



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

JANUARY 2016 (TEVET-SHEVAT 5776)



## Shabbat Services

(Full Schedule on Page 2)

Friday, January 1—Pre-neg for all ages  
at 5:30 pm, FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE at  
6:00 pm. (No dinner following)

- Friday, January 8—Welcoming Shabbat at  
7:20 pm, Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm
- Friday January 15—Welcoming Shabbat at  
7:20 pm, Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm.
- Friday, January 22—Shabbat Shirah/Sabbath of  
Song Service at 7:30 pm
- Friday, January 29—Welcoming Shabbat at  
7:20 pm; Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit  
at 7:30 pm.
- Friday, February 5—FAMILY SHABBAT  
SERVICE at 6:00 pm, followed by a  
dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 pm.

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

## Poverty in Las Cruces A Forum and Discussion Sunday, January 24

2:00-4:00 pm

The Temple Beth-El Social Action Committee and Adult Education committee will present a forum and discussion on poverty in Las Cruces on Sunday, Jan 24 at 2:00-4:00 pm. The program will begin with a panel comprised of six presenters: Dr. Jim Peach, NMSU economist; Amanda Formica, Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice; Kasandra Gandara, Las Cruces City Council, District 1; Martin Nanna, manager, El Caldito; Matt Mercer, Camp Hope; and Micah Pearson, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Dona Ana County (NAMI). Presenters will discuss the economics of poverty and its impact on Las Cruces; the educational impact of poverty; its impact on families and children; observations from a "soup kitchen"; its impact upon one who has experienced poverty; and the psychological effects of poverty. Ned Rubin will moderate the panel and subsequent discussions.

After the presentations, there will be ample opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions and to have discussion among themselves. There will be some social time for informal discussion with food after the forum ends.

## TBE Family FestivUS—See Page 6

Your Board of Trustees invites you and your family to

The TBE Family

**FestivUS** Celebration

WHEN  
January 23, 2016  
6pm to 8pm

WHERE  
Temple Beth-El  
Social Hall

music friendship hot & cold hors d'oeuvres  
sparkling drinks  
noshes  
raffle wine  
frivolity free tradition dancing  
cheer all ages jewish culture casual

Please respond by January 13, 2016  
Email or call Monika Kimball: mrkimball2245@gmail.com 248-318-6745



Sunday, January 24—11:00 am  
TU BISH'VAT SEDER

Join us as we celebrate the New  
Year of Trees! Open to all con-  
gregants —please respond to  
Rabbi Karol by email or call the  
Temple office.

Bel Canto, Baroque,  
and Broadway Concert  
at Temple Beth El  
Sunday, January 31, 2016  
2:00 pm  
See Page 5



## Worship Schedule

*Please note: All 7:30 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a sermon/d'var torah, a brief discussion based on the Torah portion, a compilation of prayers and/or songs on the theme of the Torah portion, or a brief d'var Torah that offers an insight based on the parashah for the week.*

**“WELCOMING SHABBAT”** at 7:20 pm on January 8, 15, and 29 will include songs to begin our worship. Candles will be lit at 7:30 pm, followed by our usual Shabbat prayers.

### Friday, January 1

**Special Family Shabbat**

**5:30 pm** Pre-neg reception **FOR ALL AGES**

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

**No potluck dinner following -NO 7:30 PM SERVICE**

### Saturday, January 2

**9:00 am** Talmud Study

**10:15 am** Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

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

### Friday, January 8

**7:20 pm** Welcoming Shabbat

**7:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on “Lives That Matter.” *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Carla Libby and Barbara Mandel. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, January 9

**9:00 am** Talmud Study

**10:15 am** Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

### Friday, January 15

**7:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service—the service will include readings and music to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Michele Blum, Lynn Zeemont, and Tammy Tellez will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Mark Saltman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, January 16

**NO Talmud Study**

**10:00 am** Ben Carvlin, son of Tammy Tellez and Michael Carvlin, will become a Bar Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service. (See page 5)

Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28

### Friday, January 22

**7:30 pm** Shabbat Shirah Service, including a Torah reading of “the Song at the Sea.” The Temple Choir will participate in the service. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Ann Berkson and Dee Cook. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, January 23

**9:00 am** Talmud Study

**10:15 am** Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah Judges 4:4-5:31

### Sunday, January 24

**11:00 am TU BISH'VAT SEDER**

Join us as we celebrate the New Year of Trees with a modern adaptation of this ritual that celebrates our ties to nature and to the land of Israel. Open to all congregants—please respond to Rabbi Karol by email or call the Temple office.



### Friday, January 29

**7:20 pm** Welcoming Shabbat

**7:30 pm** Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Terri Sugarman, Ruth Ann Sugarman and Judy Kirschner. Paul Feil will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, January 30

**9:00 am** Talmud Study

**10:15 am** Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6

### Friday, February 5

**6:00 pm** Family Shabbat Service **FOR ALL AGES!**

**6:45 pm** Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

**NO SERVICE AT 7:30 PM ON FAMILY SHABBAT**

### 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

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28 at 7pm.**



### Message from Rabbi Karol

At this writing, I am watching the December 26 snowfall. I was among the many Las Cruces residents who made a last minute stop at the grocery store before significant ground accumulation began. I have taken several photographs already of the scenes of "real winter" around our home.

Normally, the photos I take from our back patio are of the beautiful sunsets to which we get treated on a regular basis. That same vantage point now bears a white covering which is actually just as visually appealing.



Earlier this month, it was Chanukah that added brightness to our community. On Friday, December 11, our Religious School students and faculty presented these thoughts about light: We are a light to others...

- when we help someone.
- when we are honest and caring.
- when we give without being asked.
- when we cheer someone up.
- when we create community.
- when we bring happiness to another otherwise sad person.
- when we are loving and involved with others.
- when we make someone feel welcome.
- when we make people feel good about themselves.
- when we say kind words and make people laugh.
- when we give wisdom, a listening ear, joy and hope.

Over the last couple of days, I visited a congregant in an assisted living facility. We spoke for a few moments, and then I read the prayer of hope from the end of the service and we sang "Bayom hahu" together. It definitely brought tears to my eyes to see how a worship melody offered such a strong, enduring memory.

It was an honor to be one of the Temple members who served breakfast at Camp Hope on December 25. It meant rising very early, but it was very worthwhile. We are commanded by our tradition to be eager to perform a mitzvah. I recited the blessing for community service as we began: Blessed are You, Eternal One, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who made us holy with commandments and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the greater community." I engaged one man who had come to eat in conversation about scripture and its application to modern events. He and others who came to partake in the meal expressed their thankfulness for the light and kindness we had brought to their day.

Then came Shabbat. On what is a major holiday for the general community, we had over 30 people of all ages gathered for worship, including extended family members of some of our congregants who were visiting from out-of-town. There is a point where we reach a critical mass in the way in which our voices come together for reading and singing. We had that on Friday, December 25 (as well as at our Family

Shabbat on December 4 and our Shabbat Chanukah service on December 11). Each person who joins in participating in the service adds to our collective sound. There are times when that sound approaches the beauty of Las Cruces sunsets or the peaceful nature of the scene of snow upon our landscape. On Shabbat morning (December 26), a number of guests and a core of regulars brought us well over a minyan. That special sound returned, and the conclusion of our worship gave us a chance to speak at length with our visitors (who will return to Las Cruces soon). We then went outside to see the first snowflakes begin to fall.

On December 21, 15 congregants and guests gathered for the first session of our series devoted to Rabbi Dayle Friedman's book, *Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older*. Each person was asked to tell why he or she was attending that night. Their comments and questions all reflected an ongoing search for meaning in our lives:

- How can I remain optimistic and cheerful?
- How do I make the future more welcome?
- How do I become wise? How do you tell your grandchildren what they need to know?
- Learning Jewishly has given me great strength. How can continued learning give me even greater strength?
- How do we learn to move on to the next level of life, whatever that might be?
- How can I continue to be a positive journeyer?
- How do I develop more spirituality in a Jewish framework?
- Having a purpose is the key to living longer. How can I continue to sustain and redefine my purpose in life?

There is so much for us to learn to deepen our knowledge and continue along a path to fulfilling our own purpose and personal mission. We may accomplish those goals through travel, writing, artistic pursuits, reading, and individual study and prayer. My participation in the national conferences that I choose to attend enables me to keep Temple Beth-El connected with the greater Jewish world and to bring back new ideas about how congregants of all ages can generate a special Jewish spirit in the course of study, worship, celebration, community programs and social gatherings. I am grateful for those opportunities to seek new wisdom that can assist us in fashioning meaningful moments that can leave indelible impressions upon our lives.



Sunsets and snow scenes tend to remain with us, as our minds engage in their own type of "photography" to preserve images of beauty. May we do what we can, as partners in Jewish life, to recreate such beauty in our words, in our wisdom, and in the work we do for the betterment of our community.

L'shalom,

**Rabbi Larry K.**

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





### President's Message January 2016

"Kinder, how time passes quickly  
-Kinder, wie die Zeit vergeht!"

It's a cliché on the passage of time that nevertheless proves to be more and more accurate as one gets older than in years of child-

hood and youth.

We are about to embark on a new secular year with renewed hope, despite some people's fears and skepticism about the country's future brought on by the threats to security here and in Israel. My personal concerns are more focused on the tremendous economic disparity that leaves so many with so little and so few with so much. It concerns me greatly that the gulf between the haves and the have nots has been consistently widening and no real solution seems to be in sight. However, charity toward the poor, while necessary and required of us, is simply not sufficient. It is merely a palliative which does not significantly change people's lives, and the choices we make in this election year are more important than ever before. I believe that it is incumbent upon us to continue to actively strive to make the world a better place for all and fight against apathy, cynicism and anger. Our Jewish faith and Halacha provide us with the instructions on just about any circumstance we may face in life and if we heed this wisdom of the ages, our choices become clearer and less driven by propaganda.

As the bullet train of life speeds along, let us remember that in community we are stronger and life is more worthwhile when shared with friends. Laughter, goodwill and joy are a part of who we are. So let's focus on them and chances are that the cycle of positivity will snowball into better understanding among us all.

My hope and wishes for you and your families are that in 2016 your burdens be few and your blessings plenty.

Fondly,  
*Monika Kimball*

### Temple Beth-El serves breakfast at Camp Hope on December 25

On Christmas morning, for the fourth year in a row, members of Temple Beth-El brought breakfast to the residents of Camp Hope. Just as the day started to get light congregants arrived with hot dishes, fruit, sweet rolls, bagels and lox and lots of coffee to set up on the back patio of the Administration Building at the Community of Hope. Then for the next couple of hours, as the sun warmed everyone, we shared food and stories. Judaism teaches that helping fellow human beings in need, *tzedakah*, is not simply a matter of charity, but of responsibility, righteousness, and justice.



Art Lorbeer and Jeff Lewis prepare food for the breakfast at Camp Hope.

The original idea for the breakfast came from congregant Liz Lewis-Olson who was serving on the Board of Casa de Peregrinos and attending board meetings at Community of Hope. She had made presentations on both organizations at Temple Beth-El and got immediate support from the congregation when she suggested the idea of the breakfast. Four years later, we are still going strong.

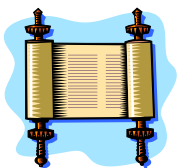
Thanks so much to the following congregants and friends who this year cooked, served, brought food, picked up food, offered donations, and just helped out: Sue Brown, Becca Krebs, Linda Kruger, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Leslie Glater, Jeff and Avis Lewis, Art and Wendee Lorbeer, Monika Kimball, Julie Seton, Ana Borde, Irv and Barbara Ross, Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, Laini Burstein, Norm and Sue Mazer, Eric and Judy Wendell, Tom and Liz Olson, Alison Mann, Steve Rosse, Erich Zameret, Bryan and Lisa McCuller, Joe Bell, Lucien Baltuch and Sherlyn Shervanick, and Rabbi Larry Karol.



Avis Lewis, Lisa McCuller, Susan Fitzgerald, Wendee Lorbeer and Sue Brown prepare to serve breakfast at Camp Hope on December 25.

# 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.



## JEWISH WISDOM for GROWING OLDER



Finding Your Grit & Grace  
Beyond Midlife

Dayle A. Friedman, MSW, MA, BCC

## Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older

**Book Group to meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm on January 4, 11, 18 and 25**

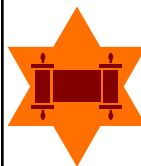
Join us as we begin to read and discuss Rabbi Dayle Friedman's *Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older*. This book suggests how we make and remake ourselves as we move into new decades and chapters of our lives. **Please contact Rabbi Karol (rabbi@tbelc.org) for more information. The book is available as an ebook or in softcover at Jewishlights.com or on amazon.com.**

The Religious Practices Committee appreciates the responses received from congregants to the survey about possible times to begin our Friday evening Shabbat services. The Committee will meet in January to review the results of the survey and determine how the responses will impact our worship schedule. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information. Thanks again for your participation and input!

**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](mailto:sblapid@gmail.com) or  
Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, [lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu](mailto:lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu).



## Judaism: Roots and Rituals

### An Introduction to Judaism

presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

**A 12-week course on selected Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm- January 5, 12, 19 and 26, and February 2**

**Text: Essential Judaism, by George Robinson**

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

## 4th Annual NMSU Bel Canto Scholarship Winners'

**Benefit Concert: Bel Canto, Baroque, and Broadway at Temple Beth El  
Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 2:00 pm**

The New Mexico State University Department of Music and Doña Ana Lyric Opera present the fourth annual Bel Canto Scholarship Concert at Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 2:00 pm. The eclectic program includes selections from operas by Handel, Donizetti, and Leoncavallo, as well as Broadway standards by Rodgers and Hart, the Gershwins, Bernstein, Lloyd Webber, and more. The four scholarship winners - Amanda Ronquillo, Lara Zel Hartman, Ejerson Balabas, and Cory Gasparich - will be joined by pianist, Flor de la Garza of El Paso. DALO director, Dr. John Carlo Pierce, will moderate the program. This is a free concert. Refreshments will be served, and all donations will benefit DALO's Bel Canto Scholarship fund. The event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El's Adult Education Committee.

## From Jim Rosenthal

I am pleased to announce that another Temple Beth-El short-story discussion series will begin in February, featuring *The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer*, which 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 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](mailto:jar529@gmail.com) or call me at 522-6478.**



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With great pride and love  
We invite you to share our  
happiness as our son

## Benjamin Davis Carvlin

is called to the Torah  
to become Bar Mitzvah

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**  
10:00 am

Temple Beth-El  
3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Please join us for a luncheon  
Immediately following

Regrets only  
575-621-3643

## 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 • Hamantaschen • Mandelbread • More!

[LCJewishFestival.weebly.com](http://LCJewishFestival.weebly.com)



**OVERFLOWING LIGHT: Chanukah 5776/2015—Lighting Candles on December 9, 2015 with our Hebrew School and Chanukah Dinner, Candlelighting and Service, and Oneg Shabbat on December 11, 2015!!!**



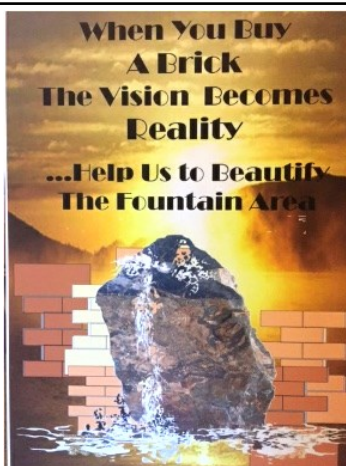


## Give a Lick, Buy a Brick

The Biblical Garden and Brick walkway needs your help! The area around the fountain requires grading, digging, new rocks and retaining wall, and ground preparation for the Biblical plants and trees that will surround it. You can help!

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

**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](mailto:TBEpublicrelations@gmail.com).**



The TBE Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament donated the sum of \$1,003 to Habitat for Humanity this year. In the photo, left to right, are Allen Blum, TBE Vice-President and Golf Tournament steering committee member; Monika Kimball, TBE President; Maria Vasquez, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity (H4H); and Christina Werner, H4H Operations Coordinator.

### Adelante Deadline

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

### Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00am until 1:00 pm. Please call before you come, or email Rabbi Karol at [rabbi@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbi@tbelc.org) or [rablpkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com). You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!



## LIBRARY REPORT

The announcement in last month's *Adelante* regarding the Library policy for book contributions (non-book formats also welcome) suggests the need for a clarification. The Library in its present configuration will always be too small. (Most libraries, regardless of type, are always too small, even when they're new!). As the last line of Ecclesiastes states, "Of the making of books, there is no limit". We welcome gifts-in-kind according to the following criteria:

- By a well-reviewed Jewish author and/or a well-reviewed book on a Jewish subject
- Condition must be very good, near fine or excellent, to wit:

- No pencil or ink marginal notes or underlining
- No torn pages
- No worn corners
- Text must be attached to its binding
- No weakened gutters (the crease between the binding and the text block, front and back)
- We especially welcome new books reviewed in well-regarded periodicals, e.g. Jewish Book Council, Hadassah Magazine, New York Times Book Review, New York Review of Books, Times Literary Supplement (London), Commentary, etc. The Library's collecting priorities include: Jewish genealogy, Crypto-Jewish studies, Holocaust studies, Reference, recent Fiction, Biography, Inter-Faith topics, Art & Archaeology. We place the highest priority on Reference books (a severe lacuna), for the following reason: **We will shortly join the Association of Jewish Libraries, a national organization with chapters throughout the country. Accreditation by this organization requires that the library meet its collection criteria.** Reference books (non-circulating) include multivolume sets, atlases, encyclopedias, compendia, variant editions of the Hebrew Bible, etc. Additionally our library is quite weak in **current commentaries on individual books of the Hebrew bible**. The AJL will select a mentor to guide us through the accreditation process.

Library holdings are arranged according to a recent edition of the Dewey Decimal System, the same shelf arrangement used by the Las Cruces public schools and the Branigan Public Library. It is a very user-friendly scheme. We migrate most catalog records from the Library of Congress to our data base, adding copy-specific information as relevant. Occa-

sionally, we consult records from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion catalog (i.e. all campuses). As I write, there are 1,650 catalog records on the database. The goal is to catalog our older holdings concurrent with new acquisitions so that the Library catalog can be a link on the Temple's web site. We are racing but there was a half-year delay this FY due to technology system delays + an upgrade to our catalog software. (We use a program designed for synagogue and church libraries called Library Concepts, based in Ft. Worth).

We seek subscriptions to the more well-known Jewish periodicals. We encourage DVD's and CD's. We are backlogged in processing those formats.

We like to acknowledge all gifts-in-kind and monetary donations but when books are left with no donor identification, we cannot acknowledge gifts.

Per force, library materials circulate on the honor system. On the corner desk is a circulation file for the circulation card found in the card pocket on the rear cover. Sign your name, phone number, and the date you took the book and leave it on the corner desk. Materials circulate for two weeks. You can renew by phone to **575-525-9300** or by e-mail to [krugerl@aol.com](mailto:krugerl@aol.com).

The Library applied for and received a \$300 grant from Sisterhood last fiscal year toward the upgrade of computer hardware. We have a new corner computer where the cataloging occurs (Windows 10 and other "bells & whistles") paid for from the Library Fund. Frances Williams has kindly agreed to purchase a second new computer for congregant use. Enough money has accrued in the Library Fund for the corner computer, and Windows Office 365 for the congregant computer. The Library is a mini-network. Immediately upon cataloging a title, it displays on both congregant computers. There is also enough money to purchase a library ladder (hand rails on both sides, casters that lock in place, and steps that go higher than the usual household ladder (ca. \$800.00, safety first!). For 10 years, the Library has never requested money from the General Fund.

Our volunteers, Betsy Fuller, Paula Kramer, Ruth Rubin & Dave Zeemont (our technology maven, cataloging wiz and all-around "largo al factotum") are indispensable to the Library's viability and success.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Kruger*

Librarian

### Notes from the December 17, 2015 Board Meeting

For the invocation, Rabbi read the message he was asked to write for the *Las Cruces Sun-News* (to be published December 25) about how we can find peace after a year of violent incidents in our country and around the world. After the Rabbi's report, Board members remarked about the positive PR received by Temple Beth-El, including the publishing of the Rabbi's Chanukah column in both local newspapers.

The President's report included an update on the task force she has appointed to help improve the financial reporting for Temple Beth-El. A new module was purchased for the Rakefet Temple Office Management software to enable tracking of expenses as well as income in one place rather than outsourcing to an Accountant. For now, payroll will still need to be outsourced, but the task force believes that eventually this can be handled in house as well.

Sisterhood, Mensch Club, and Committee Chairs gave reports. Linda Kruger, Library Chair, presented a report on library history and updates. Ellen Torres, Adult Education Committee Chair, provided updates for the many events planned for the coming year. The Rabbi reported for Mark Saltman, Chair of Religious School (who was absent), and for the Religious Practices committee. Ned Rubin, Social Action Committee Chair, provided updates for the Poverty Forum, planned for January, which will be open to the public. He also recommended that Committee Reports be provided in writing a week before Board meetings. This practice was adopted by the Board.

The Board voted to purchase bricks in memory of Mel Taylor and Mary Fitzgerald.

The Technology Committee, appointed to address the continuing needs for computer technology in the most cost-effective way possible, has recommended utilizing cloud storage rather than a hosted server, which could save as much as \$760 over a 3 year period.

Allen Blum is researching new front doors for the Temple, which include glass windows and "panic bars" for improved safety. He presented an option for wooden doors which would not only have all safety features, but also would be very attractive and add to the appearance of the Temple.

*Submitted by Renee Frank*

### Temple Beth-El Mensch Club

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

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

**Checks can be made out to:**

**Temple Beth-El Mensch Club.**

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

Thank you,  
Dave Zeemont, Mensch Club President

### Ongoing Events at TBE



#### WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

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

#### MAH JONG

We are looking for Mah Jong players to join us the first of the year to play on 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. We are in need of two players.



**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 December****General Fund**

- Joan Silar, in memory of David Steinborn
- Grace Hammesfahr
- Wednesday Breakfast Group
- Helen Gluck & Family, in memory of Morris Gluck
- Jane Grider, in memory of Bobbie Siegel
- Stanley Muchnikoff, in memory of Etta Muchnikoff
- Diane & Harry Bass, in memory of Edward & Sylvia Weiss
- Tony & Molly Musca, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Deana Kessin, in memory of Ken Kessin
- Carly Libby, in memory of Marvin Siegel General Fund
- Joan Glickler, in memory of David Steinborn and Irv Rothman
- Cheryl and Bob Marians, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Marcia Lewin, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Dee Cook, in memory Irv Rothman
- Ellen and Fred Torres, in memory of Jerome Deutschman, General Fund
- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of her brother, Lawrence Friedman
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of David Steinborn and Irv Rothman

**Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- Mike Batkin, matching the contributions of TBE members
- Ann and Burt Berkson

**Beth-El Temple Youth Fund**

- Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Laura Hildreth Metzger

**Biblical Garden Construction Fund**

- Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Morris Silverman

**Frances F Williams Library Fund**

- Mark Steinborn, in memory of Ruth Steinborn

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Alexander & Katherine Fernald
- Michele Blum, in memory of Harry Segal
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, for the Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Camp Hope breakfast
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Irv Rothman and David Steinborn
- Liz & Tom Olson, for the Camp Hope breakfast
- Debbie & Tom Levy, in memory of Debbie's grandfather, Charles Klein
- Debbie & Tom Levy, in memory of Debbie's grandmother, Lillian Klein
- Diane & Harry Bass, for the Camp Hope breakfast
- Frima, Ramon, & Jeff Marquez, in memory of Frima's brother, Dr. Alvin Krasner
- Antoinette Borde, for the Camp Hope Breakfast
- Laini Burstein, for the Camp Hope breakfast
- Irv and Barbara Ross, in memory of Sam Ross

**Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund**

- Cyrille S. Kane, in memory of Dr. Art Karshmer & David Steinborn
- Debbie Rindge & Spencer Fidler, in memory of Rabbi Kane

**TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer**

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

***Fund 2004***—For upkeep on our new building.

***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 provide a Jewish education for our children. Earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School.

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

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

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

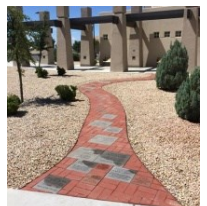
***Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund***—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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

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



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





## Yahrzeits-December 27, 2015 through February 7, 2016

### Read on Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2

Ed Entin, Father of Maxine Entin, Grandfather of Jason Rosenberg  
Ruth Gluck\*

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

### Read on Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9

Jerome Deutschman\*, Father of Ellen Torres  
Jack Frank\*  
Bernard Gluck\*  
Harris B. Libby, Father of Robert Libby  
Jeanette Marks, Mother of Rhonda Karol  
Leon Markson, Father of Linda Kruger  
Laura Metzger, Grandmother of Bryan McCuller  
Frances Pass\*, Wife of Willie Pass

### Read on Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16

Edward Don Arkin, Husband of Anita Rosan  
Elaine Brown\*, Mother of Jeff Brown  
Miriam Cutler, Mother of Michele Blum  
Shmuel Farkas\*, Father of Yossi Lapid  
Herman B Golden, Father of Darlene Goldberg  
Morris Goldstein, Father of Wendee G. Lorbeer  
Pearl Greenfield Higgins\*  
Eva Isaacson, Mother of Louise Feldman-Baskey  
Warren Klein, Father of Deborah Levy  
Irene Neidich\*  
Phyllis Orner Chonoles\*  
Evelyn Roselinsky, Mother of Lynn Zeemont  
Joseph Tashlik, Grandfather of Allen Blum  
Barbara Yalkut\*

### Read on Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23

Elsie Buff, Grandmother of Judith Sherman Russell  
Clinton Cook\*, Husband of Dee Cook  
Richard Garner, Father of Carrie Swartz  
Zeena Audrae Geller, Mother of Ruth Rubin  
Coleman Greenberg, Cousin of Cyrille Kane  
Isaac Kruger, Father of Charles Kruger  
Jesse J Muchnikoff, Father of Stan Muchnikoff  
Virginia Buff Myers, Mother of Judith Sherman Russell  
Edward Schoenbrun\*  
Stanley Skigen\*, Father of Michelle Skigen  
William Stein, Father of Bill Stein  
Arthur Stern\* (Heshel Wolf Ben Mair v'Yentl), Father of Ann  
Berkson, Grandfather of Arthur Berkson  
Jean Taylor, Mother of Mel Taylor  
Leah Williamson, Mother of Barbara Mandel

### Read on Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30

Lola Davis\*  
Jennie Davison\*  
Janet Kane, Mother-in-law of Cyrille Kane  
Samuel Klein\*, Father of Sonny Klein, Father-in-law of Bea  
Klein  
David Kloss\*  
Hesh Langner, Husband of Bernice Langner  
Ethel Paul\*  
Harold Rabinovitch, Father of David Rabinovich  
Edward F Resnick\*, Brother of Frances Williams  
Rose Segreto, Mother of Vera Schwartz  
Dr Edward Weiss\*, Father of Diane Bass

### 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

***The Temple Beth-El Family  
extends condolences to:  
Nina Rothman, on the death of her husband,  
Irv Rothman, on December 9, 2015 in  
Cleveland Ohio.  
May his memory be for blessing.***

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


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

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Tevet 20 <sup>1</sup> Pre-Neg at 5:30 pm Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm	Tevet 21 <sup>2</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 22 <sup>3</sup> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Tevet 23 <sup>4</sup> Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older 7pm	Tevet 24 <sup>5</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tevet 25 <sup>6</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm (tentative)	Tevet 26 <sup>7</sup>	Tevet 27 <sup>8</sup> Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tevet 28 <sup>9</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 29 <sup>10</sup> Religious School 9:00 am	Shevat 1 <sup>11</sup> Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older 7pm	Shevat 2 <sup>12</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 3 <sup>13</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 4 <sup>14</sup>	Shevat 5 <sup>15</sup> Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Shevat 6 <sup>16</sup> NO TALMUD STUDY Ben Carvlin Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am
Shevat 7 <sup>17</sup> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Shevat 8 <sup>18</sup> DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older 7pm	Shevat 9 <sup>19</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 10 <sup>20</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 11 <sup>21</sup>	Shevat 12 <sup>22</sup> Shabbat Shirah Sabbath of Song Service 7:30 pm	Shevat 13 <sup>23</sup> Talmud Study 9 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Havdalah 5:30 pm TBE FestivUS 6-8pm
Shevat 14 <sup>24</sup> Religious School 9am Tu Bish'vat Seder 11am Social Action Panel on Poverty 2:00 pm	Shevat 15 <sup>25</sup> Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older 7pm	Shevat 16 <sup>26</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 17 <sup>27</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 18 <sup>28</sup> Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Shevat 19 <sup>29</sup> Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Shevat 20 <sup>30</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Shevat 21 <sup>31</sup> Religious School 9:00 am Bel Canto, Baroque & Broadway Concert 2:00 pm	Shevat 22 <sup>Feb. 1</sup> Book Discussion Group with Jim Rosenthal 10:00 am	Shevat 23 <sup>2</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Shevat 24 <sup>3</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Shevat 25 <sup>4</sup>	Shevat 26 <sup>5</sup> Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm (No 7:30 pm service)	Shevat 27 <sup>6</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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