



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

MAY 2016 (NISAN-IYAR 5776)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, May 6—**FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE** at 6:00 pm including April and May Birthday blessings, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:45 pm
- Friday, May 13—Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 20—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 27—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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

Candidate Forums at Temple Beth-El

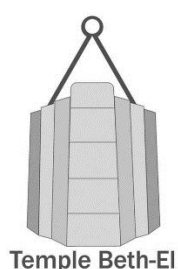
In keeping with our tradition of presenting Candidate Forums for the community of Las Cruces, Temple Beth-El will hold **two Primary Election Candidate Forums: Tuesdays, May 17th and May 24th from 6:30 until 8 pm.**



On the 17th, we (and the Adult Education Committee) will present the Democratic Candidates for Senate District 36, House District 35, Dona Ana County Treasurer, and the District Attorney candidates for the 3rd Judicial District.

On the 24th, we will present the Republican and Democratic candidates for Dona Ana County Commission District 4 (there are 5 Democratic and 2 Republican candidates for this seat alone) and District 5.

Our Social Action Committee will prepare questions and there will be questions submitted by the audience. A reception will follow the forums allowing candidates time to talk in greater depth to attendees. We have a large number of contested primaries in Las Cruces and this will be your opportunity to hear the candidates' stands on the issues that confront us.



Temple Beth-El Annual Congregational Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016 7:00 pm

Information on elections has been mailed to Temple members.



Sisterhood Rummage Sale

Preview—Saturday, May 21, 7pm

Sale—Sunday, May 22, 7am-1pm

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INFORMATION ON TIMES TO DROP
OFF ITEMS FOR THE SALE!

Members of all ages are welcome to join our Wednesday Hebrew School students and parents on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 pm for a candlelighting ceremony in memory of the victims of the Holocaust while recalling those whose spirit led them to acts of decency and heroism.



On Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 pm, we will mark the State of Israel's 68th Anniversary with a candlelighting and with prayer and song.

Worship Schedule

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

Wednesday, May 4—5:30 pm

Memorial candlelighting, readings and prayers for Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, led by our Hebrew School students and other congregants.

Friday, May 6

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES—including April and May Birthday blessings. **Dave Zeemont will represent the Board of Trustees.**

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, May 7

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Acharei Mot Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42

Wednesday, May 11—5:30 pm

A candlelighting and ceremony in prayer and song to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence day, led by our Hebrew School students and other congregants.

Friday, May 13

7:00 pm Lay-led Shabbat Evening Service. **Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Marlene Benz and Pearie Bruder. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, May 14

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

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

Parashat Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

Friday, May 20

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “The Times of our (Jewish) Lives.” **Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Renee Frank and Gerie Muchnikoff. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 27

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. **Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Susan Michelson and Eve Palanker.**

Saturday, May 28

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Behar Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Haftarah Jeremiah 32:6-27

Friday, June 3

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES!

Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 4

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bechukotai Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14



**Shavuot Evening
Celebration
Dessert, Song and
Study
Saturday, June 11
7:30 pm**

**Shavuot Morning Service including
Yizkor/Memorial Prayers
Sunday, June 12
10:00 am**

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 10, following the Annual Meeting.**



Message from Rabbi Karol
From Rabbi Karol's remarks at the
White Sands Missile Range Holocaust
Commemoration on April 15, 2016
(This is a challenge to all of us: could we be
as selfless, courageous and kind?)

Sometimes, the preservation of stories of heroism from the Holocaust comes from what may seem to be unlikely sources. 17 years ago, three students at a high school in a small town in southeastern Kansas were choosing a theme for their group entry in the National History Day annual competition. In 1999, the national theme was "Turning Points in History." While sifting through materials to find a subject, Uniontown, Kansas high school student Liz Cambers discovered this paragraph from a 1994 article in *US News and World Report* that was entitled "The Other Schindlers":

"POLAND: IRENA SENDLER, SOCIAL WORKER

She gave nearly 2,500 children new identities, and buried their real names for safekeeping. When Hitler built the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940 and herded 500,000 Polish Jews behind its walls to await liquidation, most Polish gentiles turned their backs or applauded. Not Irena Sendler. A Warsaw social worker, Sendler wangled a permit to enter the teeming ghetto and check for signs of typhus, something the Nazis feared would spread beyond the ghetto. Shocked by what she saw, Sendler joined Zegota, a tiny underground cell dedicated to helping Jews, and she took on the code name 'Jolanta.' The deportations had already begun, and although it was impossible to save adults, Sendler began smuggling children out in an ambulance. 'Can you guarantee they will live?' Sendler recalls the distraught parents asking. But she could only guarantee they would die if they stayed. 'In my dreams,' she says, 'I still hear the cries when they left their parents.' Sendler successfully smuggled almost 2,500 Jewish children to safety and gave them temporary new identities. To remember who was who, she wrote the real names on sheets of paper, burying them in jars in her garden. Finding Christians to hide them was not easy. 'There weren't many Poles who wanted to help Jews, [even] children.' But Sendler organized a network of families and convents ready to give sanctuary."

Liz Cambers read that description and wondered why Irena Sendler was not better known. This Polish Social Worker had obviously risked her life every time she took a child from the Warsaw Ghetto to safety in a new home. Liz and her project partners, Megan Stewart and Sabrina Coons, set out to discover what made Irena Sendler perform these many courageous acts. They were supported all along by their teacher, Norm Conard, who encouraged them to dig deep into this tale. The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous gave the students more important information as they gradually developed their performance piece for History Day entitled "Life in a Jar." Just before the Kansas state competition, they received a crucial piece of information, something these girls



didn't yet know. Irena Sendler was still alive and living in Warsaw. After Liz, Megan and Sabrina had presented "Life in a Jar" in and around Kansas and Missouri, a benefactor made it possible for the girls to visit Warsaw and to meet Irena Sendler in person. They developed a close relationship, like family, over the course of the coming years until Irena's death in 2008.

Irena Sendler's rescue of 2500 children from the Warsaw Ghetto was not well known because of politics. The Communist government of Postwar Poland saw the members of Zegota and other resistance groups as fascists and anti-Communists. They were not to be considered heroes even though they acted with such great courage. Their stories would not be told to the populace. It took three girls from Uniontown, Kansas and their supportive teacher to make the name of Irena Sendler more widely known to the world. In the first letter she wrote to the "Life in a Jar" history project team, Irena Sendler (shown in photo to the right) explained what moved her to perform acts of courage. "Despite the fact that in the world history there have been cases of oppression of Jews, there has not been a country whose agenda would be the extermination of the entire nation. For that reason, your work has a great value for the world. These monstrous crimes/atrocities cannot be repeated! My parents taught me that if someone is drowning, one always needs to/should give a helping hand/rescue them. During the war the entire Polish nation was drowning but the most tragically drowning were Jews. For that reason, helping those who were most oppressed was the need of my heart."



In 2003, Irena was recognized with the American Center of Polish Culture's award for valor and compassion. Irena's statement on receiving the award was read by the First Lady of Poland at the ceremony. She said at that time, "This award is not for me only. I accept it on behalf of all those who helped me. I am the only one left. There were so many Jewish resistance fighters, not only the ones with guns and Molotov cocktails, but those who ran the House Committees and Youth Circles and kept hope and civility alive, especially for the young people. So many agreed to take in the children – at risk of death. You award me because I am one of the few remaining to bear witness. But I tell you, I only did what any decent person would do in such horrible times. I do not consider myself a hero. The true heroes were the mothers and fathers who gave me their children. I only did what my heart commanded. A hero is someone doing extraordinary things. What I did was not extraordinary. It was a normal thing to do. I was just being decent."

A Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler," would likely not have been made were it not for the determination of Liz, Megan and Sabrina in reminding the world of Irena's amazing work of human concern and kindness.

May helping people in need or in distress be a need of our hearts as well.



President's Message May 2016

This is my final message to you as president and I would like to express my appreciation to so many of you who have provided kind words and encouragement this past year.

I have been on the TBE Board

of Trustees for four years now and look forward to serving our community in a less formal role. I look forward to entering the temple contemplating thoughts of a spiritual nature rather than thinking about temple administration. Initially, I had planned to provide you with a "State of the Temple" address, but I chose to compose a more personal reflection of my experience. (I will give a brief summary of board achievements and plans at the Annual Congregational Meeting). This experience of a kid born and raised in Berlin-Germany after the war, who came to the faith late in life, has been a profound honor. I came here for a purpose and I wonder what my G-d has in store for me next. I am grateful to Him and to you for the opportunity.

Forever special in my memory will be the Bar and Bat Mitzvah services. They are always enjoyable and affirming of our faith, but as president I was privileged to have had the small role of presenting our students with a present from the congregation after the service. I was honored to have been just a tiny part in this momentous event in their lives, but more importantly I remember their happy banter in the Rabbi's office while learning about Halacha and our Hebrew prayers. I kept thinking that this is what it's all about, this is the future of our people and it gave me a great deal of pleasure listening to these bright youngsters. My hope is that we will be able to keep them and previous students interested and actively involved in temple life. So Lily, Claire, Elizabeth, and Ben, I am counting on you!

Another experience worth mentioning is that of the FestivUs celebration in January which brought young and old members together to enjoy each other's company over food and wine. It may have been the wine, but I heard more laughter and happy conversations than at any other gathering. We should

plan more such occasions in the future. After all, when brothers and sisters gather together in the house of G-d in joyous company, it doesn't have to be a religious occasion to be of value in terms of community building and good will. Real or perceived animosities can be lessened or altogether eliminated in an atmosphere of positivity and cooperation. Such was also evidenced at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival where despite hard work, volunteers were beaming with gladness to be a part of the team. Let's not lose this spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood between events.

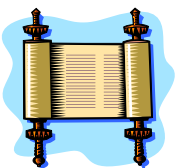
In my Yom Kippur speech, I also decided to stray from the customary practice of addressing financial needs of the temple. Not that this isn't a most important topic, but I did not like it to be presented at such a holy time in our calendar. In that speech, I asked that we invite non affiliated Jews to visit us and to experience the welcoming atmosphere in our little Shul. I realized then as I do now, that this is not an easy task in a rather secular oriented world, but I still believe it is a most worthwhile endeavor. Our very future existence depends on the paradigm of community. The philosopher Emil Ludwig Fackenheim so aptly urged us to consider it an imperative to adhere to the Jewish community, so as to ensure survival despite the Holocaust. He suggested adding a 614th mitzvah for adherence to Jewish life, thereby denying Hitler a posthumous victory. What a powerful message, one that every Jew should seriously consider and act upon. So, please don't give up on, I daresay, a noble duty to bring more of our brethren home.

Thank you to all, especially my husband Bob Kimball, whose help and understanding has been a source of strength and inspiration. His efforts on behalf of the community in so many aspects are exemplary. I have truly been blessed, and I pray that G-D may bestow all His blessings on you, your families, and our community.

*Shalom,
Monika*

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am



LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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

Coming in June: "Modern Judaism and Social Justice"

A two-part series that will review Orthodox, Conservative and Reform perspectives on how Jewish values and teachings can and should impact our society. Be watching for information on dates and times in the Temple Eblast and the June Adelante Newsletter.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the June, 2016 Adelante is May 20.

Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

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



"50 Years and Counting: A Musical Walk down Memory Lane"

Featuring hit songs from
the year 1966

**Saturday, June 4, 2016
7:30 pm**

Havdalah, Dessert, and Music!

Rabbi Larry Karol will present (live!) an evening of songs from 50 years ago, based on listings in the "Billboard Hot 100." (There may be a few favorites from other years that find their way into the program). Lyrics will be provided for those who want to add their voices to the evening (or perhaps you know the lyrics by heart). Please come to listen, sing, and enjoy!

An email received about this year's Jewish Food and Folk Festival!

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:50:30 AM
Subject: YOUR SUNDAY FESTIVAL:

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE FESTIVAL YOU RAN ON SUNDAY THE 17TH OF THIS MONTH WAS THE BEST I HAVE BEEN TO IN THE EIGHT YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN LAS CRUCES, YOUR GROUNDS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND YOUR PEOPLE VERY FRIENDLY. PROGRAM WAS GREAT AND THE MUSIC VERY UPBEAT, THE FOOD WAS BETTER THAN MOST RESTAURANTS IN LAS CRUCES. WHOEVER COOKED THE PASTRAMI SHOULD OPEN A DELI IN THIS TOWN...THANKS AGAIN FOR A WONDERFUL TIME AND GREAT MEAL AND PASTRIES.

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

led by Susan Lapid,
is still meeting periodically.



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

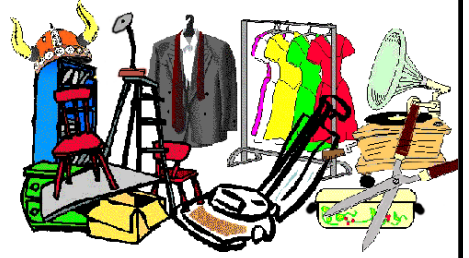
Scenes from our Third Annual Las Cruces Jewish Food and Folk Festival on Sunday, April 17, 2016!



We need your stuff!

For the Temple Beth-El

RUMMAGE SALE



Please collect and bring items you can donate to TBE
on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16, 17 and 18, 5-7 pm.

We can sell household items, working appliances, gently-used clothing, and more.

Beat the crowds and come to the preview party/early sales on
Saturday, May 21 at 7pm!

The actual rummage sale will be held on
Sunday, May 22, from 7am-1pm

Part of the proceeds will be donated to the La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter.

The sale is sponsored by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

More highlights from the Las Cruces Jewish Food and Folk Festival on Sunday, April 17, 2016!



Our Biblical Garden is Growing!



In April, we began planting the Biblical Garden around the meditation area. We used the money that Sisterhood gave the committee in a grant to help in the cost of preparation of the earth, connecting the watering system, purchase of enriching soil and digging holes to plant six trees which are still young and small, but which will surprise us with their rapid growth.

We decided to plant now so that we could get the trees in before the heat of summer, but that means that we have purchased most of the trees without donations. Our thanks to Martha Roditti and Jim and Marianne Rosenthal who purchased two pomegranate trees, and to Linda Kruger who purchased a fig tree. We still have a fig tree and two olive trees without donors.

If you fund a tree, a small plaque by the tree will recognize your donation, and it will be acknowledged with a card and note in the Adelante. Just as with the bricks, you can donate the tree honoring someone or an event, or in memory of someone.

And speaking of bricks, there are lots of places to fit an inscribed brick in our Brick Walkway and meditation area. We should be receiving our latest order by April 30th, and those who ordered bricks will receive notice once they are placed.

For bricks, please call Dee Cook at 521-7319...there are also brick order forms on the front hall table at the Temple. For trees, please call Alison Mann at 521-7793. And thank you for your lasting support of this project.

The Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Committee



A Marketing/Public Relations Committee has been formed at Temple Beth-El. Led by TBE Board member Renee Frank, committee members include Rabbi Karol, Aggie Saltman, Terri Sugarman, and ad hoc member Susan Fitzgerald. The committee will work to promote, support, and communicate the goals and activities of TBE to the Temple Community as well as the community at large. If you have any activity that you would like to have promoted or advertised, please send it to TBEpublicrelations@gmail.com.

Save the Date

JACOB
DAVID
SALTMAN

will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah on
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016
Las Cruces, NM

Congratulations to:

- **Amalia Zeitlin, daughter of Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin**, whose cappella group from Boston University, the Bostones, recently won the semi-finals in the International Collegiate A Cappella Competition and Amalia won the Outstanding Soloist Award. They are advancing to the finals in New York; one of ten finalist groups out of some 450 who originally competed. The finals take place at the Beacon Theater on April 30.
- **Ellen and Alfred Torres, on the birth of a new grandchild, Ayden Vincent Oatis**, on April 19, 2016. Shira (Ellen's daughter) and Shawn Oatis of Oakland, California are the proud parents!



ISRAEL UPDATE (A personal perspective)**ILLUSION AND DELUSION by Phil Alkon**Illusion: The U.N. Acts or Doesn't

We were recently treated to two events at the United Nations that help to remind us how out of touch with reality and integrity that noble institution can be when it comes to Middle East issues concerning Israel and the Palestinians. The most blatant incident was a declaration by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that essentially disavowed any Jewish claims to Holy sites in the Old City of Jerusalem. The resolution, submitted by 7 Muslim Arab nations, and approved by 33 members of UNESCO's executive board, identifies biblically-related sites integral to Jewish history by their English and Arabic names only. There is no Temple Mount, only Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram al-Sharif, and even the Western Wall compound is now the Al-Buraq Plaza and referred to in English as the "Western Wall Plaza," only with quotation marks. Not a single Hebrew name is given for any site in Jerusalem. Israel, referred to as the "occupying power," is accused of "planting fake Jewish graves in Muslim cemeteries" and of "continued conversion of many Islamic and Byzantine remains into so-called Jewish ritual baths or into Jewish prayer places." There is no mention of the forced eviction of all Jewish residents of the Old City and West Bank by Jordan and the Palestinians in 1948 or of the subsequent destruction of the entire Jewish Quarter at their hands.

The UNESCO resolution is more than a laughably grotesque attempt to rewrite Middle East history and culture. Its real impact is to buttress the long-held Arab Palestinian mantra that Jews have no history in the Holy Land or any claim to Israel.

A second telling UN event occurred in a Security Council debate on terrorism in which Israeli Ambassador Danny Danon argued passionately but unsuccessfully for unequivocal UN condemnation of recent widespread Palestinian terrorism throughout Israel. Random victims of over 300 knife and vehicle attacks have included Jews, Israeli Arabs and foreign visitors. Testifying on behalf of a UN response were the husband and surviving daughter of Dafna Meir, a Jewish mother who was knifed to death by a Palestinian teen at the doorstep of her house in the presence of her young children. That the Security Council failed to pass a condemnation of Palestinian terrorism, regardless of overwhelming evidence, came as no surprise to observers of UN standards regarding the Middle East. Anti-Israel UN resolutions have emerged unscathed by the score over the years, but not a one, to my knowledge, has ever singled out Palestinian or other Arab crimes against Israel or the Jewish people. Not surprisingly as well, the Palestinian representative to the Security Council refused to condemn any Arab terrorist attacks, and instead blamed the Israeli occupation for the frustration of Palestinian youth. The attackers themselves have been extolled by Fatah leaders and other Palestinian Authority officials. Yes, Palestinian Arab youth have good reason to be frustrated. They have been taught for years that Jews have no right to any part of the Middle East and that all of Palestine belongs to them exclu-

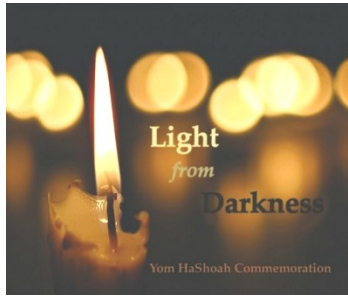
sively. That an Arab Palestinian State or an Arab State of Palestinians never existed does not diminish the Palestinians' illusionary belief system. Yet even so, for more than six decades their corrupt and venal leadership has done nothing to either get rid of the Jews, improve their own society, or prepare them for creation of a viable State of their own.

Delusion: France to the Rescue

No facet of the Middle East conundrum has received more attention than the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Reason holds that both Israel and the Palestinians both have so much to benefit from a peaceful arrangement, which would bring peace, security and regional acceptance for Israel, and a state of their own for the Palestinians for the first time in history. Yet, despite the earnest and considerable endeavors by international bodies, individual nations – especially including the United States – and other official and non-official bodies, no solution has been achieved which is acceptable to the conflicting parties. Following the latest failure by the Obama Administration to achieve a two-state solution, the French have stepped into the breach. France proposes an international conclave to create a two-state peace plan in which neither Israel nor the Palestinians would participate directly, at least in the early stages of the process. Unfortunately, the French initiative will suffer the same unhappy fate as every other outside effort to attain a peaceful accommodation between Jews and Arabs in Palestine (or Eretz Yisrael) for 100+ years, including 68 years since the founding of modern Israel.

This legacy of failure is basically attributable to a long-held misunderstanding of the processes underlying the conflict. Some delusionary assumptions have come to haunt us time and again. One that is clearly obsolete by now is that Middle East peace depends on an Israel-Palestinian settlement. The Arab World is undergoing an historical upheaval founded on societal flaws that are independent of Palestine/Israel. The most basic is a pervasive sense of self-identity dependent on having enemies. Progress consists not of improving your condition or state, as we think of in Western terms, but of destroying or harming the "others." Compromise, cooperation and real peace are alien to a worldview founded on religion and other societal divides. Even Thomas Friedman, long an optimistic student of regional dynamics, admitted recently that it is beyond our ability to resolve these problems.

It is becoming more apparent to objective observers that Palestinian Arabs suffer from the same societal handicaps that constrain their Arab brethren in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, and beyond, and thereby share a worldview that has prevented them from accepting Israel as a peaceful neighbor. As long as the French and others continue to harbor the delusion that Palestinians are really not Middle Eastern Arabs, then effective solutions to that issue will continue to evade us. Ironically enough, Israel itself is the only regional entity where Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze, non-believers, et al., can abide each other on relatively civil terms in a functional society. Perhaps there's a lesson there, too.



El Paso Yom HaShoah Commemoration *Holocaust Days of Remembrance*

El Paso Holocaust Museum &
Study Center will present its annual

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Days of Remembrance) Commemoration on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The program will begin at 2:00pm and will be held at Congregation B'Nai Zion, 805 Cherry Hill Lane. This moving ceremony memorializes the victims of the Holocaust and honors those who survived. The theme of this year's ceremony is "Light from Darkness," and special guest speaker, Professor Asher Matathias of New York, will share his remarkable story of Holocaust survival as a young boy in Greece. There is no charge to attend this event and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Jamie Flores at El Paso Holocaust Museum – 915.351.0048 or jamie@elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

It's time to celebrate

YOM HA'ATZMAUT



יום העצמאות



SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1:30 PM TO 5 PM
TEMPLE MOUNT SINAI, 4408 N STANTON ST



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Special guest star
Arlene Gould & Milk & Honey



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EXOTIC ANIMALS,



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FOOD AND
ENTERTAINMENT.

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Ongoing Events at TBE



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

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

philipalkon@gmail.com

or 575-524-6945)



KNITTING GROUP

A knitting group meets at TBE on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 am. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or Kessin@comcast.net.

MAH JONG

Mah Jong will be meeting again on Mondays at 1-3pm in the near future. Please contact Gerie Muchnikoff at 575-521-3040.

MENSCH CLUB

The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club will meet on Sunday, May 1 at 12:00 Noon to ratify new by-laws, hold elections, and discuss other issues and programming. For more information, email Dave Zeemont at mudjob@earthlink.net.

THE CHESED GROUP

Is here for members in need of assistance due to health issues.

Please CALL well in advance:

- **David Zeemont at 523-0913** if you need transportation to a medical appointment
- **Sally Alkon at 524-6945** if you need transportation or someone to shop for food
- **TBE office at 524-3380** if you would like a hospital visit from Rabbi Karol
- **TBE office at 524-3380** if you do not drive and need a ride to Temple services.

If you are interested in being a coordinator/helper/driver for services or temple events, please call

Dave Zeemont at 523-0913



***Ladies Clothing
Contributions for
La Tienda de Jardin***

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

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

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

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

**Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE
*Giving to Casa de Peregrinos
& El Caldito***

Here are longer lists for items needed!

For Casa de Peregrinos:

Peanut Butter and the following Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats

For El Caldito:

Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans, Beef and Chicken Soup Stock

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

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

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

Donations for April, 2016

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Jerry and Jodie Nachison, in memory of Ida Desgun Nachison
- Ms. Teddy Weinglass, in memory her mother and father, Syd & Reuben Friedman
- Barney Sugarman, in memory of Sadie Sugarman
- Julie Seton, in memory of Daniel Seton Barber
- Helen Raphael, in memory of David Leeser & Rose Leeser

Religious School Fund

- Diane & Harry Bass, thank you for the thoughtful Purim goodies
- Bea Klein, thank you for thinking of me on Purim
- Steve Halper

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- Anonymous donation

Rabbi Kane Adult Education Fund

- Diane & Harry Bass, in appreciation of the program with violinist Yevgeny Kutik
- Sharon & Peter Dorfman, in memory of Peter's mother, Norma Dorfman

General Fund

- Sue & Norman Mazer, in memory of Alice Mazer, Jacob Mazer, and Minne Levicoff
- Allen Blum, in memory of Sima Tashlik
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Gayle Evans Kiteley
- Dan Tapper, in memory of I. Edward Tapper, Dan's father
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Wade Gardner
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Terry Petty
- Grace Hammesfahr, in loving memory of Irv Rothman
- Margaret Petrowsky, in memory of Jackie Petrowsky
- Barbara Berger, in memory of Sidney & Estelle Berger

Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY & BEMY)

- Bryan McCuller, in memory of James McCuller

Building Maintenance Fund

- Cheryl & Bob Marians, in memory of our good friends Ann Hansen and Mel Taylor

Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway Fund

- Marianne and Jim Rosenthal, for the purchase of a pomegranate tree.
- Martha Roditti, for the purchase of a pomegranate tree in memory of Patty Siegel
- Linda Kruger, for the purchase of a fig tree in memory of her mother Maxine S. Markson, a passionate gardener & arranger of flowers.

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

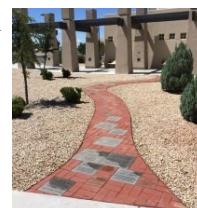
Security Fund—provides support for the purchase of expanded security equipment for the Temple premises.

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

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, Paul Feil.



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.



Yahrzeits-May 1, 2016 through June 4, 2016

Read on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7

Ida Bass*, Mother of Harry Bass, Sister of Abe Pomerantz
 Max Bruder*, Father of Murray Bruder
 Helen Capin*, Sister of Bea Klein
 Tessie Dash, Mother of G. Bernard Dash
 Norma Dorfman*, Mother of Peter Dorfman
 Lily Edwards, Mother of Peter Edwards
 Shirley Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille S. Kane
 Sarah Kellner*
 Alice Mazer*, Mother of Norman Mazer
 Jacob Mazer*, Father of Norman Mazer
 Ida Desgun Nachison, Mother of Jerry Nachison
 Byron Saltman, Father of Mark Saltman, Grandfather of Jacob
 and Hannah Saltman
 Ann San Filippo, Mother of Philip San Filippo
 Isador Edward Tapper, Father of Dan Tapper

Read on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14

Devorah bat Mordecai, Mother of Tanah Hemingway
 Joseph H Bell, Father of Joseph Bell
 Harry Berkove*
 Saul Blum, Father of Allen Blum
 Henry Frank*, Father of Lester Frank
 Max Greenfield*
 Jacob Kellner*
 Gerry Leaser, Brother of Helen Raphael
 Morris Leibson*
 Sam Levine, Father of Michael Levine
 Rosalie Muffs*, Wife of Sidney Muffs
 Irving Rubinstein*
 I.A. Wechter*

Read on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21

Hilda Deutschman, Grandmother of Ellen Torres
 Tamara Entin, Mother of Maxine Weber, Grandmother of Jason
 Rosenberg
 Jess Horwitz, Uncle of Ellen Torres.
 Jack Kelter*, Father of Stuart Kelter and Susan Lapid
 Lew Kruger, Brother of Charles Kruger
 Rabbi Mordechai Langner, Father of Marianne Zeitlin
 Rebecca Pomerantz*, Mother of Abe Pomerantz
 Milton Silverman*
 Fanny Strauss*
 Mark Wechter
 Sidney Weiss, Cousin of Abe Pomerantz
 Zvi Zeitlin, Husband of Marianne Zeitlin, Father of Leora Zeitlin

Read on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28

Hilda Berkeley, Mother of Arthur Berkeley
 Rae Dorfman*, Sister of Abe Pomerantz
 Abraham Gordon, Father of Harvey Gordon
 Jerome Herman, Father of Avis Herman Lewis
 Irving Kallman*
 Harold Kane, Father of Rabbi Gerald Kane z"l
 Ruth Karol, Mother of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Stanley Kasten*

Dora Kirschner, Grandmother of Bob Kirschner
 Frances Klempner, Grandmother of Dee Cook
 Meyer Lieberman, Father of Michael Lieberman
 Louis Rashall*
 Bessie Rothschild*
 Ben Silberman, Father of Cyrille S. Kane

Read on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4

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

The Temple Beth-El Family extends condolences to:

***Avis and Jeff Lewis, on the death of Avis'
brother-in-law, Larry Weiss (husband of Lynn
Weiss, Avis' sister), who died in Davie, Florida
on March 22, 2016.***

***Rhonda and Rabbi Larry Karol, on the death of
Rhonda's cousin, Shawn Fine,
who died in Baltimore, Maryland on
April 24, 2016.***

May their memories be for blessing.

In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be re-cited 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nisan 23 1 Religious School 9:00 am Mensch Club 12:00 Noon Yom Hashoah event in El Paso—2pm	Nisan 24 2	Nisan 25 3 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Nisan 26 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Yom Hashoah Candlelighting 5:30 pm	Nisan 27 5 YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY	Nisan 28 6 Family Shabbat Ser- vice - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm	Nisan 29 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 30 8 No Religious School MOTHER'S DAY	Iyar 1 9	Iyar 2 10 Knitting Group 10:15 am Annual Meeting 7:00 pm	Iyar 3 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Yom Ha'atzmaut Candelighting & Cere- mony 5:30 pm	Iyar 4 12 YOM HA'ATZMA'UT ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY	Iyar 5 13 Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 6 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 7 15 Religious School— Last Session of the year 9:00 am Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration in El Paso 1:30 pm	Iyar 8 16	Iyar 9 17 Knitting Group 10:15 am Candidate Forum 6:30-8:00 pm	Iyar 10 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 11 19	Iyar 12 20 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 13 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—10:15 am TBE Sisterhood Rummage Sale Preview at 7pm
Iyar 14 22 TBE SISTERHOOD RUMMAGE SALE 7am-1pm	Iyar 15 23	Iyar 16 24 Knitting Group 10:15 am Candidate Forum 6:30-8:00 pm	Iyar 17 25 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 18 26 LAG BA-OMER	Iyar 19 27 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Iyar 20 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 21 29	Iyar 22 30 MEMORIAL DAY	Iyar 23 31 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Iyar 24 June 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 25 June 2	Iyar 26 June 3 Family Shabbat Ser- vice - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm	Iyar 27 June 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—10:15 am Havdalah and “50 years and counting” 7:30 pm

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