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Las Cruces, New Mexico

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Shabbat Services

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Friday, May 5

Family Shabbat Service at 6 pm
including prayers and readings to
mark Israel's 69th birthday and April/May
birthday blessings—Potluck Dinner following
Friday, May 12-Shabbat Service at 7 pm
Friday, May 19-Shabbat Service at 7pm
Friday, May 26-Shabbat Service at 7pm

Saturdays

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

FOR SHAVUOT

Wednesday, May 31

Shavuot morning and
Yizkor service and Study at 10am
Led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin

"No News is Fake News:

How Do We Know What's 'Real?'"

Fake news. Alternative facts. Commentaries.
Yellow journalism. Advocacy reporting.
Is there any 'objective' news anymore?

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 2:00 pm,

Nan Rubin, media
scholar and one of
the organizers of
KTAL, Las Cruces



new community radio station, will speak
at Temple Beth-El. She will unravel some
of today's conflicting journalistic threads
looking through the lens of technology
and the history of biased media.

Nan Rubin has been a community media organizer
and activist for more than 40 years. She has taught
college courses on Media and Social Change, testified
at the FCC, served as an advisor to the Media Portfolio
at the Ford Foundation, and has been a presenter at
many international conferences and seminars. Nan
built two community radio stations and is currently
working her third – KTAL-LP 101.5 FM, which will
be on the air in Las Cruces soon.

This program is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.

TEMPLE BETH-EL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

at 7:00 pm

Please attend to vote on important
ballot measures and nominees for the
Board of Trustees.

Information on elections
will be mailed soon.

If you need an absentee ballot,
please contact Board Secretary
Renee Frank, 575-496-7727,
renee@reeneefrank.com

**Join us as we celebrate Israel's 69 years
during our Family Shabbat Service
on Friday, May 5 at 6pm!**

The service will include special prayers and
readings for the occasion, as well as April and
May birthday blessings. A Dairy/Vegetarian
Potluck Shabbat Dinner will follow, with some



Middle Eastern
delicacies added
to our usual
fare.



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, May 5-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES—**We will celebrate Israel's 69 years!** The service will include April and May birthday blessings.

Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Marlene Benz will coordinate the dinner.

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Acharei Mot-K'doshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27

Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

Friday, May 12

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on "Recognizing the Gifts of the Moment." *Susan Lapid and Jane Grider will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 19

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on "Proclaiming liberty, cherishing our freedom." *Gerie Muchnikoff and Susan Quinn will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 20

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, May 26

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Ruth Rubin and friends will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat*

Saturday, May 27

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Bamidbar

Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

SHAVUOT

Wednesday, May 31

10:00 am Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service and Shavuot Study led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin

Followed by a Shavuot Brunch

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

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

Friday, June 2-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah Judges 13:2-25

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol expect to be in New York City for "family matters" towards the end of May and early June. Any service leader changes will be noted in emails sent to the congregational listserv.

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

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held just after the Annual Meeting on May 16.



Message from Rabbi Karol
D'var Torah—Friday, April 14, 2017
Remarks for the Shabbat during Pesach

There have been some unnerving comments around the country this week. We have all, I am sure, heard about a comparison of Bashar al-Assad to Adolf Hitler, for which the administration official who made the comment profusely apologized.

The other time that the Nazi leader was named was in a comment by a North Carolina State representative on his campaign Facebook page. During a discussion about national law superseding state law, this state legislator wrote, "And if Hitler had won, should the world just get over it? Lincoln was the same sort of tyrant, and personally responsible for the deaths of over 800,000 Americans in a war that was unnecessary and unconstitutional."

I will leave further discussion about the specifics of those charges to historical experts inside and outside this space.

We know that there were economic aspects to the Civil War, and issues of federal power over the states. There were, however, central values in the war very much related to freedom. Was there freedom to enslave a human being and call him or her "property?" Was there a reason to engage in a war against those states with the goal that slaves would ultimately be considered "free" themselves?

The freedom to wield power over another human being is a basic question for most any arena of life. Many of us realize that it is best to see "power" in terms of "authority" and "responsibility."

Being a leader sometimes includes the ability to change rules and make judgments, at times on a personal whim, in a way that greatly affects the freedom of those who live by those rules.

Or...a leader can choose to consult with trusted advisors and with people being served to discover what policies to continue and where change might be wise and welcome.

In the story of the Exodus, the Egyptian Pharaoh saw himself as unfettered in his decision-making role. He was Pharaoh. He could do anything. And when it came to the Israelite people, so he did, because he could.

And the people, whose ancestor Joseph had sustained Egypt in a famine, didn't matter to anyone anymore, least of all, to a new Pharaoh.

Pharaoh used his nearly limitless power to enslave the Israelites and to break their spirit so that they would not seek to rise up against him in order to gain their own freedom.

But the freedom to do anything has its consequences. In this case, Pharaoh came upon a force he didn't consider - the power of a God he did not know, who had a persistent spokesman in Moses.

I imagine that some people might say that it wasn't a "fair fight." When it comes to liberating a people from oppression, though, we tend to see "fair" in a different light.

So God's limitless power defeated Pharaoh's boundless tyranny. God was free to do what God wanted to bring the

Israelites to freedom, but it only happened with Pharaoh's eventual capitulation.

And then, after they arrived at Mount Sinai, while waiting for Moses to return to them, the Israelites worshipped the Golden Calf.

At that moment, God had a different idea about using divine power.

In a section prior to the Torah reading for this Shabbat is this passage in Exodus Chapter 32: The Eternal further said to Moses, "I see that this is a stiffnecked people. Now, let Me be, that My anger may blaze forth against them and that I may destroy them, and make of you a great nation." But Moses implored the Eternal God, saying, "Let not Your anger, O Eternal, blaze forth against Your people, whom You delivered from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand. Let not the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that God delivered them, only to kill them off in the mountains and annihilate them from the face of the earth.' Turn from Your blazing anger, and renounce the plan to punish Your people. Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, how You swore to them: I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and I will give to your offspring this whole land of which I spoke, to possess forever." And the Eternal One renounced the punishment intended for the people.

And so we come to the Torah reading for the Shabbat during Pesach, which follows Moses up the mountain, once again, to receive a second set of the tablets of the 10 commandments.

I have always wondered why this portion is read on the Shabbat during Pesach, other than its brief mention of the ancient observance of Passover.

I finally think I understand the reason.

I believe it's about restraint.

We might think that the most important thing Moses did was to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. I would suggest that his confrontation with God to step back from divine anger was just as important.

Without Moses' pleading, there would have been no Israelite people, at least according to the Torah.

Whether we accept this passage as literally true or not, there is an important lesson to learn about holding back even when we have great power in a position we may hold.

Moses was reminding God that even God can't do everything God wants to do, and that it's important to take time to think and ponder and consider before taking serious action.

His approach to God yielded the section that I am about to read from the Torah, which recounts God's divine attributes which are all about limits and restraint. Listen to the text: "The Eternal! the Eternal! a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; yet God does not remit all punishment, but visits the iniquity of parents upon children and children's children, only to the third and fourth generations."

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President's Message

As we embark on our warm Las Cruces season, we at Temple Beth-El have had the opportunity to embrace the terrific teamwork of many of our congregants. First, a big shout out to Michele Blum and Lynn Zee-mont for organizing our annual Temple Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club again this year, ushering in the celebration of Passover. The turnout, the food, and the worship were truly wonderful. I enjoy and look forward to this Seder every year, and it gets better each time. Everyone had a great time, and all appreciate everything you both do to make this event so special. Thank you for all your efforts and hard work!

Another great team, JFFF Co-Chairs Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman, have outdone themselves again this year with their organization of our fourth annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival, which took place on April 23. Our largest and most lucrative fundraiser of the year, the JFFF takes a huge team of organizers, bakers, food servers, volunteers, "Bargain Buys" sellers, Family Fun Area workers, singers, musicians, dancers, artists and artisans, ticket sellers, cashiers, sponsors, set-up and clean-up workers, program planners, behind-the-scenes folks, and everyone who joins in to make this event such a success each year! A shout out to Rose Jacobs, for taking over for me after two years, and who has done an amazing job as Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you to everyone for your time, effort, donations, and amazing community teamwork. That's what it is all about and what makes TBE such a special place to call our spiritual home. A special thank you to Rabbi Karol for his worship leadership throughout every Shabbat, holiday, and special event.

We must continue to develop our **sacred partnerships** with each other and our Rabbi in order to establish our own personal Torah, the values that guide us in our daily lives, our innermost

teachings. Our personal Torah will guide and influence the **sacred partnerships** we build with others. A **sacred partnership** is a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness. **Sacred Partnerships** are founded in mutual respect, and open, honest, and respectful dialogue.

Finally, please join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm to vote on ballot issues and our nominees for open positions on the Board of Trustees. Information on this important event will be sent out on April 30. Absentee ballots will be available if requested. Read upcoming eblasts for more information.

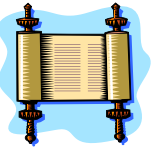
I continue to thank you all for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El, to remind you to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, Sacred Purpose—and our **Sacred Partnerships**.

*Shalom,
Ellen Torres*

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ADULT EDUCATION

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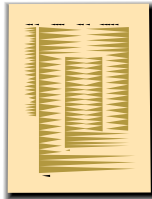


TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am
(No session on May 31)

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.



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

Praying the Bible: Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur, Ending Boredom & Making Each Prayer

Experience Unique,
by Rabbi Mark H. Levin (Jewish Lights Publishing).

All Politics Is Religious

Speaking Faith to the Media, Policy Makers and Community

Defining your audience
Crafting your message
Developing your voice
Refining your method of communication
Using media effectively
Ensuring successful interviews in press and on camera

Rabbi Dennis S. Ross
author of *God in Our Relationships*
Foreword by Rev. Barry W. Lynn

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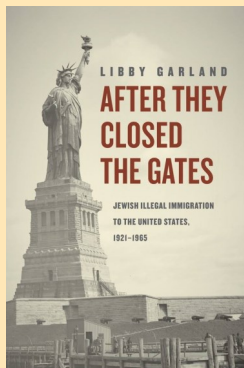
After They Closed the Gates: Jewish Illegal Immigration to the United States, 1921-1965, by Libby Garland (University of Chicago Press). **Be watching for details about this series in the coming weeks!**



Praying the Bible



Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur, Ending Boredom & Making Each Prayer Experience Unique



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Every one of those qualities is about showing abundant love and kindness when they are warranted and deserved. AND... this passage teaches us how to enable the traits of compassion, grace, calm, commitment, and forgiveness to overcome any desire to unleash power to destroy and obliterate, casting darkness where there once was light.

I believe that most people have learned that being free and staying free is about restraint. Maybe we can't do all we want to do, or have all we want to have, because there are factors that limit us at any given moment.

Showing restraint can empower us to broaden our own freedom through cultivating relationships that will raise our spirits, sustain our hope, and strengthen our personal integrity related to how we make decisions that affect us and other people.

A sense of freedom can emerge from limits that are intended to acknowledge everyone's humanity and an encouragement for us to be productive partners in the communities we form.

God, as the Oneness that unites us all, reminds us every moment that we should use our freedom in a way that will infuse kindness, forgiveness and faithfulness into our world.

On this Pesach, **and at all times**, so may we do.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.

HARMONY IN UNISON

a VIRTUAL STAGE

Harmony in Unison, a Facebook page established by Jewish musical artists Stacy Beyer and Beth Schafer, continues to feature performances from contemporary Jewish singer/songwriters five days a week, as well as weekly presentations from poets and writers on Friday afternoons. Performances are posted to the Facebook page following their conclusion. You do have to have a Facebook page to be able to join the Harmony in Unison page. On Tuesday, May 9, at 6:00 pm, Rabbi Larry Karol will be presenting his second Harmony in Unison performance. This online presence has offered a focus on how many people are sharing their own talents and souls in creating new Jewish music.

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.

TBE Jewish Food and Folk Festival—Sunday, April 23, 2017—PART ONE



TBE Jewish Food and Folk Festival—Sunday, April 23, 2017—PART TWO



JFFF Wrap-up

from
**Rebecca Berkson
and Aggie Saltman,
JFFF Co-Chairs!**



A big thank you and congrats on a successful JFFF 2017! The financial figures are still fluctuating as sales and invoices come in, so we will have some more final figures for you next week, but we can definitely call it a success! This year we counted guests via admission stickers and, including volunteers, we calculated that **700 people** attended this year's JFFF!

Pick up items

Thank you to those who helped clean up after the event, because we have put about 95% back in order! We still have dessert containers (in Mr. Erich's classroom - the one with the fridge in it) and other miscellaneous items. If you have questions about the items in the Bargain Buys, please contact Sue Mazer at smazer2@q.com.

A big thank you!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, baked, donated money/food, shopped for items, bought tickets for friends, schlepped, sweated and so on! And thank you to the organizers who meet for 6 months out of every year to improve upon the previous year. Our temple does not exist without the contributions from each of us in the many ways each of us can contribute. This event is a great example of community building! And what a wonderful feeling to see the greater Las Cruces community support us in such great numbers!

AND...

Sincere thanks to all who volunteered at the JFFF event. A special note of appreciation to those who were flexible and willing to change assignments and do more than was asked of them.

Sincerely,
Rose Jacobs
JFFF Volunteer Coordinator



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 June 2017 Adelante is May 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 rabbik@tblc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

ISRAEL UPDATE**THE AMERICAN CONNECTION by Phil Alkon**

Having celebrated a joyous Passover Seder with dear friends some two weeks ago, it's worth recalling how fortunate we are, as American Jews, to openly practice our faith in a free, tolerant society. To an amazing degree, Americans have, by and large, accepted and even admired Jews and Jewish values. We should consider ourselves blessed.

Why is it that Jews in America have thrived as in no other Diaspora community anywhere on Earth? It can't be accidental, and is not. In fact, America's Founding Fathers embraced a worldview founded on biblical history and principles that resonate deeply with Jewish core beliefs and values. These precepts included: the guiding hand of a universal Creator; the supreme worth of each and every individual; the derivation of inalienable human rights from God and not the state; the distinct separation of civic and religious authority; freedom of thought and expression; and the rule of law itself. To many early Americans, the Israelite liberation from a tyrant Pharaoh's oppression to redemption in a Promised Land vividly mirrored their own New World struggle for independence from a despotic British crown. At least one Founding Father proposed that America adopt Biblical Hebrew as the National tongue.

Reactions of early American leaders to Jews and Jewish beliefs are telling. As many know, George Washington wrote a landmark letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, stating: "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants." Opposing the mere "toleration" of religious differences, he went on to stress the importance of religious liberty in "the exercise of inherent natural rights," echoing the Declaration of Independence. John Adams, our second President and a devout Christian, also expressed the rights of Jews to full protection of American law by virtue of their citizenship and their historic contributions to Mankind. In responding to anti-Semitic remarks by the French philosopher Voltaire, Adams wrote: "How is it possible that he should represent the Hebrews in such a contemptible light? They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their Empire were but a Bauble in comparison of the Jews. They have given religion to three quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily, than any other Nation ancient or modern." Adams may have also been the earliest "Zionist" President. After a visit to "Syria, Judea and Jerusalem," he wrote to a Jewish acquaintance - "I wish that you had been at the head of a hundred thousand . . . Israelites & marching with them into Judea & making a conquest of that country & restoring your nation to the dominion of it. For I really wish the Jews again in Judea an independent nation."

Abraham Lincoln, who always impressed me as an iconic Old Testament prophet, had many Jewish friends and associates. One rabbi claimed that Lincoln had once confided to him that he (Lincoln) was "bone from our bone and flesh from our flesh" and supposed himself "a descendant of Hebrew parentage." Lincoln was fascinated with the Hebrew Bible, and his Calvinist New England ancestors often referred to their settling in the New World as a sign of Israel's restoration. Lincoln himself quoted the Hebrew Bible three times as often as the New Testa-

ment; and saw man's role as earthly rather than in terms of salvation or other-worldly rewards. One Lincoln scholar wrote that: "fundamental aspects of Lincoln's thought are notably consistent with a particularly Jewish orientation. (His) emphases—on this-worldly activity, on law as the basis and necessary means of human action, on human incompleteness, and . . . on education as an instrument of freedom—are congruent with bedrock Jewish ideas and values, and . . . help explain the close connections between Lincoln and the Jews." Lincoln also took strong measures against anti-Semitism in Government and the Union Army, and cherished a dream of visiting Jerusalem following his Presidency.

With the 69th anniversary of modern Israel's founding drawing near (Yom Ha'atzmaut is on Tuesday, May 2nd) American Jews are also blessed to celebrate a unique event in Jewish and human history. That America has played such an important role in the rebirth of our ancient homeland only heightens our joy and pride. Here are just a few strands of America's Israel connection:

- During Israel's pre-independence period following WWII, Eddie Jacobson a long-time friend, Army comrade and Kansas City business partner of Harry Truman convinced then President Truman to meet Chaim Weitzman and hear the Zionist leader's case for a Jewish state in person. Despite his reluctance to embroil himself directly in a highly controversial issue, Truman gave in to Jacobson's pleas. He met with Weitzman (later, Israel's first President) and then, even in the face of adamant opposition from his own State Department, became a forceful advocate for Israel's creation and survival. Thanks to Truman's leadership, the U.S. was the first nation in the world to recognize Israel as an independent state. America has since remained Israel's strongest and most reliable ally.
- The two most prominent women in modern Israel's history were both Americans. The first was Henrietta Szold, born in Baltimore and founder of a Zionist political movement and Israel's renowned Hadassah medical program.. The second was Golda Meir, a former Milwaukee social worker and schoolteacher and Israel's fourth Prime Minister. When Golda was Ben-Gurion's Labor Minister, he called her "the toughest man in his Cabinet." Today, another American woman, Nikki Haley, has emerged as an important champion of Israel. The former South Carolina governor is pioneering a resurgence of international support for Israel as America's new U.N. Ambassador. This much-admired non-Jewish ally sees Israel as a beacon of humanity, civility and democracy in one of the most dysfunctional and dangerous regions on earth. We need more females (and males) like Haley to reflect Israel's role as a "light unto the nations."
- A final footnote. A Ukrainian-born Jewish lawyer, who was urged to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence by his American-born Rabbi, actually wrote the first draft of Israel's Declaration of Independence. His draft began in Hebrew "When in the course of human events..." Not kept in the final version, but a cogent connection nonetheless.

Temple Board of Trustees Meeting Summary – April 20, 2017

The April 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Ellen Torres. Item C under new business was moved up to the beginning of the agenda to allow Allen Blum, Treasurer, along with guest Jennifer Blazer, who is the part time TBE contracted bookkeeper, to discuss a proposal to adopt a more streamlined and up-to-date accounting system and increase the bookkeeper's duties. He explained our systems are based on old technology and are not efficient. Jennifer, who does bookkeeping for similar organizations, stated that the online Quickbooks program, which can sync to on-line banking, will lead to greater efficiency in paying bills, and preparing statements and reports. Allen recommended that TBE move to the on-line Quickbooks program and that the bookkeeper's duties be expanded to cover all the accounting functions, with oversight by the Treasurer. He said that, because of efficiencies of the new system, making this change will only add a small additional expense. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal with a limit of \$7500 per year. The motion carried.

Rabbi's Report: The Rabbi reported he gained many insights from the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention on March 19-23 in Atlanta. There were conversations about how to deal with the current rapid news cycle, anti-Semitism, and much more. He and Rhonda expect to go to New York City for the birth of their first grandchild in late May or early June.

President's Report: President Ellen Torres reported on the upcoming URJ Board Training on May 7, facilitated by Jim Cherney, of Denver. She also reported on the Congregational meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at which the Congregation will be voting on a slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees, and some minor changes to the By-Laws being brought forward by the Board. She reminded everyone that Mike Batkin has offered to match all contributions to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund up to a total of \$1800.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allen Blum reported that he has been looking into reducing TBE's phone and internet bills by potentially as much as \$100 per month. He stated our financial reports look good, and

expenses are in line with projections, although we are below target on receiving payments on member pledges.

Old Business.

Pearie Bruder has been working with Jerry Silverman to provide options for a storage shed to be placed on TBE grounds. A motion was made and seconded to approve funding for a suitable storage shed up to \$2,000, inclusive of all preparatory work, subject to final Board approval of the specific purchase recommended. The motion carried.

New Business.

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the TBE By-Laws to be presented to the Temple membership at the Annual Meeting, including some revised committee statements under Article 2: Duties of the Committees, and a revision to Article 6: Duties of the Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The motion carried.



May Blooms? No, May Bricks!

The next order of bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway will be sent in on **May 15th**. If you would like to order a brick, please contact Alison Mann or Dee Cook. With graduations imminent, what better way to say "Congratulations!" than with a brick which benefits the Temple and which provides a tangible way of wishing the best to the new graduate?

Don't forget that birthdays, anniversaries and new babies can all be celebrated with a brick to commemorate the occasion. And if you've seen the walkway, you know that bricks are also ordered in memory of loved ones.

Dee and Alison can help with wording, and can send forms directly to you by computer. Hope to see your brick in this May order!



Community Celebration!

Joe Buchanan

69 Years of Israel's Independence

A blend of southern soul and country charm, Joe's music is grounded in the belief that there is always more room at the table. Since joining the tribe four years ago, he has led Shabbat services, concerts, and workshops on choosing to be Chosen in communities across the United States. He's the host of Jewish Rock Radio's Emerging Artist Showcase and has been featured at the URJ Biennial, NewCAJE, Limmud-Fest, the Atlanta Jewish Music Festival, and the Desert Gathering Jewish Music Festival. His music is used in services around the country and his first album, Unbroken, has received glowing reviews from magazines, newspapers, bloggers, and fans.

Children's Activities!

Awards for Students' Competition!

COME AND HAVE FUN

יום העצמאות

Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 4:00 pm

At Congregation B'nai Zion
805 Cherry Hill Lane, El Paso

80 Years of Service to the community
Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

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 co-operation 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: March 24-April 27, 2017**General Fund**

- Margaret Petrowsky, in memory of Jackie Petrowsky

Religious School Fund

- Ramon & Frima Marquez, in appreciation of the Religious School Mishloach Manot "Goodie Bag"

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Elliot I Katz
- Margot Leverett
- Alexander & Katherine Fernald, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Paul and Susan Citrin, a special thank you to Rabbi in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Zachery Shporer and Sadie Sugarman
- Susan and Patrick Fitzgerald, in memory of Leonard Hurwitz
- Sue and Norm Mazer, in memory of Alice and Jack Mazer

Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY & BEMY)

- Terri Sugarman

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship

- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Saul Blum
- Bob and Monika Kimball, in memory of Abe Pomerantz

Social Action Fund

- Winifred Jacobs in memory Ed Jacobs, Birdsey Youngs and Sam Jacobs
- Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in memory of Norma Dorfman, beloved mother of Peter Dorfman

Biblical Garden Brick Walkway Fund

- Bernice Langner, in memory of Susie Black
- Julie Seton, in memory of Daniel Seton Barber

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/Biblical Garden.

MAY 2017 (IYAR-SIVAN 5777)**Yahrzeits-April 30-June 4, 2017****Read on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6**

Joseph H. Bell, Father of Joseph Bell

Harry Berkove*

Saul Blum, Father of Allen Blum

Hilda Deutschman, Grandmother of Ellen Torres

Shirley Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane

Jess Horwitz, Uncle of Ellen Torres

Morris Leibson*

Abraham Pomerantz, Uncle of Harry and Diane Bass

Rebecca Pomerantz*

Irving Rubinstein*

Milton Silverman*

Fanny Strauss*

Mark Wechter

I.A. Wechter*

Sidney Weiss

Zvi Zeitlin, Father of Leora Zeitlin

Read on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13

Hilda Berkeley, Mother of Arthur Berkeley

Tamara Entin, Mother of Maxine Weber,

Grandmother of Jason Rosenberg

Irving Kallman*, Uncle of Ann Hansen

Ruth Karol, Mother of Rabbi Larry Karol

Stanley Kasten*

Jack Kelter*, Father of Stuart Kelter and

Susan Lapid

Dora Kirschner, Grandmother of Bob Kirschner

Lew Kruger, Brother-in-law of Linda Kruger

Rabbi Mordechai Langner, Grandfather of Leora

Zeitlin, Father-in-law of Bernice Langner

Bessie Rothschild*

Read on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20

Irving Benowitz*, Father of Simy Allan

Rae Dorfman*

Harold Deutschman, Uncle of Ellen Torres

Jerome Herman, Father of Avis Herman Lewis

Harold Kane, Father of Rabbi Gerald Kane z"l

Frances Klempner, Grandmother of Dee Cook

Meyer Lieberman, Father of Michael Lieberman

Louis Rashall*

Mollie Segal, Grandmother of Michele Blum

Leland Trafton*

Nate Wagner*

Read on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27

Gertie Davison*

Nat Dorfman*

Martin Harris, Father of Nancy Rushforth

Allan Joseph, Brother of Susan Brown,

Uncle of Marieka Brown

Pauline Rosenberg, Grandmother of Jason Rosenberg

Alice Ross, Mother of Irwin Ross

David Schwartz*

Hana Segen*

Ben Silberman, Father of Cyrille S. Kane

Marianne Zeitlin, Mother of Leora Zeitlin

Read on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

Hilda Bortnick, Grandmother of Allen Palanker

Rebekah Klempner Edelstein*, Mother of Dee Cook

Emanuel Gluck*

Simmie Greenfield*

Sidney Kalmanowitz, Father of Sally Sicherman

Florence Poel, Mother of Martin Poel

Shirley Ruttenberg, Aunt of Ellen Torres

Irving Schindler, Stepfather of David Zeemont

Eugene J Stern Jr.*

Anna Weinglass, Mother-in-law of Teddy

Weinglass

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

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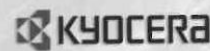
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MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Iyar 5 1	Iyar 6 2 YOM HA'ATZMA'UT ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY	Iyar 7 3 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm (Last Wednesday session for the year)	Iyar 8 4	Iyar 9 5 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Marking Israel's 69 years! Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Iyar 10 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 11 7 Last Day of Religious School 9:00-10:30 am Board Training workshop 10:30am-5:00 pm	Iyar 12 8	Iyar 13 9	Iyar 14 10 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 15 11	Iyar 16 12 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 17 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 18 14 MOTHERS' DAY	Iyar 19 15	Iyar 20 16 TBE ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 PM	Iyar 21 17 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 22 18	Iyar 23 19 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 24 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 25 21 Adult Education "No News is Fake News" Nan Rubin 2:00 pm	Iyar 26 22	Iyar 27 23	Iyar 28 24 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am JERUSALEM DAY YOM Y'RUSHA-LA-YIM	Iyar 29 25	Sivan 1 26 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Sivan 2 27 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Sivan 3 28	Sivan 4 29 MEMORIAL DAY	Sivan 5 30 EREV SHAVUOT	Sivan 6 31 Shavuot Morning service and Study, with Yizkor prayers included 10:00 am	Sivan 7 June 1	Sivan 8 2 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Sivan 9 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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