



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



MAY 2018 (IYAR-SIVAN 5778)



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, May 4**—Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, May 11**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday May 18**—Family Shabbat Service with March, April and May Birthday blessings and student “Six-Word Prayers” followed by a Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner with special additions
- **Friday, May 26**—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
Saturdays
Talmud Study at 9:00 am,
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am,
followed by a potluck Kiddush

**TEMPLE BETH-EL
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm

- Open to members in good standing
 - Election of Board members
 - Committee Reports on 2017-2018
- Remarks/reports by Temple President Ellen Torres and Rabbi Karol
- Constitution and By-Laws changes submitted for approval

EREV SHAVUOT

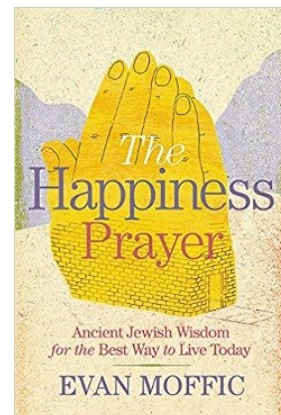
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018—7:30 PM

The Happiness Prayer: Ancient Jewish Wisdom for the Best Way to Live

Today is Rabbi Evan Moffic's extended interpretation of the “Eilu D'varim” prayer in the morning service. Rabbi

Karol will lead a discussion on this book as part of our Erev Shavuot celebration and study session on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm. We will begin

with dessert (please bring a dessert to share) and continue with brief worship and discussion to enjoy the fruits of our shared wisdom! The book is available from online booksellers as a printed text or e-book. You are encouraged to read the book to be an active participant in the discussion.



**Shavuot Morning Service
Including Yizkor/Memorial
Prayers on
Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 am
followed by a Bagel Brunch**

**Join us for two programs with writer, author and
Liturgist-in-Residence**

Alden Solovy

On Monday, April 30, 2018, at 7:30 pm,

Alden spoke on “The Art and Act of Prayer,”

**On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 7:30 pm, Alden will lead
“Discover Your Personal Prayer,” a hands-on workshop
focused on creating personal prayers.**

See Page 5 for more information!



Worship Schedule

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

Friday, May 4—7:00 PM (NO EARLY SERVICE)

7:00 pm Shabbat evening service led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin. ***Becca Krebs will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.***

Saturday, May 5

9:00 am Talmud Study

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

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 11

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Proclaiming liberties.” ***An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.***

Saturday, May 12

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, May 18—Special Time!

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES—

Religious School students and faculty will participate in the service (sharing their “Six-Word Prayers” to mark the end of a year of learning). The service will feature March, April and May birthday blessings. *Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner with special additions!

Saturday, May 19

9:00 am Talmud Study

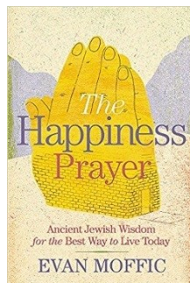
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Bamidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

Saturday, May 19—EREV SHAVUOT

7:30 pm - “The Happiness Prayer”—Erev Shavuot dessert, prayers, songs and discussion—join us and share your insights and wisdom! We will focus on the messages in Rabbi Evan Moffic’s book, **THE HAPPINESS PRAYER**, which offers insights on the “Eilu D’varim” prayer from the morning service. Please respond to Rabbi Karol if you plan to attend and if you can bring a dessert to share.



Sunday, May 20

10:00 am Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service

Followed by a Bagel Brunch Kiddush

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

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

Friday, May 25

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. ***Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Sue Brown and Sally Alkon. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.***

Saturday, May 26

NO TALMUD STUDY

10:00 am **Kaila Brown, daughter of Marieka and Jeanne Brown, will become a Bat Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.**

Parashat Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah Judges 13:2-25

Friday, June 1—FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including more six-word prayers!

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

Saturday, June 2

NO TALMUD STUDY

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

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

Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

***Upcoming B’nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El
Hannah Saltman-Saturday, June 30, 2018***

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Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

**The next Board Meeting
will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018
Immediately following the Annual Meeting.**



Message from Rabbi Karol

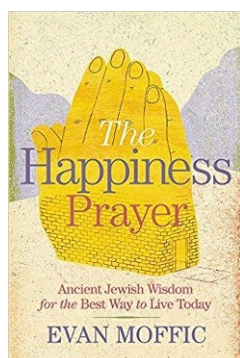
[Rabbi's note: this is the article that I submitted to the *Las Cruces Bulletin* for my May 4, 2018 column. I share it with you here as an introduction to our study session on Erev Shavuot on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm].

The inclusion of the phrase “the pursuit of happiness” in the Declaration of Independence has long set a standard for the lives of people who live in our country. In our work, our community involvement, our desire to maintain a stable life at home, and our struggle to make ends meet and to face challenging times with courage and ingenuity, we do try to be happy.

The website www.pursuit-of-happiness.org seeks to bring “the science of happiness to life.” It lists seven habits of happy people:

- Express your heart (cultivate relationships).
- Acts of kindness (volunteer and care for others).
- Keep moving and eat well (maintain physical and mental well-being).
- Find your flow (engage in an activity in your skill set that gives you enjoyment).
- Discover meaning (some identify faith and spirituality as finding meaning and purpose in life).
- Discover and use your strengths (identify pursuits in which you excel).
- Treasure gratitude, mindfulness, and hope.

Rabbi Evan Moffic, in his book *The Happiness Prayer*, engages in an in-depth discussion of a prayer that comes from morning worship in the Jewish tradition. I had always thought of the prayer as a values checklist. Rabbi Moffic's book made me realize that it could also present a prescription for happiness.



Here is the passage: “These are things that are limitless, of which a person enjoys the fruit of the world....They are: honoring one's father and mother, engaging in deeds of compassion/kindness, arriving early for study, morning and evening, dealing graciously with guests, visiting the sick, providing for the wedding couple, accompanying the dead for bur-

ial, being devoted in prayer, and making peace among people. But the study of Torah (learning for a higher purpose) encompasses them all.”

In his book, Rabbi Moffic offers examples of each of these practices and how they can enrich our lives. At the end of his book are questions that can help the reader determine how his or her current activities resonate with the book's suggestions for pursuing happiness and how he or she can move further along a path of contentment.

This prayer has always intrigued me because it says so much with so few words. It teaches us that when we honor our parents, we will feel more at equilibrium and, thereby, teach our children (or other younger family members), in turn, to honor us. It places acting with kindness and caring towards others at the center of what we can and should do every day, by extending a welcome to all people and by being present when people face health challenges, when they celebrate life's milestones, and when they are in mourning for a loved one. It recommends that, when we seek to increase our knowledge, we should do so with people whom we will come to know and trust through our study. This passage directs us to take time out of our routines to contemplate our lives and what they mean and to determine how we can improve them. It holds in high regard people who find ways to turn conflict into resolution and, eventually, friendship.

And, finally, this passage notes that discussing with others how to perform these positive actions has the potential to change the world, because we will put into practice what we learn, with a belief that what we do will make a difference.

So may we, in our own way, not only be happy, but do happy, so that we can bring greater contentment to ourselves and to our community.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.

See rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com for Rabbi Karol's articles, Divrei Torah and sermons.

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol will be away on May 3-7 to be present for the rabbinic ordination ceremony of their daughter-in-law, Juli Karol, on May 6 in New York City. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.



**Words of the President: *Divrei HaNasi*
Message to be given at the May 10, 2018
Annual Congregational Meeting**

As President of the Temple, I want to thank everyone for all their work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. First of all, I want to acknowledge Board of Trustees members for their work as this Temple's governing body:

Allen Blum (former Treasurer), Jeff Brown (Recording Secretary), Sue Brown, Pearie Bruder, Dee Cook (Sisterhood Rep to the Board), Luke Duddridge (new Mensch Club Rep to the Board), Diane Fleishman, Michael Lieberman, Michael Mandel (current Treasurer), and Susan Michelson. Temple Vice President Jeff Lewis is in Washington state taking care of his sick brother, and Ned Rubin had a family emergency in Boston. Thanks to all of these great leaders for their work and dedication to Temple Beth-El! I also want to thank our ex-officio Board member and leader of our Temple, Rabbi Larry Karol. Thanks to you and Rhonda for all your endless hours of work and dedication to the Temple, Religious School, and the congregation.

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

Some of the highlights of our year include the following:

- We continued our fruitful annual fundraisers, the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament in October, the booth at the Renaissance Faire in November, and the Jewish Food & Folk Festival in April, which maintain high community and Temple attendance. Thank you to all the chairs: Rebecca Berkson and Aggie Saltman, co-chairs of JFFF, Allen Blum and Arthur Berkson, co-chairs of the Matzo Ball Open, and Jeff Lewis and Dave Zee-mont, co-chairs of the Renn Faire Booth. Thank you for all your hard work!
- Thanks also to the Board of Trustees for sponsoring the Annual Congregational Dinner, Erev Simcha, held in January, which is our way of celebrating and thanking the congregation for your support of the Temple.
- Mike Batkin continues to match contributions made toward the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund and is an amazing supporter of Temple Beth-El throughout each year. In his new challenge match, called 20-Chai, he will match \$360 donations 1:1 up to a total of \$3,600. He will also offer a match of \$1,800 on a 1:1 basis for other contributions. The deadline for Batkin match contributions is July 31, 2018. Mike Batkin also encourages our members to apply for a scholarship from the annual earnings from the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund to help support their Jewish education. Please see Rabbi Karol about this.
- Our grant team consisting of myself, Jane Grider, Sue Brown, Jeff Brown, Alison Mann, Bill Stein, Irv and Barb Ross, and Rabbi Karol wrote three grants in 2017 that were funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. We were able to fund performer Robyn Helzner who came in January 2017, comedian Rabbi Bob Alper who performed in August 2017, and Jewish cookbook author Tina Wasserman who came in November 2017. And we wrote another three grants in 2018 that were

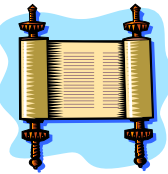
funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso: again for performer Robyn Helzner, who came in February 2018, and for writer and liturgist Alden Solovy who just recently came on April 30 and May 1. Our final 2018 grant project will be a presentation by the NMSU Theatre Department using transcripts from interviews of Temple members and the Las Cruces Jewish community, facilitated by our Board secretary Jeff Brown. "Personal Stories," a play that will include historical information about Jews in Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, will manifest in a theatrical production at the NMSU Center for the Arts in Fall 2018. Please stay posted for information. We hope you all plan to attend this important event!

- We have re-established the TBE History Committee under the leadership of Jeff Brown, who is working with his committee to maintain Temple historical records and materials and to collect relevant historical information. He is currently transcribing hundreds of interview hours into a transcript that will be the basis of the "Personal Stories" script for the performance at NMSU.
- The Library, under the leadership of Linda Kruger, has now fully catalogued 2,100 book titles in electronic format, and the committee plans to become more active this coming year.
- Our Membership and Outreach Committee, chaired by Diane Fleishman, has seen an increase in five family units this year. We recognized new members at our January Erev Simcha event. Diane continues to communicate with potential members who contact us through our website or who visit us when they are in town.
- Our Religious School Committee led by Pearie Bruder, with the support of Rabbi Karol, continues to keep our students engaged in multiple festive activities such as the Tu B'shvat Seder, the preparation of hamentaschen and the delivery of Mishloach Manot bags to our congregants. The students completed multiple Tzedakah projects, helped at the JFFF, and continue to prepare for their upcoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.
- The Security Committee, headed by Mark Saltman, has continued to support Temple security, hiring security guards for our higher profile events and is exploring some other safety trainings for our congregants.
- The Social Action Committee, chaired by Ned Rubin, has held multiple candidate forums and town hall meetings, and community events on significant topics like the Interfaith Conversation facilitated by Rabbi Karol in November, and the very-well attended Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event co-sponsored by our local NAACP in February. They also coordinated the Mitzvah Day on April 29, in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of El Paso's Good Deeds Day, where many of our congregants helped with gardening and needed landscaping at Mesilla Valley Hospice.
- Under the guidance of Youth Committee, Chair Leora Zeitlin and BEMY/BETY Advisor Amalia Zeitlin, Temple teens have been provided with leadership training through NFTY, involvement in Reform youth activities at local, regional, and national levels, along with camperships, and social activities.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



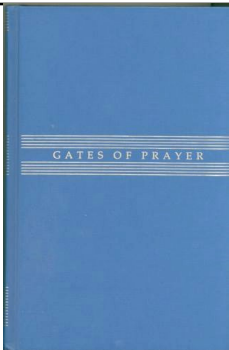
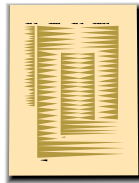
TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Rabbi Karol leads these study sessions on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am.

We study and discuss the text using a variety of English translations.

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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



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

Coming in June...

We will resume our study of the book of Psalms.

beginning with Psalm 41

(where we left off),

aided in our study by

Rabbi Richard Levy's

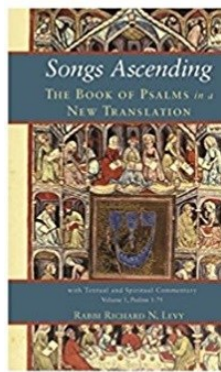
Songs Ascending: The Book of Psalms in a New Translation

with Textual and Spiritual Commentary.

The nights and times for these sessions

will be set in the coming weeks.

Please let Rabbi Karol know if you would like to join in this pursuit of meaning as we explore a treasured ancient text.



**Join us for
programs with
writer, author and
Liturgist-in-Residence**

Alden Solovy

on April 30 and

May 1, 2018

at Temple Beth-El.



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2018, at 7:30 pm, Alden spoke on “**The Art and Act of Prayer,**” a presentation in which he shared the foundations of his own approach to prayer in Jewish tradition and what guides him to create new prayers.

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 7:30 pm., Alden

will lead “**Discover Your Personal Prayer,**” a hands-on workshop focused on creating personal prayers. Participants will start by writing their own six-word prayer, and then go deeper to look at how our own “deepest desires” can be expressed in our own words.

Alden Solovy spreads joy and excitement for prayer. A liturgist and poet, his work has been used by people of all faiths throughout the world. He’s written more than 600 pieces of new liturgy, offering a fresh new Jewish voice, challenging the boundaries that often separate poetry, meditation, personal growth and prayer. He’s a teacher, a writing coach and an award-winning essayist and journalist. His ELI talk (the Jewish version of “TED talks”), “Falling in Love with Prayer” was recently released.

Alden’s writing was transformed by multiple tragedies, marked in 2009 by the sudden death of his wife from catastrophic brain injury. As a result, he deepened his exploration of meditation, poetry, liturgy and personal prayer as a healing, spiritual practice. His third book, [*This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day*](#), was recently released by CCAR Press. His prayers appear regularly on www.reformjudaism.org and RitualWell.org. His latest prayers are available at www.tobendlight.com.

This program is being supported by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and by congregants who are co-sponsoring this program.

Message from the President—Divrei Hanasi—Continued from Page 4

- Our Sisterhood and Mensch Club have continued to grow and thrive. Sisterhood supports many projects internationally and locally. They help support our Friday Onegs and maintain our kitchen. They give scholarships to programs in need and host Sisterhood events for their members. They also organize the Rosh Hashanah Oneg, Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, and the Passover second night Seder.
- The Mensch Club has hosted multiple events throughout the year to encourage camaraderie and to raise money for the Temple. They coordinated the Renaissance Faire Booth in tandem with the Center for Spiritual Living, and take multiple educational fieldtrips throughout the year. We are grateful to Mensch Club members for constructing the shed on behalf of Temple that has added to our storage capacity.
- Under the leadership of Nominating Committee Chair Jim Rosenthal, several of us have developed a Leadership Development program for the purpose of building the leadership capacity in some of our younger and/or newer congregants and to encourage people to take on leadership roles such as being committee chairs, event and fundraising leaders, and eventually board members. We will be using training modules provided by the Union for Reform Judaism (the URJ) to support our work.
- We became affiliates of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso over two years ago, and are taking advantage of some of their activities and opportunities. Currently Bill Stein is the TBE representative to the Federation Board. We are looking for one more congregant to volunteer to represent Temple Beth-El on the Federation Board because, in order to maintain our affiliation, we need to send two representatives to their monthly Board meetings. Our affiliation allows us to participate in their well-attended and exciting programs. Phil and Sally Alkon, along with over 25 congregants, recently represented Temple Beth-El at the Federation's Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, Celebration. The Mesilla Valley International Dance Group performed and our BEMY/BETY group brought a fun Israeli gaga activity to liven up the children's area. Thank you Phil and Sally, our Israel Committee, Stuart Kelter, Leora Zeitlin, Amalia Zeitlin, and the many people from TBE who participated!
- I attended the URJ Biennial in Boston in December along with my husband Fred and Rabbi Karol and Rhonda. It provided me with a tremendous amount of information, contacts, and inspiration, and continues to support the work I am doing as Temple President.
- Our Board is committed to continuing the following: assisting the Rabbi in tackling administrative tasks; sharing personal stories and Board profiles in the Adelante; encouraging congregants to become involved in leadership roles by facilitating a leadership development training program; recognizing and thanking our Temple congregants; clarifying expectations and responsibilities of Board members; and keeping our Temple solvent by developing additional fundraising programs.
- We have compiled an Annual Meeting booklet for your review like we did last year, and we hope you find this informative.

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

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

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

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

*In Sacred Partnership,
Ellen Torres*

Happy 20 Chai

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

Shortly after January 1, 2018, I had a conversation with Rabbi Karol and I wished him a Happy New Year. He pointed out to me that the Gregorian year 2018 could be read as "twenty chai." As most readers of "Adelante!" know, in Hebrew the letters that correspond to 18 also spell the word chai (life). To most Jews the number 18 is considered "lucky". Twenty chai (2018) equals 360. **Therefore, I am making the following offer for 2018: I donate \$3,600.00 in matching money, to double as many as 10 contributions of 20 chai (that's \$360.00) to the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund made between January 1st and July 31, 2018. In addition, I will match all other contributions to the fund (up to an additional \$1,800.00) made in the same time frame. That's a total of \$5,400 of matching funds.** I believe that there are at least ten members of Temple Beth-El who believe in the value of supporting Jewish education in Las Cruces who will donate twenty chai in 2018 and see their donations doubled, and for those who want to grow the fund, but cannot donate 20 chai, their donations (up to the additional \$1,800.00) will also be doubled.

*Mike Batkin,
grandson of Irving Batkin

Applications for the Irving Batkin memorial scholarship will be accepted through May 31 to accommodate students who may want to attend a Jewish summer camp program.

Thank you to all congregants and community members who helped to make the 2018 "Chai Five" Jewish Food and Folk Festival a great success!



***Fun, Food, Song, Dance, Shopping and Hospitality:
More from the 2018 Jewish Food and Folk Festival!***



Israel Update in Pictures—Temple Beth-El Participation at the Yom Ha’atzma’t Celebration of Israel’s 70 Years at Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso, Texas on April 22, 2018, FEATURING...
An Israel Booth, the Mesilla Valley International Folk Dancers, and Gaga (led by BETY/BEMY)



Many thanks to all who were involved in creating the needle-point pieces depicting the days of creation that will grace the north wall of the David Steinborn Social Hall: Dee Cook, Paula Kramer, Michele Blum, Joan Glickler, Allison Mann, Ann Berkson, Dia Taylor, Sharon Gara, Yve Rasmussen along with the TBE Sisterhood.



Board Meeting Summary April 12 and April 19, 2018

The Board met twice in April. It met on April 12 to discuss potential amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and it approved sending a number of the proposed amendments to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 10. The Board also met on April 19. It discussed fiscal matters including JFFF and the Matzoh Bowl golf tournament. The Mensch Club discussed group travel plans, and Sisterhood noted the upcoming Girls Night Out on May 24 and a rummage sale scheduled for August 5. The Rabbi discussed Alden Solovy's visit to TBE on April 30-May 1. The Rabbi and President Ellen Torres thanked everyone involved in JFFF and the Temple's candle lighting and prayers ceremony for Yom Hashoah and Holocaust Remembrance Day and for Yom Ha'atzmaut/Israel Independence Day. Ellen thanked the current Board members who will step down in May (Allen Blum, Susan Michelson and Michael Lieberman), and noted that Sue Brown, Pearie Bruder, and Michael Mandel will seek an additional term and that Ruth Rubin, Cheryl Decker and Joanne Turnbull will be candidates for the Board at the May 10 annual meeting. Treasurer Michael Mandel noted that TBE members have given \$6,500 in donations for building renewal and renovation. The Acquisitions, Specific Gifts and Aesthetics committee has completed and hung the "Days of Creation" needlepoints in the social hall. Ned Rubin said that TBE members will participate in "Mitzvah Day" on April 29 to help clean and repair the grounds at Mesilla Valley Hospice. Our next B'nei Mitzvah will be Kaila Brown (May 26), Derek Hyman (June 2) and Hannah Saltman (June 30).

Temple Beth-El Congregants participated in a clean-up of the grounds at Mesilla Valley Hospice on our first annual Mitzvah Day, which was our part of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's Good Deeds Day, on April 29, 2018.



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)

Kaila Lirit

I am very happy to invite you to
join me and my family
as I am called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah.

Saturday, May 26th at 10:00 am

Temple Beth El
3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.
Las Cruces, New Mexico

A luncheon will follow
hosted by my parents,
Jeanne and Marieka Brown

Designed by Kaila

We hope you join us on this special day!
Please RSVP to Marieka and Jeanne at
mariebro@nmsu.edu or 575-524-3836.

Bar
Mitzvah



STACEY AND MICHAEL HYMAN
INVITE YOU TO SHARE THEIR JOY AS

Derek James
IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH

RSVP TO STACEY HYMAN AT
575-640-7686 BY MAY 18, 2018

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 AT 10:15 AM
TEMPLE BETH-EL
3980 SONOMA SPRINGS AVENUE

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



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

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

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

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

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

Donations through April 27, 2018

General Fund

- Martin and Elissa Poel, in memory of Rose Klein
- Frances Williams, in memory of Rose Klein
- Rosalyn Richman
- Selma Ryave
- Tom and Debbie Levy
- Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Norma Dorfman
- Inigo Garcia-Bryce
- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Ida Bass and Abe Pomerantz
- Daniel and Simy Allan, in memory of Irving Benowitz.
- Michael Morales
- Dee Cook, in memory of Rebekah Edelstein, Esther Berlin, and Frances Klempner.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Alice Mazer and Jacob Mazer
- Elliot Katz
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Sadie Sugarman and Zachary Shporer
- Ellen Torres, in memory of Harold Deutschman, Hilda Deutschman and Jesse Horwitz.
- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Jerome Herman.

Biblical Garden/Brick Walkway Fund

- Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, celebrating the birth of Joshua Moise Karol

Religious School Fund

- Bea Klein, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot.
- Judy Cicero, thank you to the Religious School for Mishloach Manot.
- Daniel and Simy Allan, in memory of Irving Benowitz

Frances Williams Library Fund

- Eliezer Berger and Paloma Reyes Madrid
- Frank Baskey and Louise Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Siebert Feldman.

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

General Operating Fund—

For the day-to-day operation of TBE.

Biblical Garden Fund—To

provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

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

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

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

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

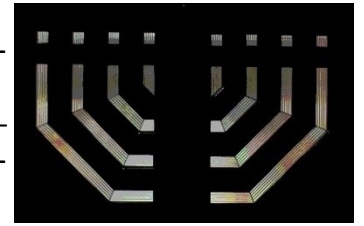
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

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

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

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



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



by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.

MAY 2018 (IYAR-SIVAN 5778)**Yahrzeits-April 29 through June 2, 2018**

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

Read on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5

Hilda Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)

Rae Dorfman*

Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Jerome Herman (Avis Herman Lewis)

Irving Kallman*

Harold Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)

Ruth Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)

Stanley Kasten*

Dora Kirschner (Bob Kirschner)

Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)

Meyer Lieberman (Michael Lieberman)

Louis Rashall*:

Bessie Rothschild*

Sadie Sugarman (Barney Sugarman, Terri Sugarman)

Read on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12

Irving Benowitz* (Simy Allan)

Gertie Davison*

Harold Deutschman (Ellen Torres)

Allan Joseph (Susan Brown, Marieka Brown)

Alice Ross (Irv Ross)

David Schwartz*

Mollie Segal (Michele Blum)

Hana Segen*

Leland Trafton*

Nate Wagner*

Marianne Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin)

Read on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19

Nat Dorfman*

Rebekah Klempner Edelstein* (Dee Cook)

Martin Harris (Nancy Rushforth)

Sidney Kalmanowitz (Sally Sicherman)

Pauline Rosenberg (Jason Rosenberg)

Eugene J Stern Jr.*

Read on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26

Rita Berger (Lila Ziegler)

Hilda Bortnick (Allen Palanker)

Hyman Capin (Bea Klein)

Emanuel Gluck*

Jennie Greenfield*

Simmie Greenfield*

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane - Harav Yosef Melech ben Hershel
Hakohen V'Yocheved (Cyrille Kane)

Luba Klaitman (Rita Polsky)

Harriet Mandel (Michael Mandel)

Florence Poel (Martin Poel)

Charlie Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)

Shirley Ruttenberg (Ellen Torres)

Irving Schindler (David Zeemont)

Dorothy Schlisman* (Sue Mazer)

Leonard Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)

Read on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2

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

Carl Caplan (Betty Rosse)

Michael Max Cohen (Richard Goldberg)

Esther Edelstein Berlin* (Dee Cook)

Sarah Eskin (Linda M. Kruger)

Christina Griffasi (Deborah Lee Thuman)

Aaron Hyman* (Michael Hyman)

Doris Kirschner* (Bob Kirschner)

Andrea B Siegel*

Ben Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)

Quinn Sitcler (Cheryl and David Decker)

Anna Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

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

***Jeff and Avis Lewis, on the death of Jeff's
cousin, Elisa Mann, on April 16, 2018, in
Hewlett, New York.***

***The Petrowsky Family, on the death of
Margaret (Peggy) Petrowsky,
on April 13, 2018, 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.



Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to www.smile.amazon.com. You will be required to enter the charity you wish to donate to – just type in Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces in the charity box and this will set the Temple as your charity of choice. Then just shop – pretty easy and also, since many people today shop online via Amazon, it becomes a win-win situation for all.



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

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

(It is open for all to see!)

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

VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

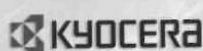
At Temple Beth-El, we depend on you, our members, to inform us if you know of someone who needs a visit, especially if they are in a hospital or a rehabilitation or assisted living facility, and also if they are not able to leave their homes due to health-related issues. In order for us to keep our list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

Adelante Deadline

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

Office Hours

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



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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.



MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Iyar 16 1 ALDEN SOLOVY "Discover Your Personal Prayer" 7:30 pm	Iyar 17 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 2017-18 Last session 4:45 pm	Iyar 18 3	Iyar 19 4 Shabbat Service Led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin 7:00 pm NO EARLY SERVICE	Iyar 20 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
Iyar 21 6 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Iyar 22 7	Iyar 23 8	Iyar 24 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Iyar 25 10 Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting 7:00 pm	Iyar 26 11 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 27 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 28 13 MOTHER'S DAY	Iyar 29 14	Sivan 1 15	Sivan 2 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Sivan 3 17	Sivan 4 18 NOTE EARLY TIME Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Sivan 5 19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am EREV SHAVUOT DESSERT, STUDY AND PRAYER 7:30 PM
Sivan 6 20 Shavuot Morning Service 10:00 am Bagel brunch Kiddush following	Sivan 7 21	Sivan 8 22	Sivan 9 23 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Sivan 10 24	Sivan 11 25 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Sivan 12 26 Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Kaila Brown
Sivan 13 27	Sivan 14 28	Sivan 15 29	Sivan 16 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Sivan 17 31	Sivan 18 June 1 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Sivan 19 June 2 Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Bar Mitzvah of Derek Hyman

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