



MARCH 2017 (ADAR-NISAN 5777)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

Friday, March 3-

**Family Shabbat
Service for Shabbat**

**Across America/Canada at
6 pm—Potluck Dinner
following**

**Friday, March 10—Shabbat Service at 7 pm—
Hadassah Sabbath**

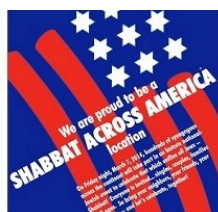
Friday, March 17—Shabbat Service at 7pm

Friday, March 24—Shabbat Service at 7 pm

**Friday, March 31—Shabbat Service for
Renewal of Spirit at 7pm**

Saturdays

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



Music in Flight

On Sunday March 5th, at 2 pm, Andrea Orzoff, Associate Professor of European History at New Mexico State University, will speak on her current book project, *Music in Flight*, which tells the stories of German and Austrian classical musicians who fled Nazism for Latin America.

Andrea Orzoff completed her doctorate from Stanford University in 2000.

Her book *Battle for the Castle: The Myth of Czechoslovakia in Europe, 1914-1948* (Oxford University Press 2009, paperback 2011) was widely reviewed internationally and praised in the *Atlantic* and the *New York Review of Books*. Her articles on international organizations, East and Central European nationalism, cultural diplomacy, and propaganda and the mass media have appeared in *German History*, *New German Critique*, the *Austrian History Yearbook*, *Nationalities Papers*, and *Slavic Review*. Dr. Orzoff has just finished a set of articles on the German-speaking chapters of the International PEN Club during the Cold War as well as an overview of democracy and democratic internationalism in interwar Europe for the *Oxford Handbook on Europe 1900-1945* (2016).

Dr. Orzoff has received many awards and fellowships. Her second Fulbright, a Global Flex Fellowship, will take her to Germany, Mexico and Peru in 2017 and 2018. She is also a recipient of awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD, German Academic Exchange Commission), the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the International Research and Exchanges Board, or IREX. She has been an invited or keynote speaker at Tel Aviv University, Vanderbilt University, Cornell University, the University of Oxford, Trinity College (Dublin), and Berlin's Freie Universität. After finishing *Music in Flight*, she plans to explore the topics of Anglo-American defectors to East Germany and East German ties to Latin America.

This program is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.



***PURIM*
Saturday,
March 11, 2017
*at 5:00 pm***

Men, women, and children of all ages, costumed or uncostumed, are invited to a pizza dinner and Purim carnival (sponsored by BETY) followed by Purim songs, a Purimshpiel (at 6:30 pm) and chanting of an excerpt from the megillah.



Worship Schedule

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

Friday, March 3

6:00 pm FAMILY SHABBAT AND SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA/CANADA—We will join with congregations

around the country in hosting members of the greater Jewish community and congregants in celebrating Shabbat (feel free to invite someone to attend!). This service for all ages will take us through the Shabbat evening prayers with added insights and inspiration. The service will include birthday blessings for January, February and March.

Erich Zameret will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner with brief prayer and song before and after dinner. Sue Brown, Marieka Brown and Julie Seton will coordinate the dinner.

Saturday, March 4

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah I Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday, March 10

7:00 pm **HADASSAH SABBATH**—members of the Las Cruces Hadassah chapter will take part in the service.

If you would like to participate in the service, please call Diane Bass at 575 652-4667 or email

hdbasz2@yahoo.com. Michele Blum and Dinny Bomberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.

Saturday, March 11

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Tetzaveh Exodus 27:27-30:10

Shabbat Zachor portion—Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Haftarah I Samuel 15:2-34



**Saturday, March 11
PURIM
CELEBRATION
5:00 pm**

Join us for a Pizza

Dinner and Purim Carnival followed by Purim songs and, at 6:30 pm, our annual Purimshpiel!

Friday, March 17

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Finding our Way Again.” **Shelly and Jerry Silverman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service, led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35

Shabbat Parah Numbers 19:1-22

Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38

Friday, March 24

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Creating our own Sacred Space,” reporting on his experiences at the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention that week. **Leslie Glater and Pearie Bruder will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, March 25

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayakheil-Pekuday Exodus 35:1-40:38

Shabbat Hachodesh Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Friday, March 31

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. **Barbara Berger will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah Isaiah 43:21-44:23

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16 at 7pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol

I recently devoted an evening to watching two documentaries aired on PBS which were recommended to me.

One was "Birth of a Movement," which chronicled the protests of African-Americans against showings of D.W. Griffith's film, "Birth of a Nation." Griffith's work, based on the book *The Clansman*, by Thomas Dixon, cast citizens of the American south as total victims in the Civil War and during the ensuing period of Reconstruction. The film visually presented African-Americans in the worst possible way. In the book, Dixon had advocated for suppression of a number of groups in America, including Jews. The protests did not end the showing of the film, but they demonstrated how a community could empower itself to make its views known to our national leaders.

The second program I watched was "American Experience: Oklahoma City." On the day of the Oklahoma City bombing, I had a morning meeting with Congressman Sam Brownback. While I waited, I watched news reports about the bombing on the television in his office. The congressman and I spoke briefly about the reports that had come in so far. As we all learned more about Timothy McVeigh after the bombing, it became clear that the network of hatred of which he was a part believed that Jews had taken over the government, and that Jewish power must be eradicated. The net effect, for me, of watching those programs one-after-the-other was that it was obvious whom these groups considered "real Americans." They did not include Jews and other non-Christians (actually, non-Protestants) as acceptable. It was as if there was a nearly straight line from an earlier version of white supremacy to its more recent incarnation.

I have been participating for the last few weeks in a discussion group (with a diverse membership from the community) on Dr. Jonathan Sarna's book, *American Judaism*. In this work, he outlines the development of the Jewish religion in the context of our nation's ever-developing story. I came upon this paragraph about the attitudes that prevailed in the 1920s, just before the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924: "Immigration restrictions that sought to restore the nation's ethnic mix to its nineteenth-century white Protestant character also aimed directly (though by no means exclusively) at Jews. The House Committee on Immigration received a report prepared by Wilbur J. Carr, the director of the Consular Service, and approved by the secretary of state, that described Jews who desired to migrate to the United States as being, among other things, 'undesirable,' 'of low physical and mental standards,' 'filthy,' 'un-American,' and 'often dangerous in their habits.' Resulting legislation never mentioned Jews, and it restricted other 'undesirable' immigrants like Italians and Slavs no less stringently, while Asians were barred entirely.

'Chauvinistic nationalism is rampant,' Louis Marshall, the foremost American Jewish leader of his day, recognized. 'The hatred of everything foreign has become an obsession.'"

This passage from Dr. Sarna's book reveals how the racism of the late 1800s and early 1900s targeted Jews as different and outside the mainstream of those who could be considered "acceptable Americans."

It is difficult to hear those comments from nearly 100 years ago at this time, when unknown perpetrators have phoned in bomb threats to Jewish Community Centers and vandals have toppled headstones at Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis and Philadelphia. This follows a year when Jewish journalists faced horrifying anti-Semitic responses to their tweets (with their faces often placed in an image of a gas chamber), and white supremacists have been emboldened by the current political climate.

This is most definitely a time to be watchful and vigilant. It is not a time to be afraid. Recently, someone sent Temple a vase of flowers to express appreciation for our presence in the community. Members of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces have personally expressed concern to me about the threats against the American Jewish community (concerns which I have expressed to them in the past 14 months in the wake of threats to their well-being). People who have shown public support for vulnerable groups in our locale have asked me if we need a rally in support of the Jewish community in the wake of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers and incidents of vandalism in recent months.

I believe that what we need to do is to realize we are not alone. After officials in our area contacted local Jewish institutions in light of recent events, I visited the Alevy Chabad Jewish Center and spoke to the teachers who were in the building. I left a note for Rabbi and Mrs. Shmukler (they were not there) that offered a prayer for our well-being. Such prayers can help us feel that there is a Presence that can provide us a sense of protection and security.

Purim is coming soon, the holiday on which we mock the one who hated the Jews of Persia and cheer for the bravery of Mordechai and Esther for standing up for their people.

It is always time to be like Mordechai and Esther in how we view our Jewish identity and in how we can find ways to stand against hatred in cooperation with partners in the greater local community. History has taught us that those connections can bring us both strength and hope, so let us pursue them in the days to come.

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.*



President's Message

Dear Congregants:

On February 9-12, I joined more than 50 presidents and presidents-elect from Reform congregations throughout North America for the Union for Reform Judaism's 19th Annual Scheidt Seminar in

San Diego, CA, to discuss solutions to everyday congregational problems, explore Torah-based governance, improve leadership skills, network, and share successful program ideas. Dozens of additional congregational presidents will attend a second URJ Scheidt Seminar later this year in Atlanta, GA.

The seminar was established 19 years ago, when Rudi and Honey Scheidt partnered with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Mr. Scheidt noted that there had not been a training opportunity for him when he was president of his congregation, Temple Israel in Memphis, TN, and recognized how helpful it would have been.

Seminar participants heard from URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) President Rabbi Aaron Panken about the Reform Movement and how the congregations, HUC-JIR and the URJ can work together to strengthen congregations. Sharing their expertise with participants were Amy Asin, URJ Vice President for Strengthening Congregations; Miriam Chilton, URJ Vice President for Youth; Rabbi Sam Joseph, HUC-JIR Eleanor Sincheimer Distinguished Service Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development; and Rabbi Lou Feldstein, CEO, Dynamic Change Solutions.



I attended the Scheidt Seminar to learn much needed, valuable information, and to make contacts to help our Temple as we move forward in the 21st Century. The overall theme of the four days was "Building a Sacred Partnership" and discovering the "why"—defining the purpose of our devotion and commitment in our synagogues and our congregations. The emphasis is that we are here for the "why," not just the "what."

A sacred partnership is a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness. Sacred partnerships recognize each of us as individuals and our desire to inspire sacred action in our communities. Sacred partnerships are built and nurtured through the Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening, and communication, transparency, confidentiality, flexibility, and reflection.

"The role of the synagogue president is critically important to the vitality of modern Jewish life. Presidents are the cornerstone of congregational life, inspiring sacred action in their communities, investing in our Jewish future, and repairing the world. The knowledge and tools these presidents receive at the URJ Scheidt Seminar enable their individual congregations to play essential roles within the powerful force that is Reform Judaism, as together we help more people lead lives of wholeness, justice, and compassion," said URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs.

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 now I will add—and our **Sacred Partnerships**.

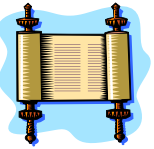
*Shalom,
Ellen Torres*



Ellen Torres stands with Rabbi Aaron Panken (on the left), President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and, on the right, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism.

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs

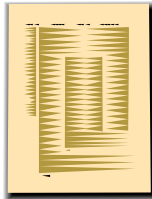


TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am
There will be no session on March 22.

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud students have been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 23 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



"American Values, Religious Voices" - A Local Discussion

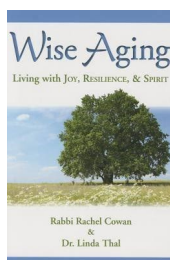
On Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30-8:45 pm, and on Wednesday, March 8, at 1:30-2:45 pm, at Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Larry Karol will host community conversations on "American Values, Religious Voices." Through this campaign, scholars of religion from around the country are sending a letter a day to our newly elected and appointed national leaders to highlight the role of values in guiding both citizens and leaders. The daily letters can be found at www.valuesandvoices.com (you can subscribe to receive one each day via email). Please email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbelc.org or call Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 if you plan to attend one of the sessions of this program.

Dear Temple Beth-El short story lovers: This is a reminder that we will meet on the coming Mondays at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall to discuss the short stories in Sana Krasikov's "One More Year." As always, there is an \$18 fee for the series, which goes to the temple's Adult Education Program. Also, as always, I recommend multiple readings of each short story as a way to deepen one's reading experience. For me, each reading helps decompress the story, allowing me to better appreciate and enjoy the author's work - the themes, the characters, the details and, of course, the writing. If you plan to attend, please email jar529@gmail.com or call 640-3292. I am looking forward to seeing and listening to you each week. I'll make the coffee!

Jim Rosenthal

Wise Aging Discussion Group

Join us on Wednesdays, March 1 and 8 at 7pm as we continue a discussion series on the book *Wise Aging*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Rabbi Karol will lead these conversations. The book is available from Behrman House publishers as well as on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. Please let Rabbi Karol (rabbi@tbelc.org) know if you plan to attend.



Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, spoke about his journey from Argentina to Texas at Temple Beth-El on February 12, 2017. His talk included a wealth of information about growing up in Argentina and touched on events that have shaped and affected the Jewish community there. He reflected on his service in a variety of communities in the United States as well, speaking about their strengths and challenges.



Igor Begelman (clarinet), accompanied by Yoni Levyatov on piano, presented a Piatigorsky Foundation Concert at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, February 19!



Temple Beth-El's Jewish Women's Spirituality group, led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically. For more information, contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.



Admission \$3
Kids under 12 Free
Food sold at event separately

☆ Jewish Food
☆ Folk Dancing



☆ Kids' Fun Area
☆ Silent Auction
☆ Entertainment




Sunday, April 23, 2017
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Contact these Temple
members for more info:**

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- **Silent Auction** - Sue Mazer at smazer2@q.com

- **Sponsorships/Ads** - Terri Sugarman at terrisugarman2@gmail.com - Ask a business to sponsor or place an ad in the program. Forms available at temple or on web-site: www.lcjewishfestival.weebly.com
- **Program messages** - Emile Elias at emileelias16@gmail.com—remember, you can send a personal one-line message for only \$18!
- **Bakers** - Dia Taylor at diataylor43@gmail.com or Ruth Rubin at wrruth5@hotmail.com
- **Admission Tickets** - Brenda Parish at bjparish@comcast.net—At \$3 each, you can buy for friends and neighbors!
- **Furniture Movers** - Jim Rosenthal at jar529@gmail.com—Minor brawn needed to help us move, set up, and tear down.

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Chairs: Aggie mzaggieo@gmail.com & Rebecca Becca.berkson@gmail.com



Frances F. Williams, one of the founding members of Temple Beth-El, received the NAACP Freedom Fighter Award from the NAACP on January 16 for her many years of service as a Civil Rights Officer, and community, state and national activist in the fight for equality and justice. She has been the recipient of many awards, including the Secretary of Army's Outstanding Equal Employment Opportunity Award, the New Mexico Governor's Public Service Award, Outstanding Woman of New Mexico Governor's award and recognition for her work at the 14th Inventory Control Center and the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, Vietnam. She is a member of the U. S. Army's Hall of Fame at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico and served on the committee for the Vietnam Memorial in Veteran's Park in Las Cruces.

In the photo with Frances Williams are, at the left, Fernando R. Macias, chief judge of the Third Judicial District Court of New Mexico, and, on the right, Curtis Rosemond, President of the NAACP Dona Ana Branch.



On Tuesday, February 14, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, and Ron Bernstein, also of the IMPJ, visited Temple Beth-El to discuss their efforts to make an impact on Israeli society.

Rabbi Kariv noted that Israel is always faced with ideological battles on the inside and existential threats from the outside. However, he said, Reform Jews can't wait for the external challenges to be solved before dealing with internal issues. He explained that some Israelis advocate downplaying Jewishness to protect Israeli democracy, while others recommend that they downplay democracy to protect the Jewishness of the state, but, he emphasized, most lean to neither of those positions. Still, marginal positions spoken in loud voices tend to prevail at times.

The most important goals for the Reform movement in Israel are to continue to advocate for religious pluralism and to help non-Orthodox Israelis revive their sense of a nation that creates a civil society based on equality and to give those Israelis a new language for their Judaism.

There are currently 50 Reform congregations in Israel. Many cities that have a population of 100,000 have no egalitarian synagogue. Many Israelis don't feel obligated to formally affiliate because there are synagogues and Jewishness all around Israel is one big synagogue. Right now, 8% of Israelis are Reform or Conservative, totaling about 500,000 members.

Rabbi Kariv said that Reform rabbis who work with a family for Bar/Bat mitzvah can change their self-definition of who they are as Jews. That is one way, among many, that the Reform movement hopes to build a critical mass in Israel.

For more information on the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, go to <http://www.reform.org.il/Eng/>



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of topics of Jewish and general interest are held at the Temple every Wednesday morning. Breakfast begins at 8:45 am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon for information at philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945)

Adelante Deadline

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

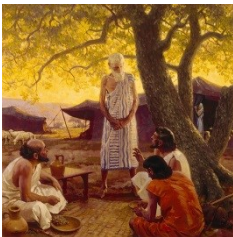
Tu Bish'vat Seder and Tree Planting on Sunday, February 12, 2017!



On Friday, February 3, 2017, St. Albert the Great Newman Parish hosted a service entitled “Welcoming the Stranger,” which highlighted values in various faith traditions about showing consideration and hospitality to people within a community and nation. Rabbi Larry Karol planned the service in partnership with Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces; Pastor Jared Carson, Peace Lutheran Church; and Radwan Jallad, president of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces. Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez also participated in the service, which was preceded by a press conference that presented a faith statement developed by the planners of the service. In the photo above on the left are (left to right): Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez, Bishop Oscar Cantu, Rabbi Larry Karol, Pastor Jared Carson, and Radwan Jallad.

Project Oak Tree

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces organized Project Oak Tree through early February, 2017 (congregants donated items late last year to help in this effort). The program is no longer active. Congregant Susan Fitzgerald took part in this project. The description of the program on the website of the Diocese noted how it came to be, and that it was created at the request of ICE: "The Diocese of Las Cruces has been asked by Ruben Garcia, Director of Annunciation House in El Paso, TX, at the request of the Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Federal Government, to assist refugees, who are being released from custody into the El Paso community, transition to family living in the United States. The Diocese of Las Cruces has agreed to facilitate the matching of refugee families with host families who freely and voluntarily will provide basic...hospitality to the family as they transition to family living in the United States. The Diocese of Las Cruces is not sponsoring the program or providing any type of care or relief other than facilitation. It is named after the hospitality story in Genesis of Abraham welcoming three strangers under the oak tree."



Project Oak Tree

By Susan Fitzgerald (January 18, 2017)

I grew up, post WWII in a Conservative Jewish household where being Jewish was more important than doing Jewish. Decades later, I came to Reform Judaism because it was there for those of us in small towns with even smaller Jewish populations. I was exposed, for the first time in my life, to the concept of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. It worked pretty well for me, it made a lot of sense to include doing something good for the world in practicing my religion. Over the years, I have been involved in a number of hands-on "healing the world" practices which have brought me into contact with many of those whose lives could stand some improvement.

Most recently, our family has taken in several Central American refugee families, mothers and children. What an adventure this has been. The first generation experience is part of who I am. My mother was born after her father emigrated to the United States. My grandmother, mother and two uncles survived WWI in Belarus before my grandfather could bring them to America. They had a few advantages; they were educated, had a bit of money and knew that my grandfather had found a home for them. It could only be better than fearing pogroms and the uncertainty of Europe in 1920. That was the filter I used when I welcomed Central American families into my home. They, too, left their homes because they were no longer safe, because there was no economic future. They were headed for families which were working in the underground economy because there is

no reasonable way to be a legal immigrant in this country. Many were barely literate and were vulnerable to anyone who would take advantage of them as they walked and rode their way across countries. They came with the clothes on their backs, malnourished because money has gone for transportation and a coyote. Once across the border, they turned themselves in to immigration and asked for asylum. They know Estados Unidos and that, surely, life must be better here. For the lucky ones, there were short stays in detention centers where parents plus their children shared windowless rooms with one toilet and mats on the floor for sleeping before they were released, with ankle GPS units and a court date.

This is where the faith community steps in. Families arrived in Las Cruces on buses from El Paso and were assigned to hosts. Our responsibility was to help them make travel arrangements as quickly as possible and, of course, to house and feed them while the plans were being made.

On a chilly Tuesday evening, a young woman and her daughter from Guatemala joined us. They were headed to New Jersey to Dad after a ten-year separation. Life had become too dangerous in their small town, and it made more sense to try to get here illegally rather than stay in Guatemala. So we made travel plans (with a few exciting glitches), picked out several outfits from donated clothing and talked a lot (very slowly in Spanish) about our respective lives. A bright and inquisitive girl immersed herself in our Lego collection and tried her few words in English. Mom made dinner for us with handmade tortillas. Everything was a surprise, from the number of cars, that there was something called recycling and that I could buy a bag of the same dry mix for making tortillas that they could. How do you explain air travel and all of its attendant details to someone whose major form of transportation is their feet? With the help of the ubiquitous cell phone and texting, I got the information I needed to make reservations and was able to send them on their way across country to welcoming arms.

We were left with memories of two people who were very grateful for our hospitality, and for our brief introduction to what life in America might be like. Weeks later, I got a phone call saying that they were settling in, getting a ten year old enrolled in school, learning to live with New Jersey's winter weather and to say thank you again for your kindness and generosity. They called us angels, but I want to say to them, no, we are not angels, we needed you to show us how much we have and how easy it is to share our wealth with those who have so much less.

Temple Board of Trustees

Meeting Summary – February 16, 2017

The February meeting of the TBE Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Ellen Torres, and Rabbi Karol provided the invocation. The minutes were amended and then accepted.

In the Rabbi's report, Rabbi Karol mentioned that there has been great participation in the Wednesday meetings based on the book, WISE AGING. The last session is on March 8, and it is not too late to join in. He mentioned there will be five B'nai Mitzvah coming up before the end of the year. The Rabbi has been active in community and interfaith activities, including helping to develop an interfaith statement entitled "Welcoming the Stranger," organizing and leading an interfaith prayer service at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish, and being part of a Unity gathering at the Islamic Center. His monthly article in the Las Cruces Bulletin focused on the American Values/Religious Voices campaign.

In the President's report, Ellen Torres reported that attending the URJ's Scheidt Seminar for Temple Presidents was an unbelievable experience. She brought back a lot of materials, and will share as much as possible with everyone. She mentioned the URJ Board training on May 7, with Jim Cherney of the URJ facilitating. The conference focused on the importance of building Sacred Partnerships, a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness.

Sisterhood. Dee Cook reported that the 2nd Seder will be on April 11 at Picacho Hills Country Club.

Mensch Club. Jeff Lewis reported that the Mensch Club will be sponsoring a "Bring Your Best Dish" event. They will charge admission, and people will bring a dish to share. Proceeds will go to TBE. He also reported that they are organizing a service for Temple members who need services such as home maintenance, shopping, etc.

Religious School Committee. Pearie Bruder reported that they will be baking Hamentaschen on March 5 and 8, and will prepare and deliver Purim Mishloach Manot bags on March 12. She mentioned that we need a central mechanism for checking dates for utilizing the kitchen to make sure there are no conflicts.

Old Business.

A. The URJ Leadership Training for the Board will be on May 7.

B. The Jewish Federation Grant funds are being used to bring in Rabbi Bob Alper, a comedian from Vermont, on August 25 and 26; and Tina Wasserman, a Jewish culinary expert will be here on November 10 11, and 12.

C. Jeff Brown has agreed to chair the TBE History Committee, which hasn't met for several years.

New Business.

A. TBE has a need for additional storage. The Board is looking into the possibility of purchasing a storage shed for the grounds.

B. There is a need for a standard procedure for use of the social hall and kitchen. A point of contact needs to be identified. A proposal will be brought to the next Board meeting.

C. A process is needed to make regular deliveries of food brought in for donation to El Caldito. The Board discussed several options. Specific proposals will be considered at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Temple Beth-El's Second Night Passover Seder will be hosted by TBE Sisterhood at Picacho Hills Country Club



Happy Pesach

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm
(The reservation form has been mailed
to congregants—copies are available on the
table in the Temple entry foyer).
Payment deadline is April 3, 2017

\$32.00 for members

\$38.00 for those who are
not Temple members

\$16.00 for children 12 and under

For more information,
please contact

Michele Blum at 575-373-9039

or

Lynn Zeemont at 575-523-0913

Rabbi Karol will be attending the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 18-23. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple Vice-President Ned Rubin at 414-331-3405 or erubin47@comcast.net.

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El

Mateo Garcia-Bryce—Saturday, June 24, 2017

Casey Rosenberg—Saturday, July 29, 2017

Michael Bruder—Saturday, December 2, 2017

Joshua Rosenberg—Saturday, December 30, 2017

Social Action Chavurah

The Social Action Chavurah held its first meeting on February 25, 2017 at the home of Susan and Pat Fitzgerald, with 10 congregants attending. Participants discussed how their personal stories related to their work and volunteer service related to social justice and began to discuss what might be done locally through their efforts and with the congregation.

The next meeting of the Chavurah will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 7:30-9:30 pm at the home of Yossi and Susan Lapid, 928 Raleigh Road,. All congregants are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to susanfitzgerald@hotmail.com or 575-405-1739.

Invocation – February 16, 2017 Board Meeting Rabbi Larry Karol

Eternal Creator, God of all nations,
Our Guide and Helper throughout the generations,
Be with us in changing and trying times.
Help us to understand that our place in the world
As a light to the nations can direct us, if we so choose,
to be exemplars of attentiveness to the blessings in life that we enjoy, of gratitude for the gifts that come our way,
Of strength, grace and dignity in the face of challenge.
Of a sense that, when we are placed in positions of authority,
our approach can be one of seeing the awesome responsibility placed into our hands and hearts.
Help us extend our hands to other people who,
Like our ancestors, have faced prejudice, uncertainty, hatred, and even violent attacks.
Remind us to stand tall when the accusations of the past
Return to the surface of society right before our eyes
So that we will join with many voices to decry canards that should have been put to rest long ago.
Open our eyes and ears to those who would approach us with love and care.
Prevent us from ignoring or excusing seeming expressions of support that fall disappointingly short of their mark.
May we respond with fortitude and with the tone of an educator when others fail to understand how our past informs our present so that we can identify the words of condemnation of bigotry we hope to hear from peers and leaders,
Bigotry not just against our community
But leveled at members of any group who, like us,
Seek to live the best of their values and teachings,
Whether they be represented by Ten Commandments,
Or a statement that demands that we treat others as we want to be treated.
Help us build bridges, Eternal God of all peoples, when we know that barriers and walls just won't do. Be our hope; be our source of wisdom; and grant us, always, peace.

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.

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.



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 - January 28 through February 24, 2017**General Operating Fund**

- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Arthur Stern
- Cheryl & Bob Marians, in memory of Steve Halper, Ann Hansen and Lyle Stanway (father of Cy Stanway)
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Clifford V. Evans, Sr
- Robyn Helzner, thank you to Temple Beth-El
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Wade W. Gardner
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Arthur Stern
- Sharon & Peter Dorfman, in memory of Ruth N. Brooks
- Grace I Hammesfahr, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of Lucille Duym
- Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory Eva Isaacson and Carl Isaacson
- Sonny Klein, in memory of Samuel and Frances Klein
- Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Itzhak Kolikant and Margaret Gantert

Building Maintenance Fund

- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of Jan Kandell

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Diana & Monte Blum, in honor of Dan Tapper, David Rabinovich, Joe Bell, Erich Zameret, Willie Pass and Bryan McCuller
- Al and Sherry Woods, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Zeena Audrae Geller
- Darlene and Richard Goldberg
- Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Dolly Zabin
- Stacey and Michael Hyman, thank you to Rabbi Larry & Rhonda for celebrating James's adoption
- Helen Raphael & Rex Douglass, in memory of Fran Zimet
- Julie A. Seton, in memory of Dee Seton Barber
- Norman & Suzanne Mazer, in memory of Minnie Levicoff
- Stacey and Michael Hyman, thank you to Rabbi Larry for officiating at the graveside prayers for Stacey's mother, Pauline Lemelin and to Rabbi Larry and Rhonda for being present.

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund (BETY & BEMY)

- Susan & Yosef Lapid, BETY/BEMY Donation
- Michael and Karen Currier, in memory of Alvin Phinick

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Leslie Glater, in honor of her 65th Birthday
- Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving Glater
- Leslie Glater, in honor of Allen Blum's birthday

Biblical Garden Fund

- Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Charlotte Mann, Gary's mother

Campership Fund

- Diana and Monte Blum, in memory of Beth Tierney's grandmother, Belle Fabel

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

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

Please join us in this effort!

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



MARCH 2017 (ADAR-NISAN 5777)**Yahrzeits-February 26 to April 1, 2017****Read on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4**

Avraham Ben Isaac Ha Cohen, Father of Tanah Hemingway
 Ruth N. Brooks*, Mother of Sharon Dorfman
 Patricia Collier Ehlers, Mother of Lisa McCuller
 Clifford Evans Sr, Grandfather of Dia Taylor
 Alma Ruth Feil, Mother of Paul Feil
 Lawrence Friedman, Brother of Teddy Weinglass
 Margaret Gantert, Grandmother of Susi Kolikant
 Dori Gorsky*
 Rita Herman, Mother of Avis Herman Lewis
 Carl Isaacson, Father of Louise Feldman-Baskey
 Frances Klein*, Mother of Sonny Klein, Mother-in-Law of Bea Klein
 Itzhak Kolikant, Father of Jacob Kolikant
 Bella Krushen*
 Jean Lemelin, Father of Stacey Hyman
 Sonia Seigel*
 David Sicherman, Father-in-Law of Sally Sicherman
 Ruth Sicherman, Mother-in-Law of Sally Sicherman
 Max Steinberg*, Father of Evelyn Bruder
 Dolly Zabin, Aunt of Jeff Brown
 Frances Zimet, Cousin of Helen Raphael

Read on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11

Louis Bass*, Father of Harry Bass
 Joshua Mordechai Batkin*, Son of Mike Batkin
 Earl Dorfman*, Father of Peter Dorfman
 Leonard Edwards*, Father of Peter Edwards
 Rachel Fox*
 Forrest Gantz, Father of Patricia Selanikio
 Ida Gantz, Mother of Patricia Selanikio
 Beatrice Gibbs, Sister of Ruth Ann Sugarman
 Ann Marie Hedgecock*
 Ida Katz*
 Katherine A. Lathrop, Mother of Jane Grider
 Jack Lipschutz*
 Stephanie S Morgan*
 Isabelle Sazer, Cousin of Tanah Hemingway
 Marco Selanikio, Father of Solomon Selanikio
 Storm Sauter Tarvin, Great-Granddaughter of Tanah Hemingway
 William "Jack" Mayo, Father of Lisa Weinbaum
 Joseph Wolfe*, Father of Elissa Poel

Read on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18

Ralph Alkon, Brother of Philip Alkon
 Tessie Rose Bergman, Grandmother of Nancy Bergman
 Faye Berkson*, Mother of Burt Berkson
 Betty Brankman, Mother of Sally Alkon
 Mollie Bruder*, Grandmother of Ron Bruder, Mother of Murray Bruder
 George Burstein, Father of Laini Burstein
 Samuel Chapman, Father of Diane Fleishman
 Lorraine B Fidler*
 Sam Jacobs, Father-in-Law of Win Jacobs
 Lena Lieberman*
 Bertram Marks, Father of Rhonda Karol
 Jacob Neidich*
 Sheldon Schoenbrun*
 Mieke Skigen*, Mother of Michelle Skigen
 Edith Steinberg, Mother of Evelyn Bruder, Grandmother of Ron Bruder
 Helen Troy, Mother of Marsha San Filippo

Read on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25

David Aboulafia*
 Clifford Evans Jr, Father of Dia Taylor
 Harold Mann, Father of Gary Mann
 Hattie Neidich*
 Abigail Palanker, Cousin of Allen Palanker
 Richard Palanker, Cousin of Allen Palanker
 Elaine Silberman, Sister of Cyrille S. Kane
 David Andrew Steinzig*
 Leonard I Weinglass, Cousin of Leonard Weinglass z"l

Read on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1

Estelle Berger, Mother Barbara Berger
 Sidney Berger*, Father of Barbara Berger
 Shirley Burstein, Mother of Laini Burstein
 Lillian Cooper, Sister of Ruth Ann Sugarman
 Dorothy Frieder*, Mother of Linda Fisher
 Reuben Friedman, Father of Teddy Weinglass
 Syd Friedman, Mother of Teddy Weinglass
 Muriel Heiman*
 Edward Jacobs, Husband of Win Jacobs
 Mark Edwin Rosenberg, Husband of Julie Rosenberg
 Gertrude Silverston*
 Clara Singer*
 Sima Tashlik, Grandmother of Allen Blum
 Anthony Thelkan*
 Benjamin White*, Father of Mike White
 Eleanor Williamson, Aunt of Barbara Mandel
 Birdsey Youngs, Father of Win Jacobs
 Joel Ziegler*, Husband of Lila Ziegler

***The Temple Beth-El Family
 extends condolences to:***

Beth Tierney and her family, on the death of Beth's grandmother, Belle Fabel, who died on February 1, 2017. Belle's home community was Mt. Vernon, NY.

Stacey Hyman and her family, on the death of Stacey's mother, Pauline Lemelin, on February 2, 2017 in Las Cruces.

May their memories be for blessing.

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

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

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

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www.tbetc.org
 for in-depth information about Temple and its programming and updates on current Temple events

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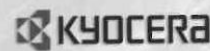
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MARCH 2017

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