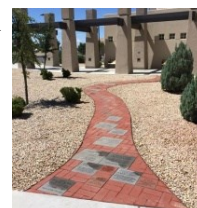
Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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-February 7, 2015 through March 5, 2016

Read on Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6

Shirley Backman, Mother of Judy Kirschner
Henrietta Bruder*, Cousin of Murray Bruder
George Cohen*, Father of Sue Brown, Grandfather of Marieka Brown
Louis Druxman*
Alexander Edwards*, Brother of Peter Edwards
Wade W Gardner, Father of Brenda Parish
Irving Glater, Father of Leslie Glater
Raphael Gordon, Father of Dave Zeemont
Samuel Rabkin*
Christine Radcliff*
Yetta Resnick*, Mother of Frances Williams
Dee Seton Barber*, Mother of Julie Seton
Milton Zeemont, Stepfather of Dave Zeemont

Read on Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13

Shimson Alkon, Father of Phil Alkon
Jeanne Brancato, Partner of Joseph Bell
Ruth N. Brooks*, Mother of Sharon Dorfman
Patricia Collier Ehlers, Mother of Lisa McCuller
Clifford Evans Sr, Grandfather of Dia Taylor
Margaret Gantert, Grandmother of Susi Kolikant
Hortense Heart, Grandmother of Nancy Bergman
Rita Herman, Mother of Avis Herman Lewis
Carl Isaacson, Father of Louise Feldman-Baskey
Itzhak Kolikant, Father of Jacob Kolikant
Bella Krushen*
Charlotte Schwartz*
Sonia Seigel*
Ruth Sicherman, Mother-in-Law of Sally Sicherman
Max Steinberg*, Father of Evelyn Bruder
Reba Tapper, Mother of Dan Tapper
Dolly Zabin, Aunt of Jeff Brown
Frances (Fran) Zimet, Cousin of Helen Raphael

Read on Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20

Avraham Ben Isaac Ha Cohen, Father of Tanah Hemingway
Ida Gantz, Mother of Patricia Selanikio
Beatrice Gibbs, Sister of Ruth Ann Sugarman
Ann Marie Hedgecock*
Ida Katz*
Frances Klein*, Mother of Sonny Klein, Mother-in-law of Bea Klein
Minne Levicoff, Grandmother of Sue Mazer
Charlotte Ray Mann, Mother of Gary Mann
Stephanie S Morgan*, Sister of Peter Siegel
Isabelle Sazer, Cousin of Tanah Hemingway
David Sicherman, Father-in-Law of Sally Sicherman
Storm Sauter Tarvin, Great-Granddaughter of Tanah Hemingway
William "Jack" Mayo, Father of Lisa Weinbaum
Joseph Wolfe*, Father of Elissa Poel

Read on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27

Louis Bass*, Father of Harry Bass
Faye Berkson*, Mother of Burt Berkson
Mollie Bruder*, Mother of Murray Bruder, Grandmother of Ron Bruder
Lorraine B Fidler*, Mother of Isadora Stowe
Rachel Fox*
Sam Jacobs, Father-in-law of Win Jacobs
Jack Lipschutz*, Brother-in-Law of Abe Pomerantz
Bertram Marks, Father of Rhonda Karol
Mieke Skigen*, Mother of Michelle Skigen
Edith Steinberg, Mother of Evelyn Bruder, Grandmother of Ron Bruder

Read on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5

Ralph Alkon, Brother of Philip Alkon
Betty Brankman, Mother of Sally Alkon
George Burstein, Father of Laini Burstein
Samuel Chapman, Father of Diane Fleishman
Clifford Evans Jr, Father of Dia Taylor
Lawrence Friedman, Brother of Teddy Weinglass
Abigail Palanker, Cousin of Allen Palanker
David Andrew Steinzig*

The Temple Beth-El Family extends condolences to:

- Margot Leverett, on the death of her mother, Margret (Marnie) Leverett, on January 21, 2016 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- Leonard Pritikin, on the death of his daughter, Neysa Pritikin, on January 24, 2016 in Silver City, New Mexico.
- Aggie Saltman, on the death of her father, Leonardo Oczon, on January 29, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Ellen Torres, on the death of her cousin, Fred Ruttenberg, on January 29, 2016 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

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
	Shevat 22 1 Book Discussion Group 10 am Mah Jong 1-3pm	Shevat 23 2 Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 24 3 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 25 4	Shevat 26 5 Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm	Shevat 27 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Shevat 28 7 Religious School 9:00 am Mensch Club meeting 12:00 Noon	Shevat 29 8 Book Discussion Group 10 am Mah Jong 1-3pm	Shevat 30 9 Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Adar I 1 10 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Adar I 2 11	Adar I 3 12 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Adar I 4 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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