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Las Cruces, New Mexico

JUNE 2016 (IYAR-SIVAN 5776)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, June 3—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE at 6 pm, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 pm.
- Friday, June 10—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, June 17—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, June 24—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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



“50 Years and Counting: A Musical Walk Down Memory Lane” Featuring Hit Songs From 1966

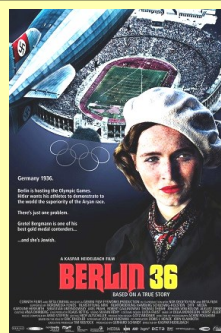
Rabbi Larry Karol will present (live!) an evening of songs from 50 years ago, based on listings in the “Billboard Hot 100” on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 7:30 pm at Temple. There may be a few favorites from other years that sneak their way into the program. Lyrics will be provided for those who want to add their voices to the evening. Please come to listen, sing, and enjoy! A brief Havdalah service will be held to begin the event. Refreshments will be served and donations are graciously accepted. The event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El’s Adult Education Committee.

“Our People, Our World, Our Future”
Join us on Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 pm
to celebrate Shavuot (the late spring
festival of nature and learning) with an evening of
prayer, study and fellowship.

We will begin with dessert and continue with
brief worship and discussion to enjoy the fruits of
our shared wisdom! Our conversation will focus
on Rabbi Sid Schwarz’s recent article in the
Forward (contact Rabbi Karol to get the article),
“Making a Spiritual Future for America’s Jewish
Community.” Rabbi Schwarz proposes Jewish
values that can guide us through the coming
decades.

To let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend,
call Temple at 575-524-3380 or email
rabbi@tbelc.org.

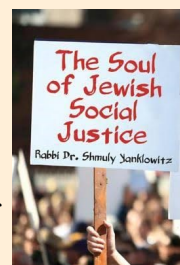
Shavuot Morning Service
Including Yizkor/Memorial
Prayers on
Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 am
followed by a Bagel Brunch
Kiddush



Mensch Club Film
Berlin 36
Sunday, June 5
at 2:00 pm
in the Temple Sanctuary
See page 5 for a
summary of the film

“Yes!” to Social Justice-
An Orthodox Perspective
Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7pm
See Page 5

Rabbi Larry Karol will review Rabbi
Shmuly Yanklowitz’s book, *The Soul of
Jewish Social Justice*, and lead a dis-
cussion on its central themes.



Worship Schedule

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

Friday, June 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES!

Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 4

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bechukotai Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, June 10

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Count Me In.” *Michele Blum and Dinny Bomberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, June 11

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bamidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

Saturday, June 11– EREV SHAVUOT

7:30 pm - “Our People, Our World, Future”-Erev Shavuot dessert, prayers, songs and discussion—join us and share your insights and wisdom! We will focus on Rabbi Sid Schwarz’s recent article in the Forward (contact Rabbi Karol to get the article), “Making a Spiritual Future for America’s Jewish Community.” Please respond to Temple if you plan to attend.

Sunday, June 12

10:00 am Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service

Followed by a Bagel Brunch Kiddush

Shavuot Torah reading: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12

Friday, June 17

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Blessings All Around.” *Aggie Saltman and Rebecca Berkson will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat in honor of Jacob Saltman becoming Bar Mitzvah. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, June 18

NO TALMUD STUDY

10:00 am Jacob Saltman, son of Mark and Aggie Saltman, will become a Bar Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah Judges 13:2-25

Friday, June 24

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Monika Kimball and Alison Mann will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, June 25

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Behaalotecha Numbers 8:1-12-16

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Friday, July 1

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES!

Pearie Bruder represent the Board of Trustees.

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, July 2

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha Numbers 13:1-15:41

Haftarah Joshua 2:1-24

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Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 7pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol at the May 10 Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting

When I think about congregational life, there is always one set of statements to which I return from the Sayings of the Rabbis, Pirkei Avot. In Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1, Saying 6, Rabbi Joshua ben Perachyah, who lived in the Second Century BCE, declared: ASEI L'CHA RAV – Find for yourself a RAV – a rabbi or a teacher. U-K'NEI L'CHA CHAVER – acquire for yourself a friend, companion or a partner for study. VE-HEVEI DAN ET KOL ADAM L'CHAF Z'CHUT – and judge everyone favorably, towards their merit OR give everyone the benefit of the doubt.

The first two statements of this three-part quote sound like they are appropriately paired one to the other. One is about finding someone who knows more than we know from whom we can learn. The second declares that we should find a peer, an equal with whom to study after sitting at the feet of our chosen RAV. It may be that ASEI L'CHA RAV doesn't just mean to find a teacher. It may challenge each of us to turn ourselves into teachers. Through our accumulated wisdom and experience, we can all be dedicated and knowledgeable educators and mentors. Rabbi Joshua, if he were here, would urge us to take the time and energy to make that happen: to be teachers and guides who show care and patience to those we hope to train as leaders through refining skills and sharing new insights.

The word CHAVER in modern Hebrew means more than being a colleague, peer or study partner. Its primary meaning is now "friend." That notion of friendship in Judaism still comes from the relationship of two people who learn together, side-by-side, or from the teacher-student connection.

In a story from the Chasidic tradition, a student once professed his love for his rabbi, to which the rabbi responded, "Do you know what hurts me?" The student, confused by the response, said, "My teacher, I said that I love you! Why do I need to have any idea about what hurts you?" The rabbi responded, "If you do not know what hurts me, then how can you say you love me?"

Being a CHAVER in a fellowship of study and communal activity in a Jewish context ideally means developing and sustaining a deep friendship and partnership, where two people not only learn and grow alongside each other, but care about each other as human beings. And it can apply, just as much, to congregants who work together and Temple leaders who make decisions in concert with one another, combining the best of their knowledge to take the congregation forward with a sense of meaning, vision and purpose.

So what about that third part of the saying—"DAN ET KOL ADAM L'CHAF Z'CHUT"? Literally, it means, "judge each person according to his or her merits or good points." Working and learning in close quarters with friends and colleagues might create moments where our impatience can get the better of us. Rabbi Joshua was telling us something that we have likely learned time and again in our own lives. Sometimes we just want other people to accentuate our positive traits when

they think about their partnership or friendship with us. And if we want other people to do that for us, we need to reciprocate in kind. For the rabbis, that was the key to sustaining relationships within a community. Always tipping our view of people with whom we serve towards the positive side will make any institution or organization to which we belong, including Temple Beth-El, warmer and stronger.

This saying of Rabbi Joshua Ben Perachyah is echoed in the new Temple mission statement, which brings us together under this expression of guiding principles: "We strive to be a place where spiritual growth, tradition and ritual provide meaning and comfort to every person who comes through our doors. Temple Beth-El encourages its members to learn, celebrate, serve, and grow together, so that each person will have the fullest opportunity to share the beauty of Jewish expression."

This mission statement embodies the first two parts of Rabbi Joshua's teaching by noting that, at Temple Beth-El, we "learn celebrate, serve and grow together" to seek "meaning" and "comfort." Hopefully, it is not only ritual, tradition and individual spiritual growth that provide each of us with meaning and comfort. Rabbi Joshua would remind us that it is our partnership and engagement with each other that offer us meaning, through the relationships we create and maintain, and comfort, through the ways in which we can, should and hopefully do reach out to one another. A recent article about congregational life described congregations as having the potential to be based either on gratitude for each other, including the clergy person, or on critical and harsh judgment of one another. In congregations and in any organization, no one is perfect. No one can do everything, not a lay leader, not a clergy person. Giving each other the benefit of the doubt means looking at what someone has done over the course of days, months and years. And if it seems that something that needs to get done is falling by the wayside, rather than offering criticism, it may be a time to reach out a helping hand in patience and genuine camaraderie. When we see each other as part of the whole who can lift up one another towards communal growth and achievement in the most cheerful, enthusiastic and positive way, there is nothing we can't make happen.

So look at the listing of Temple programs provided tonight and you will see the blessings that our partnership brings us. Worship, study, opportunities to socialize, giving back to the community, and hosting our neighbors for our amazing and wildly successful Jewish Food and Folk Festival show what we can do when we are partners, colleagues and friends who work together for the betterment of our Temple and of Las Cruces. There are many areas in which we can improve and refine how we do what we do in order to be more caring, more open, more welcoming, more inclusive, and more thoughtful. We have established strong foundations in all of those areas upon which we can build to make our congregation a place that reflects the best of the Jewish heritage and spirit.

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President's Report, Annual Congregational Meeting May 10, 2016

In my May Adelante message, I have tried to provide my personal thoughts related to my experience as president, so today, I would like to briefly mention the board's accom-

plishments since May 2015. The credit goes primarily to many of the Temple committees that have worked diligently to make improvements in their areas of responsibility. Moreover, the recently added *Security Management Committee* is bringing a new and necessary level of attention to temple security.

You might know that we have a new website, e-mail system, and PayPal is being used for donations and Dues payments. We had a bit of a crisis when our accountant quit, but an ad hoc committee worked hard and our financial accounting system, with the help from an excellent bookkeeper, is supporting a new transparency. As a result, the Treasurer and Budget Chair are now able to provide accurate accounting data using Rakefet. Rakefet is the Jewish Institutional Software program that also enables us to keep all necessary data related to the congregation in one location for easier access and updates.

You may have noticed that the temple grounds are looking better and better in large part due to the Memorial Garden and Brick Walkway, a work in progress about which you will hear more from Alison Mann. The new benches also add a touch of class. Additionally, as you may know, there is a new or renovated front door in the planning stage which will further improve the aesthetics of the temple.

The revival of the Mensch Club will hopefully convince more men to become members, not only for the benefit of TBE but also for their personal enrichment as Jewish men in a small Jewish community. Congratulations to Jeff Lewis, its new president and representative on the board of trustees.

By now, you will have received the newsletters from the Jewish Federation of El Paso in addition to the NM Jewish Federation's publications. We are members of both organizations and we can henceforth apply for grants and enjoy programs offered by both. El Paso (our primary Federation affiliation) asked for TBE representatives and two of our members, Bill Stein and Dave Zeemont, have agreed to represent us on the board of the Jewish Federation of El Paso.

Mike Batkin is renewing his pledge to match donations to the Batkin Fund up to \$1800. Recently, Mike provided additional funds to add to the interest we received from the Fund's investment which was used to assist 5 families for their children's religious school tuition. He also offered to sponsor 2 trees in the Memorial Garden. We thank Mike, who, despite living in El Paso and belonging to all 3 shuls there, continues to remember us in his philanthropic giving.

You might have heard about the Verizon proposal to install three small cell antennae on our roof in the back of the building. It is awaiting the board's approval subject to contractual language. If agreed to, it would provide a monthly income of \$300 (It's the maximum we could get).

Finally, we are blessed to have been remembered in the last wills of a former congregant, Mary Fitzgerald, and a friend of the temple, David Brandhorst, who both died last year. May they rest in peace. What a lovely way to remember a community you love, by helping it even after you've left this earth!!!

David Brandhorst's generous gift enabled us to share a portion with the **Center for Spiritual Living Las Cruces**, whose members cared deeply for the deceased, both in word and deed. You will hear more about this from Dave Zeemont tonight.

Special mention needs to be made of the two fundraisers that keep our financial situation in a positive mode. The Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament in the fall is one, and the Jewish Food and Folk Festival last month is the other. This community is so grateful for the efforts of all involved. Moreover, these events bring the community together. Shortly you will hear from the two women behind it all.

Our congregational community was brought together at the TBE Board sponsored FestivUS celebration in January which was enjoyed by young and old alike, and I received many compliments and encouragement to do it again.

Much good has been accomplished and much needs to be done. Only by volunteering your time and expertise can we continue to exist, let alone thrive. If you are not already doing so, please consider becoming involved.

Thank you for the trust and kind words I have received from you. In retrospect, this experience as your president has enriched my life, and I will always be devoted to TBE. As I mentioned in my Adelante article, my husband, Bob Kimball has been an extraordinary helpmate, hands-on and intellectually. Much credit and gratitude goes to him, so, in the near future, I'm taking him on a trip abroad!

*Shalom,
Monika*

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



Mensch Club Film—*Berlin 36* Sunday, June 5, 2016—2:00 pm Synopsis by Ford Parkes-Perret

Gretel Bergmann (GB) was a German-Jewish high-jump star and would have won the gold medal in the 1936 Olympics, had she taken part. She was born on April 12, 1914 in Laupheim, a town near the Swiss border. Her father owned a factory which produced hair products. Judaism played no part in the lives of this nationalistic family. From childhood on, GB was always engaged in various sports, including running, swimming, tennis, and skiing. She attended the town's modern secondary school, a boys' school where she played handball and soccer. In 1933, when the Nazis came to power, her high jump of 1.51 m. placed her among the best in Germany. But in 1933, she was kicked out of the Ulm soccer association because she wasn't an Aryan. Her father, Edwin Bergmann, a WW I veteran and athlete, made frequent business trips to England. In London, he registered his daughter at the London Polytechnic, where she was immediately accepted into the college's sports teams. In June, 1934, she became the English high-jump champion.

In 1936, Nazi Germany faced a crisis. The United States threatened to boycott the Summer Olympic Games if German-Jewish athletes were barred from competing. GB's family was threatened if GB did not return from England. At a government-sanctioned camp for Jewish athletes, she met her future husband, Bruno Lambert, also a high jumper, in 1935. In 1936, GB took part in the Olympics camp in Ettlingen in southern Germany. During training she was given a roommate, Dora Ratjen, who, as she found out, was a male. He was to replace her on the team. They ended up becoming good friends.

Unbeknownst to GB, she was to participate in the Württemberg Field & Track Championships in Stuttgart held 3 months before the Olympics. GB was brought to the championships and, without time to warm up, she set her best time ever and achieved the German record.

Shortly after that, the American Olympic team arrived in Germany, permitting the Nazis to conclude their charade. Now at home, GB received the following letter: "Looking back on your most recent performance, you could not have expected to be chosen for the team. Heil Hitler." The gold medal for the high jump went to Ibolja Czák, a Hungarian Jew. Her German Olympic colleagues were informed that an injury prevented her from participating in the Olympics.

But wait! The film might be almost over, but the story is not. In May, 1937, GB emigrated to the USA. She stayed with her brother, Rudolf (who lived in an apartment in Brooklyn), and worked as a cleaning woman to earn money to help Bruno Lambert to come to the States and to study to certify as a physician. She later worked as a physical therapist. Her parents and her younger brother, Walter, also came to the States. GB vowed never again to return to Germany. GB became an American citizen in 1942. During World II,

Bruno joined the US Army as a field surgeon. He took part in the Battle of the Bulge and was discharged as a major in 1946. Bruno established a practice in New York in internal medicine, while GB cared for their sons with their very unGerman names of Glenn and Gary. Her two brothers also enlisted and served in Europe. Walter was in Intelligence and interrogated German POWs. Her brother, Rudolf, later worked for CBS and became Program Director. Dr. Bruno Lambert died in 2013 at the age of 103. GB has been living in Jamaica Estates for the last 40 years. She is now 102 years old.



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am
(No Session on June 29)

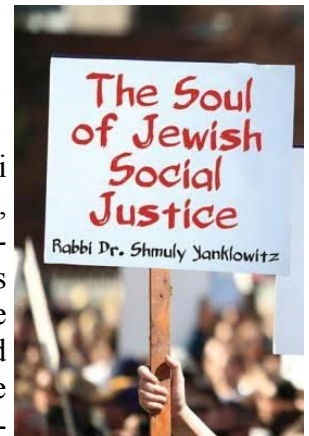
LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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.



"Yes!" to Social Justice- An Orthodox Perspective Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Karol will review Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz's book, *The Soul of Jewish Social Justice*, presenting central ideas from his book that resonate with the work that has emerged from the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Movements. Join us for a conversation that may challenge your current perspectives or enable you to deepen your own approach to applying Judaism's values to the world around us.



A subsequent session in July will focus on Rabbi Jill Jacobs' book, *There Shall Be No Needy*. Please respond to Rabbi Karol if you plan to attend by calling Temple at 575-524-3380 or emailing rabbi@tblc.org.

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, zeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

Religious School 2015-2016
Reflections on learning throughout the year
from our students on May 15
(Photos from May 15)



**Kaitlyn Mead's
Pre-K/K/First
Grade/Gan
Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I eat matzah; when I come to the Jewish Food and Folk Festival; when I became Bat Mitzvah; when I sang on a stage; when I come to Sunday School.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is: the Hebrew letters and Hebrew words.

**Sarah Mindlin's
Second-Third Grade
Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when it's Friday night; when my friends are here at Temple; when I pray.
 One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is: how to read Hebrew; Hebrew words.



phone; when it's Passover and we have a Seder; when I can play and color with my classmates.

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is: learning to read Hebrew; we are connected to Jews everywhere; Jews have been mistreated; about the life of Jewish people who were in Hurricane Katrina; how to cook a lot of Jewish foods and about a girl who had to believe when her surroundings were different; that I have a lot of Jewish friends.

**Erich Zameret's Fourth-Fifth Grade First Hour
Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I light the Chanukah candles; when we celebrate;

One thing I have learned about being Jewish this year is: Hebrew and more Jewish holidays.



Machon—Seventh Grade through High School

Machon students were serving as aides with their classes on the last day (they are in the faculty photo above). As an example of a Machon class discussion on a general topic that related to Jewish values, here is what the students listed as qualities of a friend during a class discussion on February 28:

A friend is someone who:

Respects you...is trustworthy...doesn't hurt your feelings by talking behind your back...listens to you...likes the same things as you...is compassionate...won't tell your secrets...can tell if and why you are sad...is not afraid to loan you money...is unique...is the total opposite of you...has known you for a long time and you share interests and history.



**Rhonda Karol's Fourth-Fifth Grade First Hour
Class**

I am proud to be Jewish when I'm at Hebrew school; when I celebrate the holidays; when I learn Hebrew; when we sing, pray and learn together; when I'm in Religious school; all the time; when we celebrate different holidays with family; when I get to talk into the micro-



**Summary of 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting
Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, New Mexico
May 10, 2016**

President Monika Kimball called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed all congregants and said that their presence shows they care. The Rabbi delivered the invocation (See page 9). The 2015 minutes were read by the current Board Secretary, Ellen Torres, and were approved as written.

President Monika Kimball delivered her report (see page 4 of this issue of the Adelante).

Rabbi Karol presented Monika Kimball with a plaque for her service to the Temple, and then presented his annual message (see pages 3 and 7).

Paul Feil presented the Treasurer's report. We thanked him for his service. We currently have 136 member families. Members can communicate with the Treasurer using the following email: treasurer@tbelc.org. He thanked the families and estates of Mel Taylor, Mary Fitzgerald, and David Brandhorst, for their generous donations to the Temple. He stated that he only has data for three-quarters of the year, but there is more money in the bank than there was last year. The fundraisers have been absolutely fabulous, a tremendous amount of work.

Dave Zeemont spoke about David Brandhorst and his ties to Temple Beth-El. He presented Temple Beth-El with a check from the David Brandhorst estate for \$50,000.

Reports were presented by the Adult Education Committee, the Youth Committee, the Biblical Garden/Brick Walkway Committee, the Israel Committee, and the Wednesday Breakfast group.

Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman reported on the Third Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival. (see page 8 for a summary of their report from the meeting minutes).

Monika Kimball asked all Board members to stand up and be recognized. She announced those who would be stepping down and those who would be remaining. Those remaining include: Diane Fleishman, Renee Frank, Ned Rubin, Ellen Torres, and Erich Zameret. Those stepping down include: Paul Feil, Monika Kimball, David Fishman, and Mark Saltman. Members Allen Blum and Ann Berkson are on the slate for another term. She also thanked Leslie Glater, Sisterhood Council Rep, and Dave Zeemont, Mensch Club president, for being Board representatives, and who are also stepping down. Monika also thanked Rabbi Karol for all he does for the Temple and the Board.

Monika Kimball introduced Jim Rosenthal, Chair of the Nominating Committee. He thanked the members of his committee for all their hard work. Then he called up the Board Candidates to speak: Ann Berkson, Allen Blum (statement read by Monika Kimball), Susan Brown (statement read by Marieka Brown), Pearie Bruder, Michael Lieberman, and Susan Michelson (statement read by Jim Rosenthal). The slate was approved by acclamation.

A change in the Constitution to permit electronic voting by members of the Board of Trustees was approved by the congregation.

Following the Annual Meeting, the new board met to elect officers. Here are the officers of Temple Beth-El for 2016-2017:

President-Ellen Torres

Vice-President-Ned Rubin

Treasurer-Allen Blum

Recording Secretary-Renee Frank

Jeff Lewis, the new Mensch Club president, will be

Mensch Club representative on the Board of Trustees.

Last August, the bombs that exploded at two local congregations placed everyone on alert. Even while I was away at a convention that weekend, I still received the news about what happened, and coordinated with local and Temple leaders to open up our Shabbat service that Friday night to the general community. We had an increased attendance that evening, with guests from a variety of faith groups joining us in our worship. Without changing the language of our prayers, our service was able to touch our neighbors in a way that they had not expected. That is the power of what we have as Jews, and that is a gift we can continue to share in many ways with others, and, mainly, with each other within these walls.

My deepest gratitude goes to Monika Kimball, the Temple Board, to committee chairs and members, the Golf Tournament committee and participants, Sisterhood, Mensch Club, BETY, Religious school faculty, students, study group participants, singers and musicians of all ages, and all who give to Temple something special from their own essence. To our newly formalized colleagues in the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, we welcome this strengthened connection that will broaden horizons and enhance access to resources and energy for all of us. To Rhonda, and to Adam and Juli, thank you for being my ever present support, sounding board, purveyors of great wisdom, and cheerleaders, all based in the love of family.

On the major festivals, we add a prayer to our service that asks for crops to grow and for the rains to fall to make that happen. In Temple life, we are the ones who provide nourishment for the congregation to help it grow through our commitment and dedication. Our ideas, our energy, and our good work nurtures Temple Beth-El into a community that can enrich our lives, individually and together. So may this holiday blessing for natural growth now lead us towards new vistas in the future that lies before us:

Liv'rachah v'lo lik'lalah. L'chayim v'lo l'mavet

L'sova v'lo l'razon.

For blessing and not for curse. For life and not for death.

For abundance, and not for want.

May God continue to establish the work of our hands and the gifts that come from our hearts as teachers, mentors, colleagues, and friends who will strive to bring one another meaning and comfort to help make our lives complete.



The Greening of TBE

With the purchase of two olive trees by Mike Batkin, and the purchase of a fig tree by Monika and Bob Kimball, we have completed the beginning plants in the Biblical Garden around the fountain in the meditation area. Thanks to these donors who so generously gave to add to the beauty of the Temple.

Our next focus is a covering of some type so that the meditation area can be partially shaded. We look forward to presenting a sketch in the next few months of some possibilities.

You can help by continuing to purchase bricks for the area. Surely there are simchas and special people you'd like to honor, or people whom you have loved whom you'd like to memorialize. As you will notice by some of the bricks already in the walkway, a brick is a great way to say "I love you" to people and even pets. And how about noting the anniversary of a much cherished event? We even have bricks that say "Thank You" and others that recognize Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. The possibilities are endless, and there's lots of space available for your unique brick.

Please tell Dee Cook or Alison Mann if you'd like a brick form mailed to you, or you can pick one up at the Temple. You don't need to be a member of the Temple to buy a brick. Thank you!

The Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Committee



Report on the 2016 Jewish Food and Folk Festival From the minutes of the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2016

Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman reported that we raised \$17,000 from the event this year, and had \$4,500 in expenses (around \$12,500 profit). Overall, we made \$2,500 more than last year. Funds come from sponsorships and ads, along with money raised at the event. They said they wanted to thank many people along with the whole Temple community. They thanked Ann Berkson, Paula Kramer, Dee Cook, and Dave Zeemont who did so much work as the Food Committee, and Debbie Levy for coordinating the baking sessions. Volunteers who gave so much are appreciated for everything they have done to make the JFFF so successful. They also thanked Ellen Torres and Leslie Glater for being the Volunteer Coordinators and for getting over 72 members to volunteer for 92 slots (20 did double shifts). They thanked Sue Mazer for the Silent Auction and Norm Mazer for heading up the Clean-up Crew. They thanked Brenda Parish and Michael Mandel for heading up the cashiering, Elisha Rosenberg and Pearie Bruder for running the Family Fun Area, Erich Zameret for organizing the folk dancers, and Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol for working so hard behind the scenes and being the rock of the Temple and event. Rebecca and Aggie were each presented with a bouquet of flowers and words of gratitude for their awesome JFFF 2016.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the July 2016 Adelante is June 20. The 20th of the month is the monthly deadline. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00am until 1:00 pm. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbikarol@tblc.org or rabbikarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

Candidate Forums held at Temple Beth-El in May

On two consecutive Tuesday evenings, May 17 and May 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Temple Beth-El, the Social Action committee and Adult Education committee, at the request of one or two primary candidates, hosted two political forums. On each night, about 10 primary candidates participated. On the first night, attended by between 50-60 people, primary candidates for the offices of



County Treasurer, District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District, and state Representative candidates for District 35 and state Senate candidates for District 36 were invited. All invited candidates attended and answered questions formulated by the social action committee, congregation members and members of the audience. Likewise, on May 24, the second forum was held for primary candi-



dates for County Commission District 4 and District 5. At the second forum, about 35-40 people were in attendance. This also included one of the candidates from the previous forum and a candidate running unopposed in the



primary, but who wanted to know if we would be having another political forum in the fall, before the main election.

Many of the candidates participating remained after the actual forum to participate in the "social" hour for some food and more intimate conversation with constituents. It

seems that the candidates appreciate the format of our forums and enjoy the more informal conversational opportunities afterwards. Several made a point to comment on the comfort of our setting, format, and the number of folks who seem to come to participate in the audience. From the comments of both audience members and forum participants, it seems that Temple Beth-El is developing a reputation in the community for providing some non-partisan, educational events valued by the community at large. We



hope to provide another opportunity for congregation and community involvement in an upcoming forum, which we are planning as a follow-up on poverty and with a menu of opportunities for *tikkun olam*, by getting involved in volunteer activities available in the community.

I must thank the hard work and dedication of the social action committee, Win Jacobs and Jim Rosenthal, as well as other congregants, in submitting, developing and formulating relevant, thoughtful questions and for the active participation of the audience members in likewise submitting thoughtful questions which evoked candidate responses which were not simply parts of "canned" statements.

We anticipate another political forum in the fall for the final candidates for local and state-wide office. The committee hopes that you will participate by submitting questions for the candidates and attending the forum. Please contact the Social Action committee with any questions, comments or suggestions at tbelcsocialaction@gmail.com or if you would like to be put on the e-mailing list, just let us know at the same email address.



Mensch Club Social

Thursday, June 2, 2016- 1:00 pm

Corner Bakery Café, 2305 E Lohman Ave

The Mensch Club will meet at Corner Bakery Café on Thursday, June 2 to discuss possible activities and upcoming events. Members are encouraged to share ideas for programming. If you plan to attend, please respond to Mensch Club President Jeff Lewis at packers119@msn.com.

Rabbi Karol's Invocation

Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting - May 10, 2016

Ashreinu! How happy we are!

Mah Tov chelkeinu! How good is our portion!

U-mah naim goraleinu! How pleasant our lot!

U-mah Yafah Yerushateinu! How beautiful our heritage!

Eternal God, You have given us the ability

To see what is joyous and sweet in our midst

To sense the ways in which we bring blessing to one another and to ourselves.

You have been with us every step of the way...

- As we observed holidays and marked life milestones
- When we planted trees and set in place bricks of remembrance and tribute.
- When we lit candles on our chanukiot alongside our mayor.
- When we joined together as members to celebrate who we are for no reason other than to add joy to the moment.
- When we opened our doors to a community that seeks from us new knowledge, and, every so often, a savory bite from a pastrami sandwich.

Source of wisdom, You have inspired our discussions of sacred texts and conversations on short stories and books that express the essence of who we are.

Wellspring of holiness, You have brought us together for the solemn burial of worn sacred books and the dedication of this space to the memory of builders of this congregation.

Loving Creator, You have opened our minds and hearts to share the love of our heritage with a new generation, finding a renewed commitment in ourselves as our youth declare their coming of age in the context of Jewish life.

God of Righteousness, You have taught us to open our hands to neighbors in need, and to consider ways in which we can offer assistance to the destitute, the poor, the homeless, turning hopelessness into a glimpse of a glimmer of optimism.

You have gifted us with creativity to generate new ideas, and to appreciate the beauty expressed in art and in song, and in the wonder embodied in the natural setting that surrounds us.

Mah Rabu maasecha Adonai!

How great are Your works, Eternal One,

And how privileged we are to be Your partners in sustaining creation through our work together in this congregation and community and in the beliefs and values we convey through our actions every single day of our lives.

Be with us at every turn, O God,

In every holy, amazing moment. Amen.

With great pride and joy
Mark and Aggie Saltman invite you
to witness as their son

JACOB DAVID

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Kiddush Luncheon following services

Please RSVP by June 10
Text to Aggie at 575-649-4356
or e-mail to aggie@nmsu.edu



Ongoing Events at TBE



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of topics of Jewish and general 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)



KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting group will not meet in June, July and August. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or Kessin@comcast.net.

MAH JONG

Mah Jong will not meet in June, July and August.

Month for Camp Hope in June

Camp Hope, the tent city in Las Cruces which serves the homeless on the Community of Hope campus, has lost more than \$22,000 in state funding due to budget cuts. These were funds earmarked for veterans to help them with their housing needs. Temple Beth-El is joining several other organizations and individuals in the community to help them make up the lost funding. This Saturday, at the "50 Years and Counting: A Musical Walk Down Memory Lane" event, we will begin to take monetary donations for this effort. This is totally voluntary and not an admission fee. Also, throughout the month of June, you can put donations in the Tzedakah Box in the entry foyer to go to Camp Hope. You can also send a check, making sure that you mention Camp Hope on the memo line. *Thank you all for your support of this valuable community resource.*

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 May 2016

General Fund

- Priscilla Creed, in memory of Abraham Pomerantz
- Dee Cook, in memory of Rebekah Edelstein, Esther Berlin, & Frances Klempner
- Dee Cook, in memory of Abe Pomerantz
- Grace Hammesfahr, in loving memory of Irv Rothman
- Monika & Bob Kimball, in memory of Abe Pomerantz
- Cheryl Marians, in memory of Max Weiman
- Harriet & Irv Wolf, in memory of Abe Pomerantz
- Lila Ziegler, in gratitude to the Sisterhood for the lovely card in regard to her new home
- George & Yvonne Rawson, in memory of Abe Pomerantz
- Michael and Stacey Hyman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Harry and Diane Bass and family, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Irwin & Barbara Ross, in memory of Alice Ross
- Helen Raphael, in memory of Gerry Leasser

Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Fund

- Monika & Bob Kimball, fig tree
- Mike Batkin, two olive trees

Jewish Food & Folk Festival

- Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol, in memory of Ruth Karol
- Michael & Barbara Mandel

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

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

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

Community Service Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Send a Kid to Israel Program (S.K.I.P. Fund)—To send Temple youth to Israel.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To support Jewish education for our children (especially need-based scholarships).

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

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

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

Security Fund—provides support for the purchase of expanded security equipment for the Temple premises.

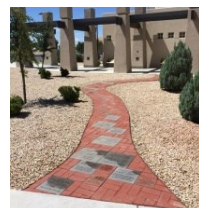
Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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, Allen Blum.



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.

JUNE 2016 (IYAR-SIVAN 5776)**Yahrzeits-May 29, 2016 through
July 2, 2016****Read on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4**

Irving Benowitz*, Father of Simy Allan
 Gertie Davison*
 Harold Deutschman, Uncle of Ellen Torres
 Allan Joseph, Brother of Susan Brown, Uncle of Marieka Brown
 Alice Ross, Mother of Irwin Ross
 David Schwartz*
 Mollie Segal, Grandmother of Michele Blum
 Hana Segen*
 Leland Trafton*
 Nate Wagner*
 Anna Weinglass, Mother-in-law of Teddy Weinglass

Read on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11

Nat Dorfman*
 Rebekah Klempner Edelstein*, Mother of Dee Cook
 Steven Gantz, Brother of Patricia Selanikio
 Martin Harris, Father of Nancy Rushforth
 Sidney Kalmanowitz, Father of Sally Sicherman
 Jack Landau, Father of Zuki Fishman
 Helen Landau, Mother of Zuki Fishman
 Pauline Rosenberg, Grandmother of Jason Rosenberg
 Eugene J Stern Jr.*

Read on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18

Rita Berger, Sister of Lila Ziegler
 Hilda Bortnick, Grandmother of Allen Palanker
 Hyman Capin, Cousin of Bea Klein
 Siebert Feldman*, Husband of Louise Feldman-Baskey
 Emanuel Gluck*
 Jennie Greenfield*
 Simmie Greenfield*
 Rabbi Gerald M. Kane, Husband of Cyrille S. Kane
 Martha Katz, Aunt of Helen Raphael
 Luba Klaitman, Mother of Rita Polsky
 Harriet Mandel, Mother of Michael Mandel
 Florence Poel, Mother of Martin Poel
 Charlie Roselinsky, Father of Lynn Zeemont
 Shirley Ruttenberg, Aunt of Ellen Torres
 Irving Schindler, Stepfather of David Zeemont
 Dorothy Schlisman*, Mother of Suzanne Mazer
 Leonard Sicherman, Brother-in-Law of Sally Sicherman

Read on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25

Michael Bruder*, Son of Murray & Evelyn Bruder
 Carl Caplan, Father of Betty Rosse
 Michael Max Cohen, Nephew of Richard Goldberg
 Vivian Denault, Sister of Lynn Berkeley
 Esther Edelstein Berlin*, Grandmother of Dee Cook

Sarah Eskin, Sister of Charles Kruger
 Christina Griffasi, Sister of Deborah Lee Thuman
 Aaron Hyman*, Father of Michael Hyman
 Doris Kirschner*, Mother of Bob Kirschner
 Doris Schroeder, Mother of Dia Taylor
 Andrea B Siegel*
 Leonard Weinglass, Husband of Teddy Weinglass
 Pearl Weisman, Grandmother of Cyrille S. Kane

Read on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2

Jerome Batkin*, Relative of Mike Batkin
 Richard Batkin*, Relative of Mike Batkin
 Ruben Kasten*
 Clara Kleiner, Grandmother of Rachel Stevens
 Miriam Kuznekoff*, Mother of Chuck Kuznekoff
 Nathan Mandel, Father of Michael Mandel
 Beatrice Mintz, Mother of June Jenkins
 Steven R. Pasternack*

***The Temple Beth-El Family
 extends condolences to:
 Harry and Diane Bass
 and their immediate and extended family
 on the death of their uncle
 and Temple Beth-El congregant,
 Abe Pomerantz,
 on May 15 in Las Cruces.
 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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JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Iyar 24 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 25 2 Mensch Club Social at Corner Baker Café 1:00 pm	Iyar 26 3 Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm	Iyar 27 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am “50 Years & Counting” songs of 1966— Havdalah, dessert and music –7:30 pm
Iyar 28 5 Mensch Club Film <i>Berlin 36</i> 2:00 pm	Iyar 29 6	Sivan 1 7	Sivan 2 8 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Sivan 3 9	Sivan 4 10 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Sivan 5 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Erev Shavuot Dessert, Study and Celebration 7:30 pm
Sivan 6 12 Shavuot Morning Service 10:00 am Bagel brunch Kiddush following	Sivan 7 13	Sivan 8 14	Sivan 9 15 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Sivan 10 16	Sivan 11 17 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Sivan 12 18 Shabbat Morning Service Jacob Saltman Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am
Sivan 13 19 FATHER'S DAY	Sivan 14 20	Sivan 15 21	Sivan 16 22 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Sivan 17 23 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Sivan 18 24 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Sivan 19 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Sivan 20 26	Sivan 21 27 “Yes!” to Social Justice- An Orthodox Perspective Discussion on <i>The Soul of Jewish Social Justice</i> —7:00 pm	Sivan 22 28	Sivan 23 29 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Sivan 24 30	Sivan 25 July 1 Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm	Sivan 26 July 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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