



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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## Shabbat Services (Full Schedule on Page 2)

Friday, November 6

- **FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE** at 6:00 pm led by Marieka Brown, Jeanne Abkes and Pearie Bruder. Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:40 pm. Regular Shabbat service led by Erich Zameret at 7:30 pm.
- **Friday, November 13-Shabbat Service** at 7:30 pm—the Temple choir will participate, and we will welcome to Temple attendees of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Conference.
- **Friday, November 20—Welcoming Shabbat** at 7:20 pm; Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm
- **Friday, November 27-Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit-Welcoming Shabbat** at 7:20 pm; Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm.

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### Saturdays

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

## **Judaica Shop Sisterhood Annual Chanukah Boutique**

**Sunday,  
November 22, 2015**

**9:00 am-12:30 pm**

**Come and stock up on what you need for Chanukah for your own home, or for gifts! The Judaica shop is stocked with candles to light, dreidels to spin, wrapping paper, bows, kitchen supplies, challah covers, and many more items that you won't find anywhere else in Las Cruces!**

**Come see what the Chanukah Boutique has to offer!**



## *Ever Grateful— An Interfaith Conversation on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm*

Join us at Temple Beth-El for an interreligious discussion on thankfulness and gratitude on Sunday, November 22, 2015. Spiritual leaders and representatives from a variety of local faith communities and congregations will share their approach to giving thanks from their traditions and perspectives. Rabbi Larry Karol will serve as moderator and those who attend will have a chance to ask questions and to share their thoughts as well. This event will serve as a community lead-in to the holiday of Thanksgiving several days later. It is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program. *Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to be presented to Casa de Peregrinos to help local community members in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.*

*Save the date!  
3rd Annual Temple Beth-El  
Jewish Food and Folk Festival  
Sunday, April 17, 2016!!!*

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## Worship Schedule

*Please note: All 7:30 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.*

**“WELCOMING SHABBAT” at 7:20 pm on November 20 and 27 will include songs to begin our worship. Candles will be lit at 7:30 pm, followed by our usual Shabbat prayers.**

### Friday, November 6

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service led by Marieka Brown, Jeanne Abkes and Pearie Bruder  
 6:40 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner  
 7:30 pm Shabbat service led by Erich Zameret. ***Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Jerry and Shelly Silverman and Alison Mann. Mark Saltman will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### Saturday, November 7

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a Potluck Kiddush.  
 Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18  
 Haftarah First Kings 1:1-31

### Friday, November 13

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service. The Temple Choir will participate. We will be joined by attendees at the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Conference (NMJHS) in Las Cruces. Rabbi Karol will speak on “Struggling towards our destiny.” ***Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Ellen Torres, Marlene Benz, and NMJHS. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### Saturday, November 14

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush  
 Parashat Tol'dot Genesis 25:19-28:9  
 Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42

### Friday, November 20

7:20 pm Welcoming Shabbat  
 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on “The High Road.” ***Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Diane Fleishman and Gerie Muchnikoff. Leslie Glater will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### Saturday, November 21

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
 Parashat Vayetzai Genesis 28:10-32:3  
 Haftarah Hosea 12:13-14:10

### Friday, November 27

7:20 pm Welcoming Shabbat  
 7:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit led by Rabbi Karol, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. ***Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Leslie Glater and Susi Kolikant. Leslie Glater will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### Saturday, November 28

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
 Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43  
 Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

### Friday, December 4

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service  
 6:40 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner  
 7:25 pm Welcoming Shabbat  
 7:30 pm Shabbat service-Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on the topic “Family Harmony?”—***An Oneg Shabbat will follow our worship. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service  
 Parashat Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23  
 Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8

### Friday, December 11

#### **Shabbat Chanukah**

**5:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner with LATKES!!! (“Potluck” Latkes are welcome!) Bring your Chanukiah/Menorah to light!**  
**6:15 pm Shabbat Chanukah Family Service.** Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.  
**7:00 pm Dreidels and Dessert! - An Oneg Shabbat including Sufganiyot/Jelly Donuts and other delicacies and Chanukah activities, including playing dreidel!!!**  
**NO SERVICE AT 7:30 PM**

### Saturday, December 12

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush  
 Parashat Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17  
 Haftarah for Chanukah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 7pm.**



**Message from Rabbi Karol**  
**Diversity to Unity, Darkness to Light**  
**Parashat Noach - D'var Torah -October 16, 2015**

It has been a difficult week in Israel to culminate a challenging several months of violence and murders or attempted murders. Claims that "the Jews" are trying to take over the Temple Mount are groundless, yet they reverberate loudly in the ears of Palestinian Arabs as they hear their leaders offer what amounts to a "call to arms." The tomb of Joseph was set fire last night by demonstrators in Nablus, and one headline simply noted that the tomb "caught fire." Such sites don't catch fire by themselves. Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem have been placed under tightened Israeli security. And while even Palestinian leaders like Mahmoud Abbas have been decrying Israeli policies and actions, Palestinian security officials did arrest 19 Hamas members who were planning to stab Israelis today in a declared "Day of Rage."

So it was timely this week that three young women from the Creativity for Peace program appeared at Temple on Wednesday night. "J", 19, is from Kibbutz Harduf in northern Israel. "N", 17 years old, is from the Israeli Arab community in Jaffa. "S", 20, is from the Palestinian community in Nablus. We listened to them tell their stories and offer their views and share their hopes as they had listened to each other in the Creativity for Peace summer camp program held near Santa Fe. It was extremely emotional for them as they spoke on Wednesday night, and also for those of us listening. We concluded that what they had done with one another far exceeded what political leaders have been able to accomplish. They have heard each other's narratives. Rather than judging each other, they formed relationships that are stronger than their differences. They are not enemies, but peers with whom they can maintain a friendship. At the bottom of the map which they display at each presentation, there is a quote which serves as the foundation of the Creativity for Peace approach: "Your enemy is someone whose story you haven't heard." Had the basis of the talk been political, or had someone Jewish been sharing the Palestinian or Israeli Arab narrative, I believe that the reaction would have been much different. In this case, even if we disagreed with their historical summary, we listened so that we could learn how it might be possible to move forward in the midst of this intractable conflict.

For some people, the nature of this conflict is based in dehumanization of "the other" that allows for spontaneous attacks based on the apparent identity of the targeted person. So, there are Jews being stabbed by Arab attackers. There was a report of one Israeli Jew with dark skin who was attacked by fellow Israeli Jews. In Ra'anana, one Jewish man stopped a crowd from further injuring a young attacker who had already been caught, cornered, hurt and restrained. The man felt that the police should take control of the boy, not the crowd that had gathered.

I had planned to talk about "the blessing of diversity" in light of tonight's Torah reading, the brief tale of the Tower of Babel. The story presents the Torah's explanation of why so many different peoples with so many different languages exist in the world, rather than having one people with one language. In the text itself, the people, these "children of Adam," believed they could "make a name for themselves" if they built a tower reaching to the sky. God knew that if they succeeded, they would lose their humility. The rabbis also believed that the people building the tower in the valley of Shinar lost their sense of human decency. That is why one midrash is so crucial to understanding this tale. The rabbis said, "As the tower grew in height, it took one year to get bricks from the base to the upper stories. Thus, bricks became more precious than human life. When a

brick slipped and fell, the people wept, but when a worker fell and died, no one paid attention."

One people had one language. It was an easy path to unity, but everyone took their possibly enviable togetherness for granted, thinking that they could be greater than God if they combined their efforts. Instead, they devalued each individual human being, losing all empathy and regard for life. Their goal, their ideology, their greatness was all that mattered. In trying to get closer to God, they ended up much further away from God and godliness than they ever could have imagined.

On some levels, that may be what is happening now between Jews and Arabs in that small plot of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. As neighbors, they can choose to see "the other" as a perpetual enemy. Or, they can decide to view one another as potential partners in finally ending active conflict, in moving closer towards a return to quiet and calm, and even in making peace. In this case, I believe that diversity is a blessing because any negotiations that actually accomplish an end to this bloodshed and hatred will be owned by the parties who make peace happen. They will work hard to keep that peace, much as the young women from Creativity for Peace do all they can to sustain their relationships against all odds, even during this very hard week back home. They have learned to see one another as neighbors and partners, and their success can give us faith for even greater triumphs in the future for their friends and acquaintances, and for their two peoples. Still, many people they know are unable to see each other, as if they live in a place of darkness. These young women, and the many organizations doing similar work to bring Arabs and Jews together, sustain my faith that the darkness will ultimately give way to the dawn.

We do live in a world in which people too easily build walls between themselves and others, where only "their kind" can be trusted, befriended or loved as a fellow human being. The Tower of Babel story may seem to indicate that division is what God wanted. Instead, differences among human beings, and this story in the Torah, can teach us that creating peace and unity within the human family has to be OUR prize, OUR victory, OUR own realization. That way, the resulting harmony totally belongs to us. Only then do the teachings in many faiths that point to finding common ground with others totally emerge from the darkness and see the light of day in our minds and hearts.

A rabbi once asked his students, "How do we know when the night is over and the day has arrived?"

One said: "Rabbi, night is over and day arrives, when you can see a house in the distance and determine if that's your house or the house of your neighbor."

Another student responded: "Night is over and day arrives when you can see an animal in the field and determine if it belongs to you or to your neighbor."

Yet another student offered: "Night is over and day has arrived when you can look at a flower in the garden and distinguish its color."

"No, no, no," thundered the Rabbi, "Why must you see only in separations, only in distinctions, in disjunctions? No! Night is over and day arrives when you look into the face of the person beside you and you can see that he is your brother, she is your sister. That you belong to each other. That you are one. Then, and only then, will you know that night has ended and day has arrived."

May we help that day arrive soon so that God who makes peace in the highest heavens can make peace for all the world.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

See Rabbi Karol's blog at [rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com](http://rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com).





### President's Message November 2015

This is the month during which Americans give thanks for all the blessings they have received throughout the year. On a local level, especially in our temple community, there is

also much for which to be grateful. I am specifically thinking of the volunteers who give so generously of their time in order to help Temple Beth-El not only function, but also live up to its Jewish values and traditions. While I won't mention individuals for fear of forgetting someone, I do wish to commend the board members, the committee and ad hoc committee chairs, the folks who work so hard to raise funds for the temple and for charity, the Oneg leadership and providers of our Friday night Shabbat Noshes, the furniture movers, the Sukkah builders and the technology whizzes. Each person contributes immeasurably to the overall function and ultimate enjoyment of the shul that is experienced by all. Please join me in expressing your gratitude, especially in this month of Thanksgiving, to those who do so much for the good of us all.

I am grateful to all of you who are considering my Yom Kippur appeal to bring some of your nonaffiliated Jewish friends to the temple so that we may greet them as the "Family" they are.

Most of all, I am grateful for my family, my friends, and for the presence of G-d in my life.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

*Monika*

**Rabbi Karol will be attending the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida on November 3-8, representing Temple Beth-El. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Monika Kimball at 248-318-6745.**

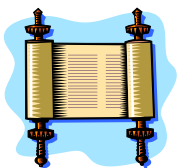
**Julie Seton spoke about her grandfather, Ernest Thompson Seton (artist, author and co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America), on Sunday, October 11, 2015.**



Dottie Indyke, director of Creativity for Peace, brought the Young Leaders Speakers Tour to Temple Beth-El on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. The young women on the panel had taken part in the Creativity for Peace summer camp program in Santa Fe, New Mexico during recent summers.

# ADULT EDUCATION

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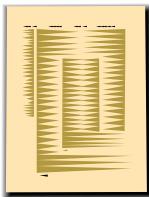


## TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

Led by Rabbi Karol on  
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am  
(No session on November 4)

## 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 soon (December and January): Book study groups led by Rabbi Karol

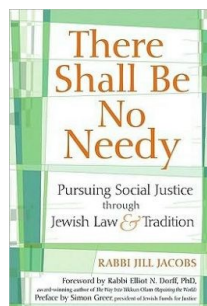
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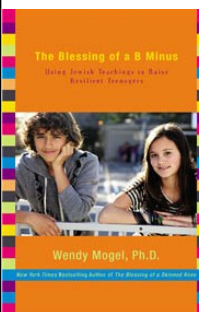
Finding Your Grit & Grace  
Beyond Midlife

Dayle A. Friedman, MSW, MA, BCC

Rabbi Dayle Friedman's *Jewish Wisdom for Growing Older*. Join us in discussing how we make and remake ourselves as we move into new decades and chapters of our lives. The first discussion session will be held on a yet-to-be-set evening in December.

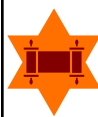


Rabbi Jill Jacobs' *There Shall Be No Needy* demonstrates how Judaism directs us to offer our help and support to community members in need. This book will illustrate the focus of our Social Action Committee on Poverty for this year. Be watching for details on the first session.



Wendy Mogel's *The Blessing of a B Minus* picks up where her previous book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, left off, moving into the realm of academic achievement and how Judaism can guide us to meaningful learning. These sessions will be held at 9:15-10:15 am on several Sunday mornings in January.

Please contact Rabbi Karol ([rabbi@tbcl.org](mailto:rabbi@tbcl.org)) for more information about when and how to order the books for these sessions.



## Judaism: Roots and Rituals

### An Introduction to Judaism

presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

A 12-week course on selected Tuesday nights  
at 7:30-9:00 pm—Meeting on

November 10, 17 and 24; December 1, 8, and 15  
January 5, 12, 19 and 26

**Text: Essential Judaism, by George Robinson**

This course is especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about Judaism and Jewish life! (Materials fee for this course is \$54.00). Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend, by calling Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 or by sending an e-mail to Rabbi Karol at [rabbi@tbcl.org](mailto:rabbi@tbcl.org).

## Dear fellow Temple Beth-El fiction lovers:

**Our new short story group, featuring the elegant and insightful writing of Edith Pearlman, will continue at 10 a.m. on Mondays in November.**

We will read and discuss Pearlman's stories from her latest anthology entitled "Honeydew." It's available in paperback in all the usual places, including Amazon, which describes her as an author who "writes with warmth about the predicaments of being human." Pearlman, whose "Binocular Vision" collection of short stories kept us riveted a while ago, was born in Rhode Island, graduated from Radcliffe, and has been writing fiction and non-fiction for long time. The 79-year-old writer has won oodles of big literary awards and "Honeydew" is longlisted for the 2015 National Book Award. She lives in Brookline, Mass., has two children and a grandson.

As always, it would be helpful if you would confirm your interest in attending with an email or call so that I can create a mailing list which I will use for updates, assignments, comments etc. I will assign our first story soon. This series is sponsored by the temple's Adult Education Program and a small \$18 fee goes to support future programs.

**Questions? Call me at 522-6478 or email me at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com)** As always, I will make the coffee!

**Jim Rosenthal**

**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](mailto:sblapid@gmail.com) or  
Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, [lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu](mailto:lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu).





## Shabbat Sukkot Under the Stars at Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, October 2, 2015



## A rousing Simchat Torah celebration on Sunday, October 4, 2015







**New Mexico** ESTABLISHED 1985  
**Jewish Historical Society**

**The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society (NMJHS) is having its annual conference at the Farm And Ranch Museum on Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15. There are program booklets at TBE on the front table. If you are interested in attending the program, or any part of it, please contact Susan Michelson at (575) 649-6766 for registration details.**

#### Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the December Adelante is November 20. The 20th of the month will be the monthly deadline for the months to come as well. 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, or email Rabbi Karol at [rabbikarol@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbikarol@tbelc.org) or [rabbikarol@gmail.com](mailto:rabbikarol@gmail.com). You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!

## **Temple Beth-El hosts Candidate Forum on October 26**

The Temple recently hosted the “final forum” of candidates for the city council districts 1(Kasandra Gandara), 2 (Gregory Z. Smith and Philip VanVeen), and 4 (Jack Eakman), as well as the three mayoral candidates (Ken Miyagishima, Eugenia Montoya Ortega and Miguel Silva). All of the candidates for all of the open positions were invited, but some chose not to participate. It was a great success. Each of the participating candidates thanked us for hosting this event. In fact, each one told us that this was, by far, the best forum in which they had participated. At one point, we had as many as 60 people who came to listen, and many in the audience submitted questions for the candidates in addition to the ques-



tions that the congregation, as well as the social action committee and adult education committee, submitted. The candidates seemed to have some fun and enjoy the atmosphere and the food after, for which most of the candidates stayed. They continued to engage with many audience members after the formal presentations, and several stayed until we turned out the lights.

As chair of the social action committee, I want to personally thank the hard work of the members of both social action and adult education committees as well as the “consultants” and liaisons we engaged to help us in our endeavors, Win Jacobs, Avis Lewis, Sue Mazer, and Jim Rosenthal. In addition to providing what I hoped was an interesting and informative evening, a further goal was to continue to present Temple Beth-El to the Las Cruces community as a vibrant and active congregation and to invite and welcome members of the larger community to Temple Beth-El. I believe we accomplished all of these goals this evening. Stay tuned for information about an upcoming community forum on poverty to be held in January, 2016.

Thank you all!

*Ned Rubin, Social Action Committee Chair*



**The Temple Beth-El Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament on October 25, 2015, held at the Golf Course at Picacho Hills Country Club, was a huge success! Golfers included congregants, friends and community members. A portion of the proceeds is being donated to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity!**

**Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!**

**(Watch for more information in the December edition of the Adelante newsletter)**





**WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND THE INTIFADAS?****BY Phil Alkon**

Last April, Sally and I had a wonderful visit to the Old City in Jerusalem that coincided with Passover and Easter Sunday. We mixed with Israelis and tourists of many stripes at the Western Wall, enjoyed throngs of Christian pilgrims freely celebrating their Holy Day, and enjoyed a delicious Middle East meal at an Arab restaurant in the Moslem Quarter. Later, while Sally was buying souvenir gifts to take back to the States, I stood at the doorway of a Moslem Arab shop with the proprietor's young son, casually discussing his studies in regional history at Hebrew University, as we watched a local Christian Arab bagpipe band march by the Jaffa Gate in splendid Scottish regalia. "Is this not heaven?" I asked myself. We were in the very heart of one the most contentious and strife-ridden corners of the World. There were no fights, no arguments, no mobs. There were no rocks, shots or explosions. There was hardly a uniform to be seen. Why wasn't this heart-warming spectacle a routine rather than a seemingly remarkable event? If only...

Jerusalem and much of Israel is now undergoing a series of violent, often deadly, attacks by individual Palestinian Arabs, largely against ordinary Israeli civilians going about their ordinary lives. This wave of Arab violence started with stone throwing, transitioned to vehicular attacks on pedestrians, and has now evolved to include stabbings, mostly by young Palestinians from East Jerusalem. In addition to Israeli deaths, police and IDF responses to individual attackers, and to subsequent protests, have led to numerous Arab casualties. Many are asking, "Is this yet a Third Intifada? And if so – Who is behind it and what are its causes and dimensions?"

We recall two previous *Intifadas* ("uprisings") that were comprised of prolonged periods of elevated Arab Palestinian violence and mayhem against Israeli authority and presence in the West Bank and Gaza, and against Jewish civilian targets in Israel itself. Both occurred during Yasser Arafat's leadership of the PLO, but involved rival political and armed Palestinian factions. The First Intifada (1987 to 1993) coincided with Israeli governments led by Yitzhak Shamir (Likud), Shimon Peres (Labor) and Yitzhak Rabin (Labor). The Second (2001 to 2005) occurred during Ehud Barak's (Labor) and Ariel Sharon's (Likud) tenures as Prime Minister. Both were seemingly ignited by minor incidents: a fatal collision between an IDF truck and Palestinian cars in 1987; and a Sharon visit to the Temple Mount in 2001 that had been approved by governing Muslim authorities. Palestinian leadership ascribed these outbreaks against Jewish and Israeli targets as spontaneous expressions of resistance to occupation by an oppressive alien regime. Their stereotypic view of Israeli domination and Palestinian victimhood has garnered widespread acceptance in recent decades. How valid is it?

First, Palestinian leadership, in common with other corrupt and self-promoting regimes, often used hatred of a real or invented common enemy to divert observers from their own failures. The real root of the Second Intifada was Yasser Arafat's attempt to distract world attention from his rejection

of the Camp David peace agreement, so diligently pursued by Israel and the Clinton administration. That agreement would have granted statehood to Palestinian Arabs under more favorable terms than they are ever likely to receive. The current proto-intifada violence coincides with the waning years of Mahmoud Abbas' life, popular frustration at his failed political leadership at the local and global levels, and the likely demise of his Palestinian Authority (PA) as the governmental authority of the West Bank. Rival Hamas already controls Gaza, and is expected to gain control of both Palestinian areas if a long-planned election is finally held. Also, for over a year, the PA has carried out a campaign of incitement among Palestinians, falsely claiming that Israel is on the verge of removing Moslem control over the Temple Mount.

But the problem goes far beyond the vagaries of contemporary Palestinian leadership and the uncertain status of their people. Arab hostility to Jewish equality has been the foundation of the regional relationship between the two peoples since the birth of Islam and the Arab Conquest of the 7<sup>th</sup> Century C.E. Mohammed dictated that no country should have more than one religion, and Jews and Christians in Arab countries were only tolerated as "Dhimmis," that is, as third-class inhabitants deprived of citizenship and any legal, civil or religious rights. Middle Eastern Jews suffered 1,200 years of humiliation, degradation and violence under Moslem rule, while the Arab World incorporated a cultural legacy that considers Jews as inferior occupants of a holy, exclusively Moslem domain. For a compelling and thoroughly documented account of this sad history, read Joan Peters' *From Time Immemorial: the Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine* (1984). Even under 400 years of Ottoman rule, local Arabs strongly resisted Jewish immigration and autonomy into the area that they considered to be "southern Syria." Following WWI, local Arab political and religious leaders strongly opposed the League of Nations' Mandate for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, and fomented hatred and violence against Jews and Judaism. To this day, Palestinian Arab authorities have rejected any partition or peace plans that would entail Jewish statehood.

I have come to believe that this of vein of religiously divined bigotry lies at the root of Palestinian Arab hostility towards the Jews and to the notion of Jewish sovereignty in Eretz Yisrael. Abba Eban once noted that the Arab world viewed Israel as a cancer that must be removed to preserve the region's sacred Arab Islamic integrity. For Palestinian Arabs, the issue goes even further. First, they are contesting Jews for parts of the same piece of land on which they live. Second, they have been deeply humiliated by Arab failures to evict the Jews by force of arms, and by Jews' creation of the only progressive, civil and viable society in what the *dhimmis* dare call the State of Israel. A solution? Palestinian Arabs must eventually face up to two profound transformations: (a) acceptance of the common humanity of both peoples, and (b) acceptance of their responsibility to fashion a civil society of their own, even with Jewish help.

**Notes From The Board-October 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved after the Rabbi gave a moving invocation.

Rabbi Karol gave his report and notified the Board that he will be away for the Biennial. One of the El Paso rabbis will provide rabbinic coverage that week.

Monika Kimball reported that the Temple suffered some minor hail damage from the last storm. The repairs will be made in the near future.

In addition, Ruth Rubin will be assisting the Rabbi in the office on a regular basis. She will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11AM-1PM.

On Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico Historical Society members will be coming to Las Cruces, and will attend our Friday night services on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A flyer listing the Society's itinerary is available at the Temple.

The Security Management Committee is in place and will meet soon under the leadership of Mark Saltman.

Paul Feil gave his Treasurer's report, indicating that the Temple Annual Statements have gone out to all congregants. The Board also approved a change in funding procedures so that all future auxiliary funds, (Men's Club, Sisterhood, etc.), go through the Temple. This will allow for a more complete accounting at the end of the fiscal year.

The Marketing Committee is working on a template and setting up procedures for future press releases and announcements, as well as an information and welcome packet for new members.

Temple Beth-El Family Festivus, the free family event sponsored by the Board, will be held on Saturday, January 23. Invitations will be sent by December 1 to Temple members. There will be wines from different countries, hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing.

The next Board meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM.

Submitted by David Fishman

**Temple Beth-El Mensch Club**

The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club is finally getting around to collecting dues for the forthcoming year. The amount is still a minimum of \$20.00, annually. Please send your dues to the Temple office or to:

Temple Beth-El Mensch Club  
PO Box 1317, Fairacres, NM 88033.

**Checks can be made out to:**

**Temple Beth-El Mensch Club.**

Once we have responses to this dues request, we will schedule an organizational meeting for the new year. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 575-523-0913 or 914-393-0282 (cell).

Thank you,  
Dave Zeemont, Mensch Club President

***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](mailto: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](mailto:Kessin@comcast.net).

*Thank you  
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood*



***La Casa  
sends a big  
"Thank You"  
for the  
many items  
donated  
at the  
Sisterhood  
brunch!***

**A Note from****the Francis F. Williams Library**

Due to recent sizable book donations, the library's ability to further accept and process new books is extremely limited at present. If you are thinking of donating books of Jewish interest, please contact Librarian Linda Kruger at [krugerl@aol.com](mailto:krugerl@aol.com) before doing so. Please do not leave books that are not part of the library's current collection in the drop box outside the library door. As always, donated books should be in very good condition, preferably hard-cover or quality paperback.



**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

- Liz Lewis-Olson, Casa de Peregrinos  
(elewis4@comcast.net)
- Eve Palanker, El Caldito  
(palanker1@msn.com)

**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 from September 26 through October 28, 2015

### General Fund

- Sue & Norman Mazer, in memory Alan Joffe
- Brenda Parish, in memory of Mary Lois Gardner
- Jeffrey Brown, in memory of Harold Brown
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Mel Taylor, Jr. & Mel Taylor, Sr.
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Irv & Nina Rothman
- Bryan McCuller, in memory of Arlene Metzger
- Deana Kessin & John France, in honor of Alison and Gary Mann's new home and Allen Palanker's speedy recovery

### Fund 2004

- Irv & Nina Rothman, in memory of Gary David Liston

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller
- Dee Cook, thank you to Rabbi Karol for the cemetery service
- Burton & Vera Schwartz, in memory of Harry M. Schwartz

### High Holy Days Appreciation

- Lance Camerena
- Nancy Oretskin
- Peter & Sharon Dorfman
- Dia Taylor
- Lori Shallet

### I. Batkin Memorial Fund

- Dee Cook, in honor of Bob Kimball, thank you for your time and knowledge
- Dee Cook, in memory of David Edelstein & Nathan Edelstein

### Beth-El Temple Youth

- Nancy Oretskin

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- June & Brad Jenkins, in memory of Leroy Jenkins

Congratulations to Aaron Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman, who placed third in the Las Cruces Junior High School tennis tournament singles division.

### TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

***Torah Endowment Project***—For the purchase of a new Torah. Donations above the cost of the Torah are used to secure the financial future of the Temple.

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

***Fund 2004***—For upkeep on our new building.

***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 provide a Jewish education for our children. Earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School.

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

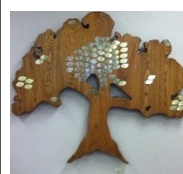
***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund***—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

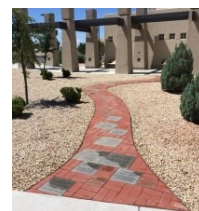
***Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund***—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students the Religious School Committee.

***Beth El Temple 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, 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-November 1 through December 5, 2015

### Read on Friday, November 6 & Saturday, November 7

Elsa Galatzan\*  
 Esther Kloss\*  
 Erwin Michelson\*, Father of Susan Michelson  
 Herschel Schreier\*  
 Sanford M Siegel\*  
 Israel Isaac Taslitt\*, Father of Nina Rothman  
 Ausvel L. Williams\*, Husband of Frances Williams  
 Dov Zameret, Father of Erich Zameret

### Read on Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14

Leroy Bibo\*  
 Isadore Blumkin\*  
 Phillip Bond\*  
 George Brankman, Father of Sally Alkon  
 Allen M Brooks, Father of Sharon Dorfman  
 Sheldon J Harris, Cousin of Cyrille Kane  
 Gustave Heart, Grandfather of Nancy Bergman  
 Estelle Holiday, Mother of Marjorie Gordon  
 Adele Kimmel\*, Relative of Murray Bruder  
 Hunter Lewis\*  
 Yetta Lipschutz\*, Sister of Abe Pomerantz  
 Esther Rosenfeld\*  
 Mac Singer\*  
 Rebecca Wechter\*

### Read on Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21

Lucy Miller Atkins\*  
 Leo Bienstock, Father of Gerie Muchnikoff  
 Rose Caplan, Step-mother of Betty Rosse  
 Allen Elias, Father of Steven Elias  
 Isaac Geisinger, Father of Ruth Ann Sugarman  
 Victor Hartman\*  
 Mel Kirschner\*, Father of Bob Kirschner, Husband of Lila Ziegler  
 Charles Kruger, Husband of Linda Kruger  
 Dr. Clarence A Lathrop\*, Father of Jane Grider  
 Dr. Michael Polsky, Husband of Rita Polsky  
 David Silverman, Father of Jerald Silverman  
 Arthur Wiener, Father of Robin Labe  
 Hershel Zohn\*

### Read on Friday, November 27 & Saturday, November 28

Meyer Bass, Friend of Tanah Hemingway  
 Ivy Dessaur\*  
 Ida Weinstein Epstein, Mother of Marlene Benz  
 Murray Gould\*  
 Sam Greenberg, Uncle of Cyrille Kane  
 Oscar Leiser, Father of Helen Raphael  
 Bernie Lieberman\*  
 Benjamin Shane, Uncle of Nancy Bergman  
 Bertha Shane, Aunt of Nancy Bergman

### Read on Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5

Daisy Chapman, Mother of Diane Fleishman  
 Jay Feldman\*, Son of Louise Feldman-Baskey  
 Samuel David Goldberg, Father of Richard Goldberg  
 Samuel Goldman, Father of Rochelle Silverman  
 Celia Greenberg, Grandmother of Cyrille Kane  
 Hyman Krepps\*  
 Max Kruger, Brother-in-law of Linda M. Kruger  
 Dave Levy\*, Father of Bea Klein  
 Tony Pakinkas, Friend of Tanah Hemingway  
 Rose Rice Orlins\*  
 Sam Shickler\*  
 Edward Sochat, Cousin of Helen Raphael  
 Tova Zameret, Mother of Erich Zameret

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

*Deb Thuman, on the death of her mother,  
Donna Thuman, on August 22, 2015.*

*The family of former congregant  
Elaine Cutcher, on Elaine's death  
on September 8, 2015 in  
Greensboro, North Carolina.*

*Tanah Hemingway, on the death of her friend from  
Roswell, New Mexico, Ann Hansen (no relation to  
our late congregant), on September 29, 2015.*

*May their memories be for blessing.*

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

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

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cheshvan 19 <sup>1</sup> Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 20 <sup>2</sup> Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 21 <sup>3</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am (meeting away from Temple on this date)	Cheshvan 22 <sup>4</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am No Torah Study session  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 23 <sup>5</sup>	Cheshvan 24 <sup>6</sup> Lay-led Family Shabbat Service - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner— 6:40 pm Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 25 <sup>7</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—Lay-led 10:15 am
Cheshvan 26 <sup>8</sup> Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 27 <sup>9</sup> Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 28 <sup>10</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am  Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 29 <sup>11</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 30 <sup>12</sup>	Kislev 1 <sup>13</sup> Shabbat Service 7:30 pm TBE Choir will join Rabbi Karol in leading the service— NMJHS Conference Participants to at- tend	Kislev 2 <sup>14</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 3 <sup>15</sup> Religious School 9:00 am	Kislev 4 <sup>16</sup> Book Group 10:00 am	Kislev 5 <sup>17</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am  Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 6 <sup>18</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 7 <sup>19</sup> Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Kislev 8 <sup>20</sup> Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Kislev 9 <sup>21</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 10 <sup>22</sup> Religious School 9:00 am Chanukah Boutique 9:00 am-12:30 pm  Ever Grateful Local Spiritual Leaders panel 2:00 pm	Kislev 11 <sup>23</sup> Book Group 10:00 am	Kislev 12 <sup>24</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am  Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 13 <sup>25</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am  No Hebrew School session	Kislev 14 <sup>26</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY	Kislev 15 <sup>27</sup> Welcoming Shabbat 7:20 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Kislev 16 <sup>28</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 17 <sup>29</sup> No Religious School session	Kislev 18 <sup>30</sup>	Kislev 19 <sup>Dec. 1</sup> Knitting Group 10:15 am  Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 20 <sup>2</sup> Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 21 <sup>3</sup>	Kislev 22 <sup>4</sup> Family Shabbat Ser- vice - 6:00 pm Dairy Vegetarian Potluck Dinner—6:40 pm Welcoming Shabbat 7:25 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Kislev 23 <sup>5</sup> Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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