

Las Cruces, New Mexico

SEPTEMBER 2017 (ELUL 5777-TISHREI 5778)

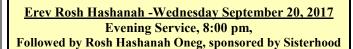


High Holy Days 5778

Selichot

Saturday, September 16, 2017-7:30 pm

Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship



Rosh Hashanah –Thursday, September 21, 2017
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-Friday, September 22, 2017 Morning Service, 10:00 am Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and the Religious Practices Committee

Friday, September 22, 2017 Shabbat Shuvah Service, 6:00 pm (NOTE EARLY TIME)

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 24, 2017 Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur —Friday, September 29, 2017 Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur —Saturday, September 30, 2017
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 (sponsored by Sisterhood)
Join us for worship and the warmth of community
as we welcome 5778 together!

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



Shabbat Services (See Page 2) Friday, September 1-Special Schedule

Wine (regular and nonalcoholic) and Cheese at 5:45 pm Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm



• Friday, September 8 SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

(FAMILY SERVICE) AT SAGECREST PARK— Service at 6:00 pm, followed by a potluck picnic dinner—hot dogs provided—please bring a non-dairy dish to share!

 Friday, September 15—Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm <u>Saturdays</u>

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



Join us for a special screening of "Challah Rising in the Desert: The Jews of New Mexico" on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 pm

See page 4 for complete details!

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





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

Worship Schedule

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

Friday, September 1—SPECIAL SCHEDULE!!!!

5:45 pm Wine (regular and non-alcoholic) and Cheese "Pre-neg" sponsored by Paula Kramer and the Karols.
6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service. Ned Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.

Saturday, September 2

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush Parashat Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday, September 8-NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE!!! FAMILY SHABBAT AND PICNIC to be held at SAGECREST PARK on 601 N. Roadrunner Parkway— members of all ages are welcome!!!!

6:00 pm—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE—Susan Michelson will represent the Board of Trustees.

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Friday, September 15

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, featuring special music and prayers for healing within our Shabbat liturgy.

Terri Sugarman and Ruth Ann Sugarman will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Allen Blum will represent the Board of Trustees.

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am Talmud Study 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilcech Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Saturday, September 16 - Selichot

7:30 pm Study/Discussion: "BUILDING CHARACTER JEWISHLY" - We will discuss Judaism's take on character-building based on the approach of Tiffany Schlain's "Global Character Day," with its emphasis and exploration of the Jewish Mussar movement's teaching about Middot, character traits we can develop within ourselves.

8:45 pm Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share) 9:30 pm Selichot Service

HIGH HOLY DAY WORSHIP (*Mishkan Hanefesh*, the new High Holy Day prayerbook, will be used for all services) WEDNESDAY, September 20

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rabbi Karol will speak on "Who are We and How Did We Get Here?"

Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood. Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.

Thursday, September 21 Rosh Hashanah Morning

9:00 am Family Service 10:00 am Congregational Service Rabbi Karol will speak on "Side by Side."

Jeff Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.

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

Friday, September 22- Rosh Hashanah—Second Day

10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. Shofar Service led by Leora Zeitlin. The service will be followed by a Bagel Brunch sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and the Religious Practices Committee. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.

Friday, September 22-6:00 PM

EARLY TIME: Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Return) Service.

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Sue Brown and Marieka

Brown.

Saturday, September 23-SHABBAT SHUVAH

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah Shabbat Shuvah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15:27

Sunday, September 24

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.)

Friday, September 29

8:00 pm Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service Rabbi Karol will speak on: "The Art of the...Apology." *Ellen Torres will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, September 30

9:00 am Yom Kippur Family Service 10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service Rabbi Karol will speak on: "Finding our Way Back."

Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.

1:15 pm Yom Kippur: A Time for Sharing

2:45 pm Rabbi Karol-A Journey through Mishkan Hanefesh

4:15 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

5:30 pm Yom Kippur Yizkor and Neilah (6:15 pm)

7:10 pm Break-the-Fast sponsored by Sisterhood

Child care will be provided during our High Holy Day morning worship.



Message from Rabbi Karol

"Sing to the Eternal One with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the lyre. It is God who covers the skies with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes the mountains green with grass, who gives animals their food, and who even feeds the

raven's young when they call out for nourishment. The Eternal One neither esteems the might of horses nor delights [primarily] in the strong legs of human beings. The Eternal One delights in those who show reverence, who put their hope in God's unfailing love and mercy." (Psalm 147, Verses 1, 8-11).

There are a number of passages in the Tanakh that express this belief in God as the Creator of the world who is the source of rain and food...and hope and love.

On August 21, many people flocked to the locales in the United States where they could witness the full extent of the total solar eclipse. Clouds and rain on that day obscured the view of a major celestial event in some places. In other locations, like in Charleston, South Carolina harbor, a thunderstorm skirted the viewing area during the long-anticipated moment of totality. Those who did not venture hundreds of miles for a "front-row seat" for the eclipse found some sense of involvement in the day with their pinhole projections, the use of telescopes or binoculars to view the unusual crescent sun, or taking the kitchen colander to create multiple images of the partially obscured light source in the sky. The eclipse provided us all with a day when our divisions were briefly eclipsed as we all become curious human beings, overcome by our amazement. Even if we just uttered the word, "Wow!," that was a prayer in and of itself.

In the lead-up to the eclipse, there were online discussions about which blessing to say for an eclipse. Some said it is the one that is recited for hearing thunder, which praises God "whose power and might fill the world." Others asserted that it was the general blessing for creation's wonders, which gives blessing for God as the "One who made the works of creation." One prayer seems to respond to short term occurrences in nature, while the other acknowledges long-term miracles.

We know from living in Las Cruces that rain can be a blessing when it ends a span of days with no drops from the sky. We also experience too much rainfall at one time as an obstacle to our intra-city travel, and as a potential cause of unwanted damage to homes and property.

I was once in the presence of a major civil rights activist from Alabama, a pastor who was speaking at a

Martin Luther King, Jr. event soon after the 2004 tsunami. In his remarks, he proclaimed his conviction that God had sent the tsunami for a reason. My clergy colleague sitting next to me turned to me and said, "Did he just say what I think he said?" I could only respond, "Yes...he did. And I am surprised."

Too much rain, as we can see from the damage and challenges in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, is a result of the forces of nature at work. Many scientists would surmise that the excessive rain is directly related, at least in part, to human interaction with the natural world.

So where might God be in the tragedies and challenges unfolding?

We are taught that reverence for God requires of us respect for creation and for all human beings made in the divine image. The news reports of individuals seeking shelter inside and outside their homes in Houston, the scene of residents of a nursing home, sitting in a common room with water that had risen up to their waists, and the expressions of friends, colleagues or family who are regularly "checking in" on Facebook, Twitter or via other modes of communication, can touch us in a way that makes us realize that, if we were in such a position, we would hope for help from people who know us and from those who don't know us, but whose hearts are so moved to reach out with much-needed assistance. Perhaps that help is a manifestation of the hope that God can provide, where we are acting as agents of the divine.

And, more than that, our amazement at the universe and our compassion when nature presents obstacles to our well-being are both expressions of the love of creation and our fellow human beings that Judaism teaches us to develop and maintain deep in the core of our souls.

So let us reach out (see information about where contributions can be sent elsewhere in the newsletter) to people in the aftermath of this devastating Hurricane. And, as we consider ways in which we can engender hope and love in many ways, may the time of repentance and return that Rosh Hashanah brings help us to build bridges to all people, so that they will feel hopeful, safe, warm, and loved. L'shanah Torah Tikateivu - May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for goodness, blessing and peace in the year 5778 and beyond.

L'shalom, Rabbí Larry K.

See Page 8 for options for sending donations that will help to provide assistance to victims of Hurricane Harvey.



President's Message

We end the cycle of our Jewish year in the month of Elul, the forty days of introspection leading to Yom Kippur. These are days of self-reflection, also seen as a mitzvah, as we prepare for the Days of Awe between Rosh

HaShanah and Yom Kippur. We also traditionally recite S'lichot, penitential prayers, on the Saturday night preceding Rosh HaShanah. These are significant times that give us much to reflect on. Our larger community has come together to speak out against the travesties in Charlottesville and in Barcelona and against all hatred and bigotry against our people and all peoples who are demeaned by others. It is vital that we join together to stand up for the humane treatment of all people of the world

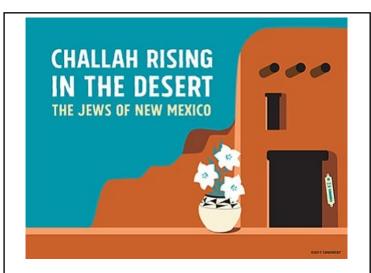
It is also important that we have affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, a group that for 80 years has helped bring the Jewish community together and enhance the quality of Jewish life in the southwest. They help local Jewish organizations, like Temple Beth-El, in providing cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs and services to enrich Jewish life in our area. Last year, we applied for a grant through their Granting Committee, and we were awarded over \$13,000 to bring scholars-in-residence to our Temple: Singer Robyn Helzner in January, Rabbi and Comedian Bob Alper in August, and Jewish Culinary Expert Tina Wasserman in November 2017. We plan to apply for a 2018 grant, but we need your help. To participate in the grant program, we are required to participate in the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, calling you, our members, to donate whatever you can, towards the Federation's cause. On a larger scale, the Federation movement also provides hope, haven, and relief for Jews endangered or in distress all over the world. A gift to the Annual Campaign goes a long way to help people locally, nationally, in Israel, and around the world. And it's possible because we all come together as a community to use our collective power to make it happen. I look forward to talking with you more about this in the months ahead.

I join with you in a sacred partnership, in a commitment to Torah and Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening, and communication. These values guide us in our daily lives and our innermost teachings that influence the sacred partnerships we

build with others. 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, Sacred Purpose—and our **Sacred Partnerships**.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year! L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu—May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

Shalom, Ellen Torres



"Challah Rising in the Desert" A special film screening at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 10, 2017

Temple Beth-El is proud to be able to show the film "Challah Rising in the Desert." This film celebrates the history and people of New Mexico's unique Jewish community. In this new feature documentary, braided Challah bread represents several waves of settlement of New Mexico's Jewish community, including Conversos escaping the Spanish Inquisition 400 years ago, German Jewish pioneers of the Santa Fe Trail in the 1800s, scientists of the 1940s at Los Alamos, and the counterculture of the 1960s.

Join us at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm for this feature documentary film. The film is sponsored by the Temple's Board of Trustees and the Adult Education Committee. Refreshments will be served, Admission of \$8.00 will help to offset our costs.

ADULT EDUCATION Culture אורד, Holidays עברית Customs

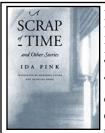
TANAKH STUDY (ISAIAH):

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

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 24 years. New students are always welcome. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are SOOO Excited....
As part of the Jewish Federation and TBE sponsored series, "The Road To Being Jewish," Tina Wasserman, noted Jewish cookbook author and cook, will be coming to Temple Beth-El for the



weekend of November 10, 11 and 12.

She will speak from the bimah on Friday night (November 10) at Shabbat services, and will mingle with Oneg attendees after services. On Saturday at noon, Tina will do a "Beyond Bagels and Brisket" power point presentation after a luncheon containing some of Tina's recipes. To cover the cost of food, tickets to this Lunch and Learn presentation will be \$15.00/person for TBE members, and \$18 per person for nonmembers. Monika Kimball and Susan Michelson are chairing this event.

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

On Saturday evening at 7pm, Tina will direct a cooking class limited to 50 people. Cost for TBE members will be \$25.00/person for TBE members, and \$30/per person for non-members. This will cover the cost of food which participants will eat after preparation. Rose and Lionel Jacobs, Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, and Cheryl and Dave Decker are chairs for this event.

On Sunday, Tina will participate with the religious school students in braiding challahs and in a challah contest. Pearie Bruder is chairing this event.

Priority will be given to TBE members to purchase tickets for the Lunch and Learn and for the Saturday evening class. <u>TBE members will be able to purchase tickets from October 1-15.</u> After that, tickets will be open to the public until November 3rd. Tickets can be purchased on October 1 or after, by calling ticket chair, Eve Palanker, 575 522-3940. Eve will guide you through the process of getting tickets.

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

led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically.

For more information,

contact Susan Lapid 496-5758, sblapid@gmail.com or Leora Zeitlin 639-4475, lzeitlin@cs.nmsu.edu.

Help Needed for the 2017 Matzo Ball Golf Tournament!



Dear Fellow Congregants,

At Temple Beth-El, we've had five golf tournaments that have raised over \$25,000 total for the Temple and around \$5,000 for secondary charities. I have spearheaded the event every year, the last few years with Allen Blum and a few other Temple members. Thankfully, Lionel Jacobs stepped up this year to help organize, but we need more. There was an eblast sent out recently describing our needs, but there was no response.

Unfortunately, Allen and I do not have the availability to make it happen this year without additional assistance. We need someone willing to commit to organizing the solicitation of golfers and sponsors. We have contacts and are willing to help but cannot be solely in charge of this event. This is very time sensitive. If no one steps up in the next week, we will have to cancel this year's tournament.

Specifically, we need an organized and motivated Temple member or team of members willing to handle the following tasks:

- 1) Oversee solicitation of and help contact businesses and golfers. We also need raffle prizes.
- 2) Oversee timeline and make sure tasks are completed in timely fashion.

It has been a lot of fun putting the event together and we appreciate everyone who has participated and donated time and money in the past.

> Sincerely, Arthur Berkson

The Irving Batkin

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

Invocation - Board Meeting - August 17, 2017 Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, New Mexico Rabbi Larry Karol

We pray, Eternal One, that a day will come When hatred will give way to understanding Even though we see signs and symbols of bigotry and intolerance right before our eyes. We pray, God of our Strength, that a day will come When violence and war will end Even though mistrust and fear are still spread by those who try to gain power and influence through fomenting conflict and through the taking of innocent lives. We pray, Gracious One, that a day will come When our mercy towards our fellow human beings Will overcome a human desire for strict justice that creates standards no one could meet. We pray, Creator and Sustainer of us all, that a day will come when we will be able to see all people as being created in Your image Sacred, unique and cherished And that You will grant us the ability to convince those who dehumanize others and seek to end the lives of people they despise That all they are doing is destroying the precious divine spark

that resides in them.

We still pray, Holy One of being and blessings, that Your spirit will guide us so that our words and actions Will bring us together in unity

Rather than drive us apart into irreparable division.

Help us listen to You, and to our stories

Because the telling of our tales to one another always holds the possibility of weaving for us all a timeless tapestry of love, peace and hope. Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, the TBE Grant Committee, our TBE Board of Trustees, and everyone who attended Rabbi Bob Alper's presentations on Friday night, August 25 during Shabbat worship and on Saturday, August 26. Congregants and guests gathered on both nights to enjoy Rabbi Alper's humorous perspective on life!!!!



PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP— FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES By Allen Blum

I was born In New London, CT, to the son of a welder – my dad worked for General Dynamics building submarines, and a mother who was a stay at home mom.

Moving at a young age to a small town, where my dad partnered with my grandfather to develop a large poultry farm. It was in that small community where I experienced many "short" comings – a very limited Jewish population, with "old Yankee" traditions that were weary of Jews (circa 1950) and bullying.

Maintaining the Jewish traditions was centered exclusively around the family. My mom had five sisters, all living nearby, and my grandparents' home served as a retreat for all. The small synagogue offered us a place to worship during the High Holidays and for special events i.e. my Bar Mitzvah. The synagogue always recruited a rabbinical student from the local university to conduct services.

As I entered into my early teen years, I was always bigger than most of my classmates, and it was very difficult for many to comprehend that at the age of thirteen I stood six-feet two inches which made me larger than life! This is where I encountered bullying by being tall... no fault of my own – dad was six feet four and my grandfather was six feet-three. Riding school buses to and from school, kids tried to bully me with name calling and physical confrontation. Nevertheless I persevered, by taking my physical stature to the football fields, basketball courts and track and field venues where most if not all my life experiences changed. The bullying stopped and I was being recognized for feats in the athletic world.

Fast forward to today and some of the past memories had resurfaced. While attending my 50th high school reunion, which occurred during the high holidays, I attended services with my cousin at the same small synagogue where my Bar Mitzvah had taken place. To my surprise, I was called to the bimah for an aliyah. I had explained to the congregants that 55 years before, just two months prior, I had completed my Bar Mitzvah responsibilities here at this same bimah.

Life goes on and we make the best of what we have with all our God-given talents – moral: stand tall and be counted....

Support for victims of Hurricane Harvey **Through the Jewish Federations** of North America

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American Red Cross

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Union for Reform Judaism

This is a fund to assist URJ Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, Texas in providing evacuation housing for victims of the hurricane.

https://uri.org/hurricane-harvey

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October 2017 Adelante is September 19. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!

Office Hours

On weekdays, Rabbi Karol is in the office every day except for Thursday. Times vary, but you can mostly count on finding Rabbi Karol in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 am (and Fridays while he is preparing for Shabbat worship) and on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30 pm. Ruth Rubin is volunteering in the office on Tuesdays at 10:30am until 11:15 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbelc.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

Sukkot and Simchat Torah at Temple Beth-El

Sukkah Building—Sunday, October 1 11:00 am (Tentative time)

Erev Sukkot—Wednesday, October 4

Sukkah decorating at 4:30 pm

Service in the Sukkah at 5:45 pm, Pizza dinner following

First morning of Sukkot—Thursday, October 5

Service at 10:00 am, kiddush following

Simchat Torah—Wednesday October 11

Dinner at 5:30 pm, Service at 6:15 pm

Simchat Torah morning—Wednesday, October 12 Service including Yizkor prayers at 10:00 am, kiddush following

WEEKLY **TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

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





Renaissance

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ArtsFaire Market nized by The Doña Ana Arts

Council, will be held on November 4 & 5, 2017 at Young Park. It will feature the usual wide range of activities for all ages, numerous craft stands and many food booths.

Temple Beth-El will again be sponsoring our pastrami sandwich and kosher hot dog deli booth (on Sunday). The Center for Spiritual Living in Las Cruces will again be partnering with us (sponsoring on Saturday).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Zeemont at mudjob@earthlink.net or call 575-523-0913

Israel Update—<u>ISRAEL IS DIFFERENT- PART 2</u> By Phil Alkon

In last month's column, I discussed two significant ways in which Israel differs from what we might expect of a "normal" country, like the United States. First, Israel's positive reality contrasts sharply with the ugly distortion of the country generated by much of the mainstream media. That much of the world chooses to believe the distortion may represent the new, politically acceptable version of Jew-hatred (Oops! Anti-Semitism, that is). Secondly, Israelis really do differ from Americans, for example, in their confrontational attitude among themselves and towards others. Does this irksome trait reflect the heritage of a people that has long been marginalized and threatened wherever it has lived?

Another way in which Israelis differ is that the reality that they perceive and act on is much "realer" than that which holds for much of the Western World. Israelis actually seek challenges, define them in clear, pragmatic terms, and then meet them head on in resourceful and creative ways. Their approach contrasts with current American attitudes in which important issues - from dysfunctional government to climate change to immigration policy to North Korean nuclear threats - are accepted as overwhelming, unbounded and untreatable. The kneejerk response to virtually any American problem has become a convenient justification of why we really can't do anything about it.

Israel faces issues that are even more profound than America's regarding its very existence and its character as a nation and society. It remains physically threatened by hostile Middle East forces that are backed by a powerful Russian ally. Internally, it seeks to create a civil and democratic society that embraces all of its incredibly varied cultural, religious and political diversity. Poor in natural resources, it strives to elevate its human resources to unmatched heights. No other people in the world faces the daunting array of challenges that Israelis tackle on a daily basis. Their response is not convenient escapism, but - "What must we do now!"

Israel has made astonishing progress in a broad array of human endeavors, including medicine, agriculture, education, science, technology, defense, democratic governance, and the intellectual and performing arts. China may be the only other country that has accomplished equivalent infrastructural and economic progress in recent decades. But China's advances are driven by a repressive philosophy and regime that does not welcome public participation or debate. One only has to walk the streets of nearly any Israeli community to sense the vitality of a people that is immersed and involved, at a very personal level, in shaping their own history.

What underlies this phenomenal expression of the human spirit? Why the eagerness to take on and overcome insurmountable problems? And then to share those experiences with mankind? A look at how Israel has faced and overcome a severe, long-term water crisis provides an insightful example. The scarcity of fresh water in a largely arid Eretz Yisrael was recognized even in Biblical times, and the Torah offers a range of rules on the protection and wise use of this precious resource. Pre-state Zionist leaders focused on the management of the Jordan River as a fresh water source, and enlisted international expertise in this effort. From brave but humble beginnings, Israel now has remarkably transformed itself into a "world water superpower," according to those in the know. Applying a wide range of innovate conservation, recycling and desalinization initiatives, Israel not only fully meets its own domestic water needs, but supplies fresh water to the Palestinian Authority and to neighboring Jordan. Also, breakthroughs in water technology and strategies earn the country some \$2 billion in international trade, a benefit which will grow to \$10 billion within the decade. China and India have emerged as important clients, and Israel contributes substantial water-technology assistance to water-needy countries around the globe.

American-Israeli water expert Seth Siegel notes that Israel's spectacular achievements in this one area have undercut historians' dire predictions regarding Israel's long-term viability, on the one hand, and the likelihood of regional Middle-East wars based on the water scarcity issue, on the other. He also emphasizes that Israel has never used water as a weapon in conflicts with the Palestinians or its hostile Arab neighbors. To do so would contradict the Jewish ethos of justice and Israel's requirement to fulfill its role as "a light unto the nations." Israel's unmatched progress in mastering its water challenges owes more to its Judaic cultural roots and to Judaism's faith in human capabilities than to the country's vaunted status as a center of high technology. An opportunity to restore a long dormant homeland and nation (God's only real estate deal with any people), and to demonstrate untapped human potential, has driven these accomplishments. In fact, a solid underpinning in Jewish values and tradition applies to other fields in which Israel has flourished. God has demanded much of the Jewish people, and in Israel they are responding across a broad range of endeavors that have benefited mankind as well.

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary August 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Torres at 7:01 pm. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the July meeting.

The Rabbi reported that all Religious School teachers will be back this Fall. Shabbat on September 1 will start with a wine and cheese pre-neg at 5:45 pm and services at 6:15 pm. The family service will be held on September 8 at 6:00 pm at Sagecrest Park on Roadrunner, with a potluck afterwards. He reported on the value of his attendance at the New CAJE Conference.

President Ellen Torres reported that she is still in need of an Adult Education Chair. She noted that the grant team and the Adult Ed Committee are working together for upcoming grant events. Meetings with Mike Batkin were held to refine the Irving Batkin Fund to promote Jewish education.

The Treasurer reported that the current incoming Fair Share Pledges (FSP) are low now but usually increase during the first quarter. Monthly invoices will be generated; however, they will not be sent to those who have sent in their money. He has reached out to make sure all of those who need mailed statements get them.

Three Sisterhood Council representatives have stepped down after serving for several years—Michele Blum, Brenda Parish, and Elisha Rosenberg. New council members are being sought and will be identified shortly. The Sisterhood Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

The History Committee continues to review materials and plans to develop an exhibit of Jews in Las Cruces as they develop material in a usable and accessible fashion.

On August 25 and 26, Rabbi Bob Alper, nationally known Jewish comedian, will perform at TBE. There will be a need for refreshments, especially for Saturday night.

Tina Wasserman, noted Jewish cookbook author, will be here in November. Details will follow. These two events are sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Al-

ison Mann is overall Chair for the Wasserman event.

The film *Challah Rising in the Desert: A History of the Jews of New Mexico* will be shown on September 10, 2017 at 2PM. The producer will be here to have a Q & A session after the film. The film is scheduled to be shown nationally so we are privileged to have it here for one of its first showings. Refreshments will be needed.

A motion was made by Ned Rubin and seconded by Michael Mandel to get plaques for significant donors (i.e., the new doors). Dee Cook stated that the Biblical Garden Committee will get plaques for the donors of trees in the garden.

Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, gave an overview of the many services offered by the Federation, highlighting those specific to Las Cruces, and those planned for us in the future. He noted that there has been an increase in the funds raised and distributed in the past 2 years. Temple Beth-El is the recipient of a grant from these funds, which allows us to have programs we could not otherwise afford. Sue Bendalin, the Campaign Director, would like to have a volunteer phone bank for Las Cruces and will provide training and support. Eitan Lavi, the President of JFGEP, stated that he is happy to be here and hopes to attend more of our TBE events.



If you would like to order a brick for the brick walkway or biblical garden, please contact Alison Mann or Dee Cook. Dee and Alison can help with wording, and can send forms directly to you by computer. Check your Temple directory for their contact information.

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.



Temple Beth-El Religious School for 2017-2018 began with an orientation session on Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am. Families gathered for refreshments and social time, and students then divided into their classes with all of our faculty returning from last year (Kaitlyn Mead, Sarah Mindlin, Rhonda Karol, Erich Zameret, and Rabbi Karol). Parents met to discuss programming for and perspectives on the coming year. Weekly Wednesday Hebrew sessions began on August 30, and weekly Sunday sessions will resume on September 10.



Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE

Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

Here are longer lists for items needed! For Casa de Peregrinos: Peanut Butter and the following Canned foods: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Fruits, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Beans, and Meats For El Caldito: Spices, Regular Mayonnaise,

Beans, Beef and Chicken Soup Stock

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



Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

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

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

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

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

Donations for July 29-August 30, 2017 General Fund

- Dee Cook, a special thanks to Bob Kimball for your expertise
- Dee Cook, in memory of Dorothy Whitledge, Jacob Klempner and Goldie Greenberg
- Dee Cook, in honor of the birth of Joshua Karol
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Sol Brandt and Morton Brandt

Religious School Fund

 Lionel and Rose Jacobs, in memory of Eva Rayblatt and Cecile Elfant

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

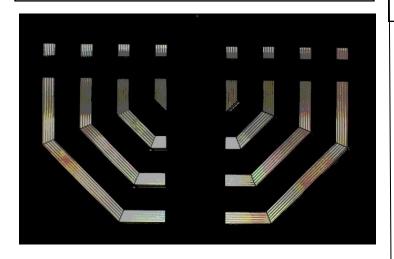
- Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Gloria Hudson
- Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Robert Hudson
- Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown
- Jason and Elisha Rosenberg, with thanks to Rabbi Karol in honor of Casey's Bat Mitzvah
- Leonard Pritikin, in memory of Geneva Pritikn
- Bernice Langner, in memory of Jennie Wagman Freeman and Samuel Freeman

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

 Cyrille Kane, in memory of June Jenkins, Helen Raphael, Abe Pomerantz, Marnie Leverett, Neysa Pritikin, Ned Duffy and Rabbi Jerry Kane

Biblical Garden Fund

• Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Sam Smalley



TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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



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

Yahrzeits-August 27 through October 8, 2017

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

Read on Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2

Irving Batkin* (Mike Batkin)

Paul Deutschman (Ellen Torres)

Lulu Dimig (Debbie Levy)

Joseph Epstein (Marlene Benz)

Bella Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Millie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Philip Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Eve Holzman*

Jane Abrams Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)

Wolfie Jacobs (Lionel Jacobs)

Abraham Dov Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Chia Shayna Kaplan, Dina Kaplan, Isser Kaplan, Maria Kaplan and Yossel Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Rose Lieberman Hodess (Michael Lieberman)

Albert Petrowski* (Margaret Petrowsky)

Samuel Pomerantz*

Geneva Pritikin* (Leonard Pritikin)

Samuel Rice*

Martin Steinman*

Sidney Waldman*

Zarah Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

Read on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9

Thomas E Bell (Joseph Bell)

Irv Dworsky*

Morris Feldman*

Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Ethel Kreps*

Bessie Pass (Willie Pass)

Donald David Stern*

Read on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16

Sylvia Blumkin*

Zellie Capin (Bea Klein)

Shari Kandel (Teddy Weinglass)

Joseph Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)

Helen Rothman (Nina Rothman)

Samuel Smalley* (Alison Mann)

Read on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23

Shepley Backman (Judy Kirschner)

Louis Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)

Fabian Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)

Emily Cohen* (Sue Brown, Marieka Brown and Jeanne Brown)

Isadore Frank*

Donald Gantert (Susi Kolikant)

Beth Lawrence (David Zeemont)

Ted Levy (Tom Levy)

Nathan Siegel*

Read on Friday, September 29

Iylene Caplan (Betty Rosse)

Yetta Feldman*

Samuel Freeman (Bernice Langner)

Thomas Gatkin*

Blanche Geisinger (Ruth Ann Sugarman)

Martin Greenfield*

Ralph Holzman*

Bernard Kottler (Marsha San Filippo)

Anna Lampert* (Gabriel Lampert)

Richard Meltzer (Colette Meltzer)

Martin Muffs* (Carol Bernstein)

Sidney Muffs* (Carol Bernstein)

Esther Y. Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman, Selma Ryave)

Rose Sommers* (Frances Williams)

Sam Sommers* (Frances Williams)

Read on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

Benjamin Golden*

Reba Kirschner* (Gabriel Lampert)

Rabbi Joseph Klein*

Robert Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)

Mary Krepps*

Herman Limmer*

Gary David Liston (Nina Rothman)

Dorothy Rabinovitch (David Rabinovich)

Emily Shorr (Susan Michelson)

Mabel Stern*

Jack Troy (Marsha San Filippo)

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

Cherri Hudson-Brown and Jeff Brown, On the death of Cherri's uncle, Robert Hudson, On August 24, 2017 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

May his memory be for blessing.

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

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Newsletter.
- Hebrew vs. conventional calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional calendar date are asked to please email or call the administrator a few days prior to the service.
- *Asterisks at left indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office.



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

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

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Michael Bruder
Saturday, December 2, 2017

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Elul 10 1 Wine and Cheese 5:45 pm Shabbat Service 6:15 pm PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES!	Elul 11 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 12 3 No Religious School	Elul 13 4 Labor Day	Elul 14 5	Elul 15 6 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Elul 16 7	Elul 17 8 SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AT SAGECREST PARK 6:00 pm Potluck dinner fol- lowing (hot dogs provided)	Elul 18 9 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 19 10 Religious School 9:00 am Sisterhood Luncheon 11:00 am Challah Rising in the Desert—Film 2:00 pm	Elul 20 11	Elul 21 12	Elul 22 13 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm	Elul 23 14	Elul 24 15 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Elul 25 16 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am SELICHOT Study and Service—7:30 pm
Elul 26 17 Religious School 9:00 am	Elul 27 18	Elul 28 19	Elul 29 20 ROSH HASHANAH Evening Service 8:00 pm Oneg Following	Tishrei 1 21 ROSH HASHANAH IST DAY 9:00am Family Service 10:00 am Morning Service Tashlich at Young Park one hour after morning service ends	Tishrei 2 22 ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY—10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service followed by Bagel Brunch SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICE 6PM (EARLY TIME)	Tishrei 3 23 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tishrei 4 24 Religious School 9:00 am Cemetery Service 1:00 pm	Tishrei 5 25	Tishrei 6 26	Tishrei 7 27 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15am Hebrew School 4:45 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tishrei 8 28	Tishrei 9 29 Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur Service 8:00 pm	Tishrei 10 30 YOM KIPPUR 9am Family service 10am Morning Srvc 1:15 pm Sharing 2:45 pm Rabbis' Study 4:15 pm Afternoon 5:30 pm Yizkor Neilah 7:15 Break-the-fast

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