



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

NOVEMBER 2016 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5777)



## Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, November 4-** Family Shabbat Service led by Marieka Brown, Jeanne Abkes and Pearie Bruder at 6 pm—Potluck Dinner following
- **Friday, November 11—** Shabbat Service at 7 pm: special prayers/music as part of **THE SHABBOS PROJECT!**
- **Friday, November 18—** Shabbat Service at 7pm
- **Friday, November 25 -**Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm
- Saturdays**  
Talmud Study at 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am, followed by a potluck Kiddush

**The Shabbos Project**  
Greater El Paso  
KEEPING IT TOGETHER  
November 10-12, 2016

## *Humble Enough? An Interfaith Conversation*

**on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm**

Join us at Temple Beth-El for an interreligious discussion on Humility on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Spiritual leaders and representatives from a variety of local faith communities and congregations will share their approach to the value of humility 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, exploring this theme and how it relates to being thankful. 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.***

Doña Ana Arts Council's



The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club is coordinating Temple Beth-El's partnership with the Center for Spiritual Living to run a booth (serving pastrami sandwiches and kosher hot dogs) at the Renaissance Faire this year. The Center for Spiritual Living will host and run the booth on Saturday, November 5, and Temple Beth-El will host and run the booth on Sunday, November 6 at Young Park.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday afternoon, November 4, as well as operating the booth and taking it down on Sunday.

If you can help out, please contact Mensch Club President, Jeff Lewis, at [packers119@msn.com](mailto:packers119@msn.com), or call Temple Beth-El. You can also email Dee Cook, [deecook@q.com](mailto:deecook@q.com), to sign up for a slot on the schedule of volunteers.

Join us as we take part in this major community event (and fundraiser)!



**Photo: Renaissance Faire volunteers met on Sunday, October 30 at Temple!**

**Congregational Meeting on  
Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm  
See page 4**

## 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, November 4-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, led by Marieka Brown, Jeanne Abkes and Pearie Bruder. *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*  
6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, November 5

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9 - 11:32  
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-55:5

### Friday, November 11

7:00 pm Rabbi Karol will lead a special service as part of "The Shabbos Project" national program, with special prayers and songs highlighting our celebration of Shabbat. *Jane Grider and other members will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*



### Saturday, November 12

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27  
Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16

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**The Shabbos Project Havdalah Service in El Paso will be held at 6:30 pm on Saturday, November 12 at the Galatzan Recreation Center at 650 Wallenberg Drive.**

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### Friday, November 18

7:00 pm Rabbi Karol will speak on "Putting our best feet forward!" *Susi Kolikant and Karen Currier will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, November 19

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Vayeira Genesis 18:1-22:24  
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-37

### Friday, November 25

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Pearie Bruder will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, November 26

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18  
Haftarah First Kings 1:1-31

### Friday, December 2-FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES, including September, October, November and December Birthday blessings. *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*  
6:45 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, December 3

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

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 7pm.**



### Message from Rabbi Karol

Just after the High Holy Days, a family friend clued me in on a statement from a rabbi in a city “far, far away” on Yom Kippur afternoon that should have had all of our ears burning. On October 12, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, led a study session entitled “The Jewish People: Unity, Not Unanimity” at Central Synagogue in New York City (Manhattan). He spoke about the ways in which conflicts within the Jewish world can overtake us and may, at times, prevent the possibility of even polite conversation. He cited instances in the struggle to guarantee the right to egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall which featured a lack of discourse, even when such opportunities were given (one ultra-Orthodox rabbi actually hung up on him when Rabbi Jacobs asked him for a chance to sit down and talk).

This text was all in the video that I shared in a recent email to the congregation, but I want you to see these words from Rabbi Jacobs in print: “Are we really going to make within our circle...room for people who denigrate us, who not only disagree with us, but absolutely oppose everything that we are? The answer is, I think, that’s a part of what being a Jewish community is. I don’t want to be in a Jewish community with just the people who are just like me. How boring would that be? I actually don’t even always agree with myself....How about you? Do you ever find yourself in an internal conflict about what you really think or about what you really believe? So...how do we actually shape a community where we have people who really disagree? When I asked you before about stretching the boundaries, no one used the names of political parties. I think that it would be a good thing to figure out how...we really become a Jewish community with progressives and more conservative voices, that we have all the different polarities, all the different approaches to ritual, all the different approaches to what it means to live life with holiness, a life of purpose. **So for us, this is not just an issue at the Western Wall, it’s an issue here in New York. It’s an issue in Las Cruces, New Mexico.**”

When I first heard that Rabbi Jacobs had mentioned Las Cruces, I was greatly surprised. It was special to get such a “shout-out” from the head of the Reform movement. There is more to learn and to remember from his statement. I recommend that you watch the entire video at the following link on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20cNfZFe4sI>

For our own community and congregation, I have thought a great deal about the issues raised by Rabbi Jacobs. After listening to his presentation, **here is the D’var Torah I created for the Board meeting on October 20 to address and echo his thoughts:**

**Eternal God, we find ourselves, every day in this world, searching for partners, colleagues, friends and community members with whom we can share our perspectives and find affirmation from our discussion.**

**Or, if we have the persistence, and the courage, we can engage in a conversation with people who may not share our ideology or positions, but with whom we may agree on a common hope for contentment, for personal subsistence, for a modicum of prosperity that would fulfill the statement of the rabbis: “Who are rich? Those who are happy with what they have - with their portion in life.”**

**Take us higher, Holy God, to reach for some measure of holiness in our lives.**

**Guide us to work for fairness and justice that is blind to who people are in their personal heritage or background, a justice that hinges on determining which actions tip the scales of humanity towards goodness or towards evil.**

**Remind us, Compassionate God, that You hope that we will find our own compassion and act upon it in the presence of others.**

**Lead us, God of all creation, to show consideration to this universe and this world, respecting all that You have made. Inspire us, O God, Author of Freedom, to look deeply into ourselves to understand what constitutes freedom.**

**For us, for our fellow citizens, and for people of the world, may the memory of the slavery we left behind so long ago enable us to find ways to work together for liberty in the four corners of the earth.**

**And may our concern for freedom and justice lead us to make peace for all the inhabitants of the earth as You make peace in the highest heavens.**

*L’shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*

Singing  
and  
Marching  
during the  
Simchat  
Torah  
Service on  
October 23



Rabbi Karol will be attending Shabbat Shira, a worship and music workshop, at Olin-Sang-Ruby Camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on November 3-6. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.





### President's Message

*Below is my Yom Kippur Message to the Congregation. I decided to have it printed as my message for the November Adelante:*

L'Shanah Tovah! Happy New Year!

I'm so happy to see all of you and to stand here as your President at this holiest time in the Jewish year. You know, when I tell my non-Jewish friends and colleagues that I'm taking the day off for the Jewish New Year, they think I am having a party. But I guess my kind of party is celebrating through prayer and togetherness with you, my tribe.

I've been reflecting for a while about what I was going to get up here and say, and it happened that I saw a tribute by Barbra Streisand to Shimon Peres on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Facebook. She said she wanted to sing his favorite song, Avinu Malkeinu. I thought about that and decided I wanted to address the meaning behind the words of this prayerful melody and tie it into an important message.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we recite Avinu Malkeinu, one of the oldest and most moving litanies of the year. Translated as "Our Father, Our King," this is a prayer with many verses. Throughout the Ten Days of Repentance, five lines of Avinu Malkeinu that refer to various heavenly books include the word *Kotveinu* ("Inscribe us"). During Ne'ila, this is replaced with *Chotmeinu* ("Seal us"). This reflects the belief that on Rosh Hashanah all is written and revealed and on Yom Kippur all decrees for the coming year are sealed.

In the new Reform High Holy Day Prayer Book, *Mishkan HaNefesh*, it includes a version of Avinu Malkeinu that refers to God as both "Loving Father" and "Compassionate Mother," reflecting a contemporary revision of the prayer in the interests of gender neutrality. This tells me that we welcome progressiveness in Judaism, and that needs to be incorporated into all we do as Temple leaders and congregants, and encourages us to open our hearts and minds to everyone who walks in our doors and everyone we encounter in our daily travels.

If we sincerely believe in the importance of being inscribed in the Book of Life, then we must do what is right, be ethical in all our actions, follow the Golden Rule, and fight for a more just society. At the heart of

Judaism lies a commitment to Tikkun Olam—repairing the world. It is a sacred calling that underlies our Jewish identity. As Temple leaders, we hold high expectations for ourselves because leadership is a sacred responsibility. We work on your behalf, and we take our responsibility seriously.

I thank you for all your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. And I want to remind you to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, and Sacred Purpose so that our names, too, can be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Shanah Tovah!

*Shalom,  
Ellen Torres*

### **Special Congregational Meeting on November 10**

Dear Fellow Congregants:

You are invited to our Special Congregational Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Check-in will begin at 6:30 pm. In order to be able to vote, member families have to be in good standing, which means your dues have to be at least 25% paid by the end of September 2016. Exceptions are for those who have made specific arrangements with the Dues Committee and the Treasurer. Each family may cast one ballot. Allen Blum and Michael Mandel will be able to help you if there are any questions.

You will hear a brief report on the Rabbi's annual review, and then you will be voting on the contractual relationship between the Rabbi and the congregation.

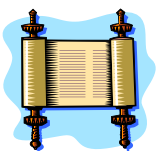
We look forward to you attending this important meeting so that you may cast your ballot. However, if you are unable to attend, get an absentee ballot by contacting Renee Frank, Secretary, at [575-496-7727](tel:575-496-7727) (cell) or [575-522-3032](tel:575-522-3032) (home). If you do not reach Renee when you call, make sure to leave a message with your name and phone number. The absentee ballot needs to be received by Friday, November 4.

I look forward to seeing you on November 10.

*Sincerely,  
Ellen Torres  
President*

# ADULT EDUCATION

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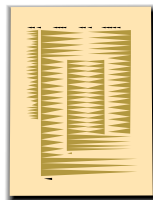


## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

## 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.



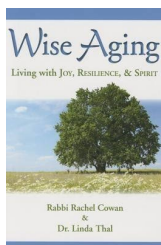
## Judaism: Roots and Rituals An Introduction to Judaism presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

A course on selected Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm—Meeting on November 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, and 20; January 3, 10, 17 and 24; and February 7 and 21 (schedule subject to change)

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

This course is especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about the 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 [rabbikarol@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbikarol@tbelc.org).

Coming in December and continuing into January: Discussions on *Wise Aging*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. Be watching for dates/times soon!



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

## New short story series features Israeli author Amos Oz

Attention all Temple Beth-El fiction lovers. It's time once again for a new short story series, this time featuring "Between Friends" by Amos Oz. Our series began on **Monday Oct. 31 at 10 a.m.** in the social hall and will continue for six weeks.

As always, this informal reading group is open to anyone who enjoys reading and discussing short stories over a cup of coffee with a group of friendly people. The price of admission is \$18 which goes to the temple Adult Education Committee for future programs. If you want to join us, all you have to do is purchase the book which is available on Amazon and, perhaps at local bookstores, and then just show up. Please send me a note if you are interested and I will put you on my mailing list for story assignments, announcements, interesting articles or commentary.

Oz, who is regarded as Israel's most famous writer, is a novelist, journalist and professor of literature. He served in the Israeli army (1957–60, 1967, and 1973). After the Six-Day War in 1967, he became active in the Israeli peace movement and with organizations that advocated for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In addition to writing, he worked as a part-time school-teacher and laborer.

In "Between Friends," according to Amazon, "Oz returns to the kibbutz of the late 1950s, the time and place where his writing began. These eight interconnected stories, set in the fictitious Kibbutz Yekhat, draw masterly profiles of idealistic men and women enduring personal hardships in the shadow of one of the greatest collective dreams of the twentieth century. A devoted father who fails to challenge his daughter's lover, an old friend, a man his own age; an elderly gardener who carries on his shoulders the sorrows of the world; a woman writing perversely poignant letters to her husband's mistress. Each of these stories is a luminous human and literary study; together they offer an eloquent portrait of an idea, and of a charged and fascinating epoch. Amos Oz at home. And at his best."

I am especially excited about this series because I have not read Oz's writing and have wanted to for a long time. If you have questions, email me at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com) or call me at 522-6478. If you enjoy reading and discussing fiction and if you want to hang out with nice people, this is the place for you. Also, I make the coffee!

**Jim Rosenthal**

**New Mexico Jewish Historical Society Fall Conference**  
"Jewish Identities: Lost, Rediscovered and Reclaimed,"  
November 12 and 13 at the New Mexico History Museum and The Lodge at Santa Fe. Registration continues through November 7. For information, go to [www.nmjhs.org](http://www.nmjhs.org) or call 505-920-7771.



**Celebrations: Observing Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah, Building and Making Decorations for the Sukkah, enjoying a service in the Sukkah, shaking the Lulav and Etrog, unrolling our mini-Torah, and singing, dancing, and reading on Simchat Torah!!!!**



#### Adelante Deadline

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the December 2016 Adelante is November 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 and Wednesdays at 10:00am until 11:00 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at [rabbikarol@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbikarol@tbelc.org) or [rablpcarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpcarol@gmail.com). You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



### **Dear Temple Beth-El Members and Friends of Temple Beth-El,**

The Rosh Hashanah Oneg and the Yom Kippur Break the Fast are two very special and traditional annual events.

It is with warm hearts that we wish to thank everyone who volunteered to donate supplies, food and/or monetary contributions to make this year's events a sweet, happy, and successful start to year 5777.

Without your kindness and thoughtful efforts, these events would not be possible.

We wish to thank:

Rebecca Martinez, Cheryl Decker and Leslie Glater for coordinating the events.

A special thanks to Dinny Bomberg for her amazing help with the food set up and Terri Sugarman for her guidance, suggestions and knowledge.

We also wish to thank the following in no particular order:

#### **Rosh Hashanah Oneg:**

Marlene Benz, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Paula Kramer, Sue and Norm Mazer, Susan Michelson, Terri Sugarman, Rosemarie Livigni, Rebecca Martinez, Cheryl Decker, Leslie Glater, Ruth Rubin, Jane Grider, Becca Krebs, Debbie Levy, Lionel and Rose Jacobs, Gerie Muchnikoff, Brenda Parish, Frankie Lerner, Diane Fleishman, Dee Cook, Beth Tierney, Aida Samaniego, Ellen Torres, Tammy Tellez, Carrie Swartz, Susan Brown, the Sisterhood Council and the entire Sisterhood.

#### **Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast:**

Simy & Dan Allan, Diane & Dr. Harry Bass, Diana Blum, Laini Burstein, Ann & Dr. Burt Berkson, Dr. Paul Feil, Amy Fiszbein, Linda Kruger, Norman & Sue Mazer, Michael & Barbara Mandel, Klim Maling, Bill Stein & Susan Michelson, Judy & Ed Wendell, Michele Blum, Terri Sugarman, Brenda Parish, Ruth Rubin, Becca Krebs, Julie Seton, Aida Samaniego, Alison Mann, Gerie Muchnikoff, Ruth Ann Sugarman, Rebecca Berkson, Dinny Bomberg, Susan Brown, Marieka Brown, Andrea Orzoff, Leora Zeitlin, Carrie Swartz, Jane Grider, Pearie Bruder, Erich Zameret, Elisha Rosenberg, Paula Kramer, Sally Alkon, Cheryl Decker, Diane Fleishman, Eve Palanker, Ellen Torres, Nancy Bergman, Dee Cook, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Aggie Saltman, Tanah Hemingway, Frankie Lerner, Rhonda Karol, the Sisterhood Council and the entire Sisterhood.

We sincerely apologize if anyone's name was inadvertently left off this list.

**Thank you!**

***The Rosh Hashanah Oneg  
and Break-the-Fast Committee***

### **Many thanks to our High Holy Day Worship Participants for 5777!!!!**

Ellen Torres, Rabbi Larry Karol, Linda Fisher, Rose Jacobs, Renee Frank, Michael Lieberman, Pearie Bruder, Joe Bell, Marcus Cohen, Jane Grider. Tanah Hemingway, Brenda Parish, Ruth Rubin, Terri Sugarman, Erich Zameret, Avis Lewis, Phil Alkon, Sue Brown, Marieka Brown, Kaila Brown, Liana Brown, Stuart Kelter, Marlene Benz, Stacey Hyman, Derek Hyman, Arthur Berkson, Leora Zeitlin, Rhonda Karol, Allen Blum, Dee Cook, Dave Zeemont, Gerie Muchnikoff, Mateo Garcia-Bryce, Jeff Lewis, Becca Krebs, Sue Mazer, Joan Glickler, Lila Ziegler, Norm Mazer, Norm Osborne, Ilana Lapid, Cyrille Kane, Monika Kimball, Susan Fitzgerald, Jim Rosenthal, Marianne Rosenthal, Rita Polsky, Lionel Jacobs, Nancy Bergman, Jeff Brown Susan Quinn, Rebecca Berkson, Mia Berkson, Lilah Berkson, Frida Marquez, Jeff Marquez, Diane Bass, Martha Roditti, Dan Tapper, Yossi Lapid, Bill Stein, Susan Michelson, Bryan McCuller, Erich Zameret, Leslie Glater, Ben Carvlin, Jacob Saltman, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Mark Saltman, Aggie Saltman, Hannah Saltman, Nina Rothman, Ann Berkson, Andrea Orzoff, Alison Mann, Dia Taylor, Margot Leverett, Ezekiel Swartz, Rebecca Martinez, and Cheryl Decker.

We also appreciate all those who took part in our group honors this year: people who have been in the Las Cruces community for more than 20 years; people who have lived here for 10-20 years; people who have lived here less than 10 years; children who joined the Torah procession on Yom Kippur morning and helped to dress the Torah on the mornings of both of the High Holy Days; Board members past and present; event chairs past and present; committee chairs past and present; leaders of Sisterhood, Mensch Club and BETY past and present; and Religious School faculty members past and present.

**Temple Beth-El is deeply grateful for a contribution from an anonymous donor that will support the acquisition of 40 more sets of *Mishkan Hanefesh*!!!**



**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](http://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.

**2016 Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament on October 23, 2016****Thank you to participants and supporters!**

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Temple Beth-El concluded its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament at Red Hawk Golf Club. Fourteen teams consisting of 56 players enjoyed a fabulous day for golf and ended the day with a raffle give away followed by a great buffet dinner. The Matzo Ball Open Committee, consisting of Arthur Berkson, Allen Blum and Tom Olson, along with our sponsoring partner Maria Vasquez of the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, is grateful for all the generous support from Hole Sponsors, donations from the Las Cruces business community and of course the TBE volunteers Lionel Jacobs, Dee Cook, Paula Kramer, Ann Berkson and Fred and Ellen Torres. all of whom made the tournament a huge success.





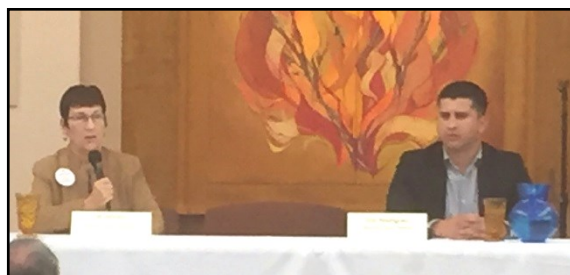
## Candidate Forum Series at Temple Beth-El

Once again, in this political season, Temple Beth-El sponsored two candidate forums, October 18 and October 25. Approximately 30 – 40 community members attended each event, moderated by Ned Rubin. These two forums were co-hosted this time by our next door neighbor, Sonoma Springs Covenant Church. The associate pastor, Rob Frick and another congregation member participated in the development of questions for the second forum, helped with set-up and break-down, and Pastor Frick also added his welcome along with Rabbi Karol.

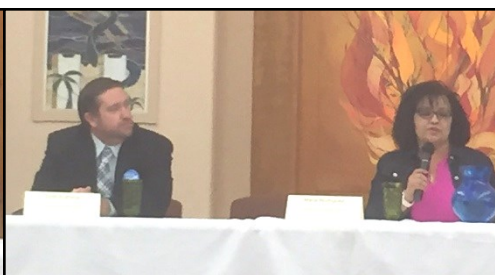
As usual, the candidates participating found their experience welcoming and warm and complimented the Temple on their experience here. Afterward, many stayed to socialize and talk more with constituents (see the photo on the bottom right from October 25).

Thank you to all of the members of the Social Action committee, of course the Rabbi and members of the Sonoma Springs church for their hard work in arranging these political events for which the Temple is now gaining a positive reputation in the community.

A personal note from Ned Rubin, Social Action Committee chair: Finally, speaking only for myself, I am glad that this political season is finally drawing to a close. As I mentioned during the final forum, some say that the scariest day of the year is Halloween. This year, however, no matter your political proclivities, it could be Election Day!



For County Treasurer: Jill Johnson and Eric Rodriguez (October 18)



For County Clerk: Scott Krahling and Maria Rodriguez (October 18)



For District Attorney: Mark D'Antonio and Brad Cates



For County Commission: William Webb, John Vasquez, Isabella Solis and Kimberly Hakes (October 18)



For New Mexico Senate: Bill Soules, Charles Wendler and Jeff Steinborn (October 25)



For New Mexico House of Representatives: Terry McMillan, Andy Nunez, Joanne Ferrary, Nathan Small and Bill McCamley (October 25)



Candidates Jeff Steinborn and Bill Soules with Ned Rubin and Diane Fleishman.

## Temple Board of Trustees

### Meeting Summary -October 20, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, October 20, 2016. Rabbi Karol gave the invocation, and reported that during the High Holy Days, 76 individual members of the congregation participated in our worship services, and counting people who took part in group aliyot, the number was closer to 100. He reported about the Shabbos Project sponsored by the Jewish Federation of El Paso on November 11-12, and about the second annual panel discussion featuring local religious leaders, organized with the Adult Education Committee, on November 20. Rabbi Karol continues to be involved in many other community and religious activities.

President Ellen Torres reported that the Rabbi Review Committee has finished its interviewing and collecting of information, and will be providing a summary report at the congregational meeting on November 10. New members have been welcomed to Temple Beth-El, and more are anticipated. She mentioned that the Membership Committee has expanded under the leadership of Diane Fleishman, and plans for welcoming activities for our new members.

Treasurer Allen Blum reported that 1st Quarter Statements have gone out, and reminded everyone 25% of dues must be paid by the 1st quarter in order for members to be in good standing, according to the TBE constitution.

Jim Rosenthal, Nominating Committee Chair, led a discussion on Leadership Development for TBE, based on very thoughtful materials developed by the URJ. The Board agreed that this is an important issue, and asked Jim to lead an ad hoc committee to develop ideas and recommendations.

The Jewish Federation Grant Proposal continues to move forward - more information will be forthcoming. The board discussed the process for providing documentation for expenditures in the interest of being good stewards of TBE resources. The board also began the planning process for the Annual Dinner (or second Annual FestivUS) for the end of January. This is an event sponsored by the Board for the entire congregation.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Members of the Congregation are, as always, invited to attend. Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

## BETY/BEMY ELECTS OFFICERS

Temple Beth-El's youth group elected officers at a meeting on October 16. BETY/BEMY's new officers are:

President: Elon  
Social Action Chair: Mateo Garcia-Bryce  
Religious Cultural Chair: Michael Bruder  
Treasurer: Jacob Saltman  
Communication Chair: Veronica Bruder  
Membership Chair: Hannah Saltman

At the meeting, members discussed possible events for the year, including activities such as challah baking, representing TBE at public events, and hanging out over games and pizza. Any child who has entered middle school is eligible to be a member of the BETY/BEMY group. Join in the fun, activities and memories! Stay tuned for more information, or contact Julie Seton, [julie.seton2@gmail.com](mailto:julie.seton2@gmail.com).



Noa (Ahinoam Nini) will be performing in concert on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Lee Ross Capshaw Auditorium at Coronado High School in El Paso, Texas. The concert is presented by Impact: Programs of Excellence and the UTEP Intraamerican Jewish Studies Program.

Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$50 and are available at 915-545-5068 or by emailing

[info@impactprogramsofexcellence.org](mailto:info@impactprogramsofexcellence.org).

## 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](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com) or 575-524-6945)



### Congratulations/Mazal Tov!

- From Yossi and Susan Lapid: We are very pleased to announce the marriage of our son, Lior, and his new wife Maria on October 23, 2016. They, together with our daughter Talia and her husband Nils, who were wed last November, are planning Jewish weddings in Denver next summer.
- Mazal tov to Jamie Bronstein on the recent publication of her book, *Two Nations, Indivisible: A History of Inequality in America*.



Temple Beth-El donated nearly 600 pounds of non-perishable food items to Casa de Peregrinos in this year's High Holy Day Food Drive. Many thanks to BETY/BEMY for

coordinating this effort and to everyone who contributed to our donation! Thank you to Sadie Carvlin for helping to load our donation on the Casas de Peregrinos truck on October 26!

### 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

### 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.

### VISITING CONGREGANTS

#### WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

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

## Donations for October 2016

### General Fund

- Tom Levy, in memory of Theodore M. Levy
- Frima & Ramon Marquez, in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Morley
- Collette Meltzer, in memory of Richard Meltzer

### Religious School Fund

- Ann and Burt Berkson, thank you to the students of the Religious School for the New Year's Wishes

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Bernice Langer, in memory of parents Samuel & Jennie Wagman Freeman
- Diana Blum
- Alexander & Katherine Fernald, thank you to Rabbi Karol
- Dee Cook, in appreciation for the Cemetery Service
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Blanche Geisinger & David Sugarman
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller

### Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY & BEMY)

- Monika Kimball, in gratitude to all who provided support after her recent surgery by bringing home-made dinners, flowers, chocolates, pastries and books: Jean Berlowitz, Dee Cook, Renee Frank, Leslie Glater, Susan Lapid, Alison Mann, Marianne Rosenthal, Terry Sugarman, Rose Jacobs and Marsha San Filippo.

### Campership Fund

- Diana Blum, in honor of Pearie Bruder.

### Yizkor Book Donation (Special)

- Cheryl and Bob Marians, in memory of Oscar and Gertrude Muller, Lenora Marians, Mel Taylor, Ann Hansen and Amy Dalyot.

### TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

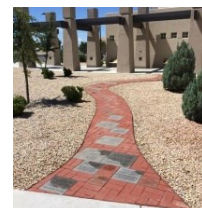
**Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund**—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

**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, 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.





**NOVEMBER 2016 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5777)****Yahrzeits-October 30 to December 3, 2016****Read on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5**

Meyer Davison\*

Anna Jacobs, Mother-in-Law of Win Jacobs

Perry Kohn, Friend of Michael Mandel

Helen Michelman, Mother of Michael Levine

James Quinn, Father of Patrick Quinn

Manas Rosenberg, Grandfather of Jason Rosenberg

Mel Taylor, Husband of Dia Taylor

Melvin Taylor, Sr, Father of Mel Taylor z"l

Agnes Youngs, Mother of Win Jacobs

**Read on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12**

Susan Bronstein\*, Mother of Jamie Bronstein

Harold Brown, Father of Jeff Brown

Nathan Edelstein\*, Grandfather of Dee Cook

Tillie Frank\*

Benjamin Galatzan\*

Sheldon J. Harris, Cousin of Cyrille Kane

Gustave Heart, Grandfather of Nancy Bergman

Le Roy Jenkins, Father of Brad Jenkins

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin\*

Marlene Deanne Saltman, Mother of Mark Saltman

Olga Szucs\*

Darlene Taylor\*

**Read on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19**

Evelyn Benowitz\*, Mother of Simy Allan

George Bissonette, Brother of Lynn Berkeley

David Edelstein\*, Father of Dee Cook

Arlene Metzger Jerome\*, Mother of Bryan McCuller

Dr. Clarence A Lathrop\*, Father of Jane Grider

Sylvia Hackman Lazar, Cousin of Tana Hemingway

Fanny Levy\*, Mother of Bea Klein

Beverly Lewis, Mother of Jeffrey Lewis

Hunter Lewis\*

Edith Madenberg, Mother of Janet Stevens

Isadore Rosenfeld\*

Freda Schoenbrun\*

Kenneth Williamson, Brother of Barbara Mandel

Erwin Willman\*, Father of Elliott Willman

**Read on Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26**

Elsa Galatzan\*

Isaac Geisinger, Father of Ruth Ann Sugarman

Sam Greenberg, Uncle of Cyrille Kane

Colman Jacobs, Brother of Lionel Jacobs

Esther Kloss\*

Oscar Leaser, Father of Helen Raphael

Erwin Michelson\*, Father of Susan Michelson

Herschel Schreier\*

Benjamin Shane, Uncle of Nancy Bergman

Bertha Shane, Aunt of Nancy Bergman

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, December 2 and Saturday, December 3**

Leroy Bibo\*

Isadore Blumkin\*

Phillip Bond\*

George Brankman, Father of Sally Alkon

Allen M Brooks\*, Father of Sharon Dorfman

Allen Elias, Father of Steven Elias

Adele Kimmel\*, Relative of Murray Bruder

Yetta Lipschutz\*

Esther Rosenfeld\*

Mac Singer\*

David Steinborn, Husband of Vivian Steinborn

Rebecca Wechter\*

***The Temple Beth-El Family  
extends condolences to:  
Adam, Robin and Lily Labe, on the death  
of Adam's father, Jacob Labe III,  
on October 18, 2016 in  
Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania.  
May his memory be for blessing.***

**Cheryl Bradley**, a long time member of Temple Beth-El, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2016 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, surrounded by her beloved family. She and her husband, Bill Bradley were long-time active members of Temple Beth-El as snowbirds, spending their winters in Las Cruces. Cheryl was an attorney and Judge in Westchester, New York, and served as the first president of the Westchester Women's Bar Association. She and Bill were members of Temple Beth-El for more than thirteen years, and looked forward to spending their winters here, enjoying not only the weather, but the warm friendships they made here with congregants and neighbors as well. Bill loved the camaraderie of his many friends at the Temple and Cheryl kept in touch with the Temple and her friends when they left to go back to New York. May her memory be for a blessing. (From Frances Williams)

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
	Tishrei 29 Oct. 31 Book Group 10:00 am	Tishrei 30 1	Cheshvan 1 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 2 3	Cheshvan 3 4 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Cheshvan 4 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 5 6 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 6 7 Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 7 8	Cheshvan 8 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 9 10 Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 10 11 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 11 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 12 13 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 13 14 Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 14 15 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 15 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 16 17 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 17 18 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 18 19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 19 20 Religious School 9:00 am  Interfaith Discussion on Humility 2:00 pm	Cheshvan 20 21 Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 21 22 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 22 23 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  NO HEBREW SCHOOL	Cheshvan 23 24 THANKSGIVING DAY	Cheshvan 24 25 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 25 26 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 26 27 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Cheshvan 27 28 Book Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 28 29 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 29 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 1 Dec. 1	Kislev 2 Dec. 2 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Kislev 3 Dec. 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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