



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

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Shabbat Services in July:

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Friday, July 4—FOR AMERICAN

INDEPENDENCE DAY: Family

Shabbat Service at the **EARLY**

TIME OF 5:30 pm preceded by a

“PRE-NEG” at 5:00 pm.

Friday, July 11-Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, July 18-Meditation in the Sanctuary

at 7:15 pm; Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, July 25-Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, August 1-FAMILY SHABBAT

Tot Shabbat for Young Children and their families at 6:00 pm; Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner

at 6:30 pm; Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm,

Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am; Shabbat Service at

10:15 am, followed by a potluck Kiddush

DO
justly
LOVE
mercy
WALK
humbly
MICHAEL

**“Do justly,
Love mercy,
Walk humbly”
Wednesday,
July 30
7:00 pm**

Please join Rabbi Karol and other Temple members in a discussion of our values that define who we are and what we can do for and with one another to enhance our Temple community and the greater Las Cruces community. Please respond to Temple or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbelc.org to let him know that you plan to participate.



Join us on Monday,
August 4, at 7:30 pm
for an observance of
Tish'ah B'Av, including
readings and
songs about Jerusalem

and chanting a short section from the
book of Lamentations.

Please read the
special update
on the Brick Walkway
and Biblical Garden on
Page 4.



Mailings related to
the High Holy Days,
including requests for those who
want to participate in worship,
the Yizkor Book,
and High Holy Day Greetings
And other special touches for the
High Holy Days from Sisterhood,
will be coming to you soon!



Go to www.tbelc.org
to see our new website!!!

Worship Schedule



Friday, July 4—SPECIAL TIMES FOR THE FOURTH!

5:00 pm “Pre-neg” reception sponsored by the Karols

5:30 pm Family Shabbat Service, including a
“Great American Sing-along” led by Rabbi Karol.

Saturday, July 5

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Balak-Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8

Friday, July 11

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak
on “Steadfast and Balanced: Finding the Golden
Mean.” *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Paul and Lisa
Weinbaum.*

Saturday, July 12

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Friday, July 18

7:15 pm Meditation led by David Fishman

7:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit led by
Rabbi Karol, featuring special music and prayers for
healing along with our Shabbat liturgy. *Oneg Shabbat
sponsored by Rebecca and Arthur Berkson.*

Saturday, July 19

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Matot Numbers 30:2-32:42

Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Friday, July 25

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak
on “Safe Spaces, Special Cases” *Oneg Shabbat spon-
sored by Monika Kimball and the Adult Education Com-
mittee.*

Saturday, July 26

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Mas'ei Numbers 33:1-36:13

Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2

Friday, August 1—FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat Service for young children & their fami-
lies

6:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Lay-led Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27 (Shabbat Chazon)

Monday, August 4

7:30 pm Join us for an observance of Tish'ah B'Av, in-
cluding readings and songs about Jerusalem and chant-
ing a short section from the book of Lamentations.

Friday, August 8

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service: Rabbi Karol will speak
on “Looking Back, Looking Forward.” *An Oneg
Shabbat will follow the service.*

Saturday, August 9

NO TALMUD STUDY

10:00 am Veronica Bruder, daughter of Ron and Pearie
Bruder, will become a Bat Mitzvah during this Shab-
bat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will fol-
low the service.

Parashat Va'etchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Haftarah Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26 (Shabbat Nachamu)

Meditation at 7:15 pm before our July 18 service in the Sanctuary, led by David Fishman

In order to enhance the Shabbat Service, we will begin with a
short Hebrew Meditation, in the Sanctuary, on July 18 from
7:15 -7:30 pm. Those who do not wish to participate may at-
tend the regular service beginning at 7:30 pm. Please try to en-
ter the Synagogue as quietly as possible so that the peaceful
atmosphere we are trying to create is not disturbed.

The purpose of the Meditation is to prepare us for Shabbat wor-
ship by quieting ourselves from our ordinary, tumultuous lives.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2014-2015

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TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Temple Board of Trustees will be
held on Thursday, July 24.



Message from Rabbi Karol
Keep our views...holy and high
Thoughts and a prayer
on Parashat (Portion) Korach
June 20, 2014

This week's Torah portion of Korach begins with selfishness and ends with selflessness. It starts with community members who sought for themselves what they thought was the ultimate power over their people without mentioning the responsibilities that come with a position of leadership.

The parashah ends with the command to the Levites to tithe, to give a tenth of all they had received from the people, back to God. Those serving the people were reminded that they were ultimately like everyone else, even while performing special duties of worship and leadership.

That lesson was one of humility, but it was also intended to elevate their souls in order to gain a divine perspective of respect and care for all of the people.

In light of this message, I offer this prayer:

Eternal God,

Keep our views, our perspectives, and our intentions, holy and high. Raise us up above pettiness and human conflict so that your teachings will serve as a beacon for us, to guide us in how we can best serve our community.

Enable us to help and to hear those in need, so that they will be able to live with hope and security.

Direct us to help and hear one another, so that we will achieve an understanding that will result in our willing and natural cooperation.

Give us confidence to overcome our fears when the prospect of change or the threat of discrimination or prejudice prevent us from taking bold steps forward that could enrich our knowledge, our relationships and our lives.

Bless us with Your nearness, Your mercy and Your love. Amen.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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

Rabbi Karol at Temple Beth-El

Each year, I summarize my service to Temple and the greater community for the Annual meeting.

On Page 6 is a report of my work in the greater community.

Below is a summary of my work and main duties at Temple Beth-El.

- Worked with the Board of Trustees and Committees on Temple programming.
- Planned and led worship on Shabbat and holidays along with the Religious Practices Committee, including instituting the new Family Shabbat Schedule on the first Friday of each month.
- Officiated at life-cycle events.
- Attended to pastoral duties, visiting congregants in hospitals and other health care or residential facilities.
- Maintained Temple Facebook page.
- Served as Editor of the *Adelante* Newsletter.
- Attended to a variety of office tasks and duties.
- Directed the Religious School, led a weekly assembly (music, prayer or discussion) and taught the Machon Class.
- Tutored Bar/Bat Mitzvah students.
- Tutored a local middle school student in Hebrew and a future seminary student in biblical Hebrew.
- Led the Torah study class each Wednesday.
- Led Torah discussions during Shabbat worship.
- Taught Judaism: Roots and Rituals, a 10-week Introduction to Judaism class.
- Led study series on Pirkei Avot/Wisdom of the Sages, followed by "Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms" on an ongoing basis.
- Worked with the Temple choir for participation in worship on Erev Rosh Hashanah on September 4, 2013 and for the Jewish Food and Folk Festival on April 6, 2014, and began meeting with choir members in June for a new year of expanded participation in Temple worship and events.
- Presented at Wednesday breakfasts: on August 14, 2013 on "Our Stories, Our Values"; spoke along with Nan Rubin about the recent Pew Research Portrait of Jewish Americans on March 5, 2014; and on the Ten Commandments on Shavuot Morning on June 4, 2014.
- Performed at the Los Tres Larrys y Alison concert on March 23 at Temple Beth-El along with Rabbi Larry Bach, Professor Larry Lesser, and Alison Westermann.
- Rabbi Larry and Rhonda hosted NMSU Hillel students for a Matzo Brei dinner on April 20, 2014.
- Presented with Bishop Oscar Cantu at the "Tikun Olam: Work, Wage, Justice and the Economy" program at Temple on May 18, 2014.



President's Report

As we begin a new year, I would like to welcome our new board members, Allen Blum, Paul Feil, Joan Glickler, and Mark Saltman. I look forward to working with them and having a good year.

Thank you to Steve Halper for starting the process of creating a budget for us. We went beyond expectations last year and hope that this year we will be able to do the same. The year 2013-2014 was very successful for us financially, but we can't sit back, we need to continue to work together for our congregation and for our temple families.

As we start a new fiscal year, I look forward to working with congregants to be able to create more activities for us to connect with each other and enjoy ourselves in the process.

I would like to hear from you for suggestions on how to bring us closer together. Are there activities you would be willing to plan or at least share your thoughts with us, even if you are unable to actually plan an event?

We will continue with our Golf Tournament and our Jewish Food and Folk Festival. However, it would also be nice to have some small events for us to enjoy as a "family."

Our brick order is on its way. How fantastic it will be to have a finished look to the area that has been prepped for the bricks. We will also be having a Havdalah Service to celebrate our new venture. The date will be forthcoming, depending on the delivery of the bricks. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project.

If you would like to chair a committee or work on one, please let me know. Here's to a new beginning.

*Thank you,
Dee Cook*



WE'RE ALMOST THERE... PLEASE HELP US PAVE THE WAY TO 100 BRICKS!

We are ending June with 79 bricks of various sizes paid for and ready for etching. So we have hopes that those who want bricks for this first order will step up now and allow us to reach the no-pay-shipping requirement of 100 bricks. We have the forms and will be happy to help you fill them out to honor a person or an event or memorialize those who are dear to you. Many thanks to all who have already purchased their bricks.

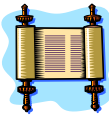
The ground-breaking event will occur in August. The August Adelante will have all the details, and e-blasts will come out soon too. It's going to be a wonderful gathering!

The Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Committee

Alison Mann, Michael Mandel, Dee Cook, Bob Kimball, Frances Williams, Linda Kruger.

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TORAH STUDY (EXODUS): Led by Rabbi Karol
on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am

TALMUD STUDY

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



Hebrew reading with Erich Zameret—Tuesdays at 6pm



Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms

Meeting on Tuesday nights

July 1, 8, 22 and 29 at 7:00 pm

and continuing on selected Tuesdays throughout the coming months. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by email (rabbi@tblc.org) or by calling Temple.



Klim Maling
gave a
presentation
on
“The Jewish
Cemetery
at Berlin-
Weisensee
on
Sunday,
June 29.



Nan Rubin offered an enlightening and well-attended presentation on The Crypto-Jews of New Mexico at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, June 8, 2014.



Temple
Beth-El
Sisterhood's
Jewish
Women's
Spirituality
group,



led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically,

For more information,

contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or

Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

Rabbi Larry Karol in the Community – 2013-2014

- **Served in leadership positions in local organizations:** NMSU Interfaith Council president; Board of Peace Village/Peace Camp; Board President of CAFé of Southern New Mexico; appointed to the Emergency Food and Shelter Board that allocates funds to local assistance agencies.

- **Participated in local and statewide events:** led Havdalah at Congregation Albert's Camp Oranim near Santa Fe on August 3, 2013 with Cantor Barbara Finn; led Shabbat Sukkot Service on September 20, 2013 in conjunction with International Peace Day; joined Father Vince Petersen of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in speaking about preserving nature and history at an event regarding the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument designation on October 22, 2013; presented a song and a reading at the "Lights of our Lives" memorial service at Mesilla Valley Hospice on December 5, 2013; offered remarks and a prayer at the Dona Ana NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. march on Sunday, January 19, 2014; participated in the Great Conversation series on Minimum Wage at City Hall on April 1, 3 and 8, 2014; offered remarks and took part in the groundbreaking for the Spiritual Center at NMSU on April 25; delivered the invocation at the NMSU Afternoon graduation on May 10, 2014; presented a prayer, along with Father Vince Petersen of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, at the dedication of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument on May 23, 2014.



- **Gave presentations on Judaism in the community:** At Weldon Lamb's Religious Studies class at NMSU in early September; at Morningstar United Methodist Church on October 16, 2013; for the "Men in the House" group at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 3, 2013; Chanukah presentation at Whitley Montessori Pre-School along with Rhonda Karol, Valerie and Kaden Rosenberg and Rebecca and Lilah Berkson on December 3, 2013; led a "Seder for Justice and Peace" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on April 17, 2014.



- **Participated in national conventions and gatherings:** Attended National Leadership Training of the PICO Network on July 25-31, 2013, at which he led a faith reflection on Shabbat Morning on July 27, 2013; attended the Union for Reform Judaism biennial convention on December 11-15, 2013, which included joining Stacey Beyer in presenting her song "The Candle Blessing Project" at the opening of the convention; attended Rick Recht's Songleader Boot Camp in St. Louis on February 16-18, 2014, leading Birkat Hamazon at Monday dinner and helping lead a lunch song session; attended, on February 24-26, 2013, the PICO (People Improving Communities Through Organizing) Convocation in Atlanta, Georgia, at which he presented a brief summary of his personal story and values and led singing throughout the event.



- **Original writings featured in local and national publications:** Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) "Davar Acher" (Another word) commentary for "Ten Minutes of Torah" on Parashat D'varim on July 13, 2013, "A Higher View of Humanity"; prepared the "How to Tashlich" video for the holidays informational section of www.reformjudaism.org; October 2013 *Adelante* article, "Listening to the Harmony of Life, even while losing my hearing" and November 2013 *Adelante* Article, "A Portrait of American Jews: Who We Are and Who We can Be," both carried on the Reform Judaism blog; Rabbi Karol's Ten Minutes of Torah piece, "Song as an Expression of Faith And Spirit," published online on March 27, 2014; March *Adelante* article about Songleader Boot Camp posted on the Jewish Rock Radio blog on April 7; "The Rewards of Working Together," published on September 20, 2013 in the *Las Cruces Bulletin*: "Our Eyes and Ears open our hearts and mind," published on October 25, 2013 in the *Las Cruces Bulletin*; column on Chanukah, "A Rare Opportunity for Giving Thanks," published on November 22, 2013 in the *Las Cruces Bulletin*; letter to the editor on "outside influences" related to local social justice efforts published on April 25, 2014 in the *Las Cruces Sun-News*.





On Saturday, May 31, Rabbi Larry Karol joined his brother, Rabbi Steve Karol, in leading havdalah at a dessert program marking his brother's retirement from the rabbinate at Temple Isaiah of Stony Brook, New York.

They Were Boys: A Yizkor Prayer – Alden Solovy

They were boys.

Stolen from their families,

Stolen from their people,

Stolen from life itself.

Boys.

G-d of Israel,

Grant a perfect rest under Your tabernacle of peace

To Gil-ad Shaar, Naftali Frenkel and Eyal Yifrach

Whose lives were cut off by violence

In acts of witless anger and hatred.

Guiltless. Blameless. Boys.

Yikum purkan min shemiaya...

May deliverance arise from heaven

Blessing their families with consolation and strength,

Even as they've shown us their fortitude and their love.

Grant them endurance to survive,

Faith to mourn,

Willingness to heal,

And devotion to each other.

Bless their classmates, teachers and friends

With comfort and relief.

Bless the whole house of Israel

As we mourn together.

Rock of Jacob,

In this hour of grief,

Remember Gil-ad, Naftali and Eyal.

They were boys.

May their memories provide solace and courage

To our nation and our people.

Let them find peace in the cradle of heaven

And a home in the world to come.

May their souls be bound up in the bond of life,

A living blessing in our midst.

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Temple Beth-El Sisterhood GIRLS NIGHT OUT

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El enjoyed another Girls Night Out at Picacho Country Club on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. The food was delicious and the camaraderie was excellent.

At this annual meeting, there was much needed dialogue among members of the Sisterhood who attended, including the Sisterhood council.

Many ideas and suggestions were given by the membership. A council review of the Sisterhood achievements and accomplishments recorded during the 2013-2014 year was given.

We welcomed, by acclamation our newest council members: Marieka Brown, Ann Hansen, Elisha Rosenberg, and Aggie Saltman. We congratulate them and wish them the best in their newly appointed positions.

Raffles were bought and items were won, and our attendees seemed pleased with a successful night out together.

Thanks to all who were able to attend!
The GNO committee

Upcoming Sisterhood Council Meetings

The next Sisterhood Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Starting on August 14th, Sisterhood Council meetings will be held on the 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Council meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.



On Wednesday, July 9, at 6:00 pm, the Temple Beth-El choir will hold its second meeting, which will focus on repertoire development and planning for High Holy Days and other worship services and events throughout the year. Please let Rabbi Karol know (call Temple or email rabbi@tbelc.org) if you would like to participate and can attend this meeting!



High Holy Days 5775



Selichot

Saturday, September 20, 2014 7:30 pm
Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship

Erev Rosh Hashanah —Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah —Thursday, September 25, 2014

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

Tashlich at Young Park an hour following the conclusion of the morning service

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day-Friday, September 26, 2014

Morning Service, 10:00 am

Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and
the Religious Practices Committee

Friday, September 26, 2014

Shabbat Shuvah Service at 5:45 pm

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur —October 3, 2014

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur —Saturday, October 4, 2014

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

A Time for Sharing, 1:00 pm

Meditation Service (led by David Fishman), 2:00 pm

Study with Rabbi Kane and Rabbi Karol, 3:00 pm

Afternoon Service, 4:30 pm

Yizkor and Neilah, 5:45 pm

Break-the-fast, 7:20 pm

Join us for worship and the warmth of community as we welcome 5775 together!

*Child care will be provided during Morning Services from 9:45 A.M.
on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

ISRAEL UPDATE

TWO CRISES by Phil Alkon (Submitted on June 22)

1. Three of Our Boys Are Taken. On the night of Thursday, June 12th, three Israeli teens - Naftali Frenkel (16), Gil-ad Shaar (16), and Eyal Yifrach (19) - were abducted while at a hitchhiking stop on their way home from a day of religious study at the famous Makor Hayim yeshiva. Hitchhiking is a common form of transport among Israeli youth, and even though their stop was on the West Bank side of the Green Line, the surrounding Jewish communities of Gush Emunim are considered "safe," and will be incorporated into Israel proper under any conceivable two-state peace arrangement with the Palestinians. By Israeli standards, at least, the boys were engaged in normal commuter behavior. At the time of this writing, some 10 days later, they are still missing, and it now appears certain that Hamas operatives kidnapped them. As you know, Hamas is the Jihadist Palestinian organization that controls Gaza, and also enjoys considerable popular support in the West Bank. The "moderate" Palestinian Authority (PA) recently formed a unity government with Hamas, thereby precipitating an abrupt cessation in the U.S.-sponsored peace negotiations between Israel and the PA. In a region of endless ironies and hypocrisy, PA President Mahmoud Abbas actually condemned the kidnapping to the outside world, but the crime was heartily endorsed by the leadership of Fatah, his own political party and sole power base. Given that Abbas' PA has done nothing in 40 years of power to diminish Jew-hatred among the Palestinian people and the delegitimization of Israel's right to exist in the international community, why are we not surprised by Fatah's celebratory stance?

Israel has mounted a massive effort to save the kidnapped boys, including house-to-house searches and the roundup of Hamas activists. The IDF rescue mission has focused on the Hebron area, where Israeli intelligence believes the boys are being held and may still be alive. That effort has generated mob violence among Palestinians against Israeli soldiers and has reportedly resulted in the death of two Palestinians. The Israeli public and much of the Jewish world is galvanized in the hope of a expeditious rescue, despite a possibly delayed reaction by the police in response to a cellphone alert by one of the victims soon after they were in the kidnappers' hands.

Why are we also not surprised that much of the world press response to the incident is ambiguous at best, if not downright hostile to Israel. Some examples, led by the reliably warped British media, included a Sky News headline reporting that ***Israeli Arrests Risk Igniting a New Conflict***. Their reporter's ingenious explanation was that "*Making Hamas pay for a crime they've been accused of may make sense to the Israeli mind-set, but unleashing military force on a political organization inevitably impacts the lives of civilians living in and around them.*" So Hamas is really no

more dangerous than the British Labour Party, and how can you really blame the Hamas "activists" for not realizing that Israeli teens were civilians in a civilian community? *The Independent*, another staunch ally of Palestinian victimhood (at least when it comes to Israel), headlined a Facebook note by one of their reporters that Israelis were being called upon to *kill a Palestinian terrorist for every hour until the missing teenagers are found*. No question of who the real baddies are; and no mention of Gaza residents passing out candies to passersby in celebration of the kidnapping as yet another heroic act of Palestinian resistance. The *New York Times*' Judie Ruderon, continuing her campaign for Palestinian spokesperson of the year, could not fail to mention the inconvenience that the kidnapping and its aftermath was creating for West Bank residents. One Palestinian complained of possibly having to delay his daughter's wedding owing to the entire hubbub; and the local social media, she dutifully reported, was full of commentary that Israel itself had actually staged the kidnapping to get back at Hamas. Meanwhile at the UN, the Secretary-General's office announced that it had no evidence to confirm that the Israeli youths had actually been abducted. It's hard to forget that the UN Human Rights Commission has found Israel guilty of 80% of the world's human rights violations (according to the cases it has undertaken to review). No question of hard evidence there.

Finally, another heart-warming story pertaining to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, but much closer to home. The Presbyterian Church of the U. S. has tossed its hat (or mitre) in the BDS ring. At it's recent annual meeting, the church voted to cancel a \$21M investment in three U.S. companies (Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola) for their involvement in the Israeli crimes against the Palestinians. According to the Presbyterians, these companies have variously contributed to the destruction of Palestinian homes, the naval blockade of Gaza, and the militarization of illegal Jewish settlements. But don't take this in the wrong spirit. Church leaders assure us that the decision was not a judgment against Israel; and in no way reflects on "our lack of love for our Jewish sisters and brothers." Whew! For a minute they had me worried.

2. Now Iraq Implodes. Not much space left to discuss the disappearance of the Syria - Iraq border, the ascendancy of religious and tribal extremism in the region, and other deep turmoil plaguing the Arab Middle East. We are witnessing a historical convulsion of Tolstoyan proportions, and there is nothing that the outside world can do to manage the process. In contrast with the barrage of inane military and political solutions offered by the talking head community in the U.S., Israel is not saying much. But I do believe that Israel is identifying it's **ultimate** security priorities in the face of the regional upheaval, and assuring that it can act expeditiously to meet these **essential** needs. A good model for the U.S. and the Western World, I would say.



From Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol's recent trip to New York City—Above, the West Wall of the Dura Europos synagogue (Syria) on display at The Jewish Museum; below, Lady Liberty as seen from the Red Hook section of Brooklyn.



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 Joan Silar at 521-1925 or Bea Klein at 526-2684.

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 8:45am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon (philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945) for further information.



MENSCH CLUB

For more information about meetings and events,, contact Dave Zeemont at 523-0913 or email at mudjob@earthlink.net

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



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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

Congratulations to:

- John France, in placing first in his age group in the New Mexico State Triathlon Championship.
- Benjamin Fiszbein, son of Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, on his graduation from Onate High School in May. He was a co-valedictorian in his class. Benjamin will attend the University of Illinois in Campaign-Urbana in the fall.
- Adam Train, son of Jordan and Abby Train, on his graduation in May from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Geography.
- Sarah Mindlin, on her graduation from New Mexico State University (she took part in the May graduation ceremony) with a Bachelor of Individualized Studies. She will remain in Las Cruces following her completion of summer course work, planning to pursue a master's degree.
- Rachel Padilla, on her graduation from New Mexico State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She plans to relocate to Shanghai, China, to teach English.

**Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol
have moved to**

4151 Campana Court

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011

Their home phone number has not changed.

Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE

Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

The food for July

for Casa de Peregrinos is bags of beans

Foods for July for El Caldito are

**Tuna fish, rice, pasta and peas. El Caldito also needs
jars with lids and plastic bags.**

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

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

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

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



Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click "Like" and join us on our new Facebook community!

Donations through June 24, 2014 **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Joyce & William Shapiro, in memory of Jeanette Marks
- Vera & Burton Schwartz, in memory of Lena M. Schwartz
- Thelma Weinglass, in memory of Leonard D. Weinglass
- Zuki Landau & David Fishman, in memory of Helen Landau

Temple Beth-El Religious School

- Marjorie and Harvey Gordon, in honor of Alison Mann's Rugelach

General Operating Fund:

- Sue & Norman Mazer, in memory of Dorothy Schlisman
- Dee Cook, wishing a speedy recovery to Joan Glickler and Barbara Mandel
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina & Irv Rothman
- Dia & Mel Taylor, in memory of Doris Schroeder
- Stacey & Michael Hyman, in memory of Aaron Hyman
- Becca & Gil Krebs

Building Fund 2004

- Ann & Burt Berkson, in loving memory of Dora Stern and Milton Berkson

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.

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.

Beth El Temple Youth Fund—Provides 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, Bill Stein.



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.

Yahrzeits-June 29 through August 9, 2014**Read on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5**

Ralph Holiday, Father of Marjorie Gordon
 Beatrice Mintz, Mother of June Jenkins
 Rachelle Petrowski*
 Roslyn Rice*
 Asher Segen*
 Leo Steinborn*, Father of David Steinborn
 Max Taub*

Read on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12

Milton Berkson*, Father of Burt Berkson
 Jennie Frank*
 Raymond Gettleman, Stepfather of Sally Sicherman
 Joseph Okin, Uncle of Gerie Muchnikoff
 Eliezer Shpirer, Brother-in-Law of Yosef Lapid
 Zachery Shporer, Nephew of Barnett & Ruth Ann
 Sugarman, Cousin of Terri Sugarman
 Dora Stern* (Shaina Devorah Bat Aaron and Gittel),
 Mother of Ann Berkson, Grandmother of Arthur Berk-
 son

Read on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19

Ludwig Paul Bergman, Grandfather of Nancy Bergman
 Diane Gutman, Sister of Allen Palanker
 Jacob Krasner*, Father of Frima Marquez, Grandfather of
 Jeffrey Marquez
 Marcia Rabinovich, Wife of David Rabinovich
 Dr. Michael Singer, Relative of Mark Singer
 Dorothy Whitledge, Aunt of Dee Cook

Read on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26

Lakie bat Aaron v'Katya, Aunt of Ann Berkson
 Arnold Heart, Uncle of Nancy Bergman
 Gertrude Kalmanowitz, Sally Sicherman
 Natalie E. Libby, Mother of Bob Libby
 Joseph Rosenfeld*, Great-Uncle of Ann Hansen
 Bernard Singer, Father of Mark Singer
 David Williamson, Uncle of Barbara Mandel
 Burton Zuckerman*

Read on Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2

Manny Blumkin*
 Jacob Dash, Father of Bernie Dash
 Dottie Davis, Cousin of Bea Klein
 Magda Farkas*, Stepmother of Yosef Lapid
 Carmen Freudenthal*
 Scott Klein, Son of Sonny and Rosie Klein, Nephew of
 Bea Klein

Sam Maness, Great-Uncle of Stefani Singer
 Dorothy Rashal*
 Shana Sicherman, Daughter of Sally Sicherman

Read on Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9

Anne H Bergman, Mother of Nancy Bergman
 Rea Bienstock, Mother of Gerie Muchnikoff
 Marion Deutschman*, Mother of Ellen Torres
 Ellie Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane
 Jacob Klempner, Grandfather of Dee Cook
 Lillian Krasner*, Mother of Frima Marquez, Grand-
 mother of Jeffrey Marquez
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***The Temple Beth-El Family
 extends condolences to:***

***Lynn and Arthur Berkeley,
 on the death of Lynn's sister,
 Vivian Denault,
 on June 22.***

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

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

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



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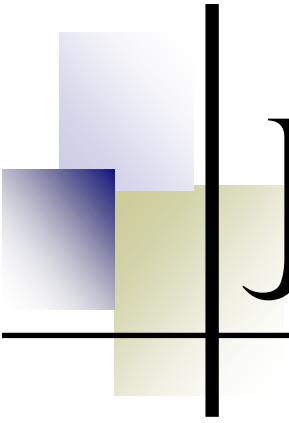
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Tammuz 3 1 Knitting Group 10:15 am <u>Hebrew/Erich 6pm</u> Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms 7:00 pm	Tammuz 4 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 5 3	Tammuz 6 4 “Pre-Neg” Reception 5pm Family Shabbat Service 5:30 pm No service at 7:30 pm	Tammuz 7 5 Talmud Study Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am :00 am
Tammuz 8 6	Tammuz 9 7	Tammuz 10 8 Knitting Group 10:15 am <u>Hebrew/Erich 6pm</u> Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms 7:00 pm	Tammuz 11 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Temple Beth-El Choir 6:00 pm	Tammuz 12 10	Tammuz 13 11 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tammuz 14 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tammuz 15 13 Sisterhood Council 6:30 pm	Tammuz 16 14	Tammuz 17 15 Knitting Group 10:15 am Hebrew/Erich 6pm	Tammuz 18 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 19 17	Tammuz 20 18 Meditation at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Tammuz 21 19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tammuz 22 20	Tammuz 23 21	Tammuz 24 22 Knitting Group 10:15 am <u>Hebrew/Erich 6pm</u> Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms 7:00 pm	Tammuz 25 23 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 26 24 Board Meeting 7pm	Tammuz 27 25 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tammuz 28 26 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tammuz 29 27	Av 1 28	Av 2 29 Knitting Group 10:15 am <u>Hebrew/Erich 6pm</u> Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms 7:00 pm	Av 3 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am “Do Justly” Discus- sion 7pm	Av 4 31	Av 5 Aug. 1 FAMILY SHABBAT Tot Shabbat 6pm Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Av 6 Aug. 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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