



SEPTEMBER 2016 (AV-ELUL 5776)



### Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, September 2—  
Shabbat Service at **7:00 pm**  
led by Monika Kimball and  
Ruth Rubin (PLEASE  
NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE!!!)



- Friday, September 9  
**SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS  
(FAMILY SERVICE) AT VETERANS  
MEMORIAL PARK—** Service at 6:00  
pm, followed by a potluck picnic din-  
ner—hot dogs provided—please bring  
a non-dairy dish to share!

- Friday, September 16—Shabbat Service  
at 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 23—Shabbat Service for  
Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 30—Shabbat Service  
at 7:00 pm
- Saturdays  
Talmud Study at 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service at 10:15 am, followed by  
a potluck Kiddush

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for High Holy Day services  
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**At Border Monument 1  
near the south side of El Paso!**

- **Information about Selichot Study  
and the Selichot Service on  
September 24 is on Page 2 and  
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- **El Paso's Yom Shir/Day of Song,  
featuring Jewish blues performer  
Saul Kaye, on September 25 is on  
Page 5.**
- **Find out more on Page 7 about the  
Matzo Ball Golf Tournament on  
Sunday, October 23.**

## Worship Schedule

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

### Friday, September 2– 7:00 PM SERVICE TIME PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

7:00 pm Shabbat Service led by Monika Kimball and Ruth Rubin. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Pearie Bruder. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 3

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat R'eih Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17  
Haftarah Isaiah 66:1-24 (Rosh Chodesh)

### Friday, September 9-NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE!!!

FAMILY SHABBAT 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—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE—*Ann Berkson will represent the Board of Trustees.*  
6:45 pm Potluck Dinner—HOT DOGS PROVIDED—  
please bring a non-dairy dish to share.

### Saturday, September 10

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Shoftim Deut. 16:18-21:9  
Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12

### Friday, September 16

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Being God’s hands.” *Brenda Parish and Paula Kramer will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Renee Frank will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 17

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Ki Teitzei Deut. 21:10-25:10  
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10

### Friday, September 23

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

### Saturday, September 24

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
Haftarah Isaiah 60:1-22

### Saturday, September 24 - Selichot

7:30 pm Study/Discussion: “RESPECT” - What does Judaism say about respecting and about honoring ourselves and others? How do we apply respect in our daily lives? We will offer our own insights into this important conversation!  
8:45 pm Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share)  
9:30 pm Selichot Service

### Friday, September 30

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Still Standing Together?” *Frima Marquez and Rita Polsky will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.*

### Saturday, October 1

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

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, September 15 at 7pm.**



**Message from Rabbi Karol  
D'var Torah for Installation Shabbat  
August 26, 2016**

I - and probably many of you - have been thinking about what it means to be a leader, especially a good one. It's hard not to do that during the year of a presidential campaign.

I have also been thinking about the value of respect, and how it plays out in our community and society.

On August 23, a group of community leaders of which I have been a part held its first public program. The Inter-faith Coalition for Compassion and Peace Village of Las Cruces co-sponsored a discussion entitled, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Find out what it means to...US!" The 40 Participants present split into small groups to discuss questions such as "What are behaviors that you respect? What are attitudes that you respect? How do you show respect? How does respect break down?" I can share the list of responses if you are interested, but there was one particular response that came to mind when I looked at a well-known passage in this week's Torah reading. We asked those present how we show respect in our immediate community (like a workplace, school or congregation). Two responses noted that we need to be aware of our "communal footprint" and to consider the implications of our actions. That means that, in whatever we do in communal life, we need to be aware of how our words and our deeds impact other people so that we can assure that our influence is positive or, at least, constructive.

Deuteronomy Chapter 11 verses 13-21, a passage in the Torah reading for this week, is known as the "second paragraph of the Shema," coming after the V'ahavta paragraph, in a traditional prayer book. Even more, it is the second paragraph on a mezuzah parchment. The significance of the mezuzah is that it is supposed to mark the home on the outside as a place where dedication to a specific heritage is happening inside the home. It is also a reminder, as we leave our homes, to take the best lessons we learn at home out into the world, so that our communal footprint leaves the world a little better on any given day because of our deeds and our presence.

What the section in Deuteronomy Chapter 11 actually says is that we should follow God's commandments. If we do, God will grant us the blessing of rain in its season. If we do not walk in the path in which God has directed us, there will be no rain. The passage then offers familiar reminders: bind them as a sign upon your hand, let them be a symbol between your eyes, and write them on the entrance to your home and on your city gate. Biblical scholars still debate whether these commands are literal or symbolic. In other words, it could mean the teachings of the Torah and our tradition should shape our vision, the way in which we look at the world with our eyes, and our actions, especially when our hands reach out to others in godly ways. The me-

zuzah itself means that there is something unique about our homes and this place, our spiritual and communal home.

So how do we practice these principles of our faith as we exercise leadership in this home of ours, Temple Beth-El? In our Tanakh study group this week, we read in chapter 11 of the book of Isaiah about that prophet's vision of an ideal ruler: "The spirit of the Eternal One shall alight upon him: A spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and valor, a spirit of devotion and reverence for the Eternal. He shall sense the truth by his reverence for the Eternal One: He shall not judge by what his eyes behold, nor decide by what his ears perceive. Thus he shall judge the poor with equity and decide with justice for the lowly of the land."

Wisdom, insight, counsel, fortitude, devotion or knowledge, and reverence for God and for all of life: these are central Jewish values. The passage then notes that these qualities enable a person to understand overarching truths, which heighten one's sense of fairness and justice. In such a context, all members of a community feel valued and included, and have their own chance to fully participate with leaders and peers alike.

In a commentary created this week for the Union for Reform Judaism, Lisa Lieberman Barzilai wrote about how congregational leadership requires sacred partnerships. What does that last phrase mean? She explained: "Being in sacred partnership means that we acknowledge our differences, just like the leaders of past generations did. At the same time, it means that we focus on our pledge and responsibility to the shared goals and common good of our congregation....Respect, trust, honesty, communication, transparency, confidentiality, and reflection are the tools we use to build and nurture sacred partnerships. Without these essential and interconnected components, fissures are likely to develop in the relationship....It's imperative that leaders be able to hear what others say, work to find common ground based on shared goals, and act to bring about an organization's shared vision."

So we do need to lead and act in such a way that what we do for and with one another will rain down blessing upon us as a community. We can develop a common vision and shared goals that will enable us to see one another in the most positive light, and to recognize opportunities for service to which we can apply Jewish values that can enhance our communal footprint individually and as a congregation. If we keep in mind these teachings of our heritage in our service to Temple and the greater community, we will write the best of our faith upon our doorposts, upon our gates, and upon our hearts.

*L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*





## President's Message September 2016

Well, we are facing the nitty gritty where the rubber is hitting the road, folks. As actions and decisions become imminent, congregants want transparency and explanations. As the President, I am working diligently to respond sincerely, professionally, and appropriately. I work with every best intention for our synagogue and congregation. I communicate with the superb Dr. Ned Rubin, my Vice President, the dedicated Executive Committee, and then the wonderfully collaborative Board, regarding actions taken. Finally, I share the essence of our actions with the congregation in written and oral communication. My plan is to act thoughtfully, in an unbiased manner, and to be as diplomatic as possible in dealing with all issues that come before us.

Regarding the Rabbi's evaluation process, Ned and I, as your elected representatives, have chosen a group of very thoughtful, unbiased, and experienced individuals to review the feedback and observations collected. This review committee includes Sue Mazer, Patrick Quinn, Lionel Jacobs, Ned Rubin, and myself. We all have backgrounds in either Human Resources, evaluative processes of employees, and/or Temple Boards. Some of us may be newer to Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, but we are not new to the process of employee evaluation or of Temple or organizational protocols, whether in government, education, or private enterprise.

Our group is not tasked with making a decision, but to sort the information collected that Ned and I will present to the Board and the Rabbi. We have established this review in accordance with point #11 of the 2014 Rabbinic Contract: "The Rabbi will receive a formal, oral performance review at least annually provided by a committee organized and chaired by the TBE president. The key points made during the oral review will be documented in writing following the meeting. The Rabbi is encouraged to provide performance feedback at least annually to the executive committee and the board."

Next, we selected congregants to interview from a wide range of the membership who have had significant life cycle experiences that involved interactions with the Rabbi and/or collaboration on a committee where the Rabbi's involvement has been integral. Everyone interviewed will be asked the same group of questions, which include the following: 1) On a scale of 1-5, in your capacity and/or experience with Rabbi Karol, how would you rate his performance with you? 2) You rated him a \_\_\_\_\_. What did he do well in supporting you to deserve that rating? Why did you rate him that way? 3) What would have to happen for you to move his performance rating up, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?

We also encourage any of you who wish to share your thoughts about the Rabbi to write us a letter or send us an email. We have been announcing this in the weekly E-Blasts to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity. All of the information collected will help us to document the review of the Rabbi's performance. We will also ask the Rabbi to complete a self-

assessment. After all of the steps are completed, we will review the information, synthesize the results, and have a meeting with the Rabbi to give him an understanding of areas of strength and areas requiring improvement. We will also review the goals established at previous evaluations and establish any new goals based on the current evaluation for the upcoming year. After this is complete, a final report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees where new additional goals may be established as well as any other strategies to continue to build on the rabbi-congregational relationship.

Since this is a personnel review, it should be noted that the actual evaluation is confidential. However, all the goals and strategies agreed upon by the Board and the Rabbi will be shared with the congregation.

The performance review is completely separate from the decisions made by the Board of Trustees and the Congregation regarding our relationship with the Rabbi. Our Constitution states the following:

### ARTICLE 13: RABBI-CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

"The selection of the Rabbi and the relationship of the Congregation with the Rabbi shall be based on the Guidelines for Rabbinical-Congregational Relationships of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), as adopted and recommended by the Union for Reform Judaism Board of Trustees and the CCAR in the fall of 1984 and reprinted and updated in the summer of 2002 so long as the Congregation maintains membership in the Union for Reform Judaism. The Constitution and By-Laws of Temple Beth-El supersede the Guidelines. The Board of Trustees will conclude a contractual agreement with the Rabbi covering all terms of employment. The contract may include specific exceptions to the Guidelines. The election, contract renewal and termination of the Rabbi are covered in the Constitution Article 7, Section 1."

In addition, our Constitution states:

### ARTICLE 7: CONGREGATION

"**Section 1:** The Congregation alone has the right to elect a Rabbi, renew, or terminate his or her contractual relationship with the congregation."

This vote will take place after the High Holy Days in late October at a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

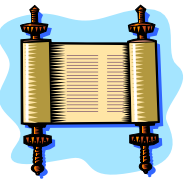
Therefore, I want to assure you that the Rabbi Review Committee cannot make a decision regarding the renewal or termination of the contractual relationship with the Rabbi. We are just abiding by our contract with him, and completing a performance review, which is a best practice in any contractual relationship.

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

*Shalom,  
Ellen Torres*

# ADULT EDUCATION

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## TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

## LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

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



## Saturday, September 24 Selichot Study and Service

- 7:30 pm—Study and Discussion: “RESPECT” - What does Judaism say about respecting and about honoring ourselves and others? How do we apply respect in our daily lives? We will offer our own insights into this important conversation!
- 8:45 pm—Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share)
- 9:30 pm—Selichot Service (we will change the Torah covers to white before the service)

**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).

## Yom HaShir-Day of Song Jewish Blues and more at

### Keystone Heritage Park Botanical Gardens in El Paso on Sunday, September 25th

Saul Kaye will bring his unique blend of Jewish blues to El Paso for an outdoor performance hosted by Congregation B'nai Zion at Keystone Heritage Park Botanical Gardens on Sunday, September 25.



Saul was selected to be the headliner for the first Yom HaShir (Day of Song) after a diverse group of music enthusiasts listened to 10 candidates. Saul has released CDs of various musical styles since the late 1990s, but he eventually found his calling when he pursued an idea that wouldn't leave him alone—the natural marriage of Jewish history, characters, and liturgy with the blues. He continued on this path of Jewish blues and recently released Jewish Blues Volume IV.

In addition to Saul's blues performance, local musicians will perform both original and classic Jewish music before and after Saul's 3pm headline set. You can also take advantage of the stunning Botanical Gardens—tours will be offered at 2pm and 4pm—or you can explore the Gardens on your own (just stay on the paths). Game stations will be sprinkled throughout the Gardens for those who are content with the music as background for other activities, and the Gardens has a children's corner with a maze and sandbox. The entrance is free, thanks to a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and to contributions from people who attended the Lag Ba'Omer fundraising concert, but sponsorships are available. Contact Kristin Kimmelman, [kristinkimmelman@gmail.com](mailto:kristinkimmelman@gmail.com), about sponsorship opportunities.

The Sunday concert will be the culmination of Saul's trip to El Paso from San Francisco. He will assist with Kabbalat Shabbat at Temple Mount Sinai on Friday, September 23, and attend Congregation B'nai Zion for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, September 24. Keep an eye out for details about Selichot that Saturday evening as well.

**What:** Jewish music featuring Saul Kaye & tours and activities in the Botanical Gardens

**Where:** Keystone Heritage Park Botanical Gardens, 4200 Doniphan Drive, El Paso, TX

**When:** Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 2pm to 5pm  
2pm Tour of Botanical Gardens & local musicians  
3pm Saul Kaye

4pm Tour of Botanical Gardens & local musicians

**Cost:** Free; donations welcome

**Extras:** Water, popcorn, apples, and snow cones provided. Board games and carnival games set up throughout the Gardens. Listen to Saul's music at <http://www.saulkaye.com/home>.



## High Holy Days 5777

### Selichot

Saturday, September 24, 2016

7:30 pm

Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship



### Erev Rosh Hashanah — Sunday, October 2, 2016

Evening Service, 8:00 pm

### Rosh Hashanah — Monday, October 3, 2016

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

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

### Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day-

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Morning Service, 10:00 am with *Mishkan Hanefesh*,  
the new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook  
Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by  
Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and  
the Religious Practices Committee

### Friday, October 7, 2016

Shabbat Shuvah Family Service at 6:00 pm

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

### Erev Yom Kippur — Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

### Yom Kippur — Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Family Service, 9:00 am

Morning Service, 10:00 am

A Time for Sharing, 1:15 pm

Study with Rabbi Karol  
on *Mishkan Hanefesh*, 2:45 pm

Afternoon Service, 4:15 pm

Yizkor and Neilah, 5:30 pm

Break-the-fast, 7:10 pm

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

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

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood is again preparing to add to the sweetness of the New Year! Congregants will receive a mailing soon!

- You can order Round Challah for the High Holidays (\$6.00 for plain round challah, \$6.50 for round challah with raisins) - the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, September 20.
- You can send a New Year's greeting to your Temple Beth-El family (\$18.00 per message) that will be added to a greetings booklet that will be available at Rosh Hashanah service. The deadline is Tuesday, September 20.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE  
IN THE ENTRY FOYER AT TEMPLE AND  
ON THE TEMPLE WEBSITE.



### Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October 2016 Adelante is September 20. The 20th of the month is the monthly deadline. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

### Office Hours

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

**Rabbi Karol will be away for a family celebration on September 1-5. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Temple President Ellen Torres at 510-676-3211.**



## TEMPLE BETH-EL SEEKING VOLUNTEER CHAIRS FOR HIGH HOLIDAY EVENTS

The TBE Sisterhood is asking for volunteers to chair two High Holiday events coming up:

1. Rosh Hashanah Oneg, [Sunday evening](#), October 2nd
2. Yom Kippur Break Fast, [Wednesday evening](#), October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ideally, 2-3 Chair people should work together on each event. Chairs would be in charge of food & beverage lists, organizing volunteers to cook, bake, bring items, set up, clean up, getting paper goods needed, etc. We have guidelines from previous years to assist in your planning and organization. If we all do a little, the job gets done with minimal effort. These are two very important events for the TBE community. Please ask a couple of friends to join you in doing this mitzvah for Temple Beth-El and all of us!

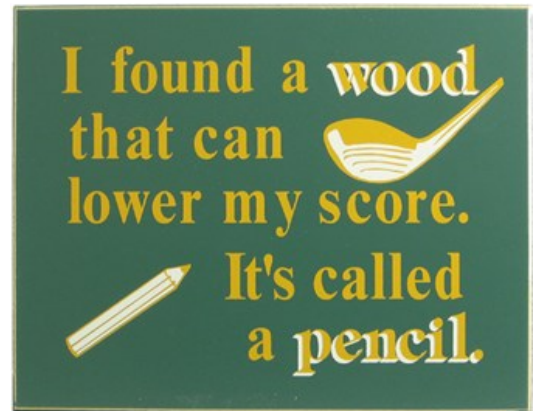
Please respond to Aggie Saltman, [aggie@nmsu.edu](mailto:aggie@nmsu.edu), or [649-4356](tel:649-4356).

## 2016 Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament

### It's back...

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

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



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

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

Check your mail for full details!

**Webmaster Update—From Bob Kimball**

At the end of 2015, the Temple changed email servers. For the most part this transition was transparent to congregants, but for the Rabbi and a few others it was a stressful time. The Temple's email now resides safely on the Microsoft 365 cloud.

This transition offered some unexpected benefits:

- First, Microsoft provides accounts to non-profit organizations at greatly reduced rates. The transition turned out to be a significant cost saver.
- Second, we gained access to cloud storage so our important documents are now securely backed-up off site.
- Finally, we were able to create a "family" of email addresses that allow congregants to contact temple officers without knowing their personal email addresses.

The new email addresses are:

rabbi@belc.org  
admin@tbelc.org  
president@tbelc.org  
vicepresident@tbelc.org  
secretary@tbelc.org

treasurer@tbelc.org  
library@tbelc.org  
webmaster@tbelc.org  
bety@tbelc.org  
sunshineclub@tbelc.org


**GRANT-WRITING OPPORTUNITY**

We have an amazing opportunity from the Jewish Federation of El Paso, of which we are members. They are offering a grant proposal, which is due by September 30, at 2:00 pm. TBE member and Federation Board Member Bill Stein attended their required grant-writing workshop in August, which made us eligible to write a grant for anywhere from a few hundred dollars to upwards of \$50,000. Please review the attachments for more information. We need to meet the objective of their Mission Statement, which is pretty broad: "The Mission and Purpose of the Federation is to raise sufficient dollars to enhance the quality of Jewish life in the El Paso-Las Cruces area and overseas and to enable Jewish organizations in Greater El Paso to provide Jewish-oriented cultural, educational, social and recreational programs and services. The Federation's activities in furtherance of this purpose shall include, among others, an annual contribution campaign, the maintenance of endowment funds, recreational activities, and the coordination of social welfare and education activities within its area of operations."

We need several congregants, committee chairs, and/or board members to step up and work with Bill Stein to come up with a potential grant proposal idea and to participate in several grant writing sessions to be able to secure some very needed and very available funds to support a useful, educational program for Temple Beth-El. Our understanding is that almost \$200,000 is available from our affiliate, the Jewish Federation of El Paso, and that they disburse these funds annually, with almost every proposal being funded. We need to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. One suggestion is to fund a speaker series that could take place throughout the year, bringing in multiple "big names" in Reform Judaism to speak and present to our congregation, community, and religious school students on weekends throughout the year. Please contact me ASAP at [ellenhowerton@comcast.net](mailto:ellenhowerton@comcast.net) if you are able and interested in helping to bring this amazing opportunity to fruition.

Thank you,

**Ellen Torres**

***President of the TBE Board of Trustees***



## ISRAEL UPDATE

AN ISRAELI ARAB WOMAN SPEAKS HER MIND  
by Phil Alkon

Israel boasts the most demographically varied population in the Middle East. Unlike other Middle East nations, however, all its citizens have full individual political and civil rights, and none are persecuted, imprisoned, exiled or executed owing to religious, ethnic or group identities. Yes, the overwhelming majority of Israeli citizens are Jewish, but are hardly a homogenous bloc in any respect. They famously represent a wide array of geographic, cultural and religious identities. The 25% of the non-Jewish citizenry is also exceptionally diverse, perhaps not surprising given the country's unique humanitarian, ethical and democratic foundations. Arabs comprise 80% of Israel's non-Jewish citizens, and vary greatly in history, geographic origins, cultural traditions (e.g., urbanites, villagers, Bedouins) and religious beliefs and practices. The majority fall under the Sunni Muslim umbrella, but there are significant Christian, Druze, Bahai and other non-Muslim minorities as well.

Although the media (and much of the World) obsesses over the "occupied" Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, scant attention is given to the progress of the roughly 200,000 Arabs who remained in Israel following its creation in 1948. They and their descendants comprise the foundation of Israel's present Arab citizenry that now number 1.7 million. Arab Knesset members comprise the third largest bloc of Israel's parliament, and vigorously pursue policies that promote the economic and social status of their constituents. Over the years, Arabs have increasingly identified with and shared in Israel's trials and accomplishments. One indication is the frequency with which Israeli Arabs are openly expressing their support of Israel and expanded Arab participation in all aspects of Israeli life. A prominent individual example is Sarah Zoabi, a charismatic Muslim resident of Nazareth who has earned fame as a Master Chef and host of a regular cooking show on Israel TV. Here is some of what this courageous, insightful "hero of Israel" has to say.

*I define myself as an Arab, Muslim, Israeli and Zionist. I support and believe with perfect faith in the right of the Jewish people to have a country of their own in the Holy Land, the land of Israel.*

*I'm loyal to the country, which gave me citizenship from the moment I opened my eyes. I'm loyal to the country which gave me everything. I'm loyal – not an ingrate – to the people who give me warmth, love and support.*

*The state of Israel is a democratic country which has*

*equal rights for all. A million Arabs live in the State of Israel with the Jews, and they aren't suffering like what happens to Arabs who are ruled by other Arabs. We see what happens in Mideast countries, how Radical Islam conquers every area. How they slaughter hundreds of thousands. How millions are turned into refugees and innocent children into orphans. How they divide countries.*

*Radical Islam is the false religion. They stole the religion from us. What they do to people is brainwashing. Radical Islam is a cancer which spreads in the world. And we need to find a solution for that cancer, to find a cure. Not to give in to them. Not to let them determine our lives. Don't let our country surrender to barbarism. First of all, not to give in to extremists. The more we give in, the more they'll attack us. Giving in, in the terrorists eyes, is a green light and opportunity to attack. Terror and a terrorist who is going to attack doesn't differentiate between me and you. If we're on a bus, what happens to you happens to me. So through fire and water, we're in this together. Terror doesn't come from discrimination, from frustration, or from "occupation." Terror comes from a murderous ideology, from education, from a culture of death. The purpose of terror is not "to gain independence." Rather it seeks to ruin and destroy the Jewish state.*

*We need to make known the voices of "sane" Arabs and moderate Islam. Because there is a moderate Islam. And there are normal Arabs who want to live quietly, in peace and love, with the Jews.*

*I want to say to all Israeli Arabs. It's time to wake up. We are in a "paradise. To compare us to other Arab countries, we are in paradise. Personally, I have no other country. I have no other flag. I've received a number of calls from Arabs who admire my courage and support me. There are those who say, "Good for you." "You're right." "We have no other country." "It's true! Every word hit the nail on the head!"*

*I want the whole world to know that the State of Israel is the source of much good in the world. It is a country that honors human rights, in spite of all it goes through from terror. That's my mission. And I won't give it up.*

Note: See Sarah Zoabi's Arabic (subtitled in English) interview on aish.com. She's an impressive lady.

### Temple Board of Trustees Meeting Summary - August 18, 2016

Bill Stein presented information from the Jewish Federation Workshop in El Paso regarding issuing grants to further the Jewish community. Last year a total of \$155K was dispensed in grants. The Federation wants to dispense all its funds every year. The grant proposals are due Sept. 30, 2016. The funds will be available January 2017 to be spent within the calendar year. Ellen suggested a scholar-in-residence program or something related to social action. A motion was made and seconded that an ad hoc committee be established to develop a grant proposal from TBE. The motion was passed.

Mark Saltman, Chair of the Security Committee, provided a detailed report of actions taken by that committee. He recommends providing education to Sunday School teachers and students on security issues and measures. The committee will get with the Las Cruces Police Department to make arrangements for training.

Michael Mandel addressed TBE's participation in a booth at the Renn Faire to sell pastrami sandwiches and other items. Plans are moving forward for TBE to run the booth on Sunday, and to have the Center for Spiritual Living have the booth in their name on Saturday while providing volunteers to serve that day.

The Acquisitions, Specific Gifts, and Aesthetics Committee has been researching a new front door to the Temple, and made a recommendation to the Board to go with a beautiful new door by Artistic Entryways at a cost of \$13,454. The money for this project will come from a recent bequest to our congregation. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation. The motion carried.

Rabbi Karol has been in conversations with Washington, D.C. based singer/guitarist Robyn Helzner, who recently contacted him about coming to Las Cruces on Monday, January 23 (after appearing at a program in Phoenix the night before). She would present her program "Kreplach and Dim Sum – Yes, there ARE Jews in China!", based on her experiences serving Jewish communities in that part of the world. Rabbi Karol saw her offer this presentation at Congregation Albert in Albuquerque in April and said that it was excellent. The Board approved the date of the program, which will take place at 7:00 pm on that day. Be watching for more details about this event in the coming months!

A discussion was held on our membership with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Dues are currently \$5400, which will be difficult with our current budget. Board members proposed reducing TBE's pledge, and a motion was made and seconded to reduce the pledge to \$4000. The motion carried. The Board is also evaluating the benefits of URJ membership, and the next meeting will include a discussion about how we can take full advantage of the services and benefits offered by URJ membership.



Rabbi Karol participated in the evening program at the NewCAJE Jewish educators convention in Naperville, Illinois on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 by offering interpretations of several classic Jewish

texts about education. At the left in the photo is singer/performer Rick Recht, who produced the program that night and had invited Rabbi Karol to take part.



### International Day of Peace Celebration

**Hosted by Peace Village  
of Las Cruces**

**September 21, 2016—6:00-9:00 pm**

**At Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Avenue**

**This is a family-friendly event filled with  
food, entertainment, music and fun.**

**Music will include performances by Nicole  
Martinez and Rabbi Larry Karol.**

**Sponsored by Peace Village,  
Project Mainstreet, and Food Truck Fiesta**

### *Ongoing Events at TBE*



#### **WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

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



#### **KNITTING GROUP**

The Knitting group meets on Tuesdays at 10:15 am. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or [Kessin@comcast.net](mailto:Kessin@comcast.net).

### **Congratulations to:**

- Evan Hyman, son of Michael and Stacey Hyman, who learned how to ride a bike in four days without training wheels!
- Jerry and Jodie Nachison, on the marriage of their son, David Marino-Nachison to Rachel Lerner, on August 21, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York.

### **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 and put your donation in the marked containers in the hallway opposite the Library. For more information or questions, contact the Temple office.

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

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



## Donations for August 2016

### General Fund

- Sonny and Rosie Klein, in memory of Scott Klein
- Grace I Hammesfahr, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Amir Penn and Joyce Pollack, in memory of Grace Ann Genin
- Joan Glickler, in memory of Grace Ann Genin
- Dee Cook, in memory of Dorothy Whiteledge & Jacob Klemptner
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Tillie & Sol Brandt and Morton Brandt
- David Rabinovich, in memory of Marcia Rabinovich
- Paul Feil, in memory of Gina Libo
- Fred and Ellen Torres, in memory of Marion & Jerry Deutschman
- Cheryl Marians, in memory of Grace Ann Genin

### Religious School Fund

- Fred and Ellen Torres in memory of Ellen's mother, Marion Deutschman
- Fred and Ellen Torres, in memory of Ellen's cousin, Carole Ruttenberg Goldin

### Building Maintenance Fund

- Norma Klein & Debbie Levy, in memory of Lulu Dimig

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Lionel and Rose Jacobs, in memory of Cecile Elfant
- Leonard Pritikin, in memory Geneva Pritikin
- The Fiszbein Family, in memory of Cecilia Guller
- Cherri Hudson-Brown and Jeff Brown, in memory of Gloria Brown

### Frances F. Williams Library Fund

- Mark and Sharon Steinborn, in memory of Leo Steinborn

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- Brad & June Jenkins, in memory of Sidney J. Mintz

Thanks to all congregants and community members who have contributed to the acquisition of new copies of *Mishkan Hanefesh*. At least 50 more sets of this new High Holy Day prayerbook will be arriving at TBE very soon! Donations are still welcome!



## TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



**SEPTEMBER 2016 (AV-ELUL 5776)****Yahrzeits-August 28 through October 8, 2016****Read on Friday, September 2 and****Saturday, September 3**

Morton Brandt, Brother of Lila Ziegler

Samuel Davison\*

Lulu Dimig, Grandmother of Debbie Levy

Millie Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane

Philip Greenberg, Grandfather of Cyrille Kane

Morty Horwitz, Uncle of Ellen Torres

Howard Klein\*, Husband of Bea Klein

Gina Libo\*

Ruth Plas, Adopted Mother of Nancy Bergman

Dorothy Quinn, Mother of Patrick Quinn

Eva Rayblatt, Mother of Rose Jacobs

Laszlo Szucs\*

**Read on Friday, September 9 and****Saturday, September 10**

Irving Batkin\*, Grandfather of Mike Batkin

Morris Bernstein\*, Father of Marvin Bernstein

Sol Brandt, Father of Lila Ziegler

Paul Deutschman, Grandfather of Ellen Torres

Joseph Epstein, Father of Marlene Benz

Bella Goldberg, Grandmother of Rabbi Gerald Kane z"l

Jane Abrams Hurwitz, Mother of Susan Fitzgerald

Wolfie Jacobs, Father of Lionel Jacobs

Mary Jacobs\*

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Chia Shayna Kaplan, Aunt of Betty Rosse

Dina Kaplan, Grandmother of Betty Rosse

Isser Kaplan, Grandfather of Betty Rosse

Maria Kaplan, Aunt of Betty Rosse

Yossel Kaplan, Uncle of Betty Rosse

Rose Kruger, Mother of Charles Kruger

Rose Lieberman Hodess, Mother of Michael Lieberman

Samuel Pomerantz\*

Geneva Pritikin\*, Wife of Leonard Pritikin

Jessie Schindler, Mother of David Zeemont

Harry M Schwartz, Father of Burton Schwartz

Jennie Wagman Freeman, Mother of Bernice Langner

**Read on Friday, September 16 and****Saturday, September 17**

Irv Dworsky\*

Donald Gantert, Father of Susi Kolikant

Eve Holzman\*

Ethel Kreps\*

Albert Petrowski\*

Samuel Rice\*

Maj. Leonard Selanikio, Brother of Solomon Selanikio

Martin Steinman\*

Donald David Stern\*

Sidney Waldman\*

Zarah Williamson, Father of Barbara Mandel

**Read on Friday, September 23 and****Saturday, September 24**

Thomas E Bell, Son of Joseph Bell

Fabian Bissonette, Father of Lynn Berkeley

Morris Feldman\*

Morris Goldberg, Grandfather of Rabbi Gerald Kane z"l

Ted Levy, Father of Tom Levy

Bessie Pass, Mother of William Pass

**Read on Friday, September 30 and****Saturday, October 1**

Louis Berkeley, Father of Arthur Berkeley

Sylvia Blumkin\*

Zellie Capin, Brother-in-Law of Bea Klein

Shari Kandel, Niece of Teddy Weinglass

Joseph Karol, Father of Rabbi Larry Karol

Helen Rothman, Mother of Irv Rothman z"l

Samuel Smalley\*, Father of Alison Mann

***The Temple Beth-El Family  
extends condolences to:******The Genin family, on the death of  
Grace Ann Genin  
in Chicago, Illinois on July 26, 2016.******Ellen and Alfred Torres, on the death of  
Ellen's cousin, Carole Ruttenberg Goldin,  
on August 14, 2016.******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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Av 28 1	Av 29 2	Av 30 3
					Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 1 4	Elul 2 5	Elul 3 6	Elul 4 7	Elul 5 8	Elul 6 9	Elul 7 10
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	LABOR DAY	Knitting Group 10:15 am	Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm		SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 6:00 pm Potluck dinner following (hot dogs provided)	Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—10:15 am
Elul 8 11	Elul 9 12	Elul 10 13	Elul 11 14	Elul 12 15	Elul 13 16	Elul 14 17
Religious School 9:00 am		Knitting Group 10:15 am	Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am  Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service—10:15 am
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Elul 22 25	Elul 23 26	Elul 24 27	Elul 25 28	Elul 26 29	Elul 27 30	Elul 28 Oct. 1
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