



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

SEPTEMBER 2015 (ELUL 5775-TISHREI 5776)



## Shabbat Services (Full Schedule on Page 2)

Friday, September 4

Family Service at 6pm

Potluck dinner at 6:40 pm

Regular Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 11

Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 18

Shabbat Shuvah Service for Renewal of Spirit  
at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 25

Lay-led Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

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Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am;

Shabbat Service at 10:15 am,

followed by a potluck Kiddush



## SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, September 27

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, join us for an Erev Sukkot service  
in the Sukkah; Pizza dinner following

Friday, October 2

SHABBAT SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS

AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK— Service at 6:00 pm,  
followed by a potluck picnic dinner—hot dogs provided—  
bring a non-dairy dish to share!

Sunday, October 4—SIMCHAT TORAH

5:30 pm Potluck Dinner

6:30 pm Simchat Torah Service

Monday, October 5

10:00 am Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service



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## High Holy Days 5776

Selichot

Saturday, September 5, 2015—

7:30 pm-Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship



Erev Rosh Hashanah —Sunday, September 13, 2015

Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Oneg (sponsored by Sisterhood)

Rosh Hashanah —Monday, September 14, 2015

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, September 15, 2015

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, September 18, 2015

Shabbat Shuvah Service for Renwal of Spirit -7:30 pm

Saturday, September 19, 2015

(Talmud Study as usual at 9:00 am)

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur —Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur —Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

A Time for Sharing, 1:00 pm

“Mysticism and the High Holy Days,”

led by David and Zuki Fishman, 2:00 pm

Study with Rabbi Karol on *Mishkan Hanefesh*, 3:00 pm

Afternoon Service, 4:30 pm

Yizkor and Neilah, 5:45 pm

Break-the-fast, 7:20 pm

Join us for worship and the warmth of community as  
we welcome 5776 together!

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*Child care will be provided during Morning Services  
from 9:45 A.M. on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

## Worship Schedule

*Please note: All 7:30 pm services will include either a Torah reading and a sermon/d'var torah, a brief discussion based on the Torah portion, a compilation of prayers and/or songs on the theme of the Torah portion, or a brief d'var Torah that offers an insight based on the parashah for the week.*

### Friday, September 4

#### FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE FOR ALL AGES

6:40 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Remembering who we are.” *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Brenda Parish and Elisha Rosenberg. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 5

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftarah Isaiah 60:1-60:22

### Saturday, September 5 - Selichot

7:30 pm Study/Discussion: “Upon These Three Things” - we will continue our discussion of Jeff Levin’s book to identify central ethical principles of Judaism that we can practice every day.

8:45 pm Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share)

9:30 pm Selichot Service

### Friday, September 11

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Standing Together.” *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Debbie Levy. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 12

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Lay-led Service and Potluck Kiddush

Nitzavim-Vayeilech Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

## High Holy Day Worship

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rabbi Karol will speak on “Finding Ourselves Again.”

Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood.

### Monday, September 14—Rosh Hashanah Morning

9:00 am Family Service

10:00 am Congregational Service

Rabbi Karol will speak on “Extraordinary Faith.”

*Tashlich at Young Park will be held starting one hour after the end of the morning service.*

### Tuesday, September 15- Rosh Hashanah—Second Day

10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, using *Mishkan Hanefesh*, a 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

### Friday, September 18-SHABBAT SHUVAH

7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Return) Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers for renewal and repentance. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Marlene Benz and Rebecca Martinez.*

### Saturday, September 19-SHABBAT SHUVAH

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Haazinu Deuteronomy 23:1-52

Haftarah Shabbat Shuvah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15:27

### Sunday, September 20

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, September 22

8:00 pm Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service

Rabbi Karol will speak on: “Do we need enemies?”

### Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am Yom Kippur Family Service

10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service

Rabbi Karol will speak on: “Looking Justice in the Eyes”

1:00 pm Yom Kippur: A Time for Sharing

2:00 pm “Mysticism and the High Holy Days,” led by  
David and Zuki Fishman

3:00-4:00 pm Rabbi Karol-A Journey through *Mishkan Hanefesh*

4:30 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

5:45 pm Yom Kippur Yizkor and Neilah (6:30pm)

7:20 pm Break-the-Fast sponsored by Sisterhood

*Child care will be provided during Morning Services from 9:45 am on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

### Friday, September 25

7:30 pm Lay-led Shabbat Service. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Sue and Marieka Brown. Erich Zameret will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 26

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Lay-led Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Haazinu Deuteronomy 23:1-52

Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51

### Sunday, September 27

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, September 28

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

### Friday, October 2 SHABBAT SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS AND PICNIC to be held at VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK IN LAS CRUCES on 2651 Roadrunner Parkway—members of all ages are welcome!!!!

6:00 pm SHABBAT SUKKOT SERVICE FOR ALL AGES

6:45 pm Potluck Picnic Dinner—HOT DOGS PROVIDED—  
please bring a non-dairy dish to share.

*No 7:30 pm service on October 2.*

### Saturday, October 3

9:00 am 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 4 -SIMCHAT TORAH

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

### Monday, October 5

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



### Message from Rabbi Karol

On Sunday, August 2, I was attending a workshop entitled “Pray in Our Own Words,” at the NewCAJE6 Jewish educators’ convention in West Hartford, Connecticut. The presenter was Alden Solovy, a Jewish liturgical writer and poet whose writings have been used in our worship at Temple Beth-El and in many synagogues all over the world. At about 11:30 am EDT, while taking notes on my iPad, an email came through about small bombs having exploded at two Las Cruces churches. I felt the call to turn aside from what I was doing at the moment to ascertain what had happened. I read about the nature of the incidents at Holy Cross Catholic Church and Calvary Baptist Church, and saw that there were plans to hold a vigil that evening. In the spirit of the presenter of my workshop, I composed this prayer to send “back home” that was read at the vigil by congregant Susan Fitzgerald:

#### **A prayer for Las Cruces following this morning's bombings near local churches—August 2, 2015**

Eternal One, we know well the power of our belief through our connection with You as individuals, as members of worshipping communities and as one greater family in Las Cruces. Our principles, from wherever they may come, can lead us to action that offers help and hope. We also know that there is hatred in the hearts of some that defies explanation and comprehension, which finds expression in ways that can hurt and harm and deprive us of our sense of security. O Source of Healing and Peace, bind us as one so that we can better offer comfort to those who have witnessed trauma first-hand and to an entire city that is now shaken. Teach us, Source of Love and Spirit, that it is through our common understandings and the ties that bind us together that no act of violence will take away our resolve to come together as children of the Holy One, of one community. **Chazak Chazek V'nitchazeik**—May we be strong, may we be even stronger, and may we always be willing to strengthen one another.

The next morning, I spoke with Suki Halevi, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of New Mexico, telling her what I knew and hearing of her concerns that ADL be kept informed. I called in to a meeting of Las Cruces clergy and faith community leaders to talk about steps that might be taken. That was when I suggested that Temple open the service on Friday, August 7 to the greater community. And so we did. A number of clergy, spiritual leaders and local officials from Las Cruces attended as did many community members and congregants. Monsignor John Anderson of Holy Cross Catholic Church told me that the readings of the service offered him great comfort after the trauma of the previous Sunday. Another community member, Heath Haussamen, wrote to me with this comment: *‘I’ve been meaning to email you about the special Shabbat service you opened up to the community. As one of the only non-clergy who isn’t Jewish and attended, I wanted to tell you I was comforted by what you did. It felt like a group of people who have been through lots of stuff opened your arms wide and offered a gigantic hug to our community. Thank you!’*

As a result of these events, including the additional device that was found at First Presbyterian Church on August 14, I have had many conversations with clergy colleagues, congregants, and law enforcement officials about how to be attentive to our security at Temple Beth-El. Temple leaders and Religious School parents have discussed measures that we can take now and steps that can be added in the near future. At this moment, as I write this article, the front door to the Temple is locked, and when I hear the doorbell ring, I will go to the door, take a look through the “peephole,” and carefully, but warmly, open the door to greet whoever is there.

The challenge of balancing security with warmth is one of the issues that, I believe, arises from situations like this one that we now face in Las Cruces. Precautionary measures and safety are important, and, under the circumstances, these prudent decisions are very appropriate. What that means for us as a congregation that still wants to show what is called in the Jewish world “audacious hospitality” is that our hands need to be even more enthusiastically extended to welcome newcomers and visitors at every service and every Temple program. People who come to Temple need to know, more than ever, that they are wanted and needed, and that they add something special to our gatherings with their presence.

During the High Holy Days, we will pray once again the words that resonate with us for months to come as we enter a new year: “Remember us for life, sovereign God, who treasures life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, God of life.” In 5776, may we be like God, remembering each other for good and wishing for one another the best in life, as we offer one another protection, support, concern, warmth, and hope! **L’shanah Tovah Tikateivu**—may you be inscribed for a happy and healthy New Year!

L’shalom,

*Rabbi Larry K.*

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



#### **Rabbi Karol at NewCAJE6:**

With Alden Solovy, workshop presenter and frequent scholar-in-residence at Jewish congregations and conventions.

Catching a moment with my brother, Rabbi Steve Karol, who attended programming at NewCAJE6 on Sunday, August 2.



Performing original songs at NewCAJE6 on Sunday night, August 2, along with percussionist Mitch Gordon of Worcester, MA and Cantor Martin Levson of Springfield, MA.





### President's Message September 2015

One of the more pleasurable aspects of being president of a congregation is that of being a part, albeit small, of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration in the temple.

During the month of August, I have had the privilege twice. Presenting the congregation's gifts to the recipients, Lily Labe on August 15, and Claire Silberman and Elizabeth Silberman on August 22, were very moving moments for me. These young women are smart, had studied diligently, and exhibited their knowledge of scripture and Hebrew in exemplary fashion. Most of all, they can make us all proud for our temple and the Jewish people as a whole.

During this month of Elul, we are supposed to prepare ourselves for our new year's resolutions and the holiest days on the Jewish calendar. The ever-recurring themes of social justice, and charity are closest to us this time of year and it behooves us to contemplate Torah and the teachings of the Rabbis more than ever. As we start the new year with a clean slate, we can freshly examine our roles as members of our Temple Beth-El community and its relevance to the Jewish community as a whole. For example, we can ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to support the temple, financially and otherwise. If the answer is no, then perhaps this year 5776, is the time to make improvements in that part of our lives.

I would like to remind you that your contributions and pledges are vital to the life of the temple and while we provide guidelines for membership dues, it is ultimately up to you to determine what your fair share is. The vast majority of members have lived up to the financial pledges made in the past, and our gratitude goes out to you. Because of your support we are no

longer in the red, but we are struggling to maintain financial equilibrium; that is, we are only one major expense away from a renewed financial dilemma. So, please, be generous.

We will be receiving a sum of money from the estate of Mary Fitzgerald, and I urge all of you to consider adding Temple Beth-El as a beneficiary to your own last will and testament. (I have looked into establishing an endowment fund, but the initial amount to start one is prohibitive at this time). Meanwhile, the board and I will continue to look at lowering expenses, such as we have just done with the temple insurance premium. In addition to our major fundraisers, the Jewish Food and Folk Festival and the golf tournament, we will be organizing a Klezmer concert fundraiser for January 2016. Stay tuned for details in the coming months.

As requested, in addition to being able to read condensed versions of the board of trustee's monthly meeting minutes in Adelante, you can now read the full reports on the temple website. They are housed in the "Archives" section at our website: [tbelc.org](http://tbelc.org)

L'Shanah Tovah,

*Monika Kimball*

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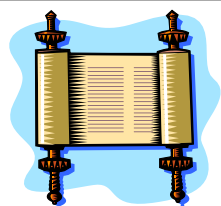
Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 7pm.**

# ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



## TORAH STUDY (EXODUS):

Led by Rabbi Karol on  
Wednesdays at 10:15-11:20 am  
(Meeting on September 2 and 30)

## TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study meets every Saturday  
in the Social Hall at 9:00 am before  
the Saturday morning service. Pro-  
spective students are welcome. Con-  
tact Erich Zameret or Tanah Heming-  
way for more information.



## Saturday, September 5

### Selichot

7:30 pm –

### Study/Discussion

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tinue our discussion of Jeff Levin’s book to  
identify central ethical principles of Judaism  
that we can practice every day.

### 8:45 pm -Havdalah/Refreshments

(Please bring a dessert to share)

### 9:30 pm—Selichot Service

Including prayers to prepare us  
for the High Holy Days.

## Temple Beth-El Sisterhood’s Jewish Women’s Spirituality group,



led by Susan Lapid,  
is still meeting periodically.

For more information,  
contact Susan Lapid 496-5758,

[sblapid@gmail.com](mailto:sblapid@gmail.com) or

Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, [lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu](mailto:lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu).

## Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial & Vietnam Experiences

On Sunday, August 9, the Adult Education Committee hosted a presentation on Vietnam Experiences and the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial that is being installed at Veterans’ Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway. Temple member Frances Williams conceived the idea, since she is a prominent member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee and she spent time in Vietnam during the war. Frances spoke about her experiences as a civilian Supply System Analyst and Logistician. Bruce Fonnest and Jim Harbison spoke not only about their commitment to completing the installation of the Vietnam Memorial as members of the committee, but they also shared captivating stories about their Vietnam experiences. Joe Martinez, the brainchild behind the Monument, talked about family members who fought in the war and how their stories inspired him to honor them with a Memorial here in Las Cruces. All the speakers engaged the audience with their commitment to the Memorial and to our country. Afterwards, attendees were able to ask questions of the speakers as they viewed a model of the Memorial, set up in the Social Hall, while enjoying refreshments. The Adult Education Committee will continue to host a series of monthly events throughout the year that are open to the entire community.





Thank you to everyone who joined together to sponsor the Oneg Shabbat following our August 28 Installation Shabbat Service: Nancy Bergman, Monika Kimball, Marieka Brown, Elisha Rosenberg, Brenda Parish, Ruth Rubin, Alison Mann, Sue Mazer, Frances Williams, Terri Sugarman, Rhonda Karol, and Pearie Bruder.



**Members of the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees, Sisterhood Leadership Council members, and Mensch Club officers were installed during the August 28 service.**

**At Shofar Across Borders  
on Sunday, August 30, 2015  
at Border Monument 1:**

**Rabbi Larry Karol and Margot Leverett with  
Rabbi Ariel Lysander and Gino Lysander of  
Temple Beth Yehuda of Ciudad Juarez**



### **A Note from**

#### **the Francis F. Williams Library**

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

### **Scenes from the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Luncheon on Sunday, August 30, 2015!**



## From Lily Labe A Mitzvah Project Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to my mitzvah project by donating art supplies for the children at Jardin de los Ninos! The response was overwhelming, and because of you, the children at Jardin will be receiving:



- 21 packs of construction paper (that's 3,236 sheets!)
- 26 drawing pads
- 43 boxes of colored pencils
- 36 boxes of crayons
- 30 boxes of markers
- 17 bottles of glue
- 15 bottles of glitter glue
- 194 pencils
- 32 glue sticks
- 16 watercolor sets
- scissors, chalk, Play Doh, pens and craft sticks!

Some of you also made monetary donations, and with that money, I will be buying bottles of tempera paints, paintbrushes, and some other fun art supplies so that the children at Jardin can enjoy making art as a way of learning and expressing themselves. Thank you, also, to the Temple Beth-El community for helping to make my Bat Mitzvah such a special day. To all of you who moved chairs so that we could do Israeli folk dancing, helped serve food, prepared food, cleaned up, took out garbage, helped make decorations, took photographs, handed out programs, attended my Bat Mitzvah, offered encouragement, participated in the service, and taught me what I needed to know, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

It wouldn't have been the same without you!!!

Sincerely,  
*Lily Labe*

### Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October Adelante is September 20. The 20th of the month will be the monthly deadline for the months to come as well. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

### Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Please call before you come, or email Rabbi Karol at [rabbi@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org) or [rablpkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com).

You can also make an appointment with Rabbi Karol by calling or sending an email. Thank you!

The Religious Practices Committee is working with Rabbi Karol to provide a variety of opportunities for congregants to participate in our Shabbat worship, both on Friday night and on Saturday morning. Roles in worship which congregants could fulfill include:

- English readings
- Hebrew readings
- Opening the Ark
- Aliyah/reciting a Torah blessing
- Hagbah/Lifting the Torah (If you would like a lesson, contact Stuart Kelter at [sskelter@yahoo.com](mailto:sskelter@yahoo.com)).
- Gelilah/Dressing the Torah.
- Reading/chanting from the Torah.
- Reading/chanting the Haftarah
- Composing and delivering a D'var Torah.

Please contact Rabbi Karol at Temple ([rabbi@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org)) if you would like an opportunity to fulfill one of these roles during Shabbat worship. We will be contacting congregants in the coming months to make the opportunities widely available.





**Forms for Round Challah and New Year's Greeting, sponsored by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, have been mailed to congregants and can be emailed to you as well. For more information, contact Sue Mazer (smazer2@q.com, 925-922-4481) New Year's Greeting deadline is Friday, September 4. Challah order deadline is Saturday, September 5.**



It's the New Year, and a great time to start the year off with gifting a brick for our walkway. The next order of bricks will be going in between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and we want

**to include yours in the order!**

Every time you order a brick, the Temple receives funds, and your brick adds to the beauty of the walkway and meditation area. You could say, "L'Shana Tovah 2015" to the whole congregation, just by adding one brick. It's a special way to honor an occasion, a person, or to say, "You are the best!" Take a look at what others have written on their bricks, and you have a peek into the past, present and future of people's lives.

You can purchase a brick even if you aren't a member of the Temple, so when someone asks you, "What can I get you for this special occasion?" Answer: A Brick! And now the forms for the bricks are in the Temple office and on the TBE website ...just print the form, fill it out, and send the completed form to the Temple with a check made out to TBE and in the memo section, write "Brick walkway". If you'd prefer, call Alison Mann at 575 521-7793 or Dee Cook at 521-7319 for order forms. They'll also help you with wording if you'd like.

We will send a note to the person whom you are honoring, informing them that a brick has been ordered and donated by you. And when your brick is placed, we will send you a note saying it is in the walkway, so you'll know to take a look! And thank you for supporting TBE in this unique way.



**Four!!!!!! Come one, come all! Knock the rust off your clubs and the dirt off your cleats, gather your friends and neighbors, and join us for the 2015 Matzo Ball Open, TBE's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament!**

Here are the basics:

Picacho Hills Country Club

**12 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 2015**

Paid entry includes an **EXTRA COMPLIMENTARY ROUND OF GOLF** to use at a future date.

Cost is \$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!

Part of this year's proceeds will 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 Lynn Zeemont with any questions and check your mail for full details.**



**HAS ISRAEL GOT IT WRONG?****An opinion piece by Phil Alkon, Israel Committee Chair**

In the face of the intense debate on the merits and fate of the proposed nuclear deal with Iran, the American Jewish community appears divided and uncertain. By contrast, the overall Israeli take is remarkably unequivocal. From Bibi Netanyahu and leftward, encompassing nearly the entire political, social and intellectual spectrum of the country, Israelis agree that it is a bad deal that must be strengthened or rejected outright. Israeli angst ranges from specific provisions of the agreement to its entire thrust and to its moral and philosophical underpinnings.

Well, what does the agreement between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the U.S.-led negotiating team entail? Broadly speaking, it seeks to render Iran's nuclear program incapable of producing atomic weapons for at least a decade. In exchange, the U.S. and the international community will free Iran of economic sanctions and weapons embargoes imposed on it for dangerous or illegal nuclear development activities. Specifically, Iran must: 1) reduce its uranium enrichment capacity 19,000 to 5,000 first generation centrifuges and produce only low grade enriched uranium; 2) convert the Fordow underground facility to non-military nuclear research with no storage of fissile materials; 3) cut its enriched uranium stockpile from 7,500 to 300 kg; 4) limit nuclear research to gradual improvement of centrifuge quality; and 5) eliminate plutonium production by (a) incapacitating the Arak heavy water reactor, (b) not building other reprocessing facilities, and (c) shipping all spent fuel from the country. Iranian compliance with these provisions is monitored by the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which also will document Iran's work on nuclear warhead design. Full implementation of the agreement would lead to a 10 to 15 year stoppage in Iran's ability to develop atomic bombs. The deal does not address Iran's nuclear weapon delivery systems (e.g., short or long-range missiles); nor does it specify the penalties that Iran faces in the event of overt or covert attempts at non-compliance.

Israeli and other opponents of the deal make the following adversarial points:

1) The monitoring and verification regime is flawed. IAEA is the sole on-site inspection entity and is restricted to the known nuclear facilities named in the agreement. It cannot access Iranian military installations or other non-specified sites. An IAEA court will evaluate potential Iranian breaches reported by others (e.g., via U. S. aerial surveillance). Cases deemed credible will be investigated on site, but only after an up to 24-day interval at Iran's discretion. Iranian and IAEA officials alone will develop detailed monitoring and verification procedures, in secret. Even the negotiating partners will not be privy to these protocols. Critics warn that these arrangements will enable the creative and experienced Iranian authorities to undermine any verification regime. Why else, they argue, would Iran have insisted upon them in the first place?

2) The Iranian nuclear infrastructure and its R&D program remain intact. Even if production limitations were fulfilled, experts estimate that Iran would require only a year to regain a nuclear weapons capability and produce a bomb. Even the 10-15 year delay imposed by full compliance may not be a real deterrent to a regime that is deeply committed to the destruction of its enemies and to the global supremacy of Shia Islam.

3) Sanctions relief yields significant short-term economic and military benefits to the Iranian regime. At U. S. urging, the Security Council has already freed Iran of all existing punitive resolutions, thereby granting Tehran \$150B worth of sanctions relief. This and future economic windfalls are only likely to strengthen the Iranian regime's standing at home and its capacity to further destabilize the Middle East. The lifting of the UN weapons embargo has already enabled Iran to legally purchase an advanced S-300 anti-aircraft missile system from Russia. Will this move encourage military attacks against Iran's nuclear infrastructure before the new missile system is deployed? Who knows? Two other U.S. negotiating partners, China and France, also are openly pursuing commercial and technology deals with the Iranian regime. How do we manage to find such reliable allies?

4) An even more profound long-term outcome of the agreement is that the Iranian regime is now a *bona fide* candidate for membership in the world's nuclear weapons fraternity. Who on the planet would appreciate it more? Of course, Middle East nations of the non-Shia persuasion may opt to join the nuclear fraternity as well. That is not a comforting notion if you are concerned about world peace and the future of the human enterprise.

How do these outcomes match with President Obama's stated policy objectives? In his first term, the President made clear that a nuclearized Iran was wholly unacceptable. Its existing nuclear infrastructure must be totally dismantled, preferably by peaceful means. If not, the U.S. would employ any necessary means – including military force – to attain that end. Once the controversial negotiations began, the President and Secretary Kerry offered other pledges and assurances. "No deal was better than a bad deal," we were told. Even the Administration admits that the agreement does not dismantle the Iranian nuclear program. Doesn't that alone render it "bad" by its own standards? Other assurances during and following the negotiations also have proved questionable or outright untenable. Examples: "No better deal is possible." "The only alternative is war." "Sanctions will snap back immediately." "Total and unhindered inspection and verification."

How and why did all this incredible shift happen? After all, a strict sanctions regime and American threats apparently forced the Iranian regime to the negotiating table where they faced a presumably united front of the World's most powerful nations. But as the negotiations wore on, it increasingly appeared that Iran was the party that was operating from a position of strength, not the P5+1 alliance. Significant concessions were going its way while the U.S. and its tag-along "allies" seemed to be grasping for face-saving straws. The President repeatedly accused opponents of drawing false conclusions from incomplete results. But its final publication has convinced many that the final agreement and its ancillary arrangements were even more flawed than they had predicted.

Could it be that a rich background in marketplace haggling gave the focused Iranian negotiators an advantage for besting their divided, more conciliatory and weary opponents? Had the U.S. lost its resolve to pursue a strong agreement in exchange for an arrangement that might burnish an otherwise failed Middle East foreign policy legacy? That dismal record includes the rejection of President Obama's major peace and friendship overture to the Muslim World at the outset of his Administration, John Kerry's failed Israel-Palestinians peace negotiations, the Iraqi and Syrian debacles, the rise of ISIS and others.

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9—HAS ISRAEL GOT IT WRONG?**

This Administration has ended up alienating its only real ally in the region, while brushing aside the Iranian regime's exhortations for the destruction of that nation as well as America itself and Western civilization. The Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. is *persona non grata* at the White House!

Some historical perspective may help in dealing with these challenges. Regarding the vile verbiage of the Ayatollah and his minions, we recall that the World largely chose to dismiss Adolf Hitler's hateful ranting even after he became Nazi Germany's supreme leader. World War II and some 70 million deaths later, we know enough to take such "maniacal" threats seriously. We might also consider British PM Chamberlain's "peace in our time" gift to mankind by agreeing to Hitler's understandable lust for just a small piece of Czechoslovakia. The Western World also conveniently ignored the illegal buildup of Nazi Germany's war machine following WWI. Closer to our time, we might recall that a flawed nuclear agreement with North Korea negotiated during the Clinton presidency has allowed that little island of backwardness to attain a nuclear arsenal of its own, much to Asia's profound regret.

Maybe Bibi and those irritating Israelis are on to something. As history teaches, the real issue is the very nature of evil regimes and not their specific weaponry and tactics. Present day Iran poses a challenge to humanity with or without nuclear weaponry. Is the Obama administration capable of recognizing and dealing with that reality? In his first term, Obama failed to respond to an Iranian popular uprising against the repressive Islamist regime. Now, the proposed nuclear agreement may only further strengthen and embolden that regime. This cannot be what Obama really meant when he longed for Iran's return to the "community of nations."

**For more information on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear program as it affects the Jewish community and Israel, see the following links on the internet:**

**The response of the Reform Jewish movement to the JCPOA:**

[http://urj.org/about/union/pr/2015/?syspage=article&item\\_id=118381](http://urj.org/about/union/pr/2015/?syspage=article&item_id=118381)

**The Jewish Federations of North America and Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations August 28 webinar with President Barack Obama: (along with relevant presentations from other speakers):**

<http://jewishfederations.org/jfed-talks>

**Temple Beth-El Mensch Club**

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

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

**Checks can be made out to:**

**Temple Beth-El Mensch Club.**

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

Thank you,  
Dave Zeemont, Mensch Club President

**Ongoing Events at TBE****WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

Weekly breakfasts and discussions of Jewish and general interest topics are held at the Temple every Wednesday morning. Breakfast begins at 8:45 am, speaker presentations begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$2.00 weekly or \$6.00 monthly. Please contact Phil Alkon for information. [philipalkon@gmail.com](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com) or 575-524-6945)

**KNITTING GROUP IS BACK!!**

For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or [Kessin@comcast.net](mailto:Kessin@comcast.net)

- Congratulations to Olivia Weinbaum, daughter of Paul and Lisa Weinbaum, who was chosen as one of the "Mayor's Top Teens" in Las Cruces for 2015-2016. She will be among the students featured in a forthcoming publication listing local teens being recognized for this special award. Mazal tov, Olivia!!
- Congratulations to Jennifer Frank, daughter of Lester and Renee Frank, on her engagement to Daniel Harber. They both live in Ft. Collins, Colorado. A 2016 wedding is planned.



### THE CHESED GROUP

Is here for members in need of assistance due to health issues.

Please CALL well in advance:

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

If you are interested in being a coordinator/helper/driver for services or temple events, please call

Dave Zeemont at 523-0913



### Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

La Tienda de Jardin, located at 335 La Colonia Ave (at the southwest corner of Alameda and Main St), would greatly appreciate contributions of

ladies clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags and household items. La Tienda does the following very well:

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

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

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

*Here are longer lists for items needed!*

*For Casa de Peregrinos:*

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

*For El Caldito:*

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

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

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

### VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND

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

**Donations from July 1 through August 30, 2015**

**Fund 2004**

- Abe Pomerantz in memory of Samuel Pomerantz
- Nina Rothman in memory of Joseph Rothman
- Nina Rothman in memory of Rena Taslitt

**General Operating Fund**

- Margaret Petrowsky, in memory of Albert Petrowski
- Harry and Diane Bass, in honor of Bea Klein's Special Birthday
- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Terry Kenexa
- June Jenkins, in memory of her father, Sidney J. Mintz
- June Jenkins, in memory of Beatrice Mintz
- Dia Taylor, in memory of her grandson, Jacy Walpole
- Bea Klein, in memory of Barbara Orner
- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Bernard Cutler
- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Dora Stern and Milt Berkson
- Dee Cook, in memory of Dorothy Whitledge
- Dee Cook, in memory of Jacob Klempner
- Robert Libby, in memory of Natalie E. Libby
- Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Rea Bienstock
- Sonny and Rosie Klein, in memory of Scott Klein
- Marianne Zeitlin, in memory of Chanah Sarah Langner
- Cheryl Marians, in memory of Ann Hansen, Oscar and Gertrude Muller, and Henry and Lenore Marians
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Sol, Tillie and Morton Brandt
- Cheryl Marians, wishing Simy Allan a speedy recovery

**Religious School Fund**

- Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Sarah Smalley, Alison's mother
- Rachel Stevens, in celebration of Lily Labe
- Alison and Gary Mann, in hopes for a speedy recovery for Allen Palanker

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Irv and Barbara Ross, in memory of Alice Ross
- Leslie Glater, in memory of Josephine Glater
- Ellen Torres, in memory of Marion Deutschman
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Jennie Wagman Freeman and Samuel Freeman
- Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, in memory of Cecilia Guller
- Helen Raphael, in memory of Michael Raphael
- Leonard Pritikin, in memory of Geneva Pritikin
- Frima, Ramon, and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Jacob Krasner and Lillian Krasner
- Jerry and Jodie Nachison, in memory of Harold Nachison
- Russ and Jane Greene, in honor of Rhonda Karol's birthday
- Burton and Vera Schwartz, in memory of Lena M. Schwartz
- Sue Brown

**Community Service Fund**

Arthur and Wendee Lorbeer, in memory of Kathryn Goldstein

**BETY Youth Fund**

Evelyn and Murray Bruder, in memory of Michael Bruder

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

- Bea Klein, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Laurie Botstein, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Burton and Vera Schwartz, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Dave and Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Harriett and Irv Wolf, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Claire Goldberg, in memory of her nephew, Rabbi Gerald Kane
- Rachel Stevens, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane

**TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer**

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund***—To provide a Jewish education for our children. Earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School.

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

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

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

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

***Beth El Temple Youth Fund***—Support for Youth activities at TBE. Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Paul Feil.



**Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and family) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life (still \$72 per leaf) and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway.**



## Yahrzeits-August 30 through October 3, 2015

### Read on Friday, September 4 and Saturday, September 5

Thomas E Bell, Son of Joseph Bell  
Lulu Dimig, Grandmother of Debbie Levy  
Morris Feldman\*  
Millie Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane  
Bessie Pass, Mother of William Pass

### Read on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12

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  
Samuel Smalley\*, Father of Alison Mann

### Read on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19

Shepley Backman, Father of Judy Kirschner  
Fabian Bissonette, Father of Lynn Berkeley  
Iylene Caplan, Mother of Betty Rosse  
Emily Cohen, Mother of Sue Brown, Grandmother  
of Marieka Brown  
Isadore Frank\*  
Donald Gantert, Father of Susi Kolikant  
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\*  
Arthur Winard, Cousin of Bea Klein

### Read on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26

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\*

Ted Levy, Father of Tom Levy  
Herman Limmer\*  
Gary David Liston, son of Irv and Nina Rothman  
Martin Muffs\*, Brother of Carol Bernstein  
Sidney Muffs\*, Father of Carol Bernstein  
Dorothy Rabinovitch, Mother of David Rabinovitch  
Emily Shorr, Step-daughter of Susan Michelson  
Rose Sommers\*, Great Aunt of Frances Williams  
Sam Sommers\*, Great Uncle of Frances Williams  
Mabel Stern\*

### Read on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3

Reba Kirschner\*, Aunt of Gabriel Lampert  
Rabbi Joseph Klein\*  
Robert Krasner, Brother of Frima Marquez, Uncle of  
Jeffrey Marquez  
Helene F Rosenbaum, Mother of Joan Silar  
Jack Troy, Father of Marsha San Filippo

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.

**The Board Meeting summary column will return  
next month. Minutes from the meetings of the  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Elul 17 1 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Elul 18 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Elul 19 3	Elul 20 4 Family Service 6:00 pm Potluck Shabbat Dinner 6:40 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Elul 21 5 Talmud Study- 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am  Selichot Study and Service 7:30 pm
Elul 22 6 No Religious School Labor Day Weekend	Elul 23 7 LABOR DAY	Elul 24 8 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Elul 25 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Elul 26 10	Elul 27 11 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Elul 28 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 29 13 Religious School Special morning program—TBA  ROSH HASHANAH Evening Service 8:00 pm Oneg Following	Tishrei 1 14 ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY 9:00am Family Service 10:00 am Morning Service Tashlich at Young Park one hour after morning service ends	Tishrei 2 15 ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY—10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morn- ing Service followed by Bagel Brunch	Tishrei 3 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 4 17	Tishrei 5 18 Shabbat Shuvah- Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	Tishrei 6 19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 7 20 Religious School 9:00 am  Cemetery Service 1:00 pm	Tishrei 8 21	Tishrei 9 22 Knitting Group 10:15 am  Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur Service 8:00 pm	Tishrei 10 23 YOM KIPPUR 9am Family service 10am Morning Srvc 1pm Sharing 2pm Meditation 3pm Rabbis' Study 4:30 pm Afternoon 5:45 pm Yizkor Neilah 7:20 Break-the-fast	Tishrei 11 24 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tishrei 12 25 Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	Tishrei 13 26 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—Lay-led 10:15 am
Tishrei 14 27 No Religious School morning session Sukkah Building 11:00 am Religious School Sukkah Decorating 4:00 pm Sukkot Evening Service—5:45 pm	Tishrei 15 28 First Day of Sukkot Morning Service 10:00 am	Tishrei 16 29 Knitting Group 10:15 am	Tishrei 17 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Tishrei 18 1	Tishrei 19 2 Shabbat Sukkot Under the Stars Service at Veterans Memorial Park 6:00 pm Family Service—Picnic dinner following No 7:30 pm service	Tishrei 20 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Sukkot Morning Service 10:15 am

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