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Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, February 2**— Family Shabbat service at 6:00 pm (November-February birthday blessings) followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner.
- **Friday, February 9**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, February 16**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
 - **Friday, February 23**—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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

Coming to Temple Beth-El

Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm:
“A Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain” with Robyn Helzner

Through entrancing Ladino songs, stories and images, Helzner magically transports audiences to the heart of Jewish Spain. Her captivating presentation brings to life the once flourishing Jewish communities of Toledo, Córdoba and Seville. In exploring the resurgence of a modern Jewish presence in Spain, “A Key to the Casa” celebrates the remarkable resilience of the Jewish people. Lyrics to the songs are projected so



everyone can join in the singing.

A stunning vocalist and vivid storyteller, Robyn Helzner radiates a passion for Jewish music and culture. Her concerts and recordings are acclaimed worldwide. Robyn also leads Jewish Heritage Tours to Spain and to China.

We thank the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso for the grant that is supporting this program.

Then and Now: A Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Speech



**Sunday, February 11, 2018
at 2:00 pm**

Temple Beth-El will partner with the NAACP Dona Ana County Branch #6102 to present an audio recording of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March 12, 1961 address at Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A panel discussion will follow. This event is free and open to the public! Refreshments will be served. (Thank you to Frances Williams for providing the recording)



PURIM
Wednesday,
February 28, 2018
at 5:00 pm

Men, women, and children of all ages, costumed or uncostumed, are invited to a pizza dinner and Purim carnival (sponsored by BETY-BEMY) followed by Purim songs, a Purimshpiel (at 6:30 pm) and chanting of an excerpt from the megillah.



Worship Schedule

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

Friday, February 2 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES. The service will include Birthday blessings for November, December, January and February. *Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner
Pearie Bruder, Amy Fiszbein and Ellen Torres will coordinate the dinner.

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Friday, February 9

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on “Just Rules, Just People.” *Dee Cook and Ann Berkson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 10

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18 (Shabbat Shekalim)
Special Haftarah Ezekiel 3:17-21

Friday, February 16

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on “What more can we give?” *Sue Mazer and Diane Fleishman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 17

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

Friday, February 23

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Avis Lewis and Cheryl Decker will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20– 30:10 (Shabbat Zachor)
Haftarah Ezekiel 43:10-27

Wednesday, February 28
PURIM CELEBRATION—5:00 pm
Join us for a Pizza Dinner
and Purim Carnival
followed by Purim songs and,
at 6:30 pm, our annual Purimshpiel!

Friday, March 2 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.
Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, March 3

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

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El
Kaila Brown-Saturday, May 26, 2018
Derek Hyman-Saturday, June 2, 2018
Hannah Saltman-Saturday, June 30, 2018

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting
will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol
An overview of the Shabbat Evening
Service: Its Themes and Values
“Reprint” from August 2015
(in response to explanation requests)

On July 21, 2015, our “On the Way to Adon Olam” session brought together congregants to learn in greater depth about the Shabbat Evening worship service. Some of us may have been raised at a Reform congregation, praying from the *Union Prayer Book* or *Gates of Prayer* on Friday night, at a service with or without a Torah reading, and with some type of musical accompaniment. Others may have attended services at a more traditional synagogue, where the Friday night service did not include a Torah reading due to the centrality of the Torah service on Shabbat morning. No matter what our liturgical background, the prayers on Shabbat Evening have much to teach us about Judaism and how we, as Jews, are supposed to live in the world.

A note about music: There are really no “songs” in a service, other than what we sing to open and close our worship. Some of those “songs” are hymns which have been passed down to us for several centuries. Some musical pieces are settings of biblical texts and passages included in the body of the service, where the melody acts as an interpretation of the words themselves. Sometimes we chant a prayer without accompaniment. Melodies for worship are carefully chosen to elicit a particular mood or feeling and to enable congregants to marvel at the unified sound that their voices create together.

And now....for the prayers...

Shabbat Candleblessing: This home ritual is usually observed 20 minutes before sundown. Reform congregations brought the candlelighting into public worship so that the community can begin Shabbat together. This adds yet another symbol of light into our worship space (along with the Menorah and Ner Tamid) as a focal point that represents our enduring faith.

Opening Readings: *Mishkan T’filah* includes several meditations about Shabbat that provide us with food for thought about what Shabbat means and how our presence at the service can create in us a sense of calm and peace.

Kabbalat Shabbat-Welcoming Shabbat with Psalms and hymns: The Talmud mentions that Rabbi Hanina would wrap himself in his tallit and face the setting sun on Fridays, saying, “Come let us go out and welcome Queen Sabbath!” Another rabbi, Yanai, would dress himself on Friday afternoon and say, “Come, O Bride! Come, O Bride!” The mystics in the city of Safed (several hundred years ago) restored those practices, greeting Shabbat by going out to the fields dressed in white. Out of that Safed culture came the hymn “L’cha Dodi,” which views Shabbat as a bride, which is why we turn and face the entrance during the last verse. Psalms 93, 95-99 and 29 praise God as our Creator and Ruler. Psalm 92 is dedicated to Shabbat. “Shalom Aleichem” imagines angels that accompany us home from the synagogue. All of these Psalms and hymns together reflect the themes of wonder, humility, joy, contemplation, gratitude, and closeness with God and with each other. The Reader’s Kaddish that follows is a transition between the first two sections of the service.

The Shema and its Blessings: The Bar’chu prepares us for what it is to come by praising God once again. The Sh’ma, the declaration of One God (asserts the oneness that binds the universe together) from the book of Deuteronomy, stands at the center of this part of the service. There is a blessing about God as the Creator of the Universe, followed by a blessing that declares that God loved the people Israel and gave the Torah as a guide and as a gift of wisdom. We sing the Sh’ma, and then, in the V’ahavta passage from Deuteronomy, we state how we should love God. And if we do truly love God, who created us and loved us by giving us a source of wisdom in the Torah, and if we show that love by doing God’s commandments, we will be supported by God in a time of need just as the Israelites were delivered at the Sea of Reeds (where they sang, and we now sing, “Mi Chamocha”). At night, we ask for God’s special protection, praising God who spreads a shelter of peace over us and over Jerusalem. We then sing a song for Shabbat, often V’shamru, which is from Exodus Chapter 31, or Yis’m’chu, originally a Shabbat morning prayer.

The T’filah: “The Prayer”, also known as the “Amidah” (standing), is preceded by Psalm 51’s request to God to “open my lips” to remind us to pray from our hearts. In the first three prayers of this section, we praise God as the God of our Ancestors who were close to God, and we hope to enjoy that closeness by association. We list God’s wondrous powers, especially that God gives life to everything. We declare that God is holy, and then we praise God for making Shabbat a holy and special day for us. We ask that our prayers will find acceptance. We express our gratitude for our lives and souls, and we pray for peace.

Torah Service: Whenever we read Torah, the prayers recreate the experience of standing at Sinai with the entire community, receiving the Torah. We read the Torah, express our support for fellow community members, and then return the Torah to the ark, calling it our “Tree of Life.”

Concluding Prayers: The “Aleinu” (it is incumbent on us) recapitulates our declarations of God as our Eternal Creator who is One. The following prayers express the hope that God’s Oneness will be reflected in the oneness of humankind at some time in the future. The Mourner’s Kaddish takes us to a place of remembrance and gratitude for relatives, friends, and fellow community members who have died but whose spirit remains with us.

Kiddush: Wine serves as an “agent” to make the Sabbath holy. Its sweetness sets the tone for the joy we hope to feel on Shabbat.

Humility, wonder, joy, gratitude, holiness, reverence for our ancestors, peace, hope, remembrance, learning and love—these themes form the essence of our heritage and shape who we are as individuals and as a community. May our prayers continue to bring us together as one and impact our lives and our souls every single day!

L’shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.

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



**Words of the President:
*Divrei HaNasi***

There has been so much going on in our Temple community in the past couple of months, and I feel that everything we do together has helped me to delve into the significant spiritual depths of Jewish life in a reform congregation. According to author and former 60 Minutes producer, Abigail Pogrebin, there are 21 Jewish holidays, including 6 fast days. In the midst of our New Mexico winter, we celebrate Tu Bish'vat, the new year of trees, in the coldest month of the year. But it reminds us that our earth is forever bountiful and giving. Then we head into Purim at the end of February, one of our most joyous celebrations, where we rejoice in our survival as a people. Each year, I look forward to our Purim Spiel, the carnival, our dinner together, and the wonderful bounty of Shalach Manot baskets with those wonderful hamentashen baked and delivered by our enthusiastic religious school students. What a wonderful tradition!

Our Leadership group is working diligently to create a meaningful program that will help new Board members, committee chairs, and potential leaders to absorb the significance of being a leader in Temple Beth-El. We'll be reviewing the Emerging Leaders modules developed by URJ's Strengthening Congregations division, and will incorporate the experiences of our own leaders, in order to share that knowledge with members who are potential leaders in our community. Thank you to Jim Rosenthal, Sue Brown, Jeff Brown, Michael Mandel, and Rabbi Karol, who have worked with me to develop this very thoughtful program.

I also want to recognize and thank Mike Batkin, a member and a great supporter of Temple Beth-El, who established The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund about 40 years ago in honor of his grandfather. Our members have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship from the annual earnings from this fund to help support their Jewish education. Applications will be available soon. Mike has also generously offered to match contributions to the fund up to \$3,600.00 and will match all other contributions to

the fund, up to an additional \$1,800.00, made between January 1 and July 31, 2018. Please consider making a contribution in the near future.

We have received grant funds from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso that will help us to support valuable cultural programs, such as Robyn Helzner's musical and educational presentation, "A Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain," rescheduled to February 19. We have received funds to bring in the liturgical writer and scholar Alden Solovy from Israel, and to develop a theatrical presentation of the history of Temple Beth-El and Jews in Southern New Mexico in conjunction with NMSU.

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

"Blessed are you, my friends,
In our moments of celebration together
And our moments of service to each other.
Blessed are You, God of all being,
Source of my life,
Creator of joy and gratitude."
From "Giving Thanks" in [This Grateful Heart](#), by
Alden Solovy

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

**Telephone Notification
Regarding Temple events**

Please call the Temple to let Rabbi Karol know if you would like to receive a telephone call if there is ever a change (or cancellation) of a Temple event. You will be put on a list of congregants who will receive a phone call in addition to an email.

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study (in English) has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. No previous background is necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



Judaism: Roots and Rituals is an Introduction to Judaism Course presented by Rabbi Larry Karol.

This course meets (mostly) on selected Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm.

Upcoming sessions will be held on February 6 and 13.

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

Temple Beth-El's

Jewish Women's Spirituality group,

led by Susan Lapid, is meeting periodically.

For more information,

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

NEW SHORT STORY GROUP

Dear fellow Temple Beth-El fiction lovers:

I invite you to join us for our next Temple Beth-El short story discussion group series which will focus on the writing of the late Grace Paley. We will be reading *A Grace Paley Reader: Stories, Essays, and Poetry* (Edited by Kevin Bowen, and Nora Paley - Farrar Straus and Giroux, 4/18/2017), which is currently available at all the usual places in hardcover (new and used) and Kindle, too, from Amazon.

We will have our first meeting in the social hall on **Monday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. and each Monday thereafter for six weeks.**

I have chosen Paley because of her unique, ground-breaking short-story writing style, which, according to one description, "established her niche in the world of letters. Her distinctive voice and verbal gifts have captured the hearts of critics In short and sometimes plotless tales, she plumbs the lives of working-class New Yorkers, mapping out what *New York Review of Books* contributing critic Michael Wood called "a whole small country of damaged, fragile, haunted citizens. Rather than action, Paley relies on conversation to establish character, reproducing Jewish, Black, Irish, and other dialects with startling accuracy."

Rather than go on about her, here is a link to a long but excellent New Yorker magazine story about her and review of the anthology we will be reading -- <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/05/08/the-art-and-activism-of-grace-paley>

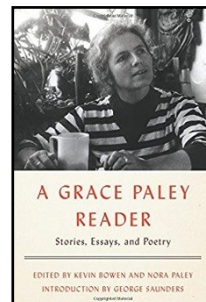
As always, participants are asked to contribute \$18 to the temple Adult Education Committee for future activities.

Also, I encourage anyone who loves fiction to join us, to share ideas about Paley's stories and her exquisite writing. If you haven't participated in a reading group, I invite you to try it. While reading is essentially an intimate and solitary experience, I have found that sharing the experience with others can enrich one's understanding in unexpected and delightful ways. Also, it's just plain nice to spend a few hours with friends!

So, please let me know if you intend to join us so that I can put you on my mailing list for updates. I'll make the coffee!!

Jim Rosenthal

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The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications for assistance and support for pursuit of Jewish education. Temple members are eligible to apply. Each applicant will have an opportunity to chronicle his/her Jewish journey and to describe the nature of the request and what makes that request unique. THE APPLICATION FORM IS ATTACHED TO THE ADELANTE EMAIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED (AND INCLUDED AS AN INSERT IN THE PRINT COPY).

Happy New Year --- Happy 20 Chai

Last year the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund produced \$1,024.00 in earnings that will be distributed as scholarships in 2018. This is a nice increase from the \$969.00 that the fund earned the year before and a significant increase over the very modest earnings in the years before that. This change in earnings is in no small part because the fund's Trustees have invested the fund's assets with the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, which is large enough to have institutional money management. I expect the amounts available to award as scholarships to increase every year for the foreseeable future. This is because the fund's finances are set up like a tree that will grow every year, and being a larger tree, it should produce more fruit (earnings) to distribute as scholarships.

Another way to make the tree larger is by adding to the body of the fund. Last year I offered to match contributions, up to \$1,800.00. In response a total of \$4,480.77 was added to the fund last year, which will noticeably increase earnings available for scholarship grants in 2019.

Shortly after January 1, 2018, I had a conversation with Rabbi Karol and I wished him a Happy New Year. He pointed out to me that the Gregorian year 2018 could be read as "twenty chai." As most readers of "Adelante!" know, in Hebrew the letters that correspond to 18 also spell the word chai (life). To most Jews the number 18 is considered "lucky". Twenty chai (2018) equals 360. Therefore, I am making the following offer for 2018: I donate \$3,600.00 in matching money, to double as many as 10 contributions of 20 chai (that's \$360.00) to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund made between January 1st and July 31, 2018. In addition, I will match all other contributions to the fund (up to an additional \$1,800.00) made in the same time frame. That's a total of \$5,400.00 dollars of matching funds. I believe that there are at least ten members of Temple Beth-El who believe in the value of supporting Jewish education in Las Cruces who will donate twenty chai in 2018 and see their donations doubled, and for those who want to grow the fund, but cannot donate 20 chai, their donations (up to the additional \$1,800.00) will also be doubled.

***Mike Batkin,
grandson of Irving Batkin***

Members of the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth-El and the Leadership Team of Sonoma Springs Covenant Church joined together on Sunday, January 28, 2018 for dinner at Temple and dessert at Sonoma Springs. We reflected together on triumphs and positives, as well as the challenges, of leadership. Dessert was accompanied by original music by

Pastor Rob Reed and Rabbi Larry Karol and a shared song from Psalm 133:1 - How good it is to be together.



*Erev Simcha Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2018:
Welcoming new members, enjoying food and conversation and building community!!!*



AT LONG LAST, THE TBE LIBRARY'S "A-HA" MOMENT!

I. OFF-SITE ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY HOLDINGS CATALOG

The Temple Library now has more than **2,225** catalog entries in electronic format able to be accessed **off-site**. Our library catalog software company, Library Concepts (Ft. Worth, TX) has recently created software to make this possible. Our library is part of a client base of around 1,000 church and synagogue libraries and one of the few that has 2 professional librarians (retired) as volunteer catalogers. **Thank you to Bob Kimball for making this installation possible!**

This is the way to access our cataloged holdings, year-to-date:

1. From the Internet, access the Temple's web site home page (www.tbcl.org)
2. Click on one of the following:
 - the round blue icon at the bottom of the home page
 - the button for Study
 - the button for Library

(The shortest way is to click on the blue icon)

Among the searchable fields are author, title, subject, and series. Shelving is by Dewey Decimal number (same as the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and the Las Cruces public school system, K-12)

- Patrons will then be able to place a reserve on a book (to be held for later pickup) or to check it out in person as follows:
- Fill out the circulation card in the book pocket at text end with your name, date loaned, and phone number
- Place that card in the brown circulation box at the left of the corner computer.
- Take a blue circulation date-due card from the rear of that box and write in the date 2 weeks from signout
- Place that card in the rear book pocket
- To renew, call Linda Kruger (**575-525-9300**) or e-mail her at krugerl@aol.com

Remember, the borrowing period is for 2 weeks + renewal.

The cataloging is done from the library corner computer. **Immediately** upon data entry, it displays on the library computer to the right as you enter and on the web site.

II. INCREASE USAGE

The technology described above can be expected to:

- increase congregant usage
- increase reference services
- provide access to the Greater Jewish Community of Las Cruces, NMSU, the Jewish institutions of El Paso including UTEP (because TBE is now a member of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso)

III. SHELVING NEEDED

It's obvious that the Library is totally out of shelving space. In an oral report to the Board in November 2017, this point was reiterated, and 3 possibilities for more space within

the Temple building were identified. An answer is expected before current fiscal year end. Then the subject areas of least interest will be shelved elsewhere in the building but remain browsable and retrievable by appointment.

IV. GIFTS-IN-KIND

The criteria for book or other format donations are:

- a) excellent condition for hardcover & paperback
- b) no pen or pencil markings
- c) no highlighting
- d) donor name **must accompany** the item
- e) all items are checked for duplicates against the manual card catalog created prior to 2007 and the current electronic catalog. If the donation is a duplicate, the shelf is searched. Hardcover preferred over paperback. If the potential donation is a better condition copy, it is kept & the poorer condition copy goes to COAS. With rare exception, all duplicates go to COAS where the Temple Library has accrued much credit. Occasionally, we peruse the religion shelves there but rarely have selected items for the Library.
- f) Certain items are obviously reference books or heavily-used books, e.g. Tanakh, Bible commentaries, in which case 2 copies are kept, one in Reference (does not circulate) & one for circulation.

N. B. The Library is not a dumping ground. Prayerbooks (Siddur) must be buried in a genizah & should be placed on the table in the Temple office for disposal.

V. Reconstitution of the Library Committee

5 members have agreed to serve; several more will be approached based on previous demonstrable interest, e.g. monetary, gifts-in-kind, attendance at previous book discussions, prior volunteerism, prior library use. We encourage new members. (We meet very infrequently as a committee once a fiscal year's programs are determined)

It must be noted that the Library, in 12 years, has **never** sought funds from the Temple budget. Its occasional "special friends" have helped enormously for "big ticket" items.

VI. VOLUNTEERS

None of the above could possibly have happened without the consistent & unfailing help of the following volunteers: Betsy Fuller, Paula Kramer, & Dave Zeemont. There is need for another volunteer or two who are handy with their hands, to help get cataloged books shelf-ready, i.e. applying plastic covers to book jackets on hardcover books & applying clear plastic & white gutter tape to paperback covers. A summer project has need of physically strong folks of all persuasions for a major shifting project. We are already in violation of the fire code which requires library shelving to be not less than 18 inches from the ceiling.

It is now time to bid adieu, and to share that wonderful line from the Book of Ecclesiastes, roughly translated as "of the making of books, there is no limit."

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Kruger**

Israel Update

END OF THE ROAD or A NEW PATH? by Phil Alkon

Israeli-Palestinian relations have undertaken some unexpected shifts of direction within the past two years. Unexpected that is, if you had believed the conventional explanations of the conflict offered by Middle East “experts” in academia and government as well as the mainstream media. Their predictions of future events, not surprisingly, are also bound to be off the mark, regardless of how the general public would like to believe these convenient sources of wisdom. We may eventually realize that Middle East processes are largely governed by a mishmash of history, tradition and the limbic (emotional) part of the human brain, and not the rational cortex that we in the West rely on.

Because the Israel-Palestinian conflict resonates far beyond the tiny boundaries of geographical Palestine itself, we need to consider the convulsions overtaking the entire Middle East. They include a failed Arab spring, the rise of Islamic terrorism, and the dissolution of the national boundaries formed within the former Ottoman Empire. The region also remains a huge focus of international interest and involvement, not all of it helpful or benign.

Today’s Middle East is clearly dominated by Iran and Russia, with Turkey also playing a significant role. The new Middle East power structure results largely from the Obama administration’s intentional withdrawal of the U.S. from an active regional presence. All three of today’s principal actors are hostile to Israel in one form or another. Iran openly advocates its destruction; Russia is allied with its Syrian enemies; and Turkey supports Palestinian terrorism from Gaza.

One would expect that an anti-Israel regional power structure would benefit the Palestinian cause. But this is the Middle East with all its conflicted and irrational twists and turns, at least in western eyes. In fact, despite the dire regional picture, little Israel appears more vibrant, secure and productive than ever. By contrast, the Arab Palestinian leadership is hovering on the edge of a dark abyss.

Brace yourself for another contradiction. Israel is no longer threatened militarily by the Arab nation states whom it defeated in three major defensive wars. Now it is the un-militarized Palestinian Arabs who are its most problematic local adversary. Both sides of the Israel-Palestine faceoff suffer the violence and enmity arising from the conflict. But it is in the international arena that the crucial war of opinion is being fought – and the Palestinian Arabs winning that fight hands down. In a spectacular propaganda victory, they have emerged as the world’s poster child of the helpless Arab resistance to ugly Israeli oppression. Reversing the David and Goliath legend, they are successfully painting the Jews as the real Holy Land bullies. Even mainline U.S. media has bought into the notion that, as far as this issue is concerned, the Palestinians can do no wrong and Israel can do no right. Nothing like a free pass from the world for the poor Palestinians, no matter what they say and do.

One hundred years ago, there were no Palestinian Arabs. The only people considered Palestinians were Jews, and Palestine represented a Jewish homeland, not an Arab entity. The Levant, including all of present Israel, comprised “southern Syria” in Arab eyes, including the local Arab residents no matter where they came from. Even during 1,200 years of Moslem rule, there was never an Arab state of Palestine or a Palestinian Arab state. In 1948, when Jordan occupied the West Bank and Egypt took over Gaza in Israel’s War of Independence, nary a hint of Palestinian sovereignty emerged. The conquered territories simply became extensions of

the occupiers. The Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan transformed itself into the Hashemite King of Jordan, with East Jerusalem and the entire Old City as part of its realm. Gaza was transformed into an Egyptian military stronghold. The West Bank Arabs quietly accepted Jordanian citizenship; and the Gazans never rebelled for a Palestinian cause against their harsh Egyptian masters. Not surprisingly, these post-war occupations and territorial expansions aroused no international outcry on behalf of the local residents.

The next major chapter in the Israel-Palestinian saga followed the 1967 Six-Day War. Threatened with annihilation by the combined and unified armies of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, Israel scored an amazing military victory. Judea, Samaria and all Jerusalem were liberated from Jordanian occupation; Egyptian forces were driven from Gaza and the entire Sinai Peninsula; and Syria lost the Golan Heights from which it had attacked Israel for years. That military victory not only ensured Israel’s immediate survival, but paved the way for peace treaties with both Egypt and Jordan. It also was the last major Arab war against Israel.

However, no blessings come without a price. The “fruits of victory” included some 1.3 million Palestinian Arabs that were now Israel’s administrative responsibility. It is a burden that now has bedeviled both sides for over 50 years. At the time, many Jews saw Israel’s territorial gains as a rare opportunity for the rightful restoration of all the covenantal Land of Israel to Jewish sovereignty. But most Israelis recognized that imposing Israeli authority over an unwilling population violated core Jewish values. Israel was not created to repress other peoples’ freedom of choice or humanity.. It also was apparent that creating a Greater Israel with an enlarged Moslem citizenry might eventually jeopardize cultural and or democratic character of the only Jewish homeland in the world. Some accommodation of Palestinian rights and territory would have to be found.

That consensus was embodied in the 1993 Oslo Accords negotiated between Israel and Palestinian Liberation Organization. The Accords were signed by Shimon Peres, Israel’s Foreign Minister, and Mahmoud Abbas representing the PLO. Witnessing were Israeli P.M. Yitzhak Rabin, PLO Leader Yasser Arafat, and President Bill Clinton personally hosted the event. Oslo called for the phased withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the West Bank, and implementation of self-rule and peace promoting processes by the Palestinians. The PLO recognized Israel’s right to exist, and Israel recognized the PLO as the Palestinians’ sole representative. Oslo did not address the creation of a Palestinian state, the fate of Jerusalem, or the return of Palestinian “refugees” to Israel. It did lead to Nobel Peace Prizes to Rabin, Peres and Arafat.

More importantly, the Oslo process resulted in an era of extended and often intensive Israel-Palestinian negotiations, brokered by the U. S., and including the active participation of several U.S. Presidents. The ultimate goal was to achieving a permanent peace settlement. That end result was most commonly expressed as a Palestinian Arab state existing peacefully along side the Jewish homeland of Israel, i.e., “the two state solution.” Unfortunately, despite all the energy, time and hopes invested in achieving a negotiated Israeli-Palestinian settlement, the negotiation process has failed. Perhaps we should not be surprised. For millennia, attempts at achieving peaceful, permanent resolution of Middle East conflicts have rarely if ever succeeded. In next month’s report, I’ll examine the impacts of recent events on Israel, the Palestinians and their on-going relationships. I can even promise you some hopeful insights.

Board Meeting Summary—January 18, 2018

The Rabbi discussed his participation at the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis meeting. He gave mazel tovs to Joshua Rosenberg on becoming Bar Mitzvah and to Aaron Flores upon his conversion to Judaism. Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah include Kaila Brown (May 26), Derek Hyman (June 2) and Hannah Saltman (June 30). President Ellen Torres noted that Temple member

Helaine (Laini) Burstein passed away in October. Mike Batkin has begun a new challenge match called 20-Chai in which he will match \$360 donations 1:1 up to a total of \$3,600, as well as offering a match of \$1,800 on a 1:1 basis for other contributions. The deadline for Batkin match donations is July 31, 2018. The Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso will provide partial funding for presentations by Robyn Helzner and Alden Solovy and for the oral history/play project Personal Stories. The Board discussed the Renaissance Faire. Sisterhood has scheduled its rummage sale for August 12 and its luncheon for August 26. The Girls' Night Out event will be held in May or June. The Mensch Club will be asked to help with some of these activities. Visitor Jim Rosenthal reported about the Leadership group's recent meetings. Members will refine a program of study before inviting TBE members to meetings about sacred leadership.

The Board discussed upcoming events including Robyn Helzner's presentation (January 22)*, the Erev Simcha congregational dinner (January 27), the Tu Bish'vat seder (January 31) and our Martin Luther King, Jr. event (February 11). Jeff Lewis reported that the storage shed's interior is completed; staining remains the final step to make it usable. The Board noted that it will decide what items may be moved from interior TBE storage rooms to the shed and what new uses will be permitted for the storage rooms. After a discussion about funds needed to pay for the renovated telephone system, replacing burnt out parking lot lights, and other building needs, the Board voted to pay as much as possible of the \$5,248 costs for the parking lot lights from its building reserve account, with remaining funds coming from the general fund. This was a priority safety need. The Board decided to appeal to members for special building improvement/safety/replacement donations for the reserve fund. The Board and visitor Elliot Katz discussed reviving a Temple-related Hillel organization at NMSU. We welcomed Elliot and Sharon Tancredi to Temple membership. We also welcomed Luke and Bev Duddridge to Temple membership.

*Robyn Helzner presentation was rescheduled for February 19 after the meeting.

From Rabbi Larry Karol**Board Meeting Invocation****A Prayer for our Current Moment
and for Parashat Bo - January 18, 2018**

Eternal God,
Who has created every person in the divine image,
Open our eyes to see and sense Your presence
in our fellow human beings.
Preserve in us memory of slavery in Egypt
From stories that we still study and read and consider,
which are central to who we are
So that we will, in our own time,
follow the example of Moses, who challenged an autocratic
ruler who believed himself to be a god and whose realization
that his people should no longer be slaves
led him to see You in a bush that burned but was not consumed
and guided him on a mission of winning a struggle for freedom.
Help us to advocate for a freedom
that balances between setting necessary standards
And acknowledging and valuing
the humanity of every person.
May the circle of acceptance that we draw in our minds and
hearts be large and affirming,
inclusive and thoughtful, supportive and hopeful
With our hands outstretched in generosity and love.
Give us the strength and wisdom
To make this our approach to community.

**WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

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

PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michael Mandel

When we were pretty young, my father would drive my sister and me 10 miles from Monticello to Woodridge to stay at our Bubbe's house so we could walk to shul on the High Holy Days. Woodridge is the only town I've ever seen that looks like a shtetl. It was a short walk. When we got older, we stayed home and, with my younger brother, would walk to our shul about a mile away. But most other Sabbaths and holidays, the whole family went by car. At our shul, my mother had to sit in the balcony with my sister. That was on the same floor that the congregation met after services to have shots of rye. I don't remember having wine or snacks like we currently have at Temple Beth-El.

A Reform temple is more in the image of America than the old European model where the sexes were separated and restrictions were labyrinthine. In the years following the Middle Ages, science took the place of religion to some extent, and we saw how the bible evinced local prejudices and made laws based on experiences of the time. Reform Judaism has done much to evolve to follow the democratic ideal of equality and eradicating prejudice.

I strongly feel that I am, above all, Jewish, based on past experience, genetics, and general sense of humor. And I recognize the Jewish holidays as appropriate to signaling seasonal changes and historical events, and I appreciate the Jewish traditions of life cycles as appropriate emotional expressions.

I find it an amusingly fictional technique to use the concept of a holy being as the architect of an explanation for things that can easily be random occurrences. Many good and bad things have occurred for all peoples of the world and I don't see how the Jewish people are any different, except that their history has been codified and creatively recorded. A supreme being is a convenient construct that provides a moral shorthand to explain the many things we don't understand and can't control.

The rules set by religion help organize a vision of life and present a way to live it in a morally responsible fashion. And by looking at the motivation to be morally good we weigh elements that are valid today. Through the dictums of religion we have been given the capacity of judgment. We can then see that morality is based on our interaction with other people and the physical world. If we've learned anything from our religion, it is to rely on ourselves and act within the world to make it a better place.

Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway will be ordered again in the coming months. Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of yours or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

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

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

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

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

Donations for January, 2018

General Fund

- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Arthur Stern
- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Ed and Sylvia Weiss
- Terri Sugarman
- Sonny and Rosie Klein, in memory of Sam Klein
- Elliot Katz.
- Michael and Barbara Mandel, in memory of Lea Williamson
- Dee Cook, in memory of Clinton Cook
- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Faige Jacobs
- Mike and Karen Currier, in memory of Alvin Phinick

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Stuart and Diane Fleishman
- Terri Sugarman
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Zeena Audrae Geller
- Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Jesse Muchnikoff
- Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, in memory of George Gorelick
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Hesh Langner
- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Sheila Lewis
- Leonard Pritikin, in memory of Neysa Pritikin
- Elliot Katz
- Ellen and Fred Torres, in memory of Jerome Deutschman
- Art and Wendee Lorbeer, in memory of Jeff Lewis' aunt, Sheila Lewis
- Art and Wendee Lorbeer, in memory of Morris Goldstein
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Elaine Brown.
- Harriett Wolf, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Ron and Pearie Bruder, thank you to Rabbi Karol

Frances Williams Library Fund

- Frank Baskey and Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Jay Feldman and Siebert Feldman
- Bryan and Lisa McCuller

Religious School Fund

- Stuart and Diane Fleishman, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Leslie Glater, in honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman

Biblical Garden/Brick Walkway Fund

- Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Lionel Jacobs

Irving M. Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Monika and Bob Kimball, in memory of Willie Pass

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund

- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of Freda Silberman
- Cindy Jacobs, in memory of Faige Jacobs

Social Action Fund

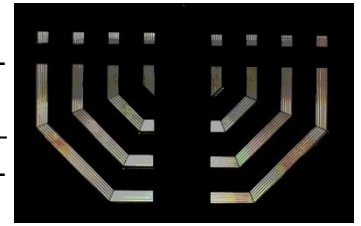
- Margot Leverett

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

General Operating Fund

For the day-to-day operation of TBE.



Biblical Garden Fund

To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

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

Social Action Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To broadly support Jewish education, based on merit or need, through participation in the TBE Religious School, camperships, and/or pursuit of Jewish collegiate studies or rabbinical studies.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.

FEBRUARY 2018 (SHEVAT-ADAR 5778)**Yahrzeits-January 28 through March 3, 2018**

(Listings include the name of the loved one
on the yahrzeit list and the name of the congregant or
congregants remembering that loved one)

Read on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3

Clinton Cook* (Dee Cook)
Lola Davis*
Jennie Davison*
Janet Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
Samuel Klein* (Sonny Klein, Bea Klein)
David Kloss*
Benjamin Lampert* (Gabriel Lampert)
Hesh Langner (Bernice Langner)
Margret Leverett (Margot Leverett)
Leonardo Oczon (Aggie Saltman)
Ethel Paul*
Alvin Phinick (Karen Currier)
Neysa Pritikin (Leonard Pritikin)
Harold Rabinovitch (David Rabinovich)
Edward F Resnick* (Frances F. Williams)
William Stein (Bill Stein)
Arthur Stern*-Heshel Wolf Ben Mair and Yentl - (Ann Berkson,
Arthur Berkson)
Dr Edward Weiss* (Diane Bass)

Read on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10

Alexander Edwards*
Lillie Friedman (Stefani Singer)
Wade W Gardner (Brenda Parish)
Irving Glater (Leslie Glater)
Raphael Gordon (David Zeemont)
Hortense Heart (Nancy Bergman)
Samuel Rabkin*
Christine Radcliff*
Milton Zeemont (David Zeemont)

Read on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17

Shimshon Alkon (Philip Alkon)
Shirley Backman (Judy Kirschner)
Jeanne Brancato (Joseph Bell)
Henrietta Bruder* (Murray Bruder)
Cecelia Chotiner (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
George Cohen* (Susan Brown, Marieka Brown)
Louis Druxman*
Margaret Gantert* (Susi Kolikant)
Norman Green (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
Rita Herman (Avis Herman Lewis)
Bella Krushen*
Charlotte Ray Mann (Gary Mann)
Yetta Resnick* (Frances Williams)
Charlotte Schwartz*
Sonia Seigel*
Dee Seton Barber* (Julie Seton)
Reba Tapper (Dan Tapper)
Roxy Violin (Stefani Singer)
Dolly Zabin (Jeff Brown)

Read on Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24

Joshua Mordechai Batkin* - Y'hoshua Kochavah ben Moshe
Hakohen (Mike Batkin)
Avraham Ben Isaac HaCohen (Tanah Hemingway)

Ruth N. Brooks* (Sharon Dorfman)
Leonard Edwards*
Patricia Collier Ehlers (Lisa McCuller)
Alma Ruth Feil (Paul Feil)
Phyllis Friedman (Stefani Singer)
Beatrice Gibbs (Ruth Ann Sugarman)
Dori Gorsky*
Ann Marie Hedgecock*
Carl Isaacson (Louise Feldman-Baskey)
Ida Katz*
Frances Klein* (Sonny Klein, Bea Klein)
Itzhak Kolikant (Jacob Kolikant)
Minne Levicoff (Sue Mazer)
David Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)
Ruth Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)
Max Steinberg* (Evelyn Bruder)
Storm Sauter Tarvin (Tanah Hemingway)

Read on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3

Louis Bass* (Harry Bass)
Earl Dorfman* (Peter Dorfman)
Rachel Fox*
Lawrence Friedman (Teddy Weinglass)
Jean Lemelin (Stacey Hyman)
Jack Lipschutz*
Bertram Marks (Rhonda Karol)
Anna Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
Samuel Ryave (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
Isabelle Sazer (Tanah Hemingway)
Sheldon Schoenbrun*
Edith Steinberg* (Ron Bruder, Evelyn Bruder)
Helen Troy (Marsha San Filippo)
Joseph Wolfe* (Elissa Poel)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

***Jeff and Avis Lewis,
on the death of Jeff's aunt, Sheila Lewis
on January 1, 2018 in Valley Stream, New York.***

***Margot Leverett,
on the death of her father, James Leverett, Jr.,
on January 19, 2018 in Las Cruces.***

May their memories be for blessing.

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

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

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



Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to www.smile.amazon.com. You will be required to enter the charity you wish to donate to – just type in Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces in the charity box and this will set the Temple as your charity of choice. Then just shop – pretty easy and also, since many people today shop online via Amazon, it becomes a win-win situation for all.



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and its programming and updates on current Temple events

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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 (rabbikarol@tbcl.org) with the names of congregants who you know would like to be visited. We appreciate your cooperation in this area, so that we can be, as much as possible, a truly caring community.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the March, 2018 Adelante is February 20. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

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

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Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE


Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

Here are longer lists for items needed!

**For Casa de Peregrinos: Peanut Butter and the following
Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables,
Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats**
**For El Caldito: Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans, Beef
and Chicken Soup Stock**

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

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5th Annual Temple Beth-El Jewish Food and Folk Festival Sunday, April 15, 2018—11:00 am-3:00 pm Be watching for more information soon!				Shevat 16 ¹	Shevat 17 ² Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner following	Shevat 18 ³ Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Shevat 19 ⁴ Religious School 9:00 am	Shevat 20 ⁵ Short Story Group 10:00 am	Shevat 21 ⁶ Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 22 ⁷ Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 23 ⁸	Shevat 24 ⁹ Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Shevat 25 ¹⁰ Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Shevat 26 ¹¹ Religious School 9:00 am NOW AND THEN— Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech 2:00 pm	Shevat 27 ¹² Short Story Group 10:00 am	Shevat 28 ¹³ Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 29 ¹⁴ Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 30 ¹⁵ Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Adar 1 ¹⁶ Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Adar 2 ¹⁷ Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Adar 3 ¹⁸ NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Adar 4 ¹⁹ Short Story Group 10:00 am “A Key to the Casa” Program presented by Robyn Helzner 7:00 pm PRESIDENTS DAY	Adar 5 ²⁰	Adar 6 ²¹ Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Adar 7 ²²	Adar 8 ²³ Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Adar 9 ²⁴ Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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