



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

NOVEMBER 2017 (CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5778)

Remember to “fall back” on Sunday morning,  
November 5 as Daylight Time reverts to  
Standard Time (2:00 am becomes 1:00 am)!



### Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, November 3—Lay-led Family Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner.
- Friday, November 10—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm—Tina Wasserman will speak during the service.
- Friday, November 17-Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, November 24—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

Doña Ana Arts Council's



The 46th Annual Renaissance ArtsFaire organized by The Doña Ana Arts Council, will be held on November 4 & 5, 2017 at Young Park. It will feature the usual wide range of activities for all ages, numerous craft stands and many food booths.

Temple Beth-El will again be sponsoring our pastrami sandwich and kosher hot dog deli booth (on Sunday). The Center for Spiritual Living in Las Cruces will again be partnering with us (sponsoring on Saturday). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Zee-  
mont at [mudjob@earthlink.net](mailto:mudjob@earthlink.net) or call 575-523-0913.

Tina Wasserman, noted Jewish cookbook author and cook, will be coming to Temple Beth-El for the weekend of November 10, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. See Page 6 for more information about:



- Her talk during our Friday night Shabbat service at 7:00 pm on November 10.
- Lunch on Saturday, November 11 at 12:00 Noon and her special presentation, “Beyond Bagels and Brisket.” (Ticket required).
- A cooking class with the Author (Ticket required) on Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 pm.
- Challah baking with Religious Schools students and faculty on Sunday, November 12. Call Eve Palanker at 575-522-3940 for tickets (Ticket sales close on November 3). Join us for this special weekend!

*People of Character-What does it take to be a “mensch” (a decent human being)?*

*An Interfaith Conversation*

*on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm*

Join us at Temple Beth-El for an interreligious discussion on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Spiritual leaders and representatives from a variety of local faith communities and congregations will share their approach to identifying core values of good character 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. It is sponsored



by the Adult Education and Social Action Committees 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.*

## Worship Schedule

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

### Friday, November 3 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES led by Marieka Brown, Jeanne Brown and Pearie Bruder. *Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner  
*Pearie Bruder and Leslie Glater will coordinate the dinner.*

### Saturday, November 4

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24  
Haftarah II Kings 4:1-37

### Friday, November 10

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Tina Wasserman, noted Jewish cookbook author and cook, will speak as she begins her weekend at Temple Beth-El (made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso).  
*Michele Blum and Dinny Bomberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, November 11

#### NOTE EARLY TIMES

8:30 am Talmud Study  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18  
Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31

### Friday, November 17

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Body and Soul.”  
*Jerry and Shelly Silverman and Marlene Benz will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, November 18

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

### Friday, November 24

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. *Leslie Glater will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, November 25

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

### Friday, December 1 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.  
*Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*  
6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, December 2

#### NO TALMUD STUDY

**10:00 am Michael Bruder, son of Ron and Pearie Bruder, will become a Bar Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.**

Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

***Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El***  
***Michael Bruder—Saturday, December 2, 2017***

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***Joshua Rosenberg-Saturday, December 30, 2017***

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***Kaila Brown-Saturday, May 26, 2018***

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***Hannah Saltman-Saturday, June 30, 2018***

***Please join Barney & Ruth Ann Sugarman***  
***at the Oneg Shabbat on January 12, 2018***  
***to celebrate their 70th anniversary!***

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017-2018

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017.**



## Message from Rabbi Karol

### Part I

As I pondered the theme for my invocation for TBE Board meeting on October 19, 2017, I remembered that I had not yet shared the list of “what makes a mensch” that emerged at our Selichot discussion on September 16. I developed this “Mensch

Meditation” that would bring our list to life:

Eternal God, You have shown us what is good and what it is to do good.

Be our strength when we commit ourselves to honesty in a world that may not always appreciate the truth.

Be our beacon when we try to pursue an ethical standard of behavior that is based on integrity and decency when some people in our world may have lost their way.

Be our inspiration when we seek to be considerate and kind towards others and may our kindness spread throughout our community and beyond.

Be our guide when we apply all that we have learned about living with people to approach everyone in a spirit of fairness and justice.

Be our support when we seek forgiveness and when we forgive others so that all may know inner peace and wholeness.

Be our mentor when we seek to share what we have, so that we will give unselfishly, with consistency, and without hesitation, no matter where we may be or what we are doing.

Be our teacher when we discover that there are rewards that will come our way when we act with humility and when our words and actions are the result of thoughtful deliberation.

Be our hope, encouraging us to always live up to our own aspirations for the many ways in which we can improve ourselves and the world.

### Part II

There was a reason that our “what makes a mensch” list came back into my mind. Casey Rosenberg has been meeting with me on Sunday mornings as part of her post Bat Mitzvah/Confirmation program. In our discussion on October 15, I shared the proclamation from the White House that declared October 15-22 as “National Character Counts” week. Casey was immediately able to find online the list of the elements of the Character Counts program, which has been adopted and utilized in many elementary schools. In this program, the “Six Pillars of Character” are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. We discussed each one of these principles and linked them to important and familiar statements of Jewish values. When we got to “citizenship,” I told Casey that Temple was holding a forum later that day for candidates running for one judicial position and seats on the Las Cruces City Council. Casey listened as I explained how the forum fits into the pillar of citizenship. She then said that she wanted to campaign to be “Temple Judge,” a position that would apply to Reli-

gious School. She made a campaign sign, spoke to each class, and then shared thoughts and answered questions during our Religious School assembly. One of her classmates created makeshift ballots. Casey did win our impromptu election...and has begun to develop her own place in Religious School as a peer judge/counselor/mentor, under the watchful eye of her rabbi and others. In our last study session, we began to look at passages from the Torah about judicial ethics. It appears that this newly-created position will have an ongoing impact on our Religious School community.

### Part III

My clergy colleague, Rev. Carol Tuck, and I attended an event in El Paso on Sunday, October 22 that was part of a national “Poor People’s Campaign” spearheaded by Rev. William Barber II and others. This effort seeks to continue the unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the last year of his life. During his talk in El Paso, Rev. Barber spoke about the meaning of the different parts of the American flag, focusing on the blue under the array of 50 stars. The blue, he explained (as confirmed in other sources), signifies justice, noting that it is up to us to be sure that all of our citizens feel that they can continue to have faith in the United States as a country based on justice and fairness.

### Part IV

On Sunday, November 19, at 1:30 pm, clergy and interfaith leaders will again join me in our Pre-Thanksgiving Interreligious Dialogue panel at Temple Beth-El. Our theme is “People of Character – What does it take to be a mensch (a decent human being)?” We will discuss aspects of character that echo the two sets of standards mentioned above. Please join us as we consider the values that we can apply to strengthen our communal relationships.

### Part V

Liturgical poet and author Alden Solovy has created a Facebook Page entitled “Six-Word Prayers,” encouraging people to post a short meditation, whether from another source or of their own creation. Here are some of my submissions to the page that, when put together, might offer us all guidance on how to enhance our sacred partnerships with each other:

- Seeking moments of joy every day.
- Enable my dreaming soul to soar.
- Show me where I should go.
- Help me anticipate other people's needs.
- Grant strength to ease their pain.
- Eternal God, lead us to truth.
- Your words, our melody, One song.

*L'shalom,*

*Rabbi Larry K.*

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





### President's Message

For a small congregation, we hold a lot of events and are involved in the Las Cruces community in many ways. Just this past month alone, we submitted three grants

for educational and cultural programs to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso; we held our Board and Sisterhood Council Installation Shabbat on October 13; our Social Action and Adult Education Committees sponsored a Candidate Forum on Sunday, October 15; we hosted AIPAC representative Kevin Altman as a speaker at our October 20 Shabbat service; and we held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 29, with proceeds benefitting the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. All of these activities take dedicated people to organize them.

Many thanks to the following Temple members for all their work on the above activities: the Grant Writing team of Sue Brown, Jane Grider, Irv and Barb Ross, Jeff Brown, and Ellen Torres; Temple Beth-El representative to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, Bill Stein; Ned Rubin and the Social Action/Adult Education Committees for organizing the Candidate Forum; Phil and Sally Alkon and the Israel Committee for their involvement with AIPAC and for representing Temple Beth-El at the AIPAC El Paso Event on Thursday, October 19; and Arthur Berkson, Allen Blum, Lionel Jacobs, Bob Libby, and Phil Alkon for helping to organize the Matzo Ball Golf Tournament. Without all of these dedicated Temple members, these wonderful events wouldn't happen.

These events connect us to the larger community and provide us with opportunities to give back to the community as well. In November, we will engage in more community involvement as we are participating in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire, November 4 & 5, sponsored by the Dona Ana Arts Council, with our pastrami sandwich and kosher hot dog deli booth with the Center for

Spiritual Living. They will run the booth on Saturday and we will run it on Sunday. To volunteer, contact Dave Zeemont. Tina Wasserman, Jewish culinary expert from Dallas, will spend the weekend of November 10-12 with us, speaking from the bimah on Friday night, November 10; presenting a "Lunch and Learn" session and an evening cooking class on Saturday, November 11; and a challah braiding contest with religious school students on Sunday, November 12. Many of our Temple members have volunteered to make this event, sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, a success. Special thanks goes to Alison Mann for doing a spectacular job organizing this entire event.

**In order to continue receiving grant funds, we need to participate in an annual Jewish Federation fundraising campaign to help raise funds to underwrite these projects. While voluntary, we hope you will respond positively to these upcoming calls on Sunday, November 19, and support the Jewish Federation's fundraising efforts.**

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

*Shalom,  
Ellen Torres*

Rabbi Karol is scheduled to attend, on November 2-5, Shabbat Shira, a Worship/Music workshop at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.

# ADULT EDUCATION

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## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

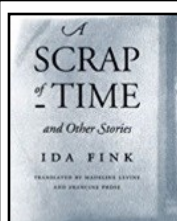
Led by Rabbi Karol on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am (no session on November 22).

## LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret

(ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions.

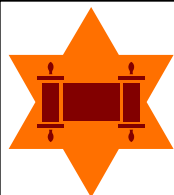
The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



The Short Story Discussion Group on Ida Fink's *A Scrap of Time and Other Stories* will continue to meet each Thursday at 10 a.m. in November in the social hall. I hope you will join us.

Everyone is welcome! For details,

contact Jim Rosenthal at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com).



## Judaism: Roots and Rituals

An Introduction to Judaism Course

presented by Rabbi Larry Karol

This course meets (mostly) on selected Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm.

We began on October 17,

but you can still join the class.

Upcoming sessions will be held on:

November 7, 14, and 28;

December 13 (Wednesday) and 19;

January 16, 23, and 30; and February 6 and 13.

(schedule subject to change)

**Text: Essential Judaism, by George Robinson (newly revised version).** 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@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org).

## 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).

## HARMONY IN UNISON

a VIRTUAL STAGE

Rabbi Larry Karol performed a set of 10 original songs on the Harmony in Unison

Virtual Stage on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Harmony in Unison was created in January by Jewish singer/songwriters Stacy Beyer and Beth Schafer to provide a space for performers to offer their music and messages to a broad audience. They hoped to generate a special sense of community in an ongoing way.

This was Rabbi Karol's third performance in this online venue. The theme of his set was "Conversations with God," featuring songs based mostly on texts from the book of Psalms.

In her comment the next day on the past and upcoming performances, Stacy Beyer, co-administrator of the Harmony in Unison page, said, "[Larry Karol!](#) Your set last night on Harmony In Unison was absolutely wonderful - we enjoyed it so very much!! Your heartfelt lyrics bring such positivity and *ruach* into our world! Thank you for making time for us."



## Coming to Temple Beth-El on Monday, January 22, 2018:

### A Key to the Casa Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain with Robyn Helzner



Through entrancing Ladino songs, stories and images, Helzner magically transports audiences to the heart of Jewish Spain. Her captivating presentation

brings to life the once flourishing Jewish communities of Toledo, Córdoba and Seville. In exploring the resurgence of a modern Jewish presence in Spain, "A Key to the Casa" celebrates the remarkable resilience of the Jewish people.

Lyrics to the songs are projected so everyone can join in the singing.

A stunning vocalist and vivid storyteller, Robyn Helzner radiates a passion for Jewish music and culture. Her concerts and recordings are acclaimed worldwide. Robyn also leads Jewish Heritage Tours to Spain and to China.

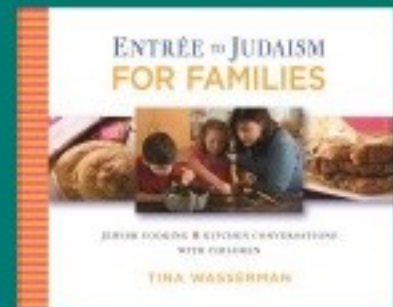
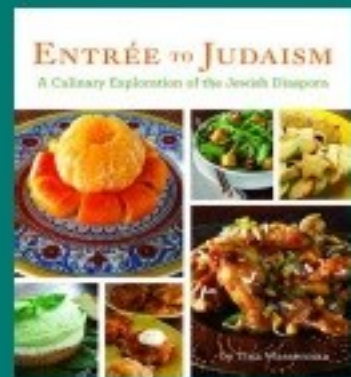




# ENJOY FOOD, COOKING, AND JUDAISM WITH BEST-SELLING COOKBOOK AUTHOR TINA WASSERMAN!



**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! CALL EVE PALANKER, 575-522-3940**



## THREE OPPORTUNITIES!

### Friday, November 10: Shabbat Services, 7pm

Tina will speak from the Bimah during services and mingle with Oneg attendees after services

### Saturday, November 11, 12 noon

"Beyond Bagels and Brisket" Lunch with some of Tina's recipes and a presentation from her after. \$15 for TBE members, \$18 for non-members

### Saturday November 11, 7pm

"Cooking Class with the Author" Tina will lead a cooking class limited to 50 people. \$25 for TBE members and \$30 for non-members. The charge covers the cost of the food and wine that will be consumed after preparation.

Tina's wonderful books will be on sale at Saturday's events and all profits will go to TBE. Get them signed by the author!

In addition, on Sunday Tina will braid challahs with TBE religious school kids and participate in a challah contest.

**GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY RUN OUT! CONTACT EVE PALANKER, 522-3940**

**More questions? Call Alison Mann, 575-680-0207**

## TEMPLE BETH-EL

3980 Sonoma Springs Ave  
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These events have been made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

## PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP— FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Ned Rubin**

*“What a long, strange trip it’s been.”* Jerome J. Garcia, Robert Hall Weir, Philip Lesh, Robert C. Hunter (the Grateful Dead).

There are two last names in my father’s family – two of his older brothers came over to the US from Vilnius before the rest of the family, and were given the last name Ellis by the immigration folks at, where else, Ellis Island. The family’s last name was really *Alexnitya*, probably unpronounceable to the customs officials. When the rest of the family came over, including the youngest child, my dad, not knowing that there were other family members already here, they were given the last name Rubin because of the married last name of the person who met them in New York.

Because my father’s father was a *shochet* (kosher slaughterer), the family was sponsored by the Jewish community in this small town in Maine where they settled. My grandfather, being the most learned Jew in town, was also the de facto rabbi. This was a VERY strict Orthodox upbringing for my dad. Moving away from that small town (and that strict religious practice), and after marrying my mom while he was in the Army, I was born in Haverhill, MA. Soon after, my parents, moved to Newton, MA where they joined a (very) Reform Synagogue, Temple Shalom. Although we observed some at home, my mom, especially, became very active in the synagogue and came onto the temple board. Social activism was the most important, underlying Jewish value in our home, which was obvious not only in her involvement in the Temple, but also in the secular part of their lives. They were both involved in civil rights, and established the first mental health clinic in Newton. They were also involved in progressive local and state politics. My father, as an attorney in Boston also lived his Jewish values through his practice in the kind of cases that he accepted and the way he chose to defend those people for whom he worked.

I’m sure this is how I “got it.” My career has been in the helping professions, with what many consider a “difficult” patient population – drug addicts. Although not actively involved in our synagogue in Milwaukee, where we lived for almost 40 years and raised our daughter, since retiring and moving here along with my sister, my sense of Jewish activism has been expressed in different ways and my ability to activate it has taken several paths. I have leadership positions in a number of community groups with whom I volunteer. Before that, however, and almost since moving here and joining Temple Beth-El, I have been involved with our spiritual community in some way. As the chair of the Social Action/Adult Education committee, we have been able to stretch the awareness of the community to our presence and Jewish perspective on the world through a number of events, which will continue in the future. Part of my commitment to the synagogue was becoming a member of the Board of Trustees. This is a unique form of

leadership that is new to me – leadership in a *spiritual* community. Everyone on the Board has the best interests of the synagogue in their mind and heart. We don’t always agree on issues brought before the Board, some mundane and others of significant import for the future of the Temple, but I work at keeping the spiritual part of our process in mind as we work toward helping the Temple contribute to acts of kindness to our own spiritual community, the larger Las Cruces community and our own little corner of the world.

## Temple Beth-El Candidate Forum update

On Sunday, October 15, Temple Beth-El held the latest and most successful in what has become a series of community candidate forums. The seven candidates for the three city council seats, District 3, 5 and 6 and the three candidates for the municipal judgeship were all invited. All the candidates except one accepted our invitation. Approximately 65-70 community residents were in attendance, the largest audience that we have had for this type of event. In addition, we were very pleased that, for the first time, the entire forum was recorded by KTAL-LP (101.5) to be rebroadcast prior to the election on November 7.



There was a lively exchange of ideas and questions, generated both by the Social Action/Adult Education committee and by audience participants (who submitted questions

during the program). All of the candidates stayed after the formal presentation for the social time after the event, and several commented about how much they appreciated these forums sponsored by our synagogue. Not only do they appreciate the setting and format (and the food during the informal conversations after the forum), but also the thoughtfulness of the questions that are asked. Particularly, the candidates for the municipal judgeship appreciated having been invited as they are rarely included in these types of events.

Other events are in the planning stages by the Social Action/Adult Education Committees. We are always looking for new members and additional input. If you are interested in participating in some way, please contact the chair, Ned Rubin at: [tbelsocialaction@gmail.com](mailto:tbelsocialaction@gmail.com).

Early voting has already begun and Election Day for the City of Las Cruces is November 7, 2017.



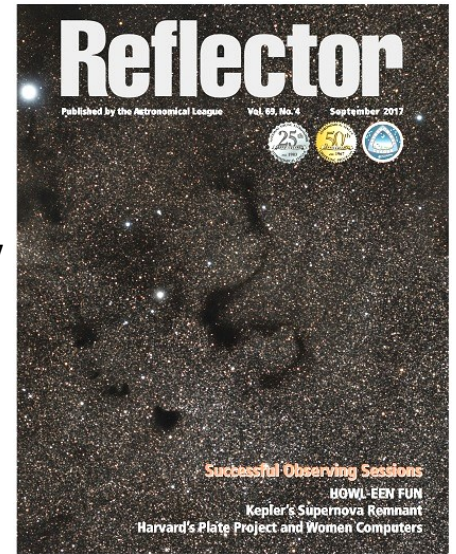


***Celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah in 5778!!!***



**Congratulations to:**

- **Bob Kimball**, whose photo of the Snake Nebula was featured on the cover of the September 2017 issue of *Reflector*, the magazine of the Astronomical League.
- **Aaron Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman**, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



**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)

**Adelante Deadline**

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the December, 2017 Adelante is November 20.** Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

**Office Hours**

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



**WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING!****The Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

Temple Beth-El Board Members & Leaders will be calling YOU on Sunday, November 19 to raise funds for the Jewish Federation. As affiliates of the Federation and recipient of annual grant funds, we support the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign and need YOUR SUPPORT.

**The Jewish Federation does the following:****THEY HELP PEOPLE—When there are Jews in need, the Federation is there:**

Natural Disasters; Terrorism and War; Economic Downturns

**THEY BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER:**

Council of Presidents of Jewish Organizations\*\*\*Jewish Communal Workers of El Paso

Community Relations Council\*\*\*Speakers and Educational Programs

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration\*\*\*Good Deeds Day and Shofar Across Borders

Hanukkah Celebration at San Jacinto Plaza

**THEY SERVE THE COMMUNITY:**

The Voice Monthly Jewish Newspaper\*\*\*El Paso Star Weekly Email\*\*\*Annual Jewish Film Festival

Community Website and Community Calendar\*\*\*Community Relations Council

**ANNUAL BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Jewish Federation of North America, Jewish Agency for Israel, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, World ORT, JCC Preschool, Jewish Family and Children's Services, PJ Library, El Paso Jewish Academy, El Paso Holocaust Museum, El Paso Pro Musica, Inter American Jewish Studies at UTEP, Secure Community Network, Israel Action Network, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, One Happy Camper, Congregation B'nai Zion, Temple Mount Sinai, Temple Beth-El Las Cruces, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Birthright Israel, BZUSY, and MSTY.

**PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER EL PASO'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN. WE WILL BE CALLING YOU SOON BECAUSE JEWS THE WORLD OVER NEED YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF A VERY SPECIAL EVENT**

The TBE Israel Committee and Mensch Club are pleased to announce the showing of an acclaimed documentary on the Six-Day War, an event that profoundly shaped today's Middle East. **We invite the Temple Beth-El and Las Cruces communities to join us on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, at 2:00 pm, to watch the film "IN OUR HANDS: THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM" at Temple Beth-El.** This vivid, objective and fascinating documentary covers one of the most incredible military victories in modern history - on its 50th anniversary - and one whose regional and global consequences are experienced on a daily basis. If you are interested in Israel and the Middle East, please plan to attend this showing, and let your family, friends and coworkers know as well. More details will follow. Thank you. Phil Alkon (524-6945, [philipalkon@gmail.com](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com))



## Board of Trustees Meeting Summary October 19, 2017

The Rabbi reported that 67 people participated in High Holy Day worship and many persons joined group aliyots and readings. He is organizing an Interfaith Dialogue to be held at the Temple on Sunday, November 19. He has 4 students in his Introduction to Judaism course and 2 more students interested in conversion. He will take part in interviews for the new Las Cruces chief of police. He attended a meeting of the El Paso Sector Border Community Liaison Program that brings together Border Patrol agents with local organizations that deal with border and immigration issues. The Rabbi will attend the Shabbat Shira workshop in Wisconsin in November, and he, Rhonda Karol and Ellen Torres will attend the URJ Biennial in Boston in December. Arrangements have been or are being made for services on those weekends.

Ellen Torres began a discussion about the Rabbi's rabbinical and administrative duties. The Rabbi had developed extensive lists of these duties. The Board will discuss this in November. Ellen discussed the Board's commitment to make calls for the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso's Annual Campaign on November 19 to encourage contributions to the Federation.

Jim Rosenthal reported that he, Rabbi Karol and Ellen Torres have met about leadership training activities. The Nominating and Leadership Committees and some Board members will meet on October 25 at the Temple to discuss the training program.

Treasurer Allen Blum distributed a first-quarter budget report. The budget is healthy. Jeff Lewis reported that the storage shed has arrived. It cost \$1,532 and needs to be painted. The Board will explore ways to honor David Brandhorst for his bequest to the Temple. Ellen will personally pay for a Temple banner that could be displayed at the Renaissance Faire and

other venues. Ellen asked members to provide additional ideas for future fundraising projects to her. These will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

The Board approved funds to purchase railings to be installed on north side of the bimah area. Susan Michelson noted that CDs of the Challah Rising film may be purchased for \$35.

**The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications for assistance and support for pursuit of Jewish education. Temple members are eligible to apply. Each applicant will have an opportunity to chronicle his/her Jewish journey and to describe the nature of the request and what makes that request unique. Application forms will be available soon. Announcements will be made in the Adelante and by e-mail to all members.**



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



**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.

**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.



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

La Tienda de Jardin, located at 335 La Colonia Ave (at the southwest corner of Alameda and Main

St), would greatly appreciate contributions of ladies clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags and household items. La Tienda does the following very well:

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

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



**Donations for October, 2017  
(through October 29)**

**General Fund**

- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Ida Siegel (mother of Carla Libby)
- Nina Rothman, in memory of Gary Liston
- Dia Taylor, in memory of Mel Taylor
- Selma Ryave, in memory of Cheryl Ryave Rador and Libby Ryave
- Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Allen M. Brooks

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Brenda and Arlon Parish, in memory of Mary Gardner
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller
- Elaine Baeza
- Sue, Marieka, Jeanne, Kaila and Liana Brown, thank you to Rabbi Karol for meaningful High Holy Day services
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Isaac Geisinger
- Frima and Jeff Marquez, a special thanks to Rabbi Karol for all his efforts with the Marquez family after the passing of Ramon
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Harold Brown

**Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund**

- Nancy Oretskin

**Religious School Donation Fund**

- Arthur and Rebecca Berkson

**TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer**

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

***Biblical Garden Fund***—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

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

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

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

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

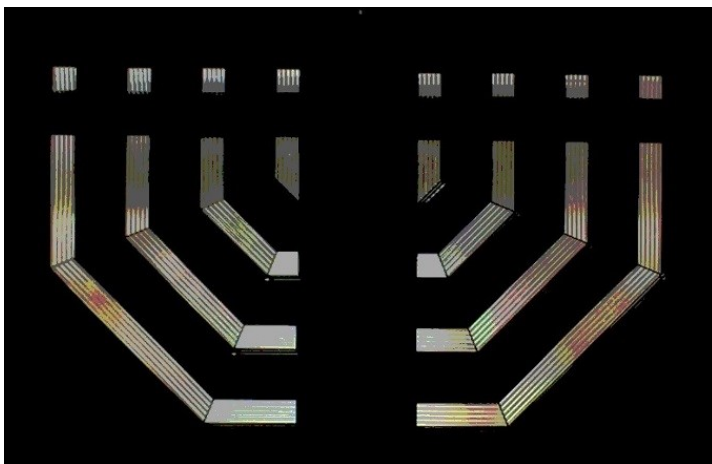
***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund***—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

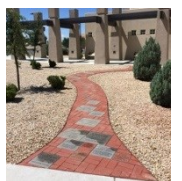
***Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund***—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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

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



Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and family)



by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway/Biblical Garden.



**NOVEMBER 2017 (CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5778)****Yahrzeits-October 29 through December 2, 2017**

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

**Read on Friday, November 3****and Saturday, November 4**

Evelyn Benowitz\* (Simy Allan)  
 George Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)  
 David Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)  
 Nathan Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)  
 Benjamin Galatzan\*  
 Anna Jacobs (Win Jacobs)  
 Le Roy Jenkins (Brad Jenkins)  
 Arlene Metzger Jerome\* (Bryan McCuller)  
 Sylvia Hackman Lazar (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Beverly Lewis (Jeff Lewis)  
 Edith Madenberg (Janet Stevens)  
 Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin\*  
 Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Selma Ryave,  
 Rosalyn Richman)  
 Freda Schoenbrun\*  
 Olga Szucs\* (Judy Neidich)  
 Kenneth Williamson (Barbara Mandel)  
 Erwin Willman\* (Elliott Willman)  
 Agnes Youngs (Win Jacobs)

**Read on Friday, November 10****and Saturday, November 11**

Elsa Galatzan\*  
 Sheldon J Harris (Cyrille Kane)  
 Gustave Heart (Nancy Bergman)  
 Colman Jacobs (Lionel Jacobs)  
 Fanny Levy\* (Bea Klein)  
 Isadore Rosenfeld\*  
 Herschel Schreier\*

**Read on Friday, November 17****and Saturday, November 18**

Isadore Blumkin\*  
 Phillip Bond\*  
 Allen M Brooks\*(Sharon Dorfman)  
 Adele Kimmel\* (Murray Bruder)  
 Esther Kloss\*  
 Dr. Clarence A Lathrop\* (Jane Grider)  
 Hunter Lewis\*  
 Yetta Lipschutz\*  
 Erwin Michelson\* (Susan Michelson)  
 Esther Rosenfeld\*  
 Sanford M Siegel\*  
 Mac Singer\*  
 David Steinborn (Vivian Steinborn)  
 Israel Isaac Taslitt\* (Nina Rothman)  
 Dov Zameret (Erich Zameret)

**Read on Friday, November 24****and Saturday, November 25**

Lucy Miller Atkins\*  
 Leroy Bibo\*  
 George Brankman (Sally Alkon)  
 Isaac Geisinger (Ruth Ann Sugarman)  
 Victor Hartman\*  
 Charles Kruger (Linda Kruger)  
 Benjamin Shane (Nancy Bergman)  
 Bertha Shane (Nancy Bergman)  
 Rebecca Wechter\*  
 Hershel Zohn\*

**Read on Friday, December 1****and Saturday, December 2**

Meyer Bass (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Leo Bienstock (Gerie Muchnikoff)  
 Rose Caplan (Betty Rosse)  
 Ivy Dessaur\*  
 Murray Gould\*  
 Sam Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)  
 Stephen Halper (Jane Halper)  
 Mel Kirschner\* (Bob Kirschner, Lila Ziegler)  
 Bernie Lieberman\*  
 Dr. Michael Polsky (Rita Polsky)  
 David Silverman (Jerald Silverman)

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

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

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



**Temple Beth-El has now become part of Amazon Smile**, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. To date, we have received \$22.54 in donations. The process is very simple – go to [www.smile.amazon.com](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.

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*Be watching for information about our Chanukah programs:*

**Sunday, December 3**

*Chanukah Boutique, sponsored by the Sisterhood Judaica Shop*

**Friday, December 15**

*Chanukah/Shabbat Congregational Celebration*



## Tanah Hemingway

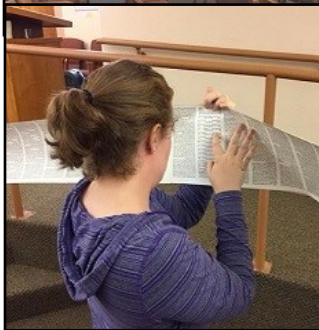
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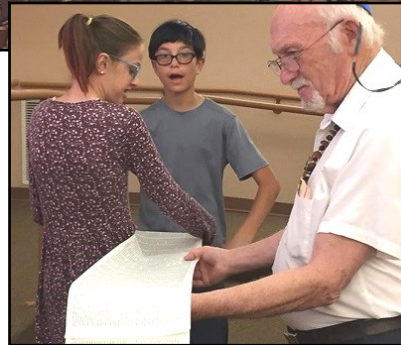
Books, scientific papers, theses, dissertations

### Technical documents of all sorts.

(for accuracy, continuity, organization, style grammar, readability, supportability, etc.)



On Sunday, October 22, our Religious School students and faculty unrolled the small “facsimile” Torah that is kept in the ark year-round. It gave students and faculty a chance to identify their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah Torah readings and special landmark sections of the text. In the photo on the left, faculty member Sarah Mindlin chanted part of her Bat Mitzvah Torah reading in Exodus Chapter 15.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Cheshvan 12 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 13 2 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 14 3 Lay-led Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner following	Cheshvan 15 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
Cheshvan 16 5 Religious School 9:00 am TBE sponsors booth at Dona Ana Arts Council Renn Faire	Cheshvan 17 6	Cheshvan 18 7 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 19 8 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 20 9 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 21 10 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Tina Wasserman will speak	Cheshvan 22 11 NOTE EARLY TIMES Talmud Study 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30-11 am Tina Wasserman— Lunch and Talk 12 Noon Tina Wasserman— Cooking Class -7pm
Cheshvan 23 12 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 24 13	Cheshvan 25 14 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 26 15 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 27 16 Short Story Group 10:00 am Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 28 17 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 29 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 1 19 Religious School 9:00 am Interfaith Dialogue 1:30 pm	Kislev 2 20	Kislev 3 21	Kislev 4 22 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am NO Tanakh Study	Kislev 5 23 Thanksgiving Day	Kislev 6 24 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Kislev 7 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 8 26 NO Religious School	Kislev 9 27	Kislev 10 28 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Kislev 11 29 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Kislev 12 30	Kislev 13 Dec. 1 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner fol- lowing	Kislev 14 2 Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Michael Bruder

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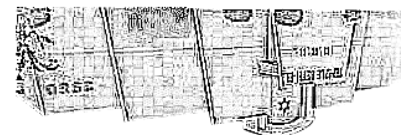
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