



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

OCTOBER 2017 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5778)

SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, October 4

Sukkah Decorating at 4:30 pm during
Hebrew school-ALL ARE
WELCOME—Sukkot Evening
Service at 5:45 pm in the
Temple Sukkah, followed by
a pizza dinner



Thursday, October 5-10:00 am

Sukkot Morning Service
Potluck Kiddush in the Sukkah following

Friday, October 6-6:00 pm

Shabbat Sukkot Family Service focusing
on the theme of peace—with September
and October birthday blessings.
Dairy/Vegetarian potluck dinner follow-
ing.



Wednesday, October 11

SIMCHAT TORAH

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



Thursday, October 12-10:00 am

Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Service
“Bagels with Fixings” Kiddush following.
following the service

Shabbat Services

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• **Friday, October 13**—Shabbat
Service at 7:00 pm, including
an installation ceremony for
Temple leadership

• **Friday, October 20**—Shabbat Service at
7:00 pm—Kevin Altman and Rebecca Gerbert
of the regional AIPAC office in Houston, Tex-
as will speak during the service.

• **Friday, October 27**—Shabbat Service for Re-
newal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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

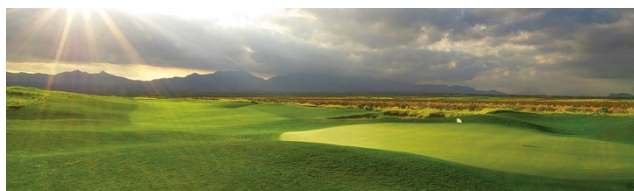
See Page 9 for information about
our Temple Beth-El Candidate Forum
on Sunday, October 15, at 2:00-4:00 pm

See page 5 for information about the next
Short Story discussion group, led by
Jim Rosenthal

See page 11 for information about
the Judaism: Roots and Rituals course,
taught by Rabbi Karol



**Help us make the Matzo
Ball Golf Tournament on
Sunday, October 29, 2017
a success! See Page 6!**



Tina Wasserman, noted Jew-
ish cookbook author and
cook, will be coming to Tem-
ple Beth-El for the weekend
of November 10, 11th and 12th.
See Page 5 for more details!

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.

Wednesday, October 4-EREV SUKKOT

4:30pm Hebrew School and Sukkah Decorating

5:45 pm Erev Sukkot Service, followed by a Pizza Dinner

Thursday, October 5-SUKKOT

10:00 am First Day Sukkot Morning Service

Torah Leviticus 22:26-23:44

Haftarah Zechariah 14:1-21

Friday, October 6-FAMILY SHABBAT AND SUKKOT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Sukkot Service FOR ALL AGES, including **birthday blessings for September and October. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.**

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner
Becca Krebs and Ruth Rubin will coordinate the dinner.

Saturday, October 7- SHABBAT SUKKOT

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Torah Exodus 33:12-34:26

Haftarah Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

Wednesday, October 11 -SIMCHAT TORAH

5:30 pm Potluck Dinner

6:30 pm Simchat Torah Service

Thursday, October 12

10:00 am Shemini Atzeret 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 13

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— Rabbi Karol will speak on "A Whole New World." The service will include an installation ceremony for Temple leadership.
Diana Blum will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Michael Lieberman will represent the Board of Trustees.

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Beresheet Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Friday, October 20

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service— **Rebecca Gerbert and Kevin Altman, representatives of the regional office of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), will speak to the congregation and answer questions during the service. Cheryl Decker and Diane Fleishman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat (co-sponsored by our AIPAC speakers). Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Friday, October 27

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy. **Linda Kruger and Susan Fitzgerald will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, October 28

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Lech Lecha Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday, November 3 -FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Lay-led Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES. **Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.**

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat 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





Message from Rabbi Karol
Excerpts from sermons delivered on
Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah Evening sermon:

The final section of the holiness prayer on Rosh Hashanah, according to the note on page 51 in *Mishkan Hanefesh*, “envision a

future in which good people will see the reward of having held fast to their ideals: a world in which righteousness prevails.”

A brief story. On Wednesday, August 2, I had a number of different places I could have been. My choice for that day was to work on some congregational projects and to take our major High Holy Day mailing to the post office.

As I left the building, three high school students came by Temple. I asked them if they needed help or if they were just passing by. They said they were fine, so I continued walking to my car, but I looked back and saw them eyeing our outside display case. I approached them again, and they told me they wanted to know more about Temple, Judaism and what was inside. So, I opened the door and let them in. Don't worry, they were NOT a security risk. I could tell that they were having an inquisitive moment. For me, it became a teachable moment. I showed them the Sanctuary and explained the various symbols around this sacred space. I opened the ark and took the cover off the middle Torah. As I set it for the portion for the coming Shabbat, I explained to them: “You are here in a good week to see what's in the Torah. Here are the Ten Commandments and here is the statement of one God, the Shema. Both are central to Judaism. Had you come at another time, I wouldn't have been able to show you these important passages in the Torah so readily!” Perhaps God works in mysterious enough ways that I was reminded, as I spoke to these students, that we do have something very special and crucial to offer the world. It's why much of what I have written in the last year in local publications has been about values that many people share. Principles for life require us to dedicate ourselves to human decency - to *menschlichkeit*, so aptly highlighted by Global Character Day creator Tiffany Schlain (www.letitriple.org) in the material that was the centerpiece of our Selichot Discussion last Saturday night. It wasn't only that Torah reading of the first week of August that contained central tenets of Judaism. In the following week's parashah was this passage from Deuteronomy Chapter 10: “And now, O Israel, what does the Eternal your God demand of you? Only this: to revere the Eternal your God, to walk only in divine paths, to love and to serve the Eternal your God with all your heart and soul, keeping the Eternal's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today, for your good. Mark, the heavens to their uttermost reaches belong to the Eternal your God, the earth and all that is on it! Yet it was to your ancestors that the Eternal was drawn out

of love for them. Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more. For the Eternal your God is God supreme and Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing food and clothing. You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

This was the vision in Deuteronomy of how we can bring righteousness in the world. That was then. In 5778, who are we? We are still people called upon to open our hearts, to take the teachings of our heritage and apply them in our relationships with each other and with all of the human family, with a sense of God's presence guiding us along the way. Practicing these values could begin to assure, in the words of our prayer, that we will live in a world where “evil has no voice,” where “the stunning sight of arrogance” will be “gone from the earth,” and where the God of holiness will be made holy through our righteousness.

Rosh Hashanah Morning Sermon:

How many of you have friends or family who were affected by Hurricane Harvey? How many of you have friends or family touched by the strong winds of Hurricane Irma? Many of the victims of the storms have expressed their feeling of despair. Along with that sense of loss and uncertainty has been extreme and heartfelt gratitude for those who have sent many types of donations and offered help in person to enable people who lived in the areas damaged by the storms to gradually get back on their feet. It will take them a long time to recover, but they deeply appreciate that so many of us have seen and heard them, providing them with hope and even love. And the last several days have seen more disasters, with more deaths and more people to whom we must offer our help.

To see and hear each other and to love one another - these are crucial to our well-being as individuals and as members of the greater human community. We can be angels for each other by providing needed reminders of who we are and where we need to go, making sure that no one in the human family is on the outside looking in. So may we hear the child's cry and answer right at that moment. May we see the plight of the despairing and oppressed and bring them into our circle of hope. May we walk along the path of life doing what is good and upright, pious and wise, so that we will feel in our feet that God is walking with us, side-by-side.

May we walk side-by-side during this new year, celebrating our holidays and personal milestones, and supporting each other each step of this year's journey.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.

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



**President's Message
Remarks delivered on
Erev Yom Kippur
on September 29, 2017**

L'Shanah Tovah Members, Visitors,
and Friends!

I'm so happy to see all of you and to stand here as your President at this holiest time in the Jewish year. In thinking about what to share with you today, I thought I would talk about some of the great programs we as a Board are sponsoring to help enrich our Temple community and to better connect with the community-at-large, but I also want to talk about your big heart.

As a fairly consistent Board for the past couple of years, we have worked collaboratively to organize and present high quality and well-attended programs such as musician and performer Robyn Helzner on the Jews of China, Rabbi and comedian Bob Alper on the healing aspects of humor, the documentary film "Challah Rising in the Desert" about the many strands of Jews in New Mexico, and the upcoming Jewish culinary program with cookbook writer Tina Wasserman.

Several of our programs have been funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, with whom we're affiliated. We are in the process of writing grants for 2018 programs, one of which will include a series of theatrical vignettes about the history of Temple Beth-El and the Jewish community of southern New Mexico. We will be collecting information for this from interviews with many of our founding members along with others in the community.

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 and support the Jewish Federation's fundraising efforts.

In addition, we want you to know that we appreciate your continued support of Temple Beth-El in the many ways you contribute. We are a small community, but we have a big heart. I personally want to thank you for your generous support of the Temple throughout the year—through your participation in events, volunteering, and financially. The Board

made a commitment to call all members and thank them personally for their membership and for being a valuable part of the Temple Beth-El family. Some of you may have received voicemail messages, but most of you heard from a Board member directly. In any case, I again want to thank you here in person. We also wish you and your family a happy, healthy new year, and look forward to seeing you at many Temple events in the future.

I am not only recognizing your big hearts when it comes to the Temple, but I want to acknowledge your big hearts in your love and concern for each other. Many of us have family members in other regions of the country and world, and our friends here at Temple Beth-El have become our Las Cruces family. I encourage you to continue helping others in need by engaging in mitzvot, and doing God's work. Let's continue to work together to build our community and our sacred partnerships. Let others know we care about them and are here for them.

Be kind, be loving, and be supportive of our Temple family and each other. Engage in Menschlikheit.

As it says in Psalm 1:

Blessed are the man and the woman
Who have grown beyond their greed
And have put an end to their hatred
And no longer nourish illusions.
But they delight in the way things are
And keep their hearts open, day and night.
They are like trees planted near flowing rivers,
Which bear fruit when they are ready.
Their leaves will not fall or wither.
Everything they do will succeed.

We, too, will continue to succeed if we stay on the path of righteousness, helping each other, being full of love and kindness.

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, and Sacred Purpose so that our names can be inscribed in the Book of Life.

*Shalom,
Ellen Torres*

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



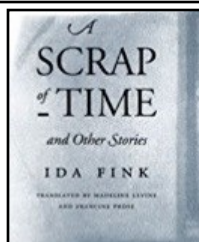
LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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.



TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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



Dear fellow Temple Beth-El fiction lovers: I invite you to join us for our next Temple Beth-El short story discussion series which begins **Thursday, October 19 at 10:00 am**, as we read "A Scrap of Time and Other Stories," an anthology of short stories by the late Ida Fink, a Holocaust survivor. This book is widely available in paperback.

We will meet for five successive Thursday mornings in the temple social hall. In addition, we may view "Spring 1941," a film based on Fink's work and maybe another writer's short story.

Born in 1921 in Zbaraz (currently in the Ukraine) to a Polish-Jewish family, Fink studied at the Lwow Conservatory. She spent the years 1941-1942 in the Zbaraz ghetto and survived after escaping to the "Aryan side."

After the Holocaust, she married and had a daughter. In 1957, Fink immigrated to Israel, settling in Holon, where she worked as a music librarian and an interviewer for Yad Vashem. She published her first short story in 1971. She lived with her sister in Ramat Aviv and died in 2011.

Fink, who wrote in Polish, tells stories whose themes are the terrible choices that the Jews had to make during the Nazi era and the hardships of Holocaust survivors after the war.

"Ida Fink writes about how individual people survived - what resistance strategies they chose, what remained in their memories, how they tell the story," writes one critic. "As the titles indicate, the stories are mere scraps and vestiges of the past. Only in this way, fragmentary and hardly epic, dry, sometimes tinged with a trace of irony or humor, is it possible to speak about the Holocaust. The short story form is imposed here not by aesthetics, but by the cruelty of the world."

Many of the short stories we have read and discussed over the years have, of course, made either direct and indirect reference to the Holocaust. Through Fink's short stories, we have a unique opportunity to experience writing of a specific literary genre — the short stories of Holocaust survivors — and, through these stories, to "bear witness" to the Holocaust and its victims.

Here's a link to the first of a four-part **YouTube** interview with Fink in Israel entitled *Ida Fink: Traces*. The other installments are also easily accessed. I hope you can find time to view all four installments whether you intend to join us or not.

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY90D5ABv3M>

If you let me know in advance that you are joining us, I will put you on a mailing list for updates. So, I hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Jim Rosenthal jar529@gmail.com 575-522-6478

Get Your Tickets Now! Don't Wait!

Tickets are now on sale for TBE members for the fabulous Tina Wasserman, Jewish cookbook author and nationally known Jewish cook. Tina will be at Temple Beth-El for three days, November 10, 11 and 12 as part of the "Road to Being Jewish" series sponsored by Jewish Federation and TBE. **After October 15th, tickets will be sold to the general public on a space available basis. So don't wait!**



Tina will speak from the Bimah on Friday night (Nov. 10) at Shabbat services, and will mingle with Oneg attendees after services.

On Saturday (Nov. 11) at noon, Tina will do a **"Beyond Bagels and Brisket"** "power point presentation after a luncheon containing some of Tina's recipes. To cover the cost of food, tickets to this Lunch and Learn presentation are \$15.00/person for TBE members, and \$18/person for non-members.

Saturday evening (Nov. 11) at 7pm, Tina will direct a cooking class limited to 50 people. Cost will be \$25.00/person for TBE members, and \$30/per person for non-members. This will cover the cost of food and wine which participants will consume after preparation. Sunday, (Nov. 12) Tina will participate with the religious school students in braiding challas and in a challah contest.

Tina's cookbooks will be available for purchase on Sat. afternoon and evening. All profits from the book sales will be given to TBE, so please wait to buy one of her books through the Temple. She will also sign the books you buy at TBE.

How do you get tickets? Call Eve Palanker at 575 522-3940 and tell her the number of tickets you want and for which events (Lunch and Learn and/or Evening Cooking class). After you get off the phone, put a check (made out to TBE and in the memo line, Wasserman lunch and/ or dinner) in the mail to cover the cost of the tickets and send to Eve at 4059 Pepper Post, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Make sure your return address is on the envelope! After she gets your check, she will send your tickets back to you. You will need your ticket to attend the event. We won't be selling tickets at the door since seating is limited and we need to know how many people to prepare for.

Questions? Call Alison Mann at 575 680-0207

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 or

Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

**Temple Beth-El's Fifth Annual
Matzo Ball Open
at Red Hawk Golf Club
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017**



12:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start Tee-Off

\$115 per player (\$460 for a team of 4)

Temple Beth-El is hosting its fifth annual golf tournament, the Matzo Ball Open with part of proceeds benefiting the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, a local nonprofit that offers a plethora of services to help our homeless population get back on their feet. The Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2017, at Red Hawk Golf Club in Las Cruces.

Registration will start at 12 p.m. at the clubhouse and range balls will be available. The format will be a four-person best ball team scramble, which means each player gets to take a shot from their team's previous best shot.

We will have a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, and raffles with ample prizes following the tournament. Mulligans and raffle tickets can be purchased at registration and throughout the tournament. A dinner is included with registration. Vegetarian option will be available.

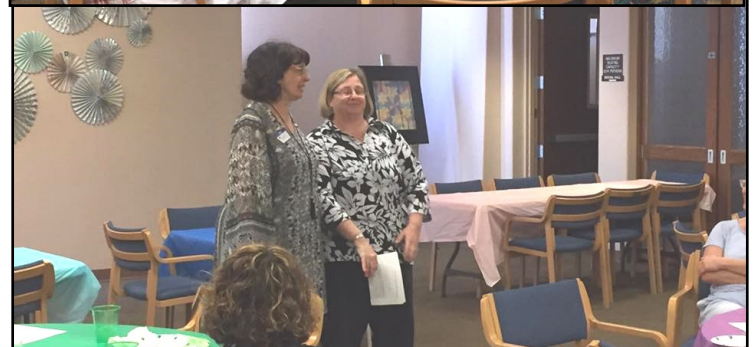
The entry fee per team (4 persons) includes a golf cart and dinner. There will be slots for up to 36 teams. Special recognition will be given to businesses or individuals that want to be sponsors or provide donations. You can be a Hole Sponsor with a donation of \$100. Your business or individual name will be advertised at a tee box and in the Temple Beth-El newsletter.

**CALL (480) 529 – 8170
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**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.

**Sisterhood Luncheon on September 10, 2017
Supporting the Children's Reading Alliance**



Shabbat Under the Stars at Sagecrest Park - September 8, 2017



Challah Rising in the Desert –The Jews of New Mexico—Film Screening on September 10, 2017



With Isaac Artenstein (Producer/Director) and
Paula Amar Schwartz (Producer)



PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP— FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff Brown

I was born in Chicago and raised in its suburbs. My father was not bar mitzvah. My family was considered Jewish in the same sense that some neighbors were considered French or Irish, but there was little about us beyond ancestry that was Jewish. We never went to services and did not belong to a congregation. My mother was a Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary member, and once or twice a year my father went out and brought bagels home. After my widowed grandmother moved to our home, we did a few Jewish things such as eating matzoh for a couple of days each year, but I really did not know why. When I was 11, my mother asked me whether I wanted to study Hebrew after school or play baseball with my friends. I naturally chose baseball, so I did not become bar mitzvah. I stayed home from school on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but my father worked and we did not go to services. When I was a high school senior, I decided that this was hypocritical, so I went to school.

I gradually learned some things about Judaism. As a History major in college, I read about Jewish history along with United States, British and Japanese history. I had some Jewish friends along with many Gentile friends. One year I decided to fast for a High Holiday, but since I was not sure which holiday called for a fast, I fasted on Rosh Hashanah. I went to a service for a cousin's bar mitzvah, went to one Hillel service when I was 23, and wound up at a seder when I was 28. I bought Israeli bonds during the 1973 war, and I knew that I would always be Jewish and not become something else.

My real exposure to Judaism came when I became engaged and married my wife. Our wedding was the first Jewish wedding that I had attended. Cherri and I went to services, and sang Hebrew songs in our car on our drive home. We studied Hebrew and Judaism together. She told me that I would study more Hebrew and become bar mitzvah. I had my bar mitzvah when I was 34. I was the first bar mitzvah in that young Chicago suburban synagogue who had a moustache and a wife.

I have really enjoyed being a Temple Beth-El member since we moved here in 1984. I have learned about Jewish philosophy, ethics, and worship. I have had many friends in our community over the last 33 years. I have now served on the Board several times, including periods as Secretary or Vice President, and worked on committees. Our services are spiritually very fulfilling. I see that it is my mitzvah to work every day to make the world a better place. We raised Hayley and Ira in this Temple and they are b'nai mitzvah.

I owe everything to Cherri's guidance.

Tashlich at Young Park on Rosh Hashanah September 21, 2017



Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the November, 2017 Adelante is October 19. 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 at 10:30am until 11:15 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!

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)



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 Zeemont at mudjob@earthlink.net or call 575-523-0913.



**Temple Beth-El will host a
CANDIDATE FORUM
on Sunday, October 15, 2017
at 2:00-4:00 pm**



**We are inviting:
Candidates for City Council from Districts 3,5,6
AND**

Candidates for Municipal Judge II

There will be prepared questions as well as questions from the audience.

A reception will follow in the David Steinborn Social Hall.

Everyone is welcome to stay and chat with the candidates.

Two Upcoming AIPAC Events

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is the largest and most influential organization in the country promoting public and U.S. governmental support for Israel. On Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th two significant AIPAC events will be held in our area that your Israel Committee urges you to attend.

Thursday, October 19th. AIPAC El Paso Event 2017. Southwest Regional AIPAC will host it's annual El Paso celebration at the 150 Sunset Event Center (150 E. Sunset Road, El Paso). This free event will feature *An Evening With Einat Wilf*, a leading Israel intellectual, former Knesset member and foreign policy advisor to Shimon Perez. Dr. Wilf is an internationally recognized authority on education, Israel and the Jewish people. An opportunity to meet and hear her in person is a rare treat and privilege indeed. The evening will begin with a Cocktail Reception at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by Dr. Wilf's presentation at 7:00 p.m. Although the entire event is free, please make advance reservations if you plan to attend. Visit www.aipac.org/elpaso for reservation instructions and other information. The Israel Committee will organize car pools to the 150 Sunset Event Center in El Paso. Please contact Phil Alkon for details at (575) 524-6945 or philipalkon@gmail.com.

Friday, October 20th. TBE Shabbat Event. AIPAC representatives Kevin Altman and Rebecca Gerbert will participate in our Friday evening service, beginning, at 7:00 p.m., and sponsor the Oneg following the service. They will describe area and national AIPAC activities, and discuss ways in which TBE congregants and local residents can support these important endeavors. We ask all of you to attend and meet our visitors.

Temple Beth-El Israel Committee

**New Mexico Jewish Historical Society
2017 Fall Conference**

**"MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
20TH CENTURY JEWS AND THEIR LEGACIES"
NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2017**

THE PLAZA HOTEL—LAS VEGAS, N.M.

Don't miss out on what will be a great conference and interesting speakers. Early Bird Registration ends on October 3rd!

To register, look under the "events" tab on the website.

<http://nmjhs.org/>

HARMONY IN UNISON

a VIRTUAL STAGE

**On Monday,
October 23, at
7:00 pm,
Rabbi Karol**

will perform original music online for the Harmony in Unison Facebook group/virtual stage. You must have a Facebook presence to find the page, which you can join to hear performances from singer/songwriters several times a week. Contact Rabbi Karol for more information.

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary September 27, 2017

Rabbi Karol reported that 21 students are enrolled in the Religious School, including 3 in the post-Bar/Bat mitzvah program. He continues his activities visiting congregants and participating in community events while preparing for the High Holidays.

President Ellen Torres reviewed the progress on the goals established by the Board at the May 7th Board training. Among those still in the works are focus groups to be set up by Renee Frank, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. She also noted that due to the success of the two programs funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, presentations by musician/Cantor Robyn Helzner and comedian/Rabbi Bob Alper, we are submitting three proposals for 2018. The third program funded by the Federation is the weekend of November 10, 11, and 12 with noted Jewish chef and cookbook author Tina Wasserman. Reservations are being taken now.

Treasurer Allen Blum noted that the new method of email invoices seems to be working well. He stated that expenses this year will be greater than last year. We received the first funds from Verizon. Construction of the cell phone tower will begin in December. The Matzo Ball Golf tournament at Red Hawk Golf Course on October 29 is moving forward, although volunteers are needed to secure more hole sponsors (\$100 per hole by individual, group or business) and raffle gifts.

The Board approved the appointment of Amalia Zeitlin as the new BEMY/BETY advisor for the 2017-18 school year. She grew up in the Congregation and was an active member of the youth group.

The Board is moving forward on the purchase of a storage shed that was located at Tuff Shed for a very low cost. Board mem-

bers gave positive feedback on the thank you calls they made to congregants to thank them for their participation and membership at Temple Beth-El. The Board also agreed to purchase plaques recognizing the donors of funds for the new Temple doors (the Estates of Mel Taylor and Mary Fitzgerald) and the donors of funds for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway. Some Board members, chairpersons, and member volunteers will be making calls to congregants to ask for donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, as part of their Annual Campaign. As an affiliate organization and one which has been a recipient of grant funds for our cultural and educational programs, we are obliged to participate in the Annual Campaign.

Several options for new activities and fundraisers were also discussed and will be shared with the Ways and Means committee.

The Board will meet on October 19, 2017.

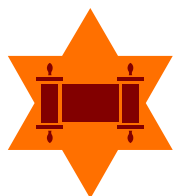


The next order of Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway will go in on October 15th, so why not consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of yours or a loved one? Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes during this special season 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.

Neal and Lisa Rosendorf -- former Temple Beth El members -- would like to extend an invitation to the Temple Beth El community to join them for Aaron Rosendorf's Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Mt. Sinai, 4408 N. Stanton, El Paso, TX 79902.



Beginning in October!
Judaism: Roots and Rituals
An Introduction to Judaism
presented by Rabbi Larry Karol
A course that will meet (mostly)
on selected Tuesday nights at 7:30-9:00 pm:
October 17 and 24; November 7, 14, and 28;
December 13 (Wednesday) and 21;
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 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 rabbi@tbelc.org.

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.

Donations for September, 2017

General Fund

- Carl and Marci Hundley
- Susan Michelson and Bill Stein, in memory of Emily Schorr, Erwin Michelson and Annabel Stein
- Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Ramon Marquez

Religious School Fund

- Harry and Diane Bass
- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, a special thanks to Pearie Bruder for the lovely "Shabbat under the Stars" picnic
- David and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Charlotte Loudon
- Ann and Burt Berkson, thanks for a beautiful L'shana Tova card

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Lynn and David Zeemont, in memory of Jessie L. Schindler, for *Mishkan HaLev* Selichot prayerbooks
- Edward and Judy Wendell
- Susi and Jacob Kolikant, in memory of Donald C. Gantert
- Sue Brown and Marieka Brown, in memory of Emily Cohen
- Frima and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Robert Krasner and Sara Morley

Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- Selma Ryave and Rosalyn Richman, in memory of Esther Y. Podolsky and Irving L. Podolsky

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.

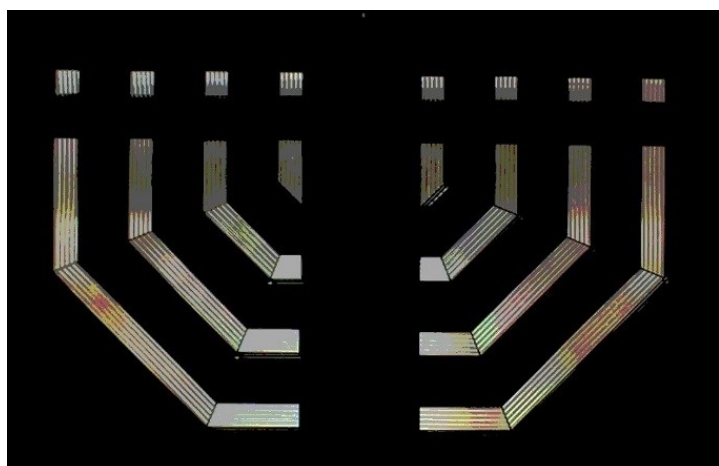
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Rabbi Karol uses the Discretionary Fund to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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

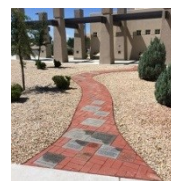
Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

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.

OCTOBER 2017 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5778)**Yahrzeits-August 27 through October 8, 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, October 6 and Saturday, October 7

Benjamin Golden*
Reba Kirschner* (Gabriel Lampert)
Rabbi Joseph Klein*
Robert Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
Mary Krepps*
Jacob Labe III (Adam Labe)
Herman Limmer*
Gary David Liston (Nina Rothman)
Esther Y. Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
Irving Leonard Podolsky (Selma Ryave, Rosalyn Richman)
Dorothy Rabinovitch (David Rabinovitch)
Emily Shorr (Susan Michelson)
Mabel Stern*
Jack Troy (Marsha San Filippo)

Read on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein (Marvin Bernstein)
Mary Lois Gardner (Brenda Parish)
Benjamin Geller (Ruth Rubin)
Frank Kozeliski
Charles Pass (William Pass)
David Sugarman (Barnett Sugarman)
Ruth Terman (Cyrille Kane)
Elanor Ulrich

Read on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21

Debra Eckert (Marlene Benz)
Barnet Katz*
Perry Kohn (Michael Mandel)
Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl A. Loudon-Decker)
Manas Rosenberg (Jason Rosenberg)

Read on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28

Susan Bronstein* (Jamie Bronstein)
Harold Brown* (Jeff Brown)
Meyer Davison*
Tillie Frank*
Helen Michelman (Michael Levine)
James Quinn (Patrick Quinn)
Marlene Deanne Saltman (Mark Saltman)
Melvin Taylor, Sr.
Darlene Taylor*
Mel Taylor* (Dia Taylor)

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 (Jeffrey 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)

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

***Frima and Jeffrey Marquez,
on the deaths of
William Melendez, brother-in-law of Ramon (z"l)
and Frima Marquez, on August 29, 2017
in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
Elizabeth Mendez, niece of Ramon (z"l) and Frima
Marquez, on September 7, 2017
in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
and Ramon Marquez, husband of Frima
and father of Jeffrey,
on Friday, September 15, 2017.***

***Carla and Bob Libby, on the death of
Carla's mother, Ida Siegel, on September 11, 2017
in Pompano Beach, Florida.***

***Bea Klein, on the death of her cousin,
Midge Parker, September 22, 2017
in Ventura, California.***

May their memories be for blessing.

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

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

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



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

Visit the Temple Beth-El Website
www.tbcl.org

for in-depth information about Temple and its programming and updates on current Temple events



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Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El

Michael Bruder

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Joshua Rosenberg

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Kaila Brown

Saturday, May 26, 2017

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**Many thanks to Dave Zeemont and our entire 2017/5778
“Sukkah Brigade” that set up the Sukkah on October 1!**

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tishrei 11 1 NO Religious School Sukkah Building at 11:00 am	Tishrei 12 2	Tishrei 13 3	Tishrei 14 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School And Sukkah Decorating 4:30 pm 5:45 Erev Sukkot Family Service 6:30pm Pizza Dinner	Tishrei 15 5 Sukkot Morning Service 10:00 am	Tishrei 16 6 Family Shabbat Sukkot Service 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner following	Tishrei 17 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 18 8 NO Religious School	Tishrei 19 9	Tishrei 20 10	Tishrei 21 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am 5:30 Simchat Torah Dinner 6:30pm Simchat Torah Service	Tishrei 22 12 Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Morning Service, including Yizkor/Memorial Prayers 10:00 am	Tishrei 23 13 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm (Board Installation during service)	Tishrei 24 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 25 15 Religious School 9:00 am Candidate Forum 2:00 pm	Tishrei 26 16	Tishrei 27 17 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tishrei 28 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 29 19 Short Story Group 10:00 am Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tishrei 30 20 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Kevin Altman and Rebecca Gerbert from AIPAC will speak	Cheshvan 1 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 2 22 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 3 23	Cheshvan 4 24 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Cheshvan 5 25 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Cheshvan 6 26 Short Story Group 10:00 am	Cheshvan 7 27 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 8 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 9 29 Religious School 9:00 am TBE Matzo Ball Golf Tournament 12:00 pm	Cheshvan 10 30	Cheshvan 11 31	Cheshvan 12 Nov 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

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