



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

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Shabbat/Holiday Services in April:
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Jewish Food and Folk Festival
on Sunday, April 6
11:00 am-4:00 pm
See Page 6 for all of our
up-to-date information!



**Join us on Friday, April 11
to mark the
100th Anniversary of the
Anti-Defamation League
during our 7:30 pm Shabbat Service.**

Betsy Ehrenberg, new Board Chair of ADL New Mexico, will speak about the important work of this century-old organization.



Betsy Ehrenberg was recently installed as ADL New Mexico Board Chair. She is a graduate of Carnegie Tech majoring in computer science, and received her masters degree from Harvard, University. She was employed by HP, IBM, and privately owned Silicon Valley corporations. Currently she is an entrepreneur, business-woman, arts organizer and collector residing in Santa Fe, New Mexico where she is a marketing advisor to high tech businesses and promotes opportunities for exchange of information for investors and entrepreneurs. "I became involved with ADL to learn more about civil rights and to be able to recognize and appropriately respond to prejudicial and bigoted statements. I wanted to pass on this legacy to my children, and we studied ADL issues together. ADL's educational resources are tremendous." Betsy and her husband Richard are avid contemporary glass collectors.

The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all."

Now the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency, ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and protects civil rights for all.

Please join us in the Temple Beth-El Sanctuary on Saturday, April 19th at 7:30 pm for an exciting evening of classical music and maybe a little ragtime, presented by Piatigorsky Foundation artists, violinist Qing Li and pianist Richard Dowling. A reception will follow the concert.



Qing Li was born in Beijing, China. At age four, she began violin studies with her father Zhen-Kun Li. At age 12, Qing Li won her acceptance to the Central Conservatory. There she was discovered at a master class by Berl Senofsky, who enthusiastically brought her to the Peabody Conservatory with a fellowship scholarship. She has won fellowships in this country's major music festival programs. Her teachers include Berl Senofsky, and the legendary Josef Gingold. She is a sought-after chamber musician, having collaborated with such luminaries as Pinchas Zukerman, Eugenia Zukerman, Hilary Hahn, and Leon Fleischer.

Richard Dowling is a native of Houston TX. He appears regularly across the United States in solo recitals, at chamber music and jazz/ragtime festivals, and as a guest soloist in concerto performances with orchestras. He has been acclaimed by audiences for his elegant and exciting style of playing, which earns him frequent return engagements. An artist of international stature, Mr. Dowling has presented solo recitals all over the world. Career highlights include a sold-out New York orchestral debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, a solo recital at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in New York, and a special award from the National Federation of Music Clubs recognizing his outstanding performances of American music. Works of Chopin, Debussy, Ravel, Gershwin, and ragtime figure prominently in his repertoire.



Leora Zeitlin will be interviewing Qing Li and Richard Dowling at 3:30 pm on Friday, April 18 on KRWG-FM 90.7.



**Yom Hashoah/Holocaust
Remembrance Day Observance at
Temple Beth-El on Sunday, April 27
at 2:00 pm, including a
memorial Candlelighting and
prayers, followed by a screening of
"Defiance" by the Mensch Club.**

**See Rabbi Karol's comments on the film
on Page 3. (Holocaust Remembrance prayers
on Friday, April 25 as well)**

Worship Schedule



Friday, April 4—FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat Service for young children and their families

6:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Barbara Berger and Nancy Rosen.

Saturday, April 5

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:00-11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Special time)

Parashat Metzora Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Haftarah II Kings 7:3-20

Friday, April 11

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service: Betsy Ehrenberg, ADL New Mexico Board Chair, will speak to mark the ADL's 100th Anniversary. *Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Brenda Parish, Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown.*

Saturday, April 12

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Acharei Mot Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Haftarah Shabbat Hagadol Malachi 3:4-24

Tuesday, April 15

FIRST MORNING OF PESACH SERVICE

10:00 am Service and Kiddush

Parashah for Pesach Exodus 12:21-51

Haftarah Joshua 5:2-6:1

Friday, April 18

7:15 pm Meditation led by David Fishman

7:30 pm Shabbat Pesach Service—*Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Bruder Family.*

Saturday, April 19—Shabbat Pesach

9:00 am Talmud

10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush

Torah Pesach Shabbat Chol Hamoed Ex 33:12-34:26

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14

Tuesday, April 22

LAST MORNING OF PESACH SERVICE, Including Yizkor/memorial prayers

10:00 am Service and Kiddush

Parashah for 8th Day Pesach Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

Haftarah Isaiah 10:32-12:6

Friday, April 25

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service/New Members Shabbat. Rabbi Karol will speak on: "Holy Lives." The service will include prayers for Holocaust Remembrance. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.*

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Service until 11:15 am

11:15 am Special Discussion Program

"Holiness: When, where and what?"

A bagel brunch will follow the service.

Parashat Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Haftarah Ezekiel 22:1-16

Friday, May 2—FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat Service for young children and their families

6:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

7:30 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Meditation at 7:15 pm before our April 18 service in the Sanctuary, led by David Fishman

In order to enhance the Shabbat Service, we will begin with a short Hebrew Meditation, in the Sanctuary, on April 18th from 7:15 -7:30 pm. Those who do not wish to participate may attend the regular service beginning at 7:30 pm. Please try to enter the Synagogue as quietly as possible so that the peaceful atmosphere we are trying to create is not disturbed.

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RABBIS

Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane, Rabbi Emeritus

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Temple Board will be held on April 24 at 7:00 pm.



Message from Rabbi Karol

In a well-known story (midrash) from the rabbis, the Israelites were standing at the shore of the Sea of Reeds as the Egyptian army was about to catch up with them in their frantic pursuit of their former slaves. The people were afraid. One tribe said, "We will not be the first to go into the sea." Another tribe said, "And we will not be the first to go into the sea." While they were standing there arguing about who would enter the sea first, while making no progress in getting to the other side, Nachshon, the son of Aminadav, of the tribe of Judah, sprang forward and jumped into the water. The waters parted and the rest of the people followed him as they continued along their journey to freedom.

There are many times in our lives when we are like the Israelites, unwilling to take a step forward as we are immobilized by the fear of the unknown, even when we know that staying in place might be a cause for greater struggle and challenge. Such hesitation prevents us from seeing the possibilities and promise that could come to us in the future if we had faith that we could "get to the other side" by putting one foot in front of the other. In the midrash from the rabbis, Nachshon is considered brave because he overcame his fear and encouraged all of the people to let go of the familiar. They moved ahead together as a people. While their path was not always smooth, and there were more challenges ahead, there was always someone among them ready to exhibit courage and leadership like Nachshon.

This tale about the Israelites is not about taking only one step. It is about being persistent enough to take many steps to continue the journey. It is about a commitment to seeing a process through to its conclusion and being willing to share with others wisdom and insights gained along the way. The upcoming holiday of Passover is our annual signpost to consider the ways in which we are working to preserve freedom in the human family. The Seder recreates the Exodus experience to heighten our empathy with those who are not yet free. Pesach reminds us that freedom is won by putting one foot in front of the other, making incremental headway towards liberty not yet achieved. We can be like Nachshon, taking on a major role in exhibiting the bravery that it takes to make the miracle of liberation come to fruition.

The road to Temple Beth-El's first Jewish Food and Folk Festival has not required us to cross a sea, but sometimes, I am sure, committee members felt like they were taking the first steps to make waters part! It has been a pleasure and privilege to witness members of the congregation coming together to share expertise and talents to realize this dream of creating such a community event to showcase the sights, tastes, and sounds of Jewish culture and life. **PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 6 DURING THE JEWISH FOOD AND FOLK FESTIVAL** to help us be ambassadors to the greater Las Cruces Community.

We will soon see the planning by the committee working on the **brick walkway and biblical garden** come to fruition

in its first phase with the creation of the walkway itself. As the Passover Haggadah and the Book of Exodus tell the story of the Israelites' trek to freedom, this walkway will tell OUR STORY of family ties and legacies, celebrations, and community participation. Your involvement in this effort will add to the story told on the bricks as shape this special addition to our Temple grounds.

On April 11, during our Shabbat service, we will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Anti-Defamation League with a talk by Betsy Ehrenberg, ADL New Mexico Board Chair. In 1913, the ADL had its own Nachshon. In an atmosphere of hatred against Jews fueled by the Leo Frank case in Atlanta, the Anti-Defamation League was established in 1913 by a lawyer and fearless visionary by the name of Sigmund Livingston. Starting with only two desks in Livingston's Chicago office, \$200 and the sponsorship of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, Livingston spelled out the League's ambitious, compelling mission: "to stop, by appeals to reason and conscience, and if necessary, by appeals to law, the defamation of the Jewish people. . . to secure justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike. . . put an end forever to unjust and unfair discrimination against and ridicule of any sect or body of citizens." We will hear more about the work of the ADL on April 11. We can rest assured that this organization continues to fulfill its mission to combat discrimination and hatred against any religious, cultural or ethnic group.

On Friday, April 25, we will add prayers of Holocaust Remembrance to our service. On Sunday, April 27, the Mensch Club will present a screening of the movie "Defiance." The story of the Bielski Partisans, as told in this film directed by Edward Zwick, portrays the real dilemmas that this group faced. In his review of "Defiance," Roger Ebert explained, "The Bielskis set up a self-sustaining village in the wilderness. Their situation is more precarious because they are surrounded by anti-Semites not only from Germany but from Russia and Poland. They cooperate with Soviet forces out of necessity, but cannot delude themselves. Their efforts prevailed, and today there are thousands who would not have been born if they had not succeeded."

As fellow community members, we are walking along a shared path, always building and strengthening our ties with each other. May our partnership ever bring to us renewed spirit and hope. Happy Passover to all!!!!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

See rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com, Rabbi Karol's blog featuring Divrei Torah from recent Friday night services.

*From our home to yours,
we wish you a
meaningful and joyous Pesach!
Rabbi Larry, Rhonda and Adam Karol*



President's Message

Sunday, March 22nd.
What a day: spent the morning making chicken soup with a group for the Jewish Food and Folk

Festival. Had quite an experience watching people try to make matzo balls for the first time, and ended the day with a wonderful concert by the Los Tres Larrys y Alison.

For those of you who missed the concert, and the wonderful entertainment by this joint group from the El Paso and Las Cruces Jewish community, you will have an opportunity next year. I hear there is talk of making this an annual event. It was so nice to see so many people drive up here from El Paso. Thank you to the Adult Education Committee for showcasing us and as always having a lovely oneg to bring people together.

We're forging ahead with our Jewish Food and Folk Festival and hope you will attend and invite your friends to a fun-filled afternoon. Many people are working hard to make this a successful event. There is still time to sign up to work the day before in setting up, working on the day of and to help in cleaning up. Please make this a part of your commitment to our community. it's a wonderful opportunity to work together and make new friends.

By now, you have all received the finalized order for the brick walkway. We hope you will be able to send your forms in as soon as possible so we can go forward with the ordering process.

After the Jewish Food and Folk Festival, there will be some work done outside of our "front" entrance in creating the path. Every small step is one step closer to starting our walkway and then on to our biblical garden.

This year is going by fast. I can't believe almost a year has gone by since our last Congregational meeting. I've asked Jim Rosenthal to head the nominating committee for new board members which we will elect at the upcoming Congregational meeting on Thursday, May 22. You will receive further information in the mail a couple of weeks before the meeting.

Thank you,
Dee Cook

Sisterhood Passover Seder Update

Thank you everyone for your responses to our first night Passover Seder. We have now reached the maximum capacity and can no longer take any more requests for seating. Your early responses have been overwhelming. We apologize if you were planning to attend.

Michele Blum

***Passover Seder chairperson
and the Seder Committee***

Erich Zameret will be offering Hebrew and Yiddish classes on Tuesday evenings beginning in April, based on the interest of congregants and community members.

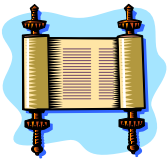
A donation to Temple is requested from participating students.

To sign up, please contact Erich at 575-639-0785

or via email at ezmrt35@yahoo.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



TANAKH STUDY

Led by Rabbi Larry Karol
on Wednesdays at 10:15-11:30 am

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.



Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms
Meeting on Monday night April 28
at 7:00 pm

and continuing on selected Mondays
throughout the coming months.

Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by
email (rabbi@tblc.org) or by calling Temple.

**Ilana Lapid spoke on "Through the Lens of Cinema:
Borderlands as Testing Grounds
on Sunday, March 2**



**Los Tres Larrys y Alison Concert on March 23 at
Temple Beth-El—featuring Rabbi Larry Bach, Pro-
fessor Larry Lesser, Alison Westermann and
Rabbi Larry Karol
(with Emil Chaparro and Sara Potter)**



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

led by Susan Lapid, is still meeting periodically,
For more information,

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



Jewish Food and Folk Festival
Sunday, April 6, 2014
11:00 am-4:00 pm

Remember our pastrami and hot dogs from the Renaissance Faire? Get another taste at our fundraiser!



3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

- Jewish Food
- Folk Dancing
- Kids' Games & Crafts
- 50/50 Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Music

Admission \$3
Kids under 12 Free
 Food sold at event

Pastrami • Knishes • Falafel
 Kosher Hot Dogs • Matzo
 Ball Chicken Soup • Desserts
 Challah & More!

Sunday, April 6th
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tickets: (575) 524-3380
LCJewishFestival.weebly.com



**JFFF
 2014
 Preparations!
 Decorations
 on
 Sunday,
 March 9
 and
 Chicken
 Matzo Ball
 Soup
 on
 Sunday,
 March 23**



JFFF is this weekend!

The Temple's Jewish Food and Folk Festival is fast-approaching (Sunday April 6 from 11-4) and we still need help to make it a successful event that will showcase our synagogue. Have you...

...Volunteered for a particular booth and shift?

...Bought tickets for the event or sold any tickets?

There is still time, but not much! There are quite a few time slots open in the following areas:

- **Multiple booths** - You can either take food tickets or serve food/drinks like at the Ren Faire
- **Ticket Rovers**-Walk around to sell food tickets
- **Clean-up Crew**—Keep dining areas clean and tidy
- **Replenishers/Helpers** - Replenish food from kitchen to booths

If you have not yet signed up for a particular booth and shift, please contact Rebecca Berkson at Becca.berkson@gmail.com, or 575-522-0305.

We especially need help during the 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. shifts.

Tickets

We have printed more tickets. Call the Temple at 524-3380 for tickets and information. Tickets are available at the door, but we prefer to sell tickets in advance (available at Steinborn Realty or at Temple) to gauge how many are attending.

Please **submit your ticket money and stubs** in an envelope to *Brenda Parish*, either at Temple or Steinborn Realty on Roadrunner. Steinborn office is open 8-6 weekdays, and from 9-3 on Saturday. This will tell us how many people are coming so we can prepare accordingly!

Attention volunteers:

We will have a meeting this coming **Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.** at TBE to hand out volunteer badges, and to organize and inform volunteers about their posts, and things like parking, tickets, and forms of payment. It is important that you attend so everyone is on the same page and arrives prepared on Sunday. If you cannot attend, please email Rebecca Berkson at Becca.berkson@gmail.com.

With a little more help, this is going to be a fabulous event! The silent auction now has over 100 items of value! We have art, crystal, jewelry and much more. Please come and help support the Temple by bidding on items for sale, introducing your friends to Jewish food and music, and working with other congregants in the spirit of fellowship. Let's show them what TBE is about!

Purim Carnival and Purim Shpiel—Saturday, March 15, 2014



Hamentaschen Baking on March 12 (Thank you to Susan Fitzgerald for coordinating our effort!)



Purim Play on March 16—Presented by Sarah Mindlin's and Erich Zameret's students!!!



MARCH MADNESS -- AKA PURIM! (From Leora Zeitlin)

If there is one Jewish holiday that calls for revelry and unabashed fun, it's Purim -- and about 80 revelers showed up for a grand Purim celebration on Saturday night, March 15, replete with the annual Purim Carnival, a pizza dinner, songs, and a hilarious Purim spiel. Many people worked hard to make the evening a success. Heartfelt thanks to BETY advisor Katie Ham, who baked several mouth-watering pies to sell at the auction for the youth group, and worked with BETY leaders and other teens to set up the carnival and buy the toys. We had numerous BETY and BEMY kids show up to staff the carnival booths (as well as some parents), and we thank them all for carrying on this long-standing TBE youth-led tradition. Thanks also to Youth Committee co-chair Julie Seton, to the parents who ensured that their teens were there, and to all the members of the community who came out for the fun. Carrie Swartz surprised us with beautiful gift baskets and baked goods to auction off, and provided valuable advice on ordering the pizzas. Baked goods also came from the Weinbaums, Bruders and other families -- we didn't keep careful records, but thank you to everyone who brought food and helped. Susan Fitzgerald provided a Haman piñata, filled with candy, for the children to bring to justice. Rabbi Karol led the community in Purim songs, took pictures, and chanted several lines from the Megillah. Stuart Kelter wrote the hilarious Purim Spiel, which included plenty of political satire mixed in with the story of Queen Esther, Haman, Mordecai and Ahashverosh. It was performed by Jacob Kelter, Andrea Orzoff, Leora Zeitlin, Stuart Kelter, Zack Quintero, Evan Zigmond, Ezekiel Swartz, Olivia Weinbaum, Sam and Mateo Garcia-Bryce and Rabbi Karol, as well as a parade of costumed audience-members. Thank you to everyone who made donations, and/or bought desserts and gift baskets to support our youth groups. And to everyone who helped clean it all up -- another huge thank you! My sincere apologies to anyone I have forgotten in this list. It was a night of fun, laughs and community.

ISRAEL UPDATE

About Israel Update. The Israel Committee of Temple Beth-El presents *Israel Update* in hopes of fostering awareness of Israel-related events and information, and energizing community efforts in behalf of Israel's security, welfare and democratic character. Your feedback is welcome. Contact Phil Alkon [524-6945, philipalkon@gmail.com]. Todah Rabah!

The BDS Movement vs. Israel: Underlying Issues

By Phil Alkon

On Sunday, March 6th, the Israel Committee held the first of what we hope will be a continuing series of open discussions on significant Israel-related issues at Temple Beth-El. Our topic for the initial *Israel Roundtable* was the global BDS movement, and was subtitled: "Why Boycott, Divest from and Sanction Israel?" The turnout was encouraging, and the ensuing discussion was lively, diverse and civil. For those unfamiliar with BDS, it is an organized global campaign, coordinated by the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) in the West Bank, aimed at isolating and punishing Israel across a broad spectrum of economic, political, scientific, diplomatic, cultural, and academic fronts. In the BNC's own words, the movement represents a "central form of civil resistance to Israeli occupation, colonialism and apartheid." It is justified because "Israel has denied Palestinians their fundamental rights of freedom, equality, and self-determination through ethnic cleansing, colonization, racial discrimination, and military occupation."

Roundtable participants expressed a variety of opinions regarding the BDS. Most appeared to believe that the movement was hypocritical, at best, for singling out Israel as the sole target for condemnation while ignoring far more egregious examples of human rights abuses throughout the world.

Now, in reflection, two underlying issues strike me as paramount. The first, concerning the Palestinian Arabs themselves, raises the question *Why a BDS movement to begin with?* The second, concerning the world at large is: *Why is the BDS movement succeeding?*

A response to the first question reflects my unhappy conclusion that two forces have dominated Arab culture in recent centuries, much to the Arab world's detriment. One is a religious-tribalistic self-identity founded on intolerance and even outright hatred of the "other." The second is a shared vision that accepts only Muslim Arab sovereignty anywhere in the Middle East. On these grounds, Israel represents the ideal enemy. That is, Jews are tribal enemies on religious-historical grounds; and their state, Israel, represents a blatant contamination of the sacred Muslim Arab homeland. That these alien Jews have managed to create the only reasonably civil, modern and secure society in the region doesn't sit too well with Arab Muslim sensibilities either.

In fact, Israel's existence puts the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza in a particularly difficult quandary. On the one hand, they can accept a Jewish homeland as a neighbor and partner in progress, and thereby gain their own statehood for the first time in history. Alternatively, they can continue to

blame Israel and the Jews for all their ills, and avoid taking the daunting challenge of shaping their own future. The BDS exemplifies the first, easy way out. Continuing the century-long "struggle" against the "Zionist entity" must be a more tempting, reliable option than making peace with your enemies and creating a civil society on your own. There are no contemporary Arab models to follow on that path.

Now to the second major question or issue, i.e., why the increasing acceptance of the BDS message beyond the Arab world? The BDS is, in fact, exploiting perhaps the most incredible public relations coup of our times. Namely, the attainment by Palestinian Arabs - at least those having to deal with Israel and the Jews - of the world championship in "victimhood." Given regional cultural mores, it is not surprising that self-pity and self-delusion dominate Palestinian leadership attitudes; and victimhood neatly compliments their "Jews are our enemy" worldview. But what is surprising, and alarming, is the extent to which many segments of world opinion embrace that perspective and are now acting on it with a very unquestioning focus.

Remaining space does not permit me to deal with that phenomenon in a comprehensive way here. Contributing factors surely include widespread unhappiness with the Israeli "occupation" of the West Bank, perhaps most notably in Israel itself. But Palestinians had suffered greater humiliation and deprivation during two decades of Jordanian and Egyptian rule of the West Bank and Gaza, respectively, without little attention from the international community. Even today, Palestinian residents of Syria (where they are still considered non-citizen "refugees") are battered with impunity by various sides in the civil war with nary a UN resolution nor a World Council of Churches divestment threat in sight. Yes, South African apartheid is thankfully gone, and the world may need a convenient substitute for expressing real or self-fulfilling outrage. But a visitor from outer space might inquire "Why Israel and the Palestinian Arabs?" The Earth abounds with outrageous examples of persecution, including many in which victims cannot conceive of mounting BDS-like challenges to their oppressors without horrific consequences. Could the grotesque fixation with Israel and the Palestinians possibly relate to the fact that Israel is the only Jewish nation on the face of the Earth, and that Jew-hatred is now regaining traction under a somewhat different guise? After all, variety is the spice of life, and we are now some four generations past the Holocaust.

Please let us know what you think. We'll be happy to publish responses here in *Israel Update*.



Israel Roundtable Discussion on March 9, 2014

Call for Volunteers

Looking for a chance to participate in some Tikkun Olam and help students in our community? Valley View Elementary School needs volunteer Reading Buddies for Kindergarten and First Grade students who are acquiring reading skills. Teachers are looking for caring adults to come in and listen to students who are practicing reading aloud.

If you are interested, please contact Tiffanie Velarde at tvelarde@lcps.k12.nm.us or 575-527-9586.



Brian Mitchell, director of Camp Daisy and Harry Stein in Prescott, Arizona, came to Temple Beth-El on March 2 to speak about camp programs. Camp Stein is sponsored and supported by Congregation Beth Israel in Phoenix, Arizona. The camp, previously known as Camp Charles Pearlstein, has a long tradition of serving children in this region of the country. Brochures for Camp Stein are available on the table in the entry foyer. Brian's visit sparked interest in this camp that is, relatively speaking, a short distance away.

Brian's visit had a reunion quality, as Rabbi Karol had served on faculty at Crane Lake Camp in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, when Brian was the assistant director there during the summers of 2007, 2008 and 2009. In addition, Brian's family attended a Bar Mitzvah at which Rabbi Karol officiated in 1988.



Ongoing Events at TBE

WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST

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

(philipalkon@gmail.com or 575-524-6945) for further information.



MENSCH CLUB

For more information about meetings and events,, contact Dave Zeemont at 523-0913 or email at mudjob@earthlink.net

KNITTING GROUP—A knitting group meets at TBE on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 am. For more information, please contact Deana Kessin at 521-4077 or Kessin@comcast.net



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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 Joan Silar at 521-1925 or Bea Klein at 526-2684.

Congratulations to:

Allen and Michele Blum, on the birth of their grandson, Silas Leo Blum, on March 13, 2014, in Sausalito, California. The proud parents are Jared Blum and Sharon Maidenber.

Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE

***Giving to Casa de Peregrinos
& El Caldito***

*The food for April
for Casa de Peregrinos is*

Dry cereal

Foods for April for El Caldito are

**Tuna fish, rice, pasta and peas. El Caldito also needs
jars with lids and plastic bags.**

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

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

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

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

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

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If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click "Like" and join us on our new Facebook community!

Donations through March 30, 2014

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ezra Neidich, in memory of Hattie Neidich & Jacob Neidich
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Lillian Cooper
- Barbara Berger, in memory of Sidney & Estelle Berger
- Thelma Weinglass, in memory of Syd & Reuben Friedman
- Steve and Rabbi Debbie Stiel, in memory of Jean Marks
- Robert & Carla Libby, in memory of Marvin Siegel

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- Norman and Suzanne Mazer, in memory of Ruth Terman, mother of Cyrille Kane
- Joan Silar, in memory of Ruth Terman, mother of Cyrille Kane
- Rochelle and Jerry Silverman, in memory of Ruth Terman, mother of Cyrille Kane
- Rochelle Roth, in memory of Ruth Terman, mother of Cyrille Kane

Temple Beth-El Religious School

- Deana Kessin, thank you to Religious School students for the Purim treats
- Lucien Baltuch & Sherlyn Shervanick, thank you to Religious School students for the Purim treats
- Lila Ziegler, thank you to Religious School students for the Purim treats
- Diane & Harry Bass, thank you to Religious School students for the Purim treats
- Sally & Phil Alkon, thank you to Religious School students for the Purim treats

General Fund

- Jeffrey Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Dolly Zabin
- Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Sima Tashlik
- Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina & Irv Rothman
- Win Jacobs, in memory of Edward Jacobs and Birdsey Youngs
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Ethel Rabkin and Helen Shapiro
- Robert and Monika Kimball, Mazal Tov to Alan and Michele Blum on becoming grandparents
- Dee Cook, in honor of Burt Berkson's 75th Birthday, and in honor of the birth of Silas Blum
- Susannah Skyer Gupta and Vipin Gupta, in memory of Ethel Rabkin

TEMPLE FUNDS—From the Treasurer

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

Fund 2004—For upkeep on our new building.

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

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

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

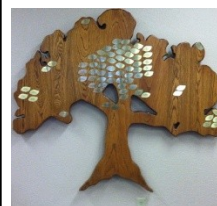
Frances Williams Library Fund—To provide books and infrastructure for the TBE library.

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

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

Beth El Temple Youth Fund—Provides 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, Bill Stein.



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.

APRIL 2014 (NISAN 5774)

Yahrzeits-March 30, 2014 through May 3, 2014

Read on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5

Estelle Berger, Mother of Barbara Berger
Dorothy Frieder*, Mother of Linda Fisher
Muriel Heiman*
Marvin Siegal, Father of Carla Libby
Clara Singer*
Sima Tashlik, Grandmother of Allen Blum
Benjamin White*, Father of Mike White
Eleanor Williamson, Aunt of Barbara Mandel
Birdsey Youngs, Father of Win Jacobs

Read on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12

Molly Aboulafia*
Dvora Alkon, Mother of Phil Alkon
William Elperin, Father of Nancy Rosen
Terry Petty*, Husband of Brenda Parish
Michael Resnick*, Nephew of Frances Williams
Charles Rothschild*
Morty Steckler*, Husband of Selda Steckler, Father of Amy Fox

Read on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19

Dorothy Blumkin*
Ethel Bond*
Gail Evans Kiteley, Sister of Dia Taylor
Jennie Hackman, Aunt of Tanah Hemingway
Carl Hansen*, Husband of Ann Hansen
Judy Harary*, Sister of Tom Harary, Daughter of Jayne Harary
Bill Hemingway, Husband of Tanah Hemingway
Leonard Hurwitz, Father of Susan Fitzgerald
David Leaser, Brother of Helen Raphael
Maxine Markson, Mother of Linda Kruger
James McCuller, Father of Bryan McCuller
Esther Schechter
Ernest Siegmeister, Grandfather of Jamie Bronstein

Read on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26

Helen Capin*, Sister of Bea Klein
Tessie Dash, Mother of Bernard Dash
Sarah Kellner*
Rose Leaser, Mother of Helen Raphael
Alice Mazer, Mother of Norman Mazer
Jacob Mazer, Father of Norman Mazer
Shirley Muffs*, Mother of Carol Bernstein
P.M. Pollack*
Ann San Filippo, Mother of Philip San Filippo
Nathan Weiselman

Read on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

Ida Bass*, Mother of Harry Bass and sister of Abe Pomerantz
Devorah Bat Mordecai, Mother of Tanah Hemingway
Max Bruder*, Father of Murray Bruder
Henry Frank*, Father of Lester Frank
Joseph Friedlander, Grandfather of Nancy Rosen
Shirley Greenberg, Aunt of Cyrille Kane
Max Greenfield*
Jacob Kellner*
Jack Landau, Father of Zuki Fishman
Sam Levine, Father of Michael Levine
Rosalie Muffs*, Wife of Sidney Muffs (Father of Carol Bernstein)
Byron Saltman, Father of Mark Saltman, Grandfather of Jacob and Hannah Saltman
Sadie Sugarman, Mother of Barnett Sugarman
Isador Edward Tapper, Father of Dan Tapper

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

***The family of Elaine Rosenbloom,
on Elaine's death in El Paso
on Sunday, March 16.***

***Rebecca and Arthur Berkson and family,
on the death of Rebecca's aunt,
Kelly Lopez,
on March 20 in Las Cruces.***

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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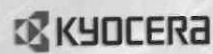
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APRIL 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | Nisan 1 1 | Nisan 2 2 Wednesday <u>Breakfast 8:45 am</u> Tanakh Study <u>10:15 am</u> Short Story Discussion Group <u>1:00 pm</u> Hebrew 4:45 pm | Nisan 3 3 JFFF Volunteer Orientation Meeting 6:30 pm | Nisan 4 4 FAMILY SHABBAT Tot Shabbat 6pm Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm | Nisan 5 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:00-11:00 am |
| Nisan 6 6 Jewish Food and Folk Festival 11am-4pm | Nisan 7 7 | Nisan 8 8 Knitting Group 10:15 am | Nisan 9 9 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew 4:45 pm | Nisan 10 10 | Nisan 11 11 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Marking ADL's 100th Anniversary | Nisan 12 12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am |
| Nisan 13 13 Religious School 9:00 am | Nisan 14 14 Temple Seder 6:15 pm (RESERVATIONS Closed) | Nisan 15 15 First Morning of Pesach Service 10:00 am | Nisan 16 16 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew 4:45 pm | Nisan 17 17 | Nisan 18 18 Meditation at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary Shabbat Pesach Service 7:30 pm | Nisan 19 19 Talmud Study 9am Shabbat Pesach Morning Service 10:15 am Piatigorsky Foundation Concert 7:30 pm |
| Nisan 20 20 Religious School 9:00 am | Nisan 21 21 | Nisan 22 22 Last Morning of Pesach Service Including Yizkor 10:00 am | Nisan 23 23 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew 4:45 pm Sisterhood Council 6:00 pm | Nisan 24 24 Board Meeting 7:00 pm | Nisan 25 25 Shabbat Service Including readings for Holocaust Remembrance 7:30 pm | Nisan 26 26 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Discussion 11:15 am Bagel Brunch following |
| Nisan 27 27 Religious School 9:00 am Yom Hashoah Ceremony 2pm and Mensch Club Film "Defiance" | Nisan 28 28 Sweet Songs: A Journey into the Book of Psalms 7:00 pm | Nisan 29 29 Knitting Group 10:15 am | Nisan 30 30 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Hebrew 4:45 pm | | | |

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