



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

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Matzo Ball Golf Tournament
on Sunday, October 23.**



Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, October 7— Family Shabbat Service on Shabbat Shuvah at 6 pm—Potluck Dinner following
 - Friday, October 14—Shabbat Service at 7 pm
 - Friday, October 21— Shabbat Sukkot Service at 7pm
 - Friday, October 28—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm
 - Friday, November 4—Family Shabbat Service at 6pm—Potluck Dinner Following
- Saturdays
Talmud Study at 9:00 am
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am, followed by a potluck Kiddush

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 16

At 11:00 am, join with Mensch Club members

in building the Temple Sukkah!

At 4:00 pm, join our Religious School faculty and families in creating and hanging decorations for the Sukkah!

At 5:45 pm, join us for an

Erev Sukkot service in the Sukkah;

Pizza dinner following

Monday, October 17

First Morning of Sukkot Service at 10:00 am, followed by a kiddush and motzi in the Sukkah

Friday, October 21

SHABBAT SUKKOT SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 23—SIMCHAT TORAH

5:30 pm Potluck Dinner

6:30 pm Simchat Torah Service

Monday, October 24

10:00 am Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service followed by a “Bagels with Fixings” Kiddush



High Holy Days 5777

Erev Rosh Hashanah —

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Followed by the Rosh Hashanah Oneg, sponsored by TBE Sisterhood

Rosh Hashanah —Monday, October 3, 2016

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

Tashlich at Young Park an hour following the conclusion of the morning service

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day—Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Morning Service, 10:00 am with *Mishkan Hanefesh*,

the new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook

Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and

the Religious Practices Committee

Friday, October 7, 2016

Shabbat Shuvah Family Service at 6:00 pm

Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner following

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur —Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur —Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

A Time for Sharing, 1:15 pm

Study with Rabbi Karol

on *Mishkan Hanefesh*, 2:45 pm

Afternoon Service, 4:15 pm

(Worship from *Mishkan Hanefesh*)

Yizkor and Neilah, 5:30 pm

Break-the-fast, 7:10 pm

Sponsored by TBE Sisterhood

Join us for worship and the warmth of community as we welcome 5777 together!

*Child care will be provided during all services on
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*



Worship Schedule

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

Friday, September 30

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Still Standing Together?” *Avis Lewis and Sue Mazer will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 1

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

High Holy Day Worship

Sunday, October 2

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Rabbi Karol will speak on “A World That Needs Me.”
Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.

Monday, October 3—Rosh Hashanah Morning

9:00 am Family Service 10:00 am Congregational Service
Rabbi Karol will speak on “I Lift My Eyes...and See!”
Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.
Tashlich at Young Park will be held starting one hour after the end of the morning service.

Tuesday, October 4—Rosh Hashanah—Second Day

10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, using *Mishkan Hanefesh*, the new High Holy Day Machzor, and Shofar Service led by Leora Zeitlin. *Followed by a Bagel Brunch sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and the Religious Practices Committee. Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Friday, October 7—SHABBAT SHUVAH/FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service on Shabbat Shuvah, including prayers for renewal and repentance. A Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner will follow the service. *Michael Lieberman will represent the Board of Trustees. Sue Brown and Marieka Brown will coordinate the post-dinner arrangements in honor of their loved one.*

Saturday, September 19—SHABBAT SHUVAH

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Vayeilech Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah Shabbat Shuvah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15:27

Sunday, October 9

1:00 pm Cemetery Services at the Jewish section of Las Cruces Masonic Cemetery (760 South Compress Rd., between El Molino Blvd. and Brown Rd.)

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 pm Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service
Rabbi Karol will speak on: “Do You Know My Name?”
Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 am Yom Kippur Family Service
10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service
Rabbi Karol will speak on: “Is Justice Pursuing ME?”
Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.
1:15 pm Yom Kippur: A Time for Sharing
2:45 pm Rabbi Karol—A Journey through *Mishkan Hanefesh*
4:15 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service (with *Mishkan Hanefesh*)
5:30 pm Yom Kippur Yizkor and Neilah (6:15 pm)
7:10 pm Break-the-Fast sponsored by Sisterhood
Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees. Child care will be provided throughout our High Holy Day worship.

Friday, October 14

7:00 pm Rabbi Karol will speak on “One Last Song.” *Susan Michelson and Elisha Rosenberg will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 15

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Lay-led Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Haazinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51

Sunday, October 16

11:00 am Sukkah Building (Mensch Club)
4:00 pm Sukkah Decorating (Religious School)
5:45 pm Erev Sukkot Service 6:30 pm Pizza Dinner

Monday, October 17

10:00 am First Day of Sukkot Morning Service and Kiddush

Friday, October 21

7:00 pm Shabbat Sukkot Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will reflect on the book of Ecclesiastes and chant a section of this “scroll” assigned to Sukkot.” *Gerie Muchnikoff and Susan Fitzgerald will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, October 22

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Sukkot morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Shabbat Sukkot Exodus 33:12-34:26
Haftarah Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

Sunday, October 23—SIMCHAT TORAH

5:30 pm Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Simchat Torah Service

Monday, October 24

10:00 am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service, “Bagels with Fixings” Kiddush following
Torah Deuteronomy 34 and Genesis 1:1-2:3
Haftarah First Kings 8:54-66

Friday, October 28

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy.
Carla Libby and Barbara Mandel will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.

Saturday, October 29

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Bereisheet Genesis 1:1-6:8 Haftarah Isaiah 42:5-43:10



Message from Rabbi Karol
From my D'var Torah on the portion
Ki Teitzei—September 16, 2016

In Deuteronomy Chapter 24, one central passage about helping people in need describes actions that can be done (or not done) with human hands through which the godly act of Tzedakah (righteous giving) and G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness) could be performed in a significant way. Verse 17 of that chapter directed people not to take a widow's only piece of clothing as payment for a loan or a transaction if it is all she had. Verse 19 declared that, when working one's field, if a sheaf or sheaves were dropped during the harvest, they should go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. Olives not beaten down on the first "go-round" and grapes not picked from the vineyard in an initial pass were also set aside for the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. The Israelites were required to follow these rules for one important reason: "Always remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment."

Our good works in the community often offer assistance to people who are the most vulnerable in our society, who may have little to no means of support to be able to provide for even their basic needs. Judaism (and other religions) would teach that, when we perform these special acts, it is as if our hands become God's hands. This section of the parashah *Ki Teitzei* made me consider other times when our hands may very well be "God's hands." Here is what came to mind for me.

When are our hands God's hands?

- When we offer comfort with a supportive touch.
- When we extend a hand in friendship or to share something that is ours with a friend or neighbor.
- When we lift someone up who has fallen, figuratively or literally.
- When we present another person with a gift out of gratitude and generosity.
- When we write a note that affirms someone's value to us by their actions and their presence in our lives.
- When we bring a donation to a food pantry.
- When we serve a hot meal at a soup kitchen to someone who would not otherwise have that nourishment.
- When we provide guests in our homes or congregations with refreshment to show sincere hospitality.
- When we write words that provide food for thought that can lead someone to make a difference in the world.
- When our hands make musical instruments play sounds that reach the depths of our souls.

- When we keep a beat in time to music that fosters a feeling of unity.
- When we water plants or trees in our yard or tend to a garden.
- When we take bottles, cans, papers or other items to a recycling center.
- When we fashion a piece of art that inspires others.
- When we engage in work that benefits others.
- When we present someone with recognition or reward for the good work they have done.
- When we fix something that is broken.
- When we build something that can bring contentment, relief, or hope.
- When we use our words rather than our hands in the midst of conflict.
- When, if there is no other choice, we use our hands to protect a potential victim of a violent act.
- When we raise our hands, or put our hands on our hearts, to show respect and to declare our commitment to goodness and freedom.
- When adults place their hands on the head or shoulders of a younger member of their family to give a formal blessing.
- When a child takes the hand of an adult as they cross the street together.
- When a handshake indicates a job well done.
- When we place a contribution for a worthy organization into an envelope, or make a donation online, offering a helping hand.
- When we see the joining of hands as symbolic of what we know to be true: that we are all connected as part of one people and one world.

In the New Year to come, may our contributions to the betterment of humanity emerge from the work of our hands and the love and compassion in our hearts. From our home to yours, best wishes for a happy, healthy, productive and hopeful 5777!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.

On the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, you are invited to participate in one of the three aliyot for the Torah reading based on your time in Las Cruces. You can come up to the bimah for the Aliyah, or you can stand at your seat and recite the blessings.

Aliyah 1: At Temple Beth-El for more than 20 years

Aliyah 2: At Temple Beth-El for 10-20 years

Aliyah 3: At Temple Beth El up to 10 years



President's Message October 2016

Since my last message, our Temple has held the following events of note: 1) the Installation Shabbat on August 26 with a very nice Oneg that was sponsored by the Board, the Sisterhood Council, and the Mensch Club; 2) a Friday Shabbat service on September 2 led by Monika Kimball and Ruth Rubin and Saturday Shabbat service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin on September 3 when the Rabbi was out of town; 3) a lively and enjoyable Shabbat Under the Stars Family Service at Veterans' Memorial Park on Friday, September 9, followed by a delicious potluck; 4) a lovely Sisterhood luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood Council on Sunday, September 11 at the Temple with donations collected for the Safe Haven Animal Shelter; and 5) several Jewish Federation of El Paso Grant Proposal Planning Meetings to establish a Speaker/Performer Series for 2017—attended by Bill Stein, Alison Mann, Irv and Barb Ross, Ned Rubin, Sue Brown, Jane Grider, Rabbi Larry, and me. I want to give a special thank you to Tanah Hemingway who gave invaluable editing advice throughout the writing process, and without whom we would have submitted a less than perfect document. Under the banner of “The Many Roads to Being Jewish,” we came up with some interesting ideas, including bringing quality speakers and performers to our Temple: Robyn Helzner—a phenomenal singer-musician, a well-known Jewish comedian/rabbi, a Jewish cookbook author, and a speaker on ethics and engaging communities. We will advertise the presentations if and when we secure the grant funds. Wish us luck!

The Rabbi Review Committee has finished its interviewing and collecting of information, and Ned Rubin and I will peruse the information in order to give the Board and the congregation an update of findings and to meet with the Rabbi to hold an annual review with him. If you would like to share additional information, please contact me.

After the High Holy Days, we will send out a letter to the congregation to inform you about our semi-annual meeting, which will tentatively be held on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. We have considered adding an item to the congregational ballot

that would reduce the required number of Board members for future years, due to the small size of our congregation. The Board has discussed this because the Nominating Committee had a difficult time getting people to run for the Board this past May. They were able to secure enough candidates but were not able to have the usual two nominees over the number to be elected. However, we are now reviewing the importance of identifying Temple leaders and looking at the culture of leadership and how to educate and support them. As Nominating Chair Jim Rosenthal puts it, perhaps “the Temple should engage the topic of leadership in a broader way, working to articulate more specifically—and maybe even more spiritually—what it means to lead a congregation, fostering discussions and education about the philosophy of leadership and working to specifically define its duties and responsibilities, its challenges and support of all of this in a way that perhaps makes it more interesting, appealing, and rewarding to congregants.” According to Rabbi David Fine, Small Congregations Network Rabbinic Director for the URJ, “Being a temple leader is something to aspire to—it’s holy, important work.” We need to hold high expectations for ourselves because, as stated by the URJ, “leadership is a sacred responsibility.” As temple leaders, we work on your behalf and take our responsibility seriously.

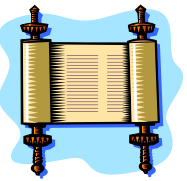
I continue to thank you all for your dedication and work on behalf of Temple Beth-El, to remind you to embrace inclusiveness and tolerance, and to continue working together to strengthen our Wisdom, Community Spirit, Tzedakah, and Sacred Purpose.

*Shalom,
Ellen Torres*

A special thank you to Bob Kimball and his “faithful workforce” (Norm Mazer, Allen Blum and Ned Rubin) for restoring our partition doors to their usual place and for all the excellent work in repairing our doors, bringing them to their current “better-than-new” status!!!

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

Led by Rabbi Karol on
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am
(No sessions October 5 or 12)

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study meets every Saturday in the Social Hall at 9:00 am before the Saturday morning service. Prospective students are welcome. Contact Erich Zameret or Tanah Hemingway for more information.



Temple Beth El and Sonoma Springs Covenant Church are joining forces this fall to host Candidate Forums. Both will be held at Temple Beth-El, however the two congregations will work together to come up with the format and the questions. The forum featuring candidates for all of the Dona Ana County races will be held on Tuesday October 18th and the forum featuring the candidates for statewide office will be held on Tuesday October 25th. The forums will run from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm and will be followed by a reception in the Temple Social Hall so that candidates and attendees can spend time exploring the questions in greater depth or in asking questions which were not asked during the forum.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood's Jewish Women's Spirituality group,

led by Susan Lapid,
is still meeting periodically.

For more information,
contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or
Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, 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 will begin on **Monday Oct. 31 at 10 a.m.** in the social hall and 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 schoolteacher 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 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

Renaissance Faire

The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club, partnering with the Center for Spiritual Living in Las Cruces, will once again sponsor a pastrami sandwich and kosher hot dog booth at this year's Renaissance Faire. The Center will host the first day, and Temple will sponsor the second day, on Sunday, November 6, 2016, 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, or call Temple Beth-El.



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The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 7pm.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the November 2016 Adelante is October 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 rabbi@tblc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!



Ilana Lapid screened and spoke about her new film in progress, "Yochi," during our Selichot night program on Saturday, September 24. She gave background about the making of the film and where it will go from here. At left, Craig Holden, the film's Executive Producer, joined Ilana in speaking to the congregation about the project.





SISTERHOOD BRUNCH AND SAFE HAVEN DONATION

The Temple Beth-El Sisterhood held their annual brunch on September 11, where donations were collected for the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary. Thanks to Sisterhood members and others who made donations, the Sisterhood presented a large amount of needed supplies plus \$45.00 to the animal sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who attended and generously made the donations!

The Sisterhood Council would also like to thank Rebecca Martinez, Cheryl Decker, and Leslie Glater for coordinating the Rosh Hashana Oneg and Break-the-Fast!

The Sisterhood Council has a monthly meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. However, there will be no meeting the month of October. The council meetings are open, but please inform a council member if you wish to discuss something so that it can be added to the agenda.

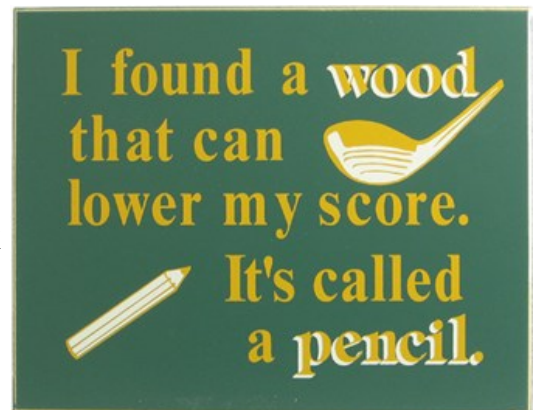


2016 Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament

It's back...

Time to channel your inner scratch golfer, shine your shoes, become one with your clubs, practice your putting, and sign-up for the 2016 Matzo Ball Open. Or you can just round up some friends and neighbors, and join us for TBE's 3rd annual golf tournament! Here are the basics:

- Red Hawk Golf Club
- 10 a.m. Sunday, October 23, 2016
- Paid entry again includes an EXTRA COMPLIMENTARY ROUND OF GOLF to use at a future date.
- Cost is still \$100 per person for golf (free second round of golf included)
- Don't golf? Advertise your name, message or business name at a hole for \$100 per hole sponsorship. Donate a raffle prize. Volunteer! Drive around in a golf cart, drink a beer, and gossip with friends!
- Part of this year's proceeds will again benefit Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity where the money will stay locally in our community to create better housing for our residents.



Our tournament should be fun for players of all skill levels from the once-every-two-year duffer to the seasoned scratch golfer.

Please contact Arthur Berkson, Allen Blum, or Tom Olson with any questions.

Check your mail for full details!



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Family Shabbat Service and Potluck Shabbat Dinner at Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, September 9!



ISRAEL UPDATE

A GLIMPSE OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE

by Phil Alkon

As we enter the High Holy Days of the Year 5777, Jews in America and throughout the World solemnly examine their individual accomplishments and shortcomings in 5776 and also, perhaps, that of the Jewish people and Judaism itself. We may also ask for a touch of divine wisdom in considering our paths in the coming year and beyond. Here in America, we will soon be shaping our country's future by electing the next President of the United States, as free citizens of this remarkable Diaspora haven of the Jewish people. As Jewish-Americans we celebrate 240 years since America's independence in 1776, and almost simultaneously commemorate our birth as a people 5777 years ago.

As Jews (and world citizens), no event has touched our collective and individual lives more than the restoration of a Jewish homeland in Eretz Yisrael following World War II. Any consideration of our futures naturally turns our hearts and minds to Israel's current status and its prospects for the years ahead. No nation has endured a more daunting and heroic creation, and none has accomplished more in its brief life against such extraordinary internal and external challenges. Yes, there is no end in sight to Israel's countless struggles on so many fronts. And yes, we must retain faith in its almost gifted passage from one year to the next. But we also must remind ourselves that, as in any profound human undertaking, Israel very much remains, and is destined to remain, a work in progress.

A view of Israel's future always worth hearing is that of its democratically chosen political leader, the Prime Minister, no matter which party or facet of the political spectrum he may represent. In that spirit, I urge you to seriously consider PM Benjamin' Netanyahu's recent ad-

dress to the United Nations General Assembly. I consider it a powerful, bold, insightful, and promising view of the country's status and future. The entire live address, an impressive performance in itself, can also be viewed on: <http://www.israelhayom.co.il> for Friday, 9/23/2016. The text can be found on Times of Israel online here:

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahus-full-remarks-at-un-general-assembly/>

Please send me your comments on the address itself or any thoughts you may wish to share on Israel's future. I would be very pleased to compose an *Israel Update* column based on your observations. L'SHANA TOVAH!

(Rabbi's note—if anyone needs a hard-copy of Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech mailed to them, please let Rabbi Karol know)



**From
Rabbi Karol:**

Many people around the world are mourning the death of former President of Israel Shimon Peres on September 28. I had the opportunity to see and hear Shimon Peres while he was Prime Minister in the spring of 1977, and in January of 1996 (above is my photo from 1996). Peres was a leader of the State of Israel from its beginnings. He never gave up on his vision of the possibility of cooperation and peace in the Middle East. Even when realities changed, he remained steadfast in his sense of hope for the future, which was evident during his term as President of Israel. May his memory be for blessing.

Temple Board of Trustees Meeting Summary September 15, 2016

Religious School is in full session – we have 27 students from pre-school through Machon.

There were 35 participants of all ages at our “Shabbat Under the Stars” Family service on Friday, September 9.

Ilana Lapid is working to get exposure for her film, “Yochi,” in order to complete it. The Mensch Club will sponsor a showing of the film on September 24 at 7:30 pm. Ilana will be there to discuss the film.

The Rabbi Review Committee has completed its interviews with congregation members, and a report will be provided to the congregation. A letter will be mailed to congregants about our semi-annual congregational meeting, which will be held at the beginning of November, to vote on renewing the Rabbi’s contract.

The treasurer reported that 34% of our expected income has been taken in during the 1st quarter, and we are on target to meet our budget so far this year. We now have \$2000 in reserves from the 10% pledge increase.

Jewish Federation of El Paso Grant Proposal Update: The goals for the grant are to increase community outreach and to enhance awareness of worldwide Jewish culture. The grant proposal requests \$25,000 to hold a Scholars-in-Residence series during 2017 that presents many forms of diverse Jewish culture.

URJ Dues—Board members have been encouraged by President Ellen Torres to explore the benefits and resources offered by URJ to see if we are taking full advantage of membership. The URJ is asking \$7900. The Board agreed to pay no less than \$4,000. The URJ requires that TBE financial information be

provided to them before they will consider a reduction in dues, which the Board agreed to provide. The Treasurer will complete the URJ’s Reform Movement Affiliation Commitment (RMAC) online form, after which we will be more informed about what our dues will be.

The Board voted to make Mike Batkin an honorary member of Temple Beth-El in recognition of his generous support.

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 @ 7:00pm, 3rd Thursday

Ongoing Events at TBE



WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of topics of Jewish and general interest are held at the Temple every Wednesday morning. Breakfast begins at 8:45 am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon for information at

philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945)



KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting group will meet again on Tuesdays at 10:15 am after the High Holy Days. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or Kessin@comcast.net.

Two suggestions from Diana Blum

There is something called ELI Talks, which is similar to TED Talks, but sadly, not as good. I do think adults would listen, though, for the 12 or so minutes a speaker presents and possibly a discussion can be built around a talk. <http://elitalks.org/>

My second suggestion is a series of podcasts and I'm just loving them. A mid-40s Jewish professional and a young student present a set of interviews, mostly about the future of Judaism. They're not talking about the future of Orthodoxy, but rather concern themselves with the future of progressive, post-denominational Judaism. Many of the guests are really big-time people in the Jewish world today--Vanessa Ochs, Shaul Magid, Karin McGinnity--all big names that you wouldn't get a chance to hear from in Las Cruces. Although the podcasts build on each other, they can be understood individually. Here's the link.

<http://www.judaismunbound.com/>

THE CHESSED GROUP

Is here for members in need of assistance due to health issues. Please CALL well in advance:

- **David Zeemont at 523-0913 if you need transportation to a medical appointment**
- **Sally Alkon at 524-6945 if you need transportation or someone to shop for food**
- **TBE office at 524-3380 if you would like a hospital visit from Rabbi Karol**
- **TBE office at 524-3380 if you do not drive and need a ride to Temple services.**

**If you are interested in being a coordinator/helper/driver for services or temple events, please call
Dave Zeemont at 523-0913**



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

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

Tienda does the following very well:

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

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

Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE
Giving to Casa de Peregrinos
& El Caldito

Here are longer lists for items needed!

For Casa de Peregrinos:

Peanut Butter and the following Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats

For El Caldito:

Spices, Regular Mayonnaise, Beans, Beef and Chicken Soup Stock

Casa de Peregrinos provides staple foods to the needy, and El Caldito provides a hot meal 365 days a year to the hungry in our community. Both organizations are part of the Community of Hope located on the same campus at 999 W. Amador. There are common interests and goals and the food received is often shared between the two organizations in order to best utilize both perishable and non-perishable foods. Please bring something for one or both of these organizations and put your donation in the marked containers in the hallway opposite the Library. For more information or questions, contact 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 September 2016, through September 23

General Fund

- Grace Hammesfahr, in memory of Irv Hammesfahr
- The Kolikant Family, in memory of Donald C Gantert

Building Maintenance Fund

- Ramon and Frima Marquez, in memory of Robert I. Krasner.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Lionel and Rose Jacobs, in memory of Woolf Jacobs
- Lionel and Rose Jacobs, in memory of Eva Rayblatt
- Burton and Vera Schwartz, in memory of Harry M Schwartz
- Edward and Judy Wendell
- Dave & Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Jessie Schindler and Beth Lawrence

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- France Williams. in honor of J. Paul Taylor's Birthday and Linda Kruger

Biblical Garden Brick Walkway Fund

- Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Samuel Smalley

Congratulations to:

- Renee and Lester Frank, on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Frank, to Daniel Harber on September 24, 2016 in Fort Collins, Colorado.
- Tracy Brown, daughter of Barbara Berger and Dale Brown, who was married on September 16, 2017 to Dylan Priest, originally of Kansas City, Kansas, in Seattle. A lovely reception took place on September 17 at the Mt Baker Rowing and Sailing Center on Lake Washington in Seattle.



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.



OCTOBER 2016 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5777)**Yahrzeits-October 2 through November 5, 2016****Read on Friday, September 30 and
Saturday, October 1**

Louis Berkeley, Father of Arthur Berkeley
 Sylvia Blumkin*
 Zellie Capin, Brother-in-Law of Bea Klein
 Shari Kandel, Niece of Teddy Weinglass
 Joseph Karol, Father of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Helen Rothman, Mother of Irv Rothman z"l
 Samuel Smalley*, Father of Alison Mann

Read on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

Shepley Backman, Father of Judy Kirschner
 Iylene Caplan, Mother of Betty Rosse
 Emily Cohen, Mother of Susan Brown,
 Grandmother of Marieka Brown
 Isadore Frank*
 Bernard Kottler, Uncle of Marsha San Filippo
 Anna Lampert*, Mother of Gabriel Lampert
 Beth Lawrence, Cousin of Dave Zeemont
 Richard Meltzer, Husband of Colette Meltzer
 Nathan Siegel*
 Ruth Terman, Mother of Cyrille Kane
 Arthur Winard, Cousin of Bea Klein

Read on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15

Yetta Feldman*
 Samuel Freeman, Father of Bernice Langner
 Thomas Gatkin*
 Blanche Geisinger, Mother of Ruth Ann Sugarman
 Benjamin Golden*
 Martin Greenfield*
 Ralph Holzman*
 Mary Krepps*
 Herman Limmer*
 Gary David Liston, Son of Irv z"l and Nina Rothman
 Martin Muffs*, Brother of Carol Bernstein
 Sidney Muffs*, Father of Carol Bernstein
 Dorothy Rabinovitch, Mother of David Rabinovich
 Emily Shorr, Step-daughter of Susan Michelson
 Rose Sommers*, Great Aunt of Frances Williams
 Sam Sommers*, Great Uncle of Frances Williams
 Mabel Stern*
 David Sugarman, Father of Barnett Sugarman

Read on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22

Reba Kirschner*, Aunt of Gabriel Lampert
 Rabbi Joseph Klein*
 Robert Krasner, Brother of Frima Marquez,
 Uncle of Jeffrey Marquez
 Jack Troy, Father of Marsha San Filippo

**Read on Friday, October 28 and
Saturday, October 29**

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein, Mother of Marvin Bernstein
 Debra Eckert, Niece of Marlene Benz
 Mary Lois Gardner, Mother of Brenda Parish
 Benjamin Geller, Father of Ruth Rubin
 Barnet Katz*
 Charles Pass, Father of William Pass

**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
 Doris Waite, Grandmother of Jeanne Abkes
 Agnes Youngs, Mother of Win Jacobs

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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Temple and its programming
and updates on
current Temple events**

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(It is open for all to see!)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Elul 28 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 29 2 Religious School 9:00 am ROSH HASHANAH Evening Service 8:00 pm Oneg Following	Tishrei 1 3 ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY 9:00am Family Service 10:00 am Morning Ser- vice Tashlich at Young Park one hour after morn- ing service ends	Tishrei 2 4 ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY—10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service followed by Bagel Brunch	Tishrei 3 5 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 4 6	Tishrei 5 7 Family Shabbat Shuvah Service 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner 6:45 pm	Tishrei 6 8 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 7 9 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Cemetery Service 1:00 pm Masonic Cemetery	Tishrei 8 10	Tishrei 9 11 Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur Service 8:00 pm	Tishrei 10 12 YOM KIPPUR 9am Family service 10am Morning Srvc 1:15 pm Sharing 2:45 pm Rabbis' Study 4:15 pm Afternoon 5:30 pm Yizkor Neilah 7:10 Break-the-fast	Tishrei 11 13	Tishrei 12 14 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Tishrei 13 15 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 14 16 No Religious School morning session Sukkah Building 11 am Religious School Sukkah Decorating 4 pm Sukkot Evening Service— 5:45 pm Pizza Dinner following	Tishrei 15 17 First Day of Sukkot Morning Service 10:00 am	Tishrei 16 18 Knitting Group 10:15 am Candidate Forum Dona Ana County Candidates 6:30-8:30 pm	Tishrei 17 19 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 18 20 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tishrei 19 21 Shabbat Sukkot Service 7:00 pm	Tishrei 20 22 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 21 23 Religious School 9:00 am MATZO BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT SIMCHAT TORAH Dinner at 5:30 pm Service at 6:30 pm	Tishrei 22 24 Simchat Torah and Yizkor Service 10:00 am	Tishrei 23 25 Knitting Group 10:15 am Candidate Forum Candidates For Statewide Offices 6:30-8:30 pm	Tishrei 24 26 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 25 27	Tishrei 26 28 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Tishrei 27 29 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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