



JUNE 2018 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5778)



### Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday June 1**—Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm featuring student/faculty “Six-Word Prayers” followed by a Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner
- **Friday, June 8**—Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, June 15**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, June 22**—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, June 29**—Regular Shabbat Service at the early time of 6:00 pm

### Saturdays (June 9, June 16, June 23)

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

### Join Rabbi Karol for

Dessert (please bring one to share),  
Havdalah,  
and a relaxed sing-along  
with a few songs from 50 years ago,  
other classics,  
and some Rabbi Karol originals

on  
**Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
at 7:30 pm

in the Temple Social Hall.

Please respond to [rabbi@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbi@tbelc.org)  
or call Temple if you plan to attend.

## Summer Shiurim (Study)

with Rabbi Karol

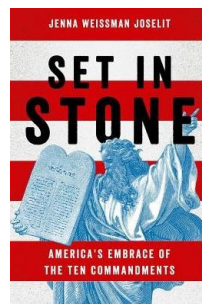
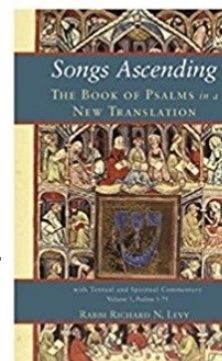
**The Song Never Ends:  
Exploring the Psalms  
Mondays**

**June 18 and June 25  
at 7:30 pm**

All materials will be provided.

We will “pick up where  
we left off” at Psalm 41

using Rabbi Richard Levy’s  
*Songs Ascending* commentary  
on the Psalms as our guide.



**FROM STONE  
TO SCROLL TO  
SCREEN: THE TEN  
COMMANDMENTS IN  
AMERICAN LIFE**

**Tuesday, June 19  
at 7:30 pm**

Rabbi Karol will share  
insights from Jenna Weissman Joselit’s  
book, *Set in Stone: America’s Embrace  
of the Ten Commandments*.

**SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
(and do let Rabbi Karol know if you plan  
to attend).

### Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00-9:00 pm**  
at the home of Janet Wechter,  
804 Don Quixote, El Paso, TX 79922  
Wine and Cheese Dessert Reception  
Recognition of award recipients  
Election and Installation of Officers  
RSVP [frontdesk@jfedelpaso.org](mailto:frontdesk@jfedelpaso.org)  
or call 915-842-9554

## Worship Schedule

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

### Friday, June 1 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including more six-word prayers! **Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.**

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

### Saturday, June 2

NO TALMUD STUDY

**10:15 am** Derek Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman, will become a Bar Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Parashat B'ha-alotecha Numbers 8:1-12:16

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

### Friday, June 8 —7:00 PM

7:00 pm Shabbat evening service led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin. **Cheryl Decker will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Cheryl Decker will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 9

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a potluck kiddush.

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

Haftarah Joshua 2:1-24

### Friday, June 15

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Power, Authority and Responsibility.” **An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 16

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah First Samuel 11:14-12:22

### Friday, June 22

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. **Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Paula Kramer and Brenda Parish. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 23

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, June 29—NOTE EARLY TIME

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Finding the best in us.” **Aggie Saltman (and family) will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Luke Duddridge will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, June 30

NO TALMUD STUDY

**10:00 am** Hannah Saltman, daughter of Mark and Aggie Saltman, will become a Bat Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Parashat Balak-Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftarah Micah 5:6-6:8

### Friday, July 6 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including our “Great American Sing-Along.”

**Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.**

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner. **Leslie Glater will coordinate the dinner.**

### Saturday, July 7

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Pinchas Numbers 25:10-30:1

Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

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**The next Board Meeting**

**will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 21, 2018.**

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**Message from Rabbi Karol**  
**Remarks at TBE Annual Meeting**  
**on May 10, 2018**

This is the day that the Eternal One has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ZEH HAYOM ASAH ADONAI - NAGILAH V'NIS'M'CHAH VO.

Every day should be such a day as declared in Psalm 118, but we fall into our routines. We may see some of our activities, our time spent with family, and our presence in the community, as special. Still, days that "God has made" may be, for most people, few and far between,

14 years ago today was my mother's funeral. A few weeks later, that verse from Psalm 118 became the basis for a song that I created to remember my mother at the urging of Debbie Friedman herself. I applied that phrase to my mom's life because I felt that she treated every day just that way.

In our family, and in the world of Reform Judaism, this past Sunday promised to be a day that God had made, as Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City was holding its ordination ceremony for rabbis (including our daughter-in-law Juli) and cantors at Congregation Emanu-El on Fifth Avenue. I was all set to march with the students and alumni in the processional, to sit with Rhonda, Adam, and Juli's parents, Steve and Nancie Schnur, and to ascend the bimah with Juli to give her a blessing after she was formally ordained by HUC-JIR President, Rabbi Aaron Panken.

It should have gone just that way, but...it didn't.

We had been with Adam, Juli and Josh on Saturday afternoon and evening. Earlier that day, I had attended the chapel service at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, where Juli will be an assistant rabbi come July 1. I went to the service so I could recite Kaddish for my mother on the day before the 14th anniversary of her death.

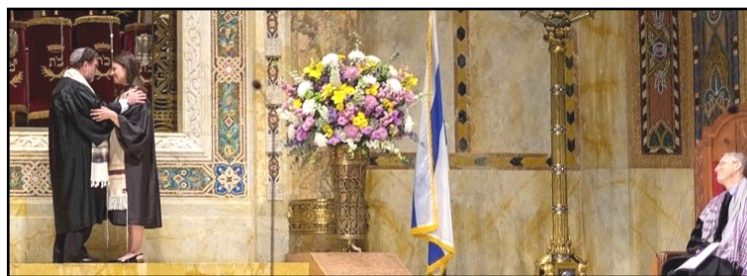
After we returned to our hotel room Saturday evening, I called Juli's parents, and Nancie Schnur asked me if I had heard what happened. She told me that Rabbi Panken, an experienced airplane pilot, had been flying that morning with an instructor in a single engine plane. The plane had crashed, and while the instructor survived, the EMTs were not able to save Rabbi Panken. At that point, we were able to find a few reports online about the tragic accident.

One post on my rabbis' conference Facebook members group on Saturday evening, wondering if we had heard about a terrible turn of events, became an online ongoing communal expression of shock, sadness and poignant remembrance. "This was the day before ordination," some said. "What will the service be like?", they wondered.

Rhonda and I wondered that, too. Adam spoke with Rhonda and I called Juli a bit later. A rabbinic student at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles texted me to tell me to give Juli a hug for her.

We arrived at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, not knowing what to expect. The staff was there, and some of my rabbinic colleagues were arriving. The HUC-JIR faculty had taken

the students into a private room to speak with them, to comfort them, and to enable them to express their grief, as it was the first time they had all come together after hearing the sad news. The rabbi who was supposed to ordain them would not be able to finish the task he had begun as their leader and mentor. Rabbi Norman Cohen, a scholar, author, former provost of HUC-JIR, and one-time acting president of the college, was chosen to ordain the students as they came up before the ark, one-by-one, during the service. Alumni who had come to march in the processional were comforting students, staff, and faculty, as well as each other. Students gathered for pre-service photographs and still smiled, knowing that special moments and the culmination of their studies awaited them, as well as the beginning of their journeys as rabbis and cantors.



The sadness in the air in the downstairs social hall accompanied us to some extent as we moved upstairs and processed into the sanctuary. Faculty and others who spoke at the service made sure that the students knew that while it was appropriate for them to feel grief for the



death of their teacher and leader, and gratitude for what he gave them in his service to the college, it was also fitting for them to experience joy on this milestone day. Once the ordination part of the service began, there was a gradual change in mood in the Congregation Emanu-El sanctuary. The students went before the ark to receive their individual blessings from Rabbi Cohen. When it was Juli's turn, she and I ascended the bimah together. Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, gave Juli a

hug, having known Juli and her family for many years as his congregants at Westchester Reform Temple (Rabbi Jacobs is at the far right in the blessing photo above). Rabbi Cohen ordained Juli, and then invited me to come up before the ark to offer my private words of blessing and encouragement to Juli.

After that special moment, we descended the bimah, where Adam and Josh were waiting for us in the aisle towards the front of the Sanctuary.







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

Dear TBE Congregants,  
Thank you to those who attended the May 10 Annual Congregation-

al Meeting and to those who sent in Absentee Ballots. The outcome of the election is as follows: New and returning Board Members include Cheryl Decker, Ruth Rubin, Joanne Turnbull, Sue Brown, Michael Mandel, and Pearie Bruder. All of the amendments passed. The revised Constitution and By-Laws will be able to be reviewed sometime soon. We will send you a link to review them when they're ready. Thank you to our continuing Board members Ned Rubin, Diane Fleishman, Jeff Lewis, and Jeff Brown. Thank you also to our Sisterhood Board Rep Dee Cook and Mensch Club rep Luke Duddridge. And thank you to our new Mensch Club President, David Decker.

The officers of our Executive Committee for 2018-2019 are President Ellen Torres, Vice President Jeff Lewis, Treasurer Michael Mandel, and Recording Secretary Jeff Brown. Congratulations to our new Board and Temple Officers!

We also want to congratulate our two representatives to the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso: Bill Stein and Monika Kimball. Thank you for your volunteerism and dedication!

An additional thanks goes out to those who are stepping down from the Board—Allen Blum, Michael Lieberman, and Susan Michelson. It was an honor to have you on the Board. Thank you for your years of service, dedication, and hours spent as leaders of the congregation.

A very special thank you also goes out to everyone who volunteered to make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival an extraordinary success: Co-Chairs Aggie Saltman and Rebecca Berkson; Volunteer Coordinator Rose Jacobs; Food Team members Dee Cook, Ann Berkson, Dave Zeemont, and Paula Kramer; Beth-El Ba-

zaar organizer Cheryl Decker; Cashier Manager Michael Mandel; Dessert Coordinator Ruth Rubin; Donors/Sponsors organizer Beth Tierney; Entertainment organizer Rabbi Larry Karol; Family Fun coordinators Elisha Rosenberg and Pearie Bruder; Program Book coordinator Joanne Turnbull; Set-up/Clean-up Organizer Jim Rosenthal; Signage/Decorations organizer Rhonda Karol; Ticket organizer Brenda Parish; and Waste Management coordinator Norm Mazer.

We have a wonderful group of Temple members who volunteer to make our Temple a great family.

It is important for me to build a sacred partnership with you, the congregation. A sacred partnership requires a commitment to Torah, both ancient texts and our personal Torah, our innermost teachings, which are the sources of the values that guide us in our daily lives and that influence the sacred partnerships we build with others. Let's continue to build sacred partnerships based on Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening, and communication.

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**.

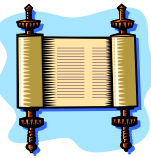
I want to end with a verse from the poem "Giving Thanks" by Alden Solovy:

"Blessed are you, my friends,  
In our moments of celebration together  
And our moments of service to each other.  
Blessed are You, G-d of All Being,  
Source of my life,  
Creator of joy and gratitude."

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

# ADULT EDUCATION

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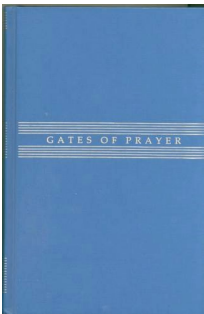
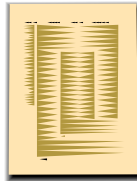


## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Rabbi Karol leads these study sessions on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am. We study and discuss the text using a variety of English translations (No session on June 13)

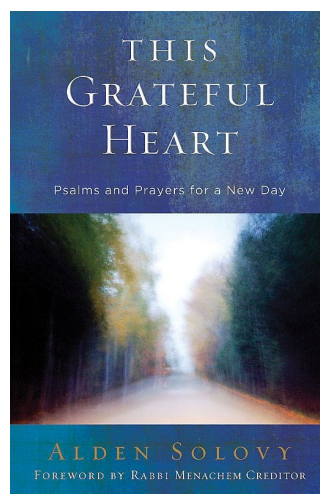
## LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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



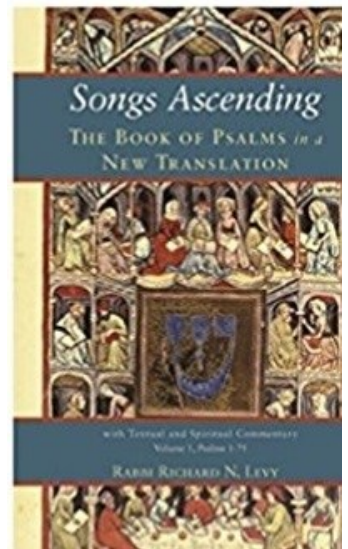
Temple Beth El is currently using the *Mishkan T'filah* prayer book. We have a number of remaining copies of our earlier prayer books, such as *Gates of Prayer* and *Gates of Repentance*. We are making them available free of charge for our members. Please take some of those books that are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We have several copies available of *This Grateful Heart*, by Alden Solovy, at a cost of \$15.00 per book. ***All books are signed by the author.*** Please contact Rabbi Karol if you would like to purchase one of these books.



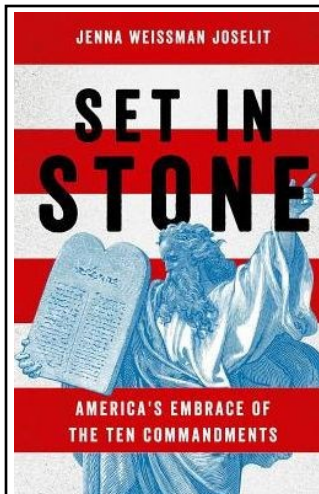
## THE SONG NEVER ENDS: EXPLORING THE PSALMS

On two Monday nights, June 18 and 25, At 7:30 pm, we will resume our study of the book of Psalms. beginning with Psalm



41 (where we left off), aided in our study by Rabbi Richard Levy's *Songs Ascending: The Book of Psalms in a New Translation with Textual and Spiritual Commentary*.

**All study materials will be provided.** Please let Rabbi Karol know if you would like to join in this pursuit of meaning as we explore a treasured ancient text.



**FROM STONE TO SCROLL TO SCREEN: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN AMERICAN LIFE**  
On Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 pm, Rabbi Karol will discuss and share insights from Jenna Weissman Joselit's book, *Set in Stone: America's*

*Embrace of the Ten Commandments*.

Her book covers the appearances of the Ten Commandments in many forms throughout our nation's history.

Please email Rabbi Karol at [rabbi@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbi@tbelc.org) if you plan to attend!



***Rabbi's Remarks—TBE Annual Meeting—Continued from Page 3***

The service continued with a sense of accomplishment and simchah not only for the students, but also for all of the family members and friends present to celebrate the moment. The assembled congregation had come together in the spirit of Mazal Tov, and, on that day, there was an added touch of ZECHER TZADIK LIVRACHAH, may the memory of a righteous teacher who had died the day before be for blessing, and may his legacy continue.

Juli wrote on her facebook page on Sunday: "Today I experienced how strong community can be. Today I was ordained a rabbi."

Fourteen years ago, after my mother had died, I witnessed her community in Kansas City and my community in my own congregation offer comfort, support and solace in great measure, to the point where I was able to celebrate my mother's life on the day of her funeral and afterwards. This past Sunday, family members, rabbis, cantors, friends, HUC-JIR staff and faculty, and rabbinic and cantorial students about to be ordained, lifted each other up more than enough to be able to feel joy even while harboring grief at the loss of a teacher, rabbi, colleague and friend.

And isn't that what community is about? Aren't we supposed to be present for each other at times of joy and achievement, as well as at moments of sadness and challenge? If a sudden and unexpected death does anything, it makes us realize what is important in life and in the relationships we create as part of a congregational community. It's about the creative ideas that we fashion together and then bring to fruition. What is important is not that we always agree, but that our disagreements find a pathway to resolution and to making us and our congregation better than we were before. What is important is that we stand by each other, realizing that we are part of the same team, where any divisions we may perceive melt away when we consider how well we come together at times of triumph and accomplishment, and how we are sincerely present for one another at times of sorrow. What is important is that we successfully commit to standing by and with each other during a four-hour period each year at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival, fulfilling the Jewish value of welcoming guests, being as hospitable as Abraham and Sarah, and feeding them as well! What is important is that members of all ages at Temple Beth-El can find ways to practice the seven habits of happy people cited on the website [www.pursuitofhappiness.org](http://www.pursuitofhappiness.org): express your heart by cultivating relationships; perform acts of kindness for other people; keep moving; find your flow, an activity in your skill set that gives you enjoyment; discover meaning and your purpose and place in life; discover and use your strengths; and treasure gratitude, mindfulness and hope.

Most of you gathered here tonight know that we try to provide opportunities to practice these habits of happy people. Those avenues of pursuit and experience materialize when we join together to make them happen. That means that we need to frequently be HERE, as one congregation, as one community.

As your rabbi, that's all I ask. Rhonda and I were with a community of people on Sunday who had never been together before, and will never be together again in the same place for the same purpose. Somehow, we were all able to forge our way onto the same page, in a spirit of holy presence, cooperation, and, for many, love. I know we can do that, too.

Through the leadership of our board, led by Ellen Torres as Temple president; through committees that have been active and contributed quality to our Temple life reflected in learning, camaraderie, and giving; through the sparkle in the eyes of our children in Religious School and in BETY/BEMY; through Sisterhood and Mensch Club programs; and through your presence here for worship and at other events and programs, most any day at Temple Beth-El can be a day that God has made, a day on which we can rejoice and be glad.

At this point in the continuing history of Temple Beth-El, I hope that we will continue to be partners in fellowship, in creativity, in friendship, and in engendering wisdom, joy and hope among us now and in the months and years to come. May our efforts make that vision come to fruition on every single day of our time on this earth that God has made just for us.

*L'shalom,*

***Rabbi Larry K.***

*See [rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com](http://rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com) for Rabbi Karol's articles, Divrei Torah and sermons.*

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***Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol will be away on June 7-14. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.***



***At the party celebrating Juli's rabbinic ordination, in the afternoon on May 6, Juli's father, Steve Schnur, captured this photo of the "Rabbis Karol":***

***Rabbi Stephen Karol (HUC-JIR Cincinnati, Class of 1977); Rabbi Juliana Schnur Karol (HUC-JIR New York, Class of 2018); and Rabbi Larry Karol (HUC-JIR Cincinnati, Class of 1981).***

**Invocation**  
**Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting**  
**May 10, 2018**  
**Rabbi Larry Karol**

Eternal God,  
 Ancient One,  
 Present One,  
 Who accompanies us along our life's path,  
 Be with us as we mark another year of  
 Sustaining Jewish life  
 at Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces.  
 Open our eyes to see our successes  
 reflected in the smiles  
 and closeness of members of all ages.  
 Open our ears to listen to each other's needs,  
 ideas, concerns,  
 and expressions of connection  
 that reflect the ties that bind us together.  
 Open our hearts to the possibility of  
 finding purpose and meaning  
 in our study, in our worship,  
 in our work that we accomplish  
 side-by-side,  
 in our service to our neighbors in our city,  
 and in relationships that  
 could move towards fellowship  
 and even friendship.  
 May we, as part of the greater Jewish world,  
 preserve the heritage  
 that has been passed down to us,  
 and may we enhance its content and values  
 so that what we transmit  
 to the next generation  
 will bear the stamp of our commitment,  
 our experience and our wisdom.  
 May you, God of our years,  
 continue to firmly establish and bless  
 the work of hands  
 with every task undertaken  
 in this space and community  
 dedicated to the service of You,  
 our Creator,  
 our Teacher,  
 our Hope.

**Blessing for our Religious School Children**  
**During our Family Shabbat Service on May 18, 2018**  
**Rabbi Larry Karol**

Eternal God, Source of wisdom, Giver of knowledge,  
 Who enlightens our eyes  
 and deepens our hearts with learning and insights,  
 Bless these children, the children of our community,  
 As they continue upon their path of exploration  
 of our tradition and heritage.  
 Guide them to understand that the lessons learned here  
 Through conversations and celebrations, from stories and  
 songs, through personal curiosity and communal action  
 Will accompany them not only in the days and weeks to come  
 But throughout their lives.  
 Help them realize that while the future depends on them,  
 They do not have to bear that weight of responsibility alone.  
 Remind them that the relationships they create with classmates and  
 teachers will enable them to forge connections with new study part-  
 ners based on the Jewish foundation  
 of gaining new understandings face-to-face and side-by-side.  
 Grant their parents and other family members  
 The persistence and commitment  
 to support them on their journey  
 As they discover how all that they have learned  
 within these walls will be a beacon  
 that will guide them to perform acts of goodness and kindness that  
 will bring greater justice and peace to the human family.  
 BARUCH ATAH, ADONAI, ELOHEINU MELECH  
 HA-OLAM SHECHALAK MEI-CHOCHMATO LI'REI-AV.  
 Blessed are You, Eternal One, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who  
 grants a measure of divine wisdom to those who revere the holiness in  
 this world of ours.





**Dave Zeemont to be recognized  
at the Jewish Federation  
of Greater El Paso  
Annual Meeting on June 6, 2018**

**As Temple Beth-El Volunteer of the Year**

The Temple Board of Trustees has selected Dave Zeemont to be recognized as the Temple Beth-El Volunteer of the Year at the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso annual meeting on June 6.

Dave Zeemont grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Fair Lawn High School and Rutgers University. He and his wife, Lynn, moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, from Rockland County, New York, settling in the Coronado Ridge area of Picacho Hills. He

spent most of his working career as an independent general insurance agent and broker.

He is a past President of the Picacho Hills Property Owners Association, having served on their board for six years. He is currently President of the Coronado Ridge Neighborhood Association.

He was also a board member of Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, the only no-kill shelter in southern New Mexico and was their immediate Past President.

Dave spends much of his time as a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation Network, taking area veterans to their VA medical appointments in Las Cruces and El Paso. On their behalf, he has logged over 100,000 miles. He has received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015, and a Las Cruces Mayor's Citation for Community Service in 2017.

Dave was instrumental in arranging the significant bequest by David Brandhorst to Temple.

Dave's ongoing activities at Temple Beth-El include:

- Member of the Library Committee and Assistant Librarian.
- Past President of the TBE Mensch Club, currently Treasurer.
- Former member of the Board of Trustees for five years.
- Member of the Food Committee for both the Jewish Food and Folk Festival (JFFF) for the five years of its existence, and the Renaissance Faire
- Founding member and Trustee of the Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Scholarship Fund.
- Facilitates the set-up of our large video screen and video equipment for Temple events.

**Happy 20 Chai**

Last year the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund produced \$1,024.00 in earnings that will be distributed as scholarships in 2018.

Shortly after January 1, 2018, I had a conversation with Rabbi Karol and I wished him a Happy New Year. He pointed out to me that the Gregorian year 2018 could be read as "twenty chai." As most readers of "Adelante!" know, in Hebrew the letters that correspond to 18 also spell the word chai (life). To most Jews the number 18 is considered "lucky".

Twenty chai (2018) equals 360.

**Therefore, I am making the following offer for 2018: I donate \$3,600.00 in matching money, to double as many as 10 contributions of 20 chai (that's \$360.00) to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund made between January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31, 2018. In addition, I will match all other contributions to the fund (up to an additional \$1,800.00) made in the same time frame. That's a total of \$5,400 of matching funds.** I believe that

there are at least ten members of Temple Beth-El who believe in the value of supporting Jewish education in Las Cruces who will donate twenty chai in 2018 and see their donations doubled, and for those who want to grow the fund, but cannot donate 20 chai, their donations (up to the additional \$1,800.00) will also be doubled.

*Mike Batkin,  
grandson of Irving Batkin*



### Letter to the Editor

Dear Reporters Gavin, Kaylee, Max, Mia and Morgan,

Wow! We're a two-newspaper community!

Adelante and KIDS' CHADASHOT.

I'll let *others* judge which newspaper is better because, well, I'm friends with both editors.

But I will say this: if you read the latest KIDS' CHADASHOT you learned: where Tzedakah donations go, the top religious school songs, the fate of sharks (with a local angle), the Hebrew word for unicorn, how the temple "judge" views her work, what it was like for Jason Rosenberg to grow up in Las Cruces, a Hanukkah algorithm, and, in an exclusive interview, the identify of Rabbi Larry's favorite snack!

In short, what we learn from the latest edition of KIDS' CHADASHOT is more about ourselves and our community. That's what newspapers do. By writing so clearly, interviewing members of our community, using great photos and commenting on various topics, you follow a long and proud newspaper tradition.

So, to the *Kids News* reporters and editor (Rhonda), I say: Thank you for your journalism!

**Jim Rosenthal**



**(This is the obituary for Rabbi Aaron Panken from the HUC-JIR website. In light of my Annual Meeting message, I thought it would be appropriate to share this with the congregation—Rabbi Larry K.)**



Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D., President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), died tragically in a plane crash on May 5, 2018, at the age of 53. He served as the 12th President in HUC-JIR's 143-year history.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 8 at Westchester Reform, Temple in Scarsdale, New York.

Dr. Panken led the four-campus international institution of higher learning and seminary for Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR's campuses in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles and New York provide the academic and professional training programs for the Reform

Movement's rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit management professionals, and offer graduate programs for scholars of all faiths.

Rabbi Panken was a distinguished rabbi and scholar, dedicated teacher, and exemplary leader of the Reform Movement for nearly three decades. As a product of the Reform Movement's camps, youth movement, and seminary, his passionate commitment to Reform Judaism, to the State of Israel, and to the Jewish people worldwide inspired his efforts to ensure HUC-JIR's academic excellence in fulfilling its sacred mission. As HUC-JIR President, Rabbi Panken implemented his transformative vision by forging strategic planning initiatives: embedding new technology in support of student learning and administration, strengthening recruitment to yield the largest incoming classes in a decade, launching new Jewish education, nonprofit management, and entrepreneurship programs and academic partnerships, and invigorating the ties linking HUC-JIR's four campuses in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York and their larger communities and regions. He was a staunch advocate for religious pluralism in Israel and was proud to have ordained the 100th Israeli Reform rabbi graduating from HUC-JIR's Israeli Rabbinical Program on November 16, 2017.

Rabbi Panken was elected HUC-JIR President by the Board of Governors on July 31, 2013. His appointment was effective on January 1, 2014 and he was installed on June 8, 2014 in Cincinnati. Ordained by HUC-JIR in New York in 1991, Rabbi Panken joined the HUC-JIR faculty in 1995, and taught Rabbinic and Second Temple Literature, with research interests in the historical development of legal concepts and terms; narrative development; and development of holiday observances.

At his inauguration convocation, he said, "For me, Reform Judaism has always symbolized what I consider to be the best of Judaism – firmly rooted in our tradition, yet egalitarian, inclusive of patrilineal Jews and intermarried families, welcoming to the LGBT community, politically active, and respectful of other faiths and ideologies."

An ardent supporter of Reform Judaism in Israel, Rabbi Panken said, "As the only North American seminary with a full campus and programs in Israel, we are uniquely positioned to influence both Israeli and North American society, and to ensure that the relationship between these two great centers of Jewish life continues and thrives. We will work hard to improve the understanding and integration of Reform Jews worldwide with our Jewish State and with all our global partners."

A native of New York City who graduated from Johns Hopkins University's Electrical Engineering program, Rabbi Panken was a certificated commercial pilot and sailor.

Rabbi Panken is survived by his wife, Lisa Messinger, his children Eli and Samantha, his parents Beverly and Peter, and his sister, Rabbi Melinda Panken of Congregation Shaari Emeth in Manalapan, NJ. Funeral services took place on Tuesday, May 8, at 1:00 pm at Westchester Reform Temple.

Even as we mourn the loss of our colleague, teacher, and friend, the vision that Rabbi Aaron Panken brought to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion remains a source of hope and comfort to those who mourn and the Jewish community. Rabbi Panken's family requests donations in his memory be made to help fulfill Aaron's vision for his beloved HUC-JIR at [huc.edu/memorial](http://huc.edu/memorial) or by mail to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, One West Fourth Street, New York, NY 10012.

## **Annual Meeting/Board Meeting Summary May 10, 2018**

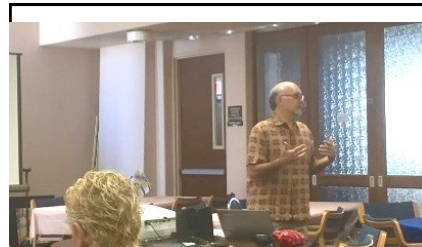
The Annual Congregation meeting took place on May 10, 2018. Ellen Torres thanked many members for their services to the Temple as Board members, as committee and event chairs/participants, as participants in onegs and worship, and as our representatives to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Ellen and Rabbi Karol prepared a booklet discussing the many Temple activities and Rabbi's activities that took place during 2017-2018. Michael Mandel gave a financial report to the Congregation. Ellen and Jeff Brown led a discussion about two proposed amendments to the TBE Constitution and 13 proposed amendments to the TBE By-Laws. Jim Rosenthal introduced candidates for seats on the Board Trustees, and they gave brief presentations about their backgrounds. Members then voted on the candidates and amendments, and enjoyed desserts while Dee Cook led a team that counted ballots cast at the meeting and absentee ballots. The following persons were elected to two year terms on the Board: Sue Brown, Pearie Bruder, Cheryl Decker, Michael Mandel, Ruth Rubin, and Joanne Turnbull. All of the proposed amendments were adopted.

The Board meeting was held immediately after the Annual Congregation Meeting. Allen Blum gave a preliminary Budget Committee presentation. The following officers were elected for 2018-19: Ellen Torres, President; Jeff Lewis, Vice President; Michael Mandel, Treasurer; and Jeff Brown, Secretary. The Board discussed a meeting/orientation for former and new Board members, the Nominating Committee, and our JFGEP representatives. The Board began a discussion about Board members' responsibilities. Ellen discussed future interactions with the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso.

## **Update on the Verizon Cell Phone Towers**

### **Ellen Torres, Temple President**

In early 2016, Verizon approached the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth-El to lease some of our roof space for booster towers. Verizon completed an engineering study of the roof, and gave us a few different proposals, one of which was eventually accepted by the TBE Board. They offered \$300 per month, \$3600 a year, for a minimum of 5 years, which amounts to \$18,000—money the Board felt we could use to help TBE with mounting expenses. The lease could be extended for up to 20 years, with the lease amount increasing in future years. It is possible that this contract will garner up to \$90,000 to TBE with little to no downside. Back in April 2016, the Board moved to accept the Verizon proposal, and the motion passed unanimously. This information was shared with the congregation. Verizon will install a sub-electrical meter to gauge their energy usage, for which they will be responsible. They are also working on covers for the towers that will match the color and texture of our building. The covers will be installed in the next few weeks. In addition, regarding radiation emission concerns, the radiation from the cell towers for any one person is less than the radiation from a microwave in a home. We will continue to share any additional information with the congregation as it becomes available. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



## **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](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com) or 575-524-6945)



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### Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

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



### Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

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

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

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

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



**Donations through May 26, 2018****General Fund**

- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in support of Alden Solovy programming
- Margot Leverett, in memory of her father, James Leverett (memorial plaque)
- Elliot Katz

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Susan Brown, in memory of Allan Joseph
- Irv and Barbara Ross, in memory of Alice Ross
- Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Dorothy Schlisman

**Religious School Fund**

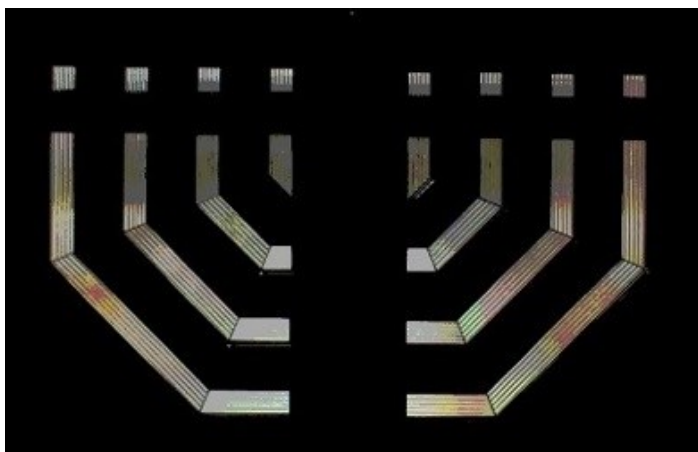
- Evelyn and Murray Bruder, in memory of Michael Robert Bruder
- Mark and Stefani Singer

**Frances Williams Library Fund**

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**Youth Fund (BETY/BEMY)**

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**TEMPLE FUNDS**

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

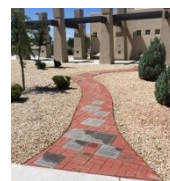
**Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund**—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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

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



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



by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.

**JUNE 2018 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5778)****Yahrzeits-May 27 through July 7, 2018**

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

**Read on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2**

Michael Bruder\* (Murray and Evelyn Bruder, Ron Bruder)

Carl Caplan (Betty Rosse)

Michael Max Cohen (Richard Goldberg)

Esther Edelstein Berlin\* (Dee Cook)

Sarah Eskin (Linda M. Kruger)

Christina Griffasi (Deborah Lee Thuman)

Aaron Hyman\* (Michael Hyman)

Doris Kirschner\* (Bob Kirschner)

Andrea B Siegel\*

Ben Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)

Quinn Sitcler (Cheryl and David Decker)

Anna Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

**Read on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9**

Jerome Batkin\*-Yochanan ben Nisan Hakohen (Mike Batkin)

Richard Batkin\*-Reuven ben Yochanan Hakohen (Mike Batkin)

Ruben Kasten\*

Clara Kleiner (Rachel Stevens)

Miriam Kuznekoff\* (Chuck Kuznekoff)

Nathan Mandel (Michael Mandel)

Steven R Pasternack\*

Isaac Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

**Read on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16**

Bernard Cutler (Michele Blum)

Siebert Feldman\* (Louise Feldman-Baskey)

Barbara Orner\* (Ralph Orner)

Asher Segen\*

Benjamin D Siegel\*

Max Taub\*

**Read on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23**

Milton Berkson\* (Burt Berkson, Arthur Berkson)

Vivan Denault (Lynn Berkeley)

Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)

Ruth Frank (Lester Frank)

Jennie Frank\*

Henrietta Horowitz (Ellen Torres)

Rachelle Petrowski\*

Roslyn Rice\*

Leo Steinborn\*

Pearl Weisman (Cyrille Kane)

**Read on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30**

Raymond Gettleman (Sally Sicherman)

Joseph Okin (Gerie Muchnikoff)

Marcia Rabinovich (David Rabinovich)

Dora Stern\*-Shaina Devorah Bat Aaron and

Gittel (Ann Berkson, Arthur Berkson)

Leonard Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

**Read on Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7**

Josephine Glater (Leslie Glater)

Kathryn Goldstein (Wendee Lorbeer)

Diane Gutman (Allen Palanker)

Arnold Heart (Nancy Bergman)

Gertrude Kalmanowitz (Sally Sicherman)

Jacob Krasner\* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey

Marquez)

Dorothy Whitledge (Dee Cook)

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](http://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.



**Visit the Temple Beth-El Website**  
**[www.tbcl.org](http://www.tbcl.org)**  
**for in-depth information about Temple**  
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**rent Temple events**

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**Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!**

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(It is open for all to see!)

**If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click “Like” and join us in our Facebook community!**

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

### **Adelante Deadline**

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

### **Office Hours**

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

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 grammar, readability, supportability, etc.)

### **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.





# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Sivan 18 <sup>1</sup> Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Sivan 19 <sup>2</sup> Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Bar Mitzvah of Derek Hyman
Sivan 20 <sup>3</sup>	Sivan 21 <sup>4</sup>	Sivan 22 <sup>5</sup>	Sivan 23 <sup>6</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am  Jewish Federation of El Paso Annual Meeting—6:00 pm	Sivan 24 <sup>7</sup>	Sivan 25 <sup>8</sup> Shabbat Service Led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin 7:00 pm	Sivan 26 <sup>9</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
Sivan 27 <sup>10</sup>	Sivan 28 <sup>11</sup>	Sivan 29 <sup>12</sup>	Sivan 30 <sup>13</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Tammuz 1 <sup>14</sup>	Tammuz 2 <sup>15</sup> Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Tammuz 3 <sup>16</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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Tammuz 11 <sup>24</sup>	Tammuz 12 <sup>25</sup> The Song Never Ends: Exploring the Psalms—7:30 pm	Tammuz 13 <sup>26</sup>	Tammuz 14 <sup>27</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tammuz 15 <sup>28</sup>	Tammuz 16 <sup>29</sup> Shabbat Service 6:00 pm NOTE EARLY TIME	Tammuz 17 <sup>30</sup> Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Saltman

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