

JULY 2017 (TAMMUZ-AV 5777)

Shabbat Services (See Page 2) Friday, July 7

Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm, with a Potluck Dinner following
Friday, July 14

Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7 pm
<u>Friday, July 21</u>
Shabbat Service at 7pm
Friday, July 28

Shabbat Service at 7pm Friday, August 4

Family Shabbat Service at 6 pm, with a Potluck Dinner following Saturdays

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

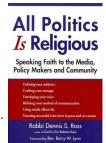


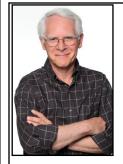
Join us on Monday, July 31, at 7:30 pm for our observance of Tish'ah B'Av, including readings and songs about Jerusalem and chanting a

short section from the book of Lamenta-

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All Politics Is Religious: Speaking Faith to the Media, Policy Makers and Community, by Rabbi Dennis S. Ross (Jewish Lights Publishing). Please email rabbi@tbelc.org if you plan to attend.





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Friday, August 25— "The Spirituality of

Laughter" presentation during Shabbat Worship Saturday night, August 26 at 7:30 pm—Stand-Up Comedy

See Page 5 for more information!

Religious School will begin with a first morning orientation and gathering on Sunday, August 27 at 10:00-11:30 am.

Parents will receive registration materials by the end of July!

Worship Schedule

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

Friday, June 30

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Michele Blum and Susan Michelson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 1

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush Parashat Chukat Numbers 19:1-22:1 Haftarah Judges 11:1-33

Friday, July 7-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.
6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner coordinated by Beth Tierney and Elisha Rosenberg.

Saturday, July 8

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush Parashat Balak-Numbers 22:2-25:9 Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8

Friday, July 14

7:00 pm Monika Kimball and Ruth Rubin will lead our Shabbat Evening Service. *Debbie Levy will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 15

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning service, led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftarah I Kings 18:46-19:21

Friday, July 21

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on "Something Old, Something New." *Ann Berkson and Rebecca Berkson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 22

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush Parashat Matot-Mas'ei Numbers 30:2-36:13 Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

Friday, July 28

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on "Where we are, where we are going." *Pearie Bruder will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, July 29

NO TALMUD STUDY

10:00 am Casey Rosenberg, daughter of Jason and Elisha Rosenberg, will become a Bat Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Parashat D'varim Deuteronomy 1:1 3:22 Haftarah Isaiah 1:1-27

Monday, July 31

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

Friday, August 4-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am Talmud Study10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a Potluck KiddushParashat Vaetchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26

<u>Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El</u> Casey Rosenberg—Saturday, July 29, 2017 Michael Bruder—Saturday, December 2, 2017 Joshua Rosenberg—Saturday, December 30, 2017

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017-2018

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20.



Message from Rabbi Karol
"ZEH HAYOM ASAH ADONAI NAGILAH V'NIS'M'CHAH VO This is the day that the Eternal One
has made; let us rejoice and be glad
in it." This verse from Psalm 118
applies to most any important day in

our lives. Rhonda and I included this text on the invitation to our congregation for our son Adam's B'rit Milah in March of 1986. I referred to this verse from Psalms in the eulogy for my mother in May of 2006 to characterize how she approached her life, treating every day as an opportunity to do something special for and make an impact on her community.

Rhonda and I witnessed yet another "ZEH HAYOM" event on June 8 at the B'rit Milah of Joshua Moise Karol. It was important that this tradition continued for yet another generation of our family. What was also special was that some of the friends and family gathered for this ceremony at Congregation Rodeph Sholom in New York City had also been present at past simchahs for Juli and for Adam. A photo was taken on June 8 that was similar to one from the wedding weekend in February, 2015 of six of us: Rhonda and me, Adam and Juli, and Juli's parents, Steve and Nancie Schnur. This new picture, however, included one more person who is just beginning his life's journey. We hope to see this "young man" grow not only in texted photos and on FaceTime but also in person as much as possible.

Recently, while working on a project of locating all of our personal documentation for the renewal of our New Mexico driver's licenses later this year, Rhonda and I had an opportunity to rediscover and explore the necessary materials stored in their appropriate envelopes. Not only was there my birth certificate from the State of Missouri, but there was also the Jewish certificate related to my 8th-day ceremony. My bar mitzvah certificate (from 50 years ago) and Rhonda's Confirmation certificate from 1970 are still there. We found our Ohio marriage license from 1982. Its Jewish counterpart is on our wall, our wedding Ketubah crafted by Dayton, Ohio friend and artist Joan Marcus.

Documents - both Jewish and secular - and photographs chronicle our lives. They illustrate the stories we tell about our own beginnings and upbringing. Sometimes the documents take on an unusual form. One day when I was visiting my dad's brother, Harry, he began talking about family history. I began writing notes on store receipts that I happened to have in my wallet. I found those notes again in the last few days. They recorded stories that my uncle told me that day that I have shared with some of my cousins, including an account of how our ancestors helped one another find their way to America.

Knowledge of my family history also enabled me to recognize the name of a "real relative" who was identified as one of my "DNA relatives" on a well-known ancestry website (his great-grandmother and my Dad's mother were sisters). I wrote him a note to make the connection. He said of our common ancestors in his response: "I hear they were both very strong women!"

In just one sentence, a story was told. An aspect of character was memorialized, one that confirmed what I had heard as well. Whenever we share these impressions, anecdotes and stories, the past comes alive (whether in families or in congregations) and is preserved so that new tales can be told in the years to come.

As Rhonda and I each held our new grandson, we had a chance to look him in the eyes and to see him gaze right back. Perhaps what he sees in our eyes will be something he will articulate later in his life. What we saw in his eyes was all that he represents: a tribute to the past with his arrival, a source of joy for the present, and beacon of hope for the future. We wish for him and his parents- as we wish for everyone of any age - many days on which to say, "This is the day that the Eternal One has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

L'shalom, Rabbí Larry K.

Rabbi Karol will be away on July 12-19. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211 or Temple Vice-President Jeff Lewis at 575-642-6828.



President's Message

Being present is important. As Temple President, I have made a commitment to attend Shabbat services almost every week since I attended the URJ Temple Presidents'

Scheidt Seminar in February, which encouraged presidents to be present and visible. I understand the value of that for congregants and for me, so I have been present at Friday night services and Temple events. I am also thrilled to work with our new Board, a group of very committed individuals who care about Temple Beth-El and want the best for our congregation. I look forward to us working together and setting a positive tone as we debate, discuss, plan, and continue to build partnerships. I have been present at numerous Temple events throughout the past months and years, but I want to highlight those in just the past month in this Adelante. On June 14, a group of eleven Temple Board members and congregants attended the Jewish Federation of El Paso's Open House and Annual Meeting at their new offices. We met and mingled with representatives of many of their affiliate organizations, shared information about Temple Beth-El, and heard from President Eitan Lavi, Executive Director Daniel Chejfec, and speaker Bizu Riki Mullu, an Ethiopian Jew, who left Ethiopia as a child to emigrate to Israel. She has spent most of her life trying to get her family out of Ethiopia and into Israel, facing many obstacles from the Ethiopian government. Her story was relevant and fascinating. Temple Beth-El demonstrated that we can provide excellent representation, and I appreciate everyone who was able to attend. It was a great night that we spent together. Thank you to Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, Jeff and Avis Lewis, Diane Fleishman, Sue Brown, Jeff Brown, Phil and Sally Alkon, and my husband Fred for attending with me. I also attended Sisterhood's "Girls' Night Out" at Picacho Hills Country Club on Thursday, June 22. We had a wonderful dinner and shared a lot of camaraderie. Thank you to Lynn Zeemont and the Sisterhood Council for sponsoring this great event. Another fun event that I attended, sponsored by the Adult

Education Committee, was the June 17 Sing-a-Long with Rabbi Karol, "It Was 50 Years Ago Today," now an annual program that featured, this time, hit songs from 1967. Finally, I attended the beautiful and touching Bar Mitzvah of Mateo Garcia-Bryce, son of Andrea Orzoff and Inigo Garcia-Bryce, on Saturday, June 24, with a completely full house of friends, congregants and family members. I know how much we celebrate our children, and this event was extremely meaningful to us all. I look forward to the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of Casey Rosenberg on July 29 and the Bar Mitzvah services for Michael Bruder on December 2 and Joshua Rosenberg on December 30. Very interesting for me, personally, was the opportunity I was given to be the Shabbat service leader on Friday, June 9, when Rabbi Karol visited his newborn grandson in New York City. After this experience, I can share that being a service leader provides an exceptional opportunity to truly delve into a sacred partnership with the congregation.

I have been present at all of these events, physically and spiritually, joining with you in a sacred partnership, in a commitment to Torah and Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening, and communication. These values guide us in our daily lives and our innermost teachings that influence the sacred partnerships we build with others. I continue to thank you all for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El, to remind you to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, Sacred Purpose—and our **Sacred Partnerships**.

I have a short vacation from my fulltime position as Assistant Principal and School Testing Coordinator at Mayfield High School, from June 25 to July 15, during which I plan to spend time with my family and my husband. I will see you all again shortly. If any questions arise, please don't hesitate to contact Vice President Jeff Lewis or Rabbi Karol.

Shalom, Ellen Torres

Holidays



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am on July 5. We will resume on August 16.

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud students have been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



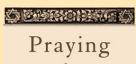
Rabbi Karol will present brief talks during the summer on books that he hopes you will also be interested in exploring:

Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm

All Politics Is Religious: Speaking Faith to the Media, Policy Makers and Community, by Rabbi Dennis S. Ross (Jewish Lights Publishing).

All Politics Is Religious

Speaking Faith to the Media, Policy Makers and Community



the Bible

Finding Personal Meaning Ending Boredom & Making Each Prayer Experience Unique

Rabbi Mark H. Levin, DHL

Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 pm

Praying the Bible: Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur, Ending Boredom & Making Each Prayer Experience Unique, by Rabbi Mark H. Levin (Jewish Lights Publishing).

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

led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically. For more information,

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



Bob Alper Rabbi/Stand-Up Comic (Really)

COMING TO TEMPLE BETH-EL Friday, August 25—"The Spirituality of Laughter" presentation during Shabbat Worship

Saturday night, August 26, 7:30 pm Stand-Up Comedy Sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

There's a reason why Sirius/XM satellite radio plays Rabbi Bob Alper's bits several times daily, often sandwiched between Bob Newhart and Jerry Seinfeld: Bob's unique background - he's an ordained rabbi who served congregations for fourteen years and holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary - prepared him well for a twenty-seven year comedy career with wonderfully unique material presented in a way that's intelligent, sophisticated, and 100% clean.

Audiences adore him, from an SRO crowd at the prestigious Montreal Comedy Festival to a standing ovation before 2,700 people at New York's famed Chautaugua Institution. He's even appeared at Hollywood's IMPROV and THE COMEDY STORE.

Bob performs all across North America and England, at corporate events, theatres, non-profits, conventions, private parties, churches, and, naturally, synagogues. And he's done over 200 shows with his Arab and Muslim comedy partners, at a variety of venues, but primarily colleges and universities. The New York Times reported the comics "...had the audience convulsing."

Bob's 90-minute stand-up act is fast-paced, with impeccable timing and material that's definitely sharp yet gentle and unhurtful. In addition, he offers an informative, hilarious event called "The Spirituality of Laughter," which is particularly appropriate for religious organizations, civic groups, school and hospital inservices, etc.

The rabbi-comedian draws tremendous media attention, and, among others, has been seen on The Early Show, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Showtime, the BBC, CNN, and was featured on Extra, TV's top-rated entertainment program. He was recently named "Honorary Comedic Advisor to the Pope," winning an international contest launched on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon."

In addition to being a full-time stand-up comic and conducting annual High Holyday services, Bob is the author of three books that further showcase his considerable talents: Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This, an inspirational collection that The Detroit Free Press called "a volume of spiritual gems;" the awardwinning full-color cartoon book A Rabbi Confesses; and the recently- published **Thanks.** I **Needed That**, more stories that touch readers with their warmth, humor, and wisdom. He's also produced two best-selling comedy CDs as well as a DVD.

Bob resides in rural Vermont with his wife Sherri, a psychotherapist. Professionally, he makes people laugh, while she helps people cry.

Rabbi Karol in the Community-2016-2017

Served in leadership positions in local organizations: Served on the Children's Reading Alliance by-laws revision committee as a community representative; convened a monthly Third Thursday clergy breakfast and a discussion series on the Rev. William Barber II's book, *The Third Reconstruction*; served as NMSU Interfaith Council Executive Advisor; served as secretary of the Board of Peace Village of Las Cruces.

Participated in local and statewide events:

Led music at Las Cruces Peace Camp, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, on June 27, June 30 and July 1; attended a meeting of state religious and organizational leaders in Albuquerque, NM on June 29, 2016 which featured presentations by the Rev. William Barber, a member of the national board of the NAACP (Rabbi Karol started the day by sounding a shofar and speaking about its significance); helped to organize and participated in a Candlelight Vigil on July 9 for the victims of shootings in Baton Rouge, St. Paul and Dallas; presented a House Concert on July 7, 2016, for the local organization Kaleidoscope, which focuses on building community by helping people share their stories; planned and led a program on Respect with the Las Cruces Interfaith Coalition for Compassion on August 23, 2016; sang a set of music at the celebration of International Peace Day, sponsored by Peace Village of Las Cruces, at Young Park on Wednesday, September 21; performed original music at the El Paso "Day of Song/Yom Hashir," on September 25, 2016; participated in a forum on Immigration sponsored by the Las Cruces City Council on Thursday, September 29, 2016; participated in the Menorah lighting of the Jewish Community of El Paso in San Jacinto Plaza on Wednesday, December 28, 2016; hosted a special gathering at Temple for local clergy led by a statewide non-profit, Interfaith Worker Justice, on December 15, 2016; performed, on January 26, 2017, a 50-minute live online concert for "Harmony in Unison," an online anthology of concerts organized by Jewish singer/songwriters Stacy Beyer and Beth Schafer; spoke at a Unity gathering at the Islamic Center on January 31, 2017; joined with Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, Radwan Jallad of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces, and Pastor Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church in developing a faith statement entitled "Welcoming the Stranger" and organizing and leading an interfaith prayer service on that theme (attended by 140 people) on February 3, 2017 at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish; led discussions for the community on February 7 and on March 7 and 8 on letters in the American Values/Religious Voices Campaign; participated in a discussion of anti-Semitism during the Las Cruces International Film Festival on Thursday, March 9, 2017 following the screening of the 1992 film, "School Ties" (Actor Brendan Fraser, who starred in the movie, and Rabbi Bery Shmukler were the other panel participants); attended a community-wide summit on increasing school attendance at the elementary level on April 25, 2017; performed an online concert on May 9, 2017 for "Harmony in Unison."

Participated in national conventions:

Attended NewCAJE, a conference for Jewish Educators, in Naperville, Illinois on July 31-August 3, 2016, which included performing during late-night entertainment and offering remarks during an evening program coordinated by Rick Recht; attended Shabbat Shira, the fall workshop on worship and music at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Camp in Wisconsin on November 3-6, 2016; attended the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention in Atlanta, GA on March 19-23, 2017.

Gave presentations on Judaism in the community:

Offered a session on Leadership at the North American Federation of Temple Youth's Southwest Region Leadership Training Institute on Saturday, August 27, 2016; participated in a forum sponsored by PFLAG and Peace Lutheran Church on October 6, 2016 on LGBTQ

inclusion in faith communities; on October 19, 2016, gave a presentation on Judaism at Morningstar United Methodist Church as part of their "Tolerance" series which featured speakers from a variety of religious groups; made presentations on Chanukah (on December 5 and 6 at Valley View Elementary School; at the Amistad Advanced Pre-School of the Las Cruces Public Schools on December 9; and at J. Paul Taylor Academy with Rebecca, Ann, Mia and Lilah Berkson on December 14); led and participated in a local book discussion group on Fridays on Dr. Jonathan Sarna's *American Judaism* and on the American Values/Religious Voices Letters; Border Servant Corps members visited our Shabbat service on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Original writings featured in local and national publications and featured in media reports/stories:

Featured in photo with President Ellen Torres and Vice-President Ned Rubin in the Las Cruces Sun-News on July 19, 2016 for Temple's donation to Community of Hope; developed and signed a letter-tothe-editor about the July 9 Candlelight Vigil in the Las Cruces Sun-News on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 (also signed by Pastor Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church and Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces); featured in the Las Cruces Bulletin on August 19, 2016 in an article about the RESPECT discussion on August 23 sponsored by the Las Cruces Interfaith Coalition for Compassion; New Year's message featured in the October 2016 El Paso Jewish Voice; original column in the Las Cruces Bulletin on October 21, 2016 on hurtful speech; quoted in Las Cruces Sun-News article, "Religious Leaders help to process election aftermath" on November 13, 2016; quote in article on the "Humble Enough" program at Temple in the Las Cruces Sun-News on November 24, 2016; included in photograph on November 29, 2016 in the Las Cruces Sun-News of Temple donation to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity along with Allen Blum and Ellen Torres; column on "Humility" in the Las Cruces Bulletin on December 2, 2016; photos of the "Humble Enough" program included in the Las Cruces Bulletin on December 9, 2016; noted for participation in the Shabbos Project Havdalah in the El Paso Jewish Voice for December, 2016; column on "Our Combined Light" and comment included in article on Temple's Camp Hope breakfast in Las Cruces Bulletin on January 6, 2017; rabbi's column in El Paso Jewish Voice for January, 2017; photo of Temple Beth-El Chanukah candlelighting included in Las Cruces Bulletin on January 13, 2017; column on "Discussion of values" and "meet the columnist" article in the Las Cruces Bulletin on February 3, 2017; featured in article on February 3, 2017 interfaith service at St. Albert the Great Parish in the Las Cruces Sun-News on February 4, 2017; pictured in article on the February 3 CAFé press conference at the County Sheriff's department in the Las Cruces Bulletin on February 10, 2017; participation at the Chanukah candlelighting in San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso on December 28 noted in the February, 2017 El Paso Jewish Voice; faith statement from the February 3, 2017 interfaith service printed in the Las Cruces Bulletin on February 24, 2017; column on local interfaith discussions in the Las Cruces Bulletin on March 3, 2017; pictured in El Paso Jewish Voice for March 2017 with Temple choir and Robyn Helzner from Robyn's January 23 program at Temple; column on combatting hate in the Las Cruces Sun-News on March 23, 2017; column on spring and values in the Las Cruces Bulletin on April 7, 2017; Passover column and photo from TBE Purim event in El Paso Jewish Voice for April 2017; column on "Walls" in the Las Cruces Bulletin on May 5, 2017.; column on enemies/hatred in the Las Cruces Bulletin on June 2, 2017.

Rabbi Karol's song "Natatah Simchah V'Libi" (You Put Joy in My Heart) was included on Rabbi David Paskin's and Rabbi Menachem Creditor's compilation of songs from various Jewish musical artists for the online album, "There is Hope."

PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP—FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the board training session on May 7, Board members agreed to tell their own stories to the congregation for publication in the Adelante. **This first installment is from Jeff Lewis.**

Members of the Board of Trustees, during our board training, agreed to tell our stories to the congregation to show that we all have traits and flaws that we need to work on.

I have had a stuttering problem all my life, and it, for me, creates social anxiety.

The elementary school I went to in Milwaukee sent a speech pathologist to work with me and a couple of other students. I have also had some help at the University of Wisconsin--Oshkosh, where I graduated with a degree in Secondary Education. I had some speech pathology and relaxation counseling there, too.

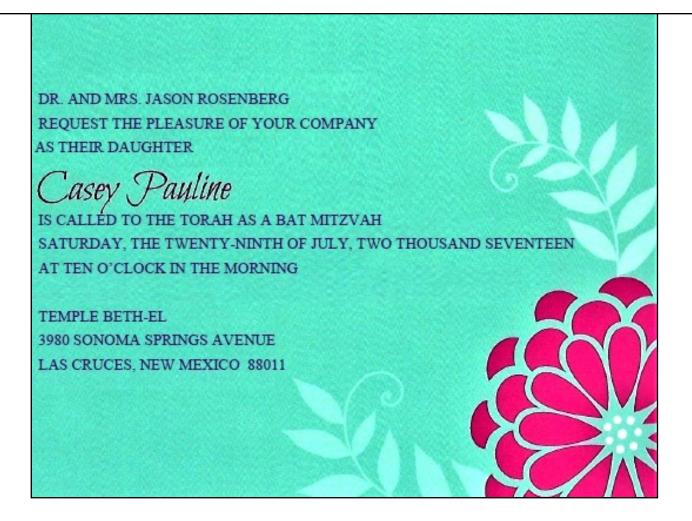
At times, through high school, I have had peaks and valleys in my confidence in social settings and social anxiety. It is a problem that I try to acclimate myself with, and make the best effort that I can with relaxation methods with deep breathing, reflection, listening to soothing music, and walking.

I have two options in my battle. My first option is to avoid stressful encounters and situations. Avis, my wife, doesn't encourage that, so I try to avoid that option.

My second option is to dive headfirst into the rigors of daily life, and if I do stammer or stutter, I hope people will be mature and responsible enough not to make it a huge problem. There are occasions during which I feel the ire of people who seem irritated and perturbed by my slow speech and delivery. I have learned, for the most part, to try to have sympathy for those people since they cannot cope with that.

I have, for the last couple of years, tried to participate in more activities at the Temple. I have formed relationships with a lot of you, and have made some very good friends.

Therefore, if on occasion, I relapse into a speech difficulty, I ask for some patience on your part. I deserve, and ask for no sympathy whatsoever, I just ask for some understanding and the realization that all of us have some issues, and need to work through struggles.



40 people attended the Adult Education Committee's musical evening on Saturday, June 17, which began with Havdalah and continued with Rabbi Karol's musical review of 34 songs from the year 1967, from "Strawberry Fields Forever" to "All You Need is Love," from "Happy Together" to "Windy," from "San Francisco" to "Ruby Tuesday," from "Summer Rain" to "When I'm 64." The evening provided a powerful reminder of enduring music and a temporary escape from current challenges. Hopefully, a "splendid time" was had by all!!!



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)



Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the August 2017 Adelante is July 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 Tuesdays at 10:30am until 11:15 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbelc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

Here is a great opportunity to support Temple Beth-El!

Mike Batkin has offered to match all contributions to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund up to a total of \$1800. This applies to donations received by July 31, 2017.

Please join us in this effort!

From Rabbi Karol: I wanted to share with you this initial report from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on this decision of the current Israeli cabinet. I would encourage you to read subsequent articles so that you can follow continuing developments on this issue. There are many perspectives to explore and examine.

Israel freezes Western Wall compromise that was to create egalitarian prayer section June 25, 2017

JERUSALEM (<u>JTA</u>) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet has frozen a government decision to create an official egalitarian prayer section at the Western Wall.

The suspension announced Sunday comes after the haredi Orthodox United Torah Judaism party and the Sephardi Orthodox Shas party, both members of the current government, put pressure on Netanyahu to scrap the agreement, including threatening to leave the coalition government.

As part of the decision, work on the egalitarian prayer area erected at Robinson's Arch, located on the southern edge of the Western Wall plaza, will continue.

The prime minister has asked Cabinet Secretary Tzachi Braverman and Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi to formulate a new plan that will be acceptable to the religious parties.

Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman and Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz reportedly voted against the decision. Education Minister Naftali Bennett was not present for the vote.

The decision negates an <u>agreement</u> passed in January 2016 by the government for an egalitarian prayer section at the Western Wall, which was negotiated by the Reform and Conservative movements, the Women of the Wall, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Israeli government.

Under the agreement, the egalitarian section of the wall near Robinson's Arch was to be expanded and placed under the authority of a pluralist committee. The section would have had a common entrance with the rest of the Western Wall plaza.

Natan Sharansky, chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, said in a statement issued on Sunday that he is disappointed by the government's decision.

"Five years ago, the Prime Minister asked me to lead a joint effort to bring about a workable formula that would transform the Western Wall into, in his own words, 'one wall for one people.' After four years of intense negotiations, we reached a solution that was accepted by all major denominations and was then adopted by the government and embraced by the world's Jewish communities. Today's decision signifies a retreat from that agreement and will make our work to bring Israel and the Jewish world closer together increasingly more difficult," the statement said.

"The Jewish Agency nevertheless remains staunchly committed to that work and to the principle of one wall for one people."

In a <u>post</u> on Facebook, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, executive director of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, called the decision a "sad and shameful move that capitulates to the pressure of the Haredi parties."

The decision is "a serious violation of the basic interests of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The prime minister and his partners lent a hand to an anti-Zionist move that undermines Israel's ties with Diaspora Jewry, and weakens the connection of millions of Jews to Jerusalem."

Anat Hoffman, chairperson of Women of the Wall, called the decision "shameful to the government and its women ministers who were exposed using their vote against women."

"It's a terrible day for women in Israel when the prime minister sacrifices their rights while kowtowing to a handful of religious extremists, who want to enforce their religious customs while intentionally violating the rights of the majority of the Jewish world, 51 percent being women," Hoffman continued.

"Women of the Wall will continue to pray as we always have in the Women's Section at the Western Wall, with a Torah scroll and prayer shawls, until women's equality will be established at the Kotel. Just like you wouldn't ask a man to take off his Kipa, don't ask us to stop praying according to our conscience," she said.

On Sunday morning, some 100 members of the Women of the Wall participated in the monthly Rosh Chodesh service at the Western Wall. Before entering the Western Wall plaza, the women's bags and belongings were searched, including every page on every prayer book, the group said in a statement.

The women also met disturbances by haredi Orthodox women and girls who whistled, shouted and banged in order to silence the prayer. Despite the state's commitment to prevent such disturbances, the teen-aged girls, dressed in black with their faces covered, were not removed from the women's section as they continued to harass the worshipers.

The women also smuggled a Torah scroll in to the women's section and read from it as part of the service.

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary June 15, 2017

The June 15 Board meeting was called to order by President Ellen Torres at 7:06 pm. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the of the May 16 meeting; the motion carried. Committee reports had been submitted; there were updates from the History Committee which is meeting monthly.

President's Report

The President welcomed old and new Board members to the new fiscal year, and then led a discussion on norms and responsibilities of the Board. She thanked those who attended the Open House and Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso on June 14.

Rabbi's Report

The Rabbi distributed a list of his activities for the month of May. He stated that new prayer books would be purchased for the High Holidays, thanks to an anonymous donor. There will be sufficient books available for everyone to use this year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's year-to-date report was presented; a motion to accept it was made, seconded, and carried. It was discussed that this fiscal year will end with a slight deficit. The budget for 2017-2018 was presented; a motion to accept it was made and seconded, and the motion passed. It was discussed that there will be a larger deficit next year so we must collect fair share pledges more efficiently and develop more successful fundraisers.

Old Business

The policy for use of the facilities was tabled until next month.

On site storage was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to have a storage unit built on site utilizing skills of members at half the cost of having one delivered at twice the cost.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to open Temple accounts at Staples and Office Max.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue our ad in *Life Is Good in Las Cruces*.

There was no Executive session. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 3, 2017 at 6:30. The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2017.

Casey Rosenberg is collecting donations for Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary this summer as a Mitzvah Project for becoming Bat Mitzvah (Casey will become Bat Mitzvah at our



Shabbat morning

service on July 29, 2017)

They are in need of the following:

• Friskies Canned Cat Food

• Meow Mix Original Dry Cat Food

Alpo Canned Dog Food

Cat Treats

👺 • Milk Bones

• Rawhide Chews (not from China)

Scented Laundry Detergent

• Unscented Bleach

• Qt & Gal Ziploc Bags

Packing Tape

· Scotch Tape

• Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

Zip Ties

There is a collection box in the Temple Beth-El foyer if you

would like to donate

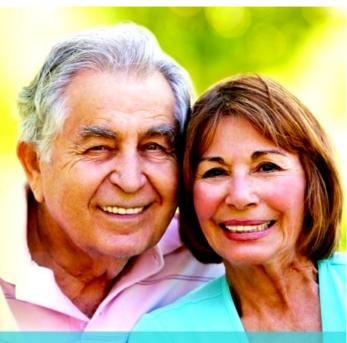
Thank you!





If you would like to order a brick for the brick walkway or biblical garden, please contact Alison Mann or Dee Cook. Dee and Alison can help with wording, and can send forms directly to you by computer.

Do you have diabetes?
Have you ever had a heart attack?
Are you age 50 or older?



If you answered "yes" to these three questions, you may be eligible to take part in a National Institutes of Health federally funded study of intravenous (IV) chelation therapy and oral vitamins for people with diabetes and heart disease.

What is chelation therapy?

Chelation therapy is a research medicine given through an IV. Some scientists believe that chelation therapy may help treat heart disease by removing toxins from the blood. However, this has not been proven. This study will find out if chelation works in treating heart disease in patients with diabetes.

What will the study involve?

If you join the study, you will be assigned to receive either active IV drug OR IV placebo (inactive study drug).

The IV is administered weekly for approximately 40 weeks. Each IV session lasts approximately three to four hours. In addition, you will take either high-dose oral vitamin and mineral supplements or identical placebo pills. All participants will receive low-dose vitamin and mineral supplements during the time they are receiving IV treatment. You will continue to take your standard diabetes and heart disease medications.

What are the costs?

The study drugs will be provided at no cost. Other medical costs remain your responsibility.

For more information: Integrative Medical Center of NM (575) 524-3720 www.drberkson.com





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.

VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

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 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.

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.

Donations: May 28-June 30, 2017

General Fund

- Grace I. Hammesfahr, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Doris Schroeder
- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, kudos to Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman for leading JFFF 2017

Religious School Fund

• Allen and Michele Blum, in honor of Rhonda and Rabbi Larry Karol on the birth of their grandson.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Dia Taylor, in memory of Gayle Evans Kiteley
- Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Marilyn Frishman.
- Norman and Suzanne Mazer, in memory of Dorothy Schlisman
- Stacey and Michael Hyman, in memory of Aaron Hyman
- Sue, Marieka, Jeanne, Kaila and Liana Brown, in memory of Allan Joseph and Emily and George Cohen
- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, thank you to Rabbi Karol for music of 1967

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

• Frances Williams, in honor of Yosef Lapid's book

Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY & BEMY)

• Mark Steinborn, in memory of Leo Steinborn

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship

- Jeff and Cherri Brown
- Allen and Michele Blum in memory of Bernard Cutler
- Ellen Torres, in memory of parents Marion and Jerry Deutschman, grandparents Hilda and Paul Deutschman and grandparents Henrietta and Simon Horwitz

Biblical Garden & Brick Walkway Fund

- Steven and Emile Elias
- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, in memory of June Jenkins

Campership Fund

• Evelyn and Murray Bruder, in memory of Michael Bruder

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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, Allen Blum.





Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and fami-



ly) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.

Yahrzeits-June 25 through August 5, 2017

(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, June 30 and Saturday, July 1

Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)

Ruth Frank (Lester and Renee Frank)

Henrietta Horowitz (Ellen Torres)

Beatrice Mintz (Brad Jenkins)

Harold Nachison (Jerry Nachison)

Rachelle Petrowski* (Margaret Petrowsky)

Roslyn Rice*

Asher Segen*

Leo Steinborn* (Mark Steinborn, Vivian Steinborn)

Max Taub*

Leonard Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

Read on Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8

Milton Berkson* (Burt Berkson)

Jennie Frank*

Raymond Gettleman (Sally Sicherman)

Joseph Okin (Gerie Muchnikoff)

Dora Stern* - Shaina Devorah Bat Aaron and Gittel (Ann Berkson, Arthur Berkson)

Read on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15

Josephine Glater (Leslie Glater)

Diane Gutman (Allen Palanker)

Jacob Krasner* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)

Marcia Rabinovich (David Rabinovich)

Sarah Meltzer Smalley* (Alison Mann)

Dorothy Whitledge (Dee Cook)

Read on Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22

Lakie bat Aaron and Katya (Ann Berkson)

Ludwig Paul Bergman (Nancy Bergman)

Kathryn Goldstein (Wendee Lorbeer)

Arnold Heart (Nancy Bergman)

Gertrude Kalmanowitz (Sally Sicherman)

Joseph Rosenfeld*

David Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

Read on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29

Manny Blumkin*

Jacob Dash (Bernard Dash)

Dottie Davis (Bea Klein)

Magda Farkas* (Yosef Lapid)

Carmen Freudenthal*

Scott Klein (Sonny and Rosie Klein, Bea Klein)

Natalie E. Libby (Bob Libby)

Dorothy Rashal*

Shana Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)

Read on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5

Anne H Bergman (Nancy Bergman)

Rea Bienstock (Gerie Muchnikoff)

Marion Deutschman* (Ellen Torres)

Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)

Jacob Klempner (Dee Cook)

Lillian Krasner* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)

Chana Sarah Langner (Bernice Langner, Leora Zeitlin)

Charlotte Pollack*

Esther Seidman*

Meyer Seidman*

Jacy Walpole (Dia Taylor)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

Bill Stein and family, on the death of his mother, Anabel Stein, on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in San Carlos California

Brad Jenkins (and family), on the death of his wife, June Jenkins, on Monday, June 26, 2017 here 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.



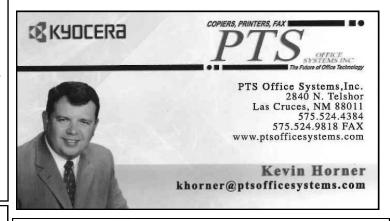
Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to www.smile.amazon.com. You 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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	Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed	Thu		Fri	Sat
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										Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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					Rabbi Karol's Book Review and discussion on All Politics is Religious (by Rabbi Dennis Ross) - 7:00 pm	s	Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am			Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	NO TALMUD STUDY Casey Rosenberg Bat Mitzvah Shabbat Morning Service—10:00 am
	Av 7	30	Av 8	31	Av 9 Aug.	1	Av 10 Aug. 2	Av 11 Aug.	3	Av 12 Aug. 4	Av 13 Aug. 5
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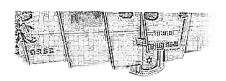
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