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Las Cruces, New Mexico

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Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- **Friday, December 7** —Chanukah Family Shabbat service at 6:15 pm (following 5:30 pm dinner and before Dreidels and Dessert at 7:00 pm)
- **Friday, December 14** —Shabbat service at 7:00 pm - Monika Kimball will speak on her participation in the Jewish Federations General Assembly in Tel Aviv in October.
- **Friday, December 21** —Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- **Friday, December 28** —Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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

December 25 Breakfast at Camp Hope

Temple Beth-El members will again be serving breakfast at Camp Hope on the morning of December 25. Be watching for details via email in coming weeks.

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso for a Community-Wide Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, December 9. Rabbi Karol will be participating. Carpooling is encouraged for those who plan to attend. Join us at the area observance of the last night of Chanukah!



Invites you to the
Community-Wide Chanukah Celebration
Sunday, December 9 | 5:30 PM

Not by might, and not by power—
But by spirit alone
Shall we all live in peace!



San Jacinto Plaza
114 W Mills Ave.
El Paso, TX 79901
Menorah Lighting Ceremony at 5:45 PM
Hot Chocolate & Doughnuts (Kosher)
Music! Singing!

On Friday, December 7, join us for a **SHABBAT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!**



- Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck & LATKE dinner at 5:30 pm. "Potluck" Latkes are welcome and encouraged!
- Multigenerational Service at 6:15 pm including participation by congregants of all ages! Bring your menorah to light!
- Dreidels and Dessert Oneg Shabbat at 7:00 pm, including dreidel games, Chanukah activities, and Sufganiyot (Jelly Donuts)!
- **ADD YOUR LIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!**



Leadership Series—
Sunday, December 16, 2018—2:00 pm
"Leadership Styles and Skills"
See Page 5 for more information

"A Night at the Auction"
Saturday, January 26
Fundraiser for Temple Beth-El!
See Page 6 for more information!

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, November 30

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Looking for our brothers and sisters.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Diane Fleishman will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8

Friday, December 7—SHABBAT CHANUKAH

5:30 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner with LATKES!!! (“Potluck” Latkes are welcome and encouraged!)

6:15 pm Shabbat Chanukah Family Service, including Chanukiah lighting (bring your Chanukiah/Menorah to light) and participation by congregants of all ages. Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.

7:00 pm Dreidels and Dessert! Our Oneg Shabbat will feature Sufganiyot/Jelly Donuts and other delicacies and Chanukah activities, including playing dreidel!!!

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17
Haftarah for Chanukah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Sunday, December 9—5:30 pm

Chanukah Community-Wide Celebration at San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso, 114 W. Mills Avenue. Rabbi Karol will be participating. Congregants who would like to attend are encouraged to carpool. Join us in this area observance of our Festival of Lights!

Friday, December 14

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—**Monika Kimball will speak on her participation in the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly held in Tel Aviv in October. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Cheryl Decker. Sue Brown will represent the Board of Trustees.**

Saturday, December 15

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27
Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

Friday, December 21

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on,

“What Legacy will we leave?” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 22

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Vayeichi Genesis 47:28-50:26
Haftarah I Kings 2:1-2:12

Friday, December 28

7:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Paula Kramer and Brenda Parish. Cheryl Decker will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, December 29

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1
Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Friday, January 4—FAMILY SHABBAT

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

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

Saturday, January 5

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35
Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

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**The next Board Meeting will be held
at 7:00 pm on
Thursday, December 13, 2018.**



Message from Rabbi Karol

Beginning with the last weekend of October, Temple Beth-El hosted two events that were well-attended by our own congregants and by members of the greater Las Cruces community. Both gatherings gave participants an opportunity to share personal insights about how we can deepen our relationships and strengthen our connections with one another.

On Sunday, October 28, I called together congregants and community members for a vigil and remembrance service for those who died in the shootings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 27. I felt that the service would not be complete without giving those present a chance to talk with each other in a meaningful way. During the service, we read Stacey Zisook Robinson's poem, "Where God Is," which included this poignant statement about how we can try to counter the violent acts that occur in our world. The congregation read this stanza of her poem together:

"Perhaps that is why God asks us -pleads for us -
to sing a new song for all the earth to hear,
to drown out the ugly and sibilant crackle of bullets,
whose only benediction is one of destruction and pain."

I asked the 180 people present what values and sentiments they would include in such a "new song" to God. Here are comments which were shared with the entire group:

- Someone thanked us for coming to share in your grief and pain, but you should know that it's our grief and pain as well.
- We need to show compassion.
- We often judge people by what we see on the outside. We should overcome our tendency to prejudge and sit down with people to talk with them. We will usually find out that what we initially thought about them was wrong.
- Sometimes it's easier to be afraid. We shouldn't let our fear overtake us. We should act out of love and not fear.
- Sometimes our old songs and texts can give us the greatest comfort and inspire us to do justice
- We should include other people in our dialogue and in our lives and be open-minded.
- We sometimes think of people as "the other," but we should treat them as they want to be treated.
- There is something that is good about everybody, and we have to look for it and then pass it along.
- Jewish theologian Martin Buber taught that our relationships can be based on the foundation of "I and Thou" – where the part of God in you sees the part of God in me.
- The love of God will overcome all fear and all hatred.

On November 18, Temple Beth-El hosted an annual inter-faith conversation, sponsored by the Social Action/Adult Education Committee. The title for the program was, "**With Liberty and Justice for All—Leadership, Justice and Unity: What Can We Achieve Together?**" I invited clergy and leaders in the faith community to share their perspectives on five different themes that emerged from the title. I opened with "prayers for our country" from the Jewish tradition. Father Ron Catherson of St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch (Independent), and Sureyya Husain, from the Muslim Outreach

Group of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces, both spoke about freedom. Pastor Donna Cavedon, interim minister at First Christian Church, shared beliefs about justice. The Rev. Carol Tuck, (United Methodist, retired), spoke about leadership. Gordon Butler (Baha'i community) and Rev Dr Harvey Daiho Hilbert (Order of Clear Mind Zen) shared perspectives on unity. Pastor Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church discussed collaboration. Each speaker led a small group discussion, as did retired Pastor Linda Mervine and I. Here are some of the insights that came from these conversations (among the 65 people in attendance):

- We touched on how religion overall, helps us handle change. It was interesting to have a discussion among people of all ages from different faiths and to learn how people have handled their struggles with faith throughout their lives.
- The idea that unity doesn't mean uniformity was important, as was the notion that a meeting like this is a seed-planting that we can nurture, water and grow as we build community.
- We discussed the process of self-sorting, when we place ourselves into groups based on our identities and shared interests. The question is, at what point does someone become the other and become hated? We noticed that our gathering is a self-sorted group because we are interested in diversity. We should find a way to include people in our conversations with whom we have little contact.
- We focused on unity and how we can collaborate based on the value of welcoming the stranger.
- Sometimes we fear that someone else is going to get more than we have. We spoke about how to remove that fear and to reassure everyone that they have freedom in equal measure. We spoke about showing God's love to other people in the way we look at them, talk to them, and smile at them.
- We go forth and act in the community based on scripture. While some people might say a particular position is political, if it's based on one's interpretation of his/her faith's sacred texts, it is definitely and mainly faith-based.
- Caring for others and being present with them can give us a different perspective about their realities. We feel that the golden rule, and values like liberty, justice and unity are not taught anymore. We wonder if we could expand our circle, by teaching about those values through discussion, art and music in ways that would make everyone feel included.
- Collaboration and cooperation are not about being in agreement, but, rather, about the desire to be together. We, as human beings, don't want to be alone.

As our celebration of Chanukah approaches in the coming week, we will again light our Chanukiot and consider the values of freedom, justice, leadership, unity, and collaboration, all of which are essential themes of this bright and joyous holiday. May the lights of Chanukah inspire us to appreciate our gifts and to contribute the best of ourselves to our community!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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



Words of the President: Divrei HaNasi
Fundraising Updates:

Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament

We had a very successful MBO Golf Tournament on October 21, 2018. Much appreciation goes to Lynn Zeemont and the MBO Committee for all their hard work and dedication. Thank

you to Lynn, Michael Mandel, Dee Cook, Ann Berkson, and Dave Zeemont. Thanks also goes to Cheryl and David Decker and Fred Torres for help with golf activities, and to all the hole sponsors and golfers for their help in making this such a great event!

Pastrami Booth at the Renaissance Faire

Our pastrami booth at the November 3 & 4, 2018, Renaissance Faire at Young Park was also very successful, the best in the past few years of our pastrami booth resurgence. Thank you to our TBE volunteers and the volunteers from the Center for Spiritual Living (our Saturday partners), for making this a worthwhile fundraiser. Thank you to the coordinators and organizers: Dave Zeemont, Jeff & Avis Lewis, Michael Mandel, David Decker, and the entire Mensch Club and our Temple family of volunteers—you are all much appreciated!

Both of these recent fundraisers, along with our October 7 “Memories” play at NMSU, added a tremendous boost to our community engagement efforts.

A Night at the Auction

On January 26, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Temple, we hope you join us for “A Night at the Auction,” a new addition to our fundraising efforts, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Dee Cook, Cheryl Decker, and Joanne Turnbull. For an entry fee of \$5.00, this festive night will include a light supper, entertainment, and two auction opportunities—a silent auction and a live auction—where we will have the chance to bid on an amazing array of events, services, learning opportunities, and some pre-planned party packages. Join us for some fun, and support a great, innovative fundraising effort!

Please join us at more great events below:

Latke Dinner & Menorah Lighting

On Friday, December 7 at 5:30, join us for our annual Latke Dinner, Chanukah service, and Chanukiah Candle Lighting on the Sixth Night of Chanukah!

Leadership Workshops

- On Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall, I will present a workshop on “Leadership Styles and Skills.”
- On Sunday, February 10 (date may be changed) at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall, Sue Brown and Ann Berkson will present a workshop on “Exploring our Temple.”

Musical Performances & the History of American Popular Music & Broadway Musicals, Sponsored by Grants from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

- On February 8-9, 2019 at TBE: Join us for presentations by Rabbi Ken Kanter on the history of American popular music, the history of the American musical, and the development of Jewish worship music in American Jewry.

- On March 13, 2019 at TBE: Join us for a performance by Julie Silver, an American Jewish singer/songwriter who has been creating music for three decades, including the release of 8 albums. Julie’s work on social justice gives her music a depth of meaning and relevance that is based firmly in Jewish tradition.

Thank you to Amalia Kelter-Zeitlin, our Youth Advisor, and our BEMY/BETY group for their enjoyable Game and Dessert Night Fundraiser held on October 27 in the TBE Social Hall. It was a fun night of board and card games and a great fundraiser for our youth. I enjoyed playing Scrabble with Stu Fleishman, Pearie Bruder, and Rabbi Karol, with Marlene Benz and my husband Fred joining us to keep score. I found out that Stu Fleishman is a crackerjack Scrabble player, and I can’t wait to play him again. It was a great evening!

Thank you, also, to Rabbi Larry Karol for organizing our very well-attended healing service on Sunday, October 28, in recognition of the horrible tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27. Close to 200 Temple and community members attended this inspirational and thought-provoking memorial that demonstrated the support we have in the Las Cruces community and brought us all together to reflect on our humanity.

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

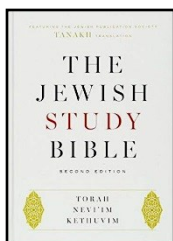
“For Compassion” by Alden Solovy (from Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing)

The man in the gutter, the woman in the street,
 they are my sister and my brother.
 The frail and the meek, the lonely and the lost,
 they are my father and my mother.
 The soldier under fire, the girl in a wheelchair,
 they are my son and my daughter.
 The widow and the orphan, the confused and the lost,
 they are my cousins and my friends.
 God of justice, only you know why one man is born for silk
 and another man is born for sand.
 Only you know why one woman is born for castles
 and another is born for cardboard.
 God of mercy, grant me the wisdom and compassion
 to see all men and women as my family and kin.
 Help me to use the gifts of my life as blessings to share.
 Grant me compassion for those in need:
 the suffering, the hungry, those in pain, those in fear.
 Lead me to a path of love and healing in service to Your Holy Name.

*In Sacred Partnership,
 Ellen Torres*

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture **תורה** Holidays **עבודת** Customs

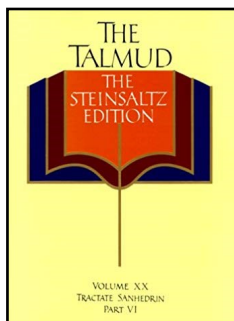


TANAKH STUDY

Sessions meet on Wednesday at 10:15 until 11:15 am. We are now studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

LAY-LED TALMUD STUDY

Talmud study (in English) has been meeting every Saturday at 9:00 am for the past 25 years. New students are always welcome. No previous background or Hebrew knowledge is necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com). with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



Leadership Styles and Skills

Workshop

By Ellen Torres

What is leadership and what do leaders do? On Sunday, December 16, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the Temple Beth-El Social Hall, I am going to present an interactive and informative workshop on the styles and skills of leaders. Please join me if you are interested in discussing and reflecting on your potential as a leader, sharing your thoughts about the importance of Temple leadership and how you can expand your role within Temple Beth-El. We'll discuss what a "personal Torah of Leadership" is, and identify our personal values that help shape and enhance our leadership abilities. As we work in small groups, we will identify the strengths and challenges of our leadership styles and how our styles can help build sacred partnerships and engage us in the sacred work of the congregation. Join us and identify your leadership strengths and traits that can be an asset to Temple leadership in the near future.



Judaism: Roots and Rituals An Introduction to Judaism Course



presented by
Rabbi Larry Karol.

**This course meets
on selected Tuesday nights
at 7:30-9:00 pm.**

Planned sessions:

December 4, 11, and 18;

January 15, 22 and 29;

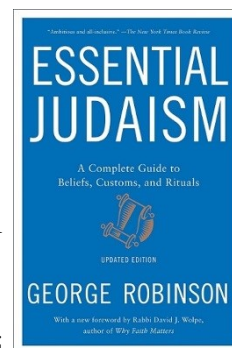
February 5, 12, 19 and 26;

March 5 and 19

(schedule subject to change)

**Text: Essential Judaism,
by George Robinson
(newly revised version).**

This course is especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about Judaism and Jewish life! (Materials fee for this course is \$54.00). Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend, by calling Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 or by sending an e-mail to Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tblc.org.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Temple Beth-El booth at the Dona Ana Arts Council Renaissance Faire on November 3-4, 2018!



A NIGHT AT THE AUCTION Saturday, January 26, 2019 6:00 PM

- Expand your social life!
- Learn something new!
 - Develop skills!
 - Share your talents!
- Treat yourself to something special!
 - Make new friends!

Watch for information on this amazing evening of fun, good food and unique happenings.

**Everyone is invited!
Childcare will be provided.**

**DONATION FORM IS ON PAGE 9
of this Adelante issue!**

UPDATE:

Our committee is enjoying the opportunity to work with our congregants to come up with interesting ideas for our Night at the Auction. As of today, (November 26), we have over 35 commitments. We would love to have even more people join to make our evening a success.

The evening is an opportunity to be with fellow congregants in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. It also brings us the ability to learn about each others interests and talents and to support each other.

Will you bid on a wine tasting event, a game night with a Mexican buffet, comfort soups or even mahj lessons?

***Cheryl Decker, Joann Turnbull
and Dee Cook***

Board of Trustees Biography: Jeff Lewis

I was born in Brooklyn, New York on Junior Street, not far from New Lots Ave.

When I was five, our family moved to Milwaukee, where I attended school and graduated high school. My parents moved back to New York in 1969. However, I chose to remain in the Midwest. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor of science in secondary education.

I taught in Milwaukee for a year and was indecisive about continuing my career in education. I subsequently had a job interview with Met Life in the Chicago area in 1974 and went to work for them shortly thereafter.

I worked in group health insurance, starting out as a claim adjuster, and moving up to senior approver and team supervisor.

I started out in Aurora, Illinois, and transferred to Dayton, Ohio. After 5 years in Dayton, I was appointed consultant/account rep for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria, Illinois and responsible for cost containment for the account.

I left Met in 1985 after 11 years with the company, and moved to Florida after I had my maximum exposure to frost-bite, turning blue on cold mornings, and freezing to death in my apartment.

I met Avis shortly after I arrived in Plantation, Florida in 1985 and we got married in August of 1986.

In Florida I was claims manager for numerous HMOs, and, in the later years before retirement, went to work for Mobil Oil and managed several convenience stores.

Avis and I do not have children, and of course we call our cockatiel, Freddie, our child. Freddie is still alive after 32 years defying the statistics that reveal the average life of a cockatiel is 16-20 years.

We enjoy traveling, having been to almost all 50 states, much of the Caribbean, Europe, and Central America. I have a brother who is moving to Phoenix shortly and my father is 91 and still resides in Florida.

We love everything about living in New Mexico, with the possible exception of some 212 degree days in the summer and hearing the sound of concrete melting.

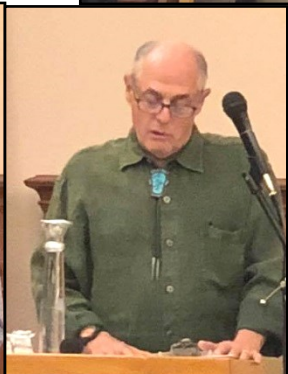
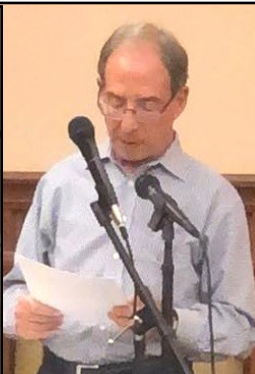
We both love our involvement with Temple Beth-El, have made great friends, and in some small way hope we have assisted the Temple.

We are also active in the community and volunteer at El Caldito Soup Kitchen, and Mesilla Valley Hospice.

***The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and Temple Beth-El presented
“Telling the Stories: The Personal Accounts of New Mexico Jews in Business and Community Life” on
Tuesday, October 30, 2018.***

Speaking were:

**Jeff Brown as moderator;
Debra Wechter-Friedman; Howard
Friedman; Harvey Buchalter;
and Noel Pugach, project director.**



***With Liberty and Justice for All—Leadership, Justice and Unity: What Can We Achieve Together?
Fourth Annual Interfaith Pre-Thanksgiving Dialogue Program at Temple Beth-El
Organized by Rabbi Larry Karol and sponsored by the Social Action/Adult Education Committee
November 18, 2018 (See Page 3 for more information on the program)***



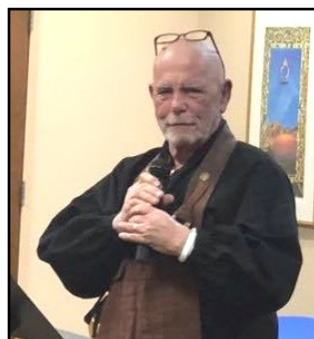
Father Ron Catherson

Sureyya Husain

Pastor Donna Cavedon

The Rev. Carol Tuck

Gordon Butler



Rev. Dr. Harvey Daiho Hilbert

Pastor Jared Carson

Pastor Linda Mervine

Rabbi Larry Karol (leading a discussion group)



Israel Update**HOME TOWN NEWS by Phil Alkon**

Hello all. Back to this column after a prolonged summer break. There's been no shortage of news concerning Israel - from either Israel itself, from the surrounding Middle East, or from much of the world at large. But keeping up with it all, and trying to distill seemingly myriad and complex happenings into reasonably coherent sentences and paragraphs can be a bit of a challenge – at least for this aging observer.

Let's start right at home, here at Temple Beth-El, with the latest news from your very own Israel Committee. That august body (which I chair) has decided to make some local news itself by organizing a public forum to address the topic: "What We All Need to Know About Anti-Semitism and Israel." The issue concerns the anti-Israel bias that has dominated the media and international discourse for decades, and is increasingly impacting Jews and institutions in the U.S. as well. Israel supporters find themselves besieged on many fronts, including challenges to Israel's very legitimacy as a nation state. All this supposedly owing to the myriad crimes that the only Jewish state on Earth is committing against others. Jews again, it seems, are desecrating the cherished norms of acceptable behavior that would otherwise predominate in relationships among people and nations. According to the U.N. body assigned to protect human rights, 80 percent of the world's crimes against humanity in recent decades were committed by one state alone: Israel! At least that's what China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, UAR, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Senegal, Mongolia, Tunisia – all member states of the Commission, and staunch defenders of human rights, as we all know – have decreed.

Unfortunately, grotesque characterizations of Israel, and the campaign to delegitimize one of the most vibrant democracies and progressive, civil societies on Earth has gained considerable traction; and has increasingly affected political discourse here in the U.S. as well. How does one tiny nation-state, less than 0.5 percent of the Middle East's area and population arouse such scrutiny and enmity? You guessed it – it happens to be Jewish. No one has offered a more penetrating explanation of the phenomenon than Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of Britain. The world has accepted if not embraced Jew-hatred for centuries, first on the basis of religion (ghettos, pogroms), and then on the basis of racial inferiority (Holocaust). Now, according to Sacks, it is the supposed moral transgressions committed by Jews in expressing their nationhood that serves as the convenient justification for keeping Jew-hatred alive and well. Thank you, Israel, for helping to an old and honored tradition; and for letting "progressives" join the club. Can any other people besides Jews claim simultaneous hatred of both the extreme Right and the extreme Left? We must be doing something right!

An exemplar practitioner of the new anti-Semitism is the United Nations itself, a body that owes many of its principles and its very existence to the crimes committed against the Jewish people by Nazi Germany in the name of creating a purer and more wholesome world. But the UN today includes some 56 Muslim majority nations of which some 24 are Arab states. This entire bloc has always opposed the creation of a "Zionist entity" anywhere on holy Muslim soil (i.e., North Africa and Arabian Peninsula). It has expressed that displeasure by means of war, terrorism, economic boycotts, political pressure, and any other available means. In the case of the Palestinian national movement (which, ironically, owes its very birth and existence to Zionism and Israel), anti-Semitism has involved the re-writing of history and political geography in unimaginable terms. In any event, owing to the numbers game, and to political and economic expediency, the U.N. has tirelessly generated a cornucopia of anti-Israel opinions, resolutions and actions that have transformed it into a bastion of the new anti-Semitism. Other international groups, covering a wide range of disciplines and interests have followed the U.N.'s example.

But into this grim and grotesque charade entered a unique source of light and retribution. Her name is Nikki Haley, and she has served as the new U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. (her recent resignation takes effect at the end of 2018). Widely admired as a forthright and fair Governor of South Carolina, Haley has spoken eloquently and acted to demand that Israel be treated fairly at the U.N. Her speeches are a clarion call for the end of an insidious bigotry that has infected the highest levels of international discourse.

Back to our proposed forum. We intend to highlight key speeches of both Rabbi Sacks and Ambassador Haley that deal with the origin, essence and impact of the new anti-Semitism. We also may show an incredible choral performance by Israeli Holocaust survivors and their families that testifies to strength and nobility of the human spirit. In pursuing this effort, we welcome your advice and support. We also look forward to seeing you and many fellow southern New Mexicans at this community event. We'll make sure the word gets out when we're ready. Shalom and keep the faith!



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)

Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary—November 15, 2018

The Rabbi distributed a report about his activities. He discussed our very moving October 28 memorial/vigil after the attack in Pittsburgh. President Ellen Torres thanked all Matzo Ball Open participants. Our net profit may be between \$6,000 and \$7,000, of which we will donate \$1,000 to Mesilla Valley Hospice. She thanked all Renaissance Faire Deli participants. Our profits may be about \$2,000, with a 20% share going to our Center for Spiritual Living partners. Ellen discussed the December 16 leadership workshop and noted that our website has largely been restored. Dee Cook and Cheryl Decker gave a report about the January 26, 2019 event A Night at the Auction. Sixteen events or services have been pledged so far, and an E-Blast will remind congregants about the auction.

Mark Saltman provided an extensive report about security considerations. We have security cameras on the periphery, and a portable device that amplifies the doorbell ringing when the doors are locked. We have many deadbolted rooms. LCPD can place a temporary camera trailer at TBE for two weeks, and is prepared for fast responses when we send alerts from alert buttons. LCPD can do security training at TBE in early 2019. The Board will review dates.

Renee Frank gave a presentation about a Strategic Planning Committee report. The committee suggested a new mission statement focusing on connectedness, and the report included a number of potential new activities or steps. She asked that the Board send the report to committees to ask whether they wish to implement activities. President Ellen noted that the Board would review the document and get back to the committee. A subsequent motion was approved to add a Board member to the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Board concurred that we should add a taller recycle basket to the social hall. Committee reports included a discussion about a potential History Day at TBE; a discussion about how Las Cruces has proven to be an outstandingly welcoming community for Jews in general; and BETY/BEMY plans for a joint Hanukkah party with youth groups from Temple Mt. Sinai in El Paso.

Installation Shabbat Service Friday, November 16, 2018



Luke Duddridge, Jeff Lewis, and Dee Cook



Michael Mandel, Ruth Rubin, and Jeff Brown



Ellen Torres, Cheryl Decker, and Joanne Turnbull



At our Religious School session on November 18, Rhonda Karol led an activity (based on a lesson from Behrman House) for students to create paintings in the style of pointillism, where, for this project, q-tip bundles added small dots of color to each piece. Yoram Raanan's painting "Light" was presented for inspiration for the content of each painting. Students and faculty proudly displayed their paintings at the end of the morning.



Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

will be ordered again in the coming months. Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of yours or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



Ladies Clothing Contributions for La Tienda de Jardin

La Tienda de Jardin, located at 335 La Colonia Ave (at the southwest corner of Alameda and Main St), would greatly appreciate contributions of ladies clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags and household items. La Tienda does the following very well:

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

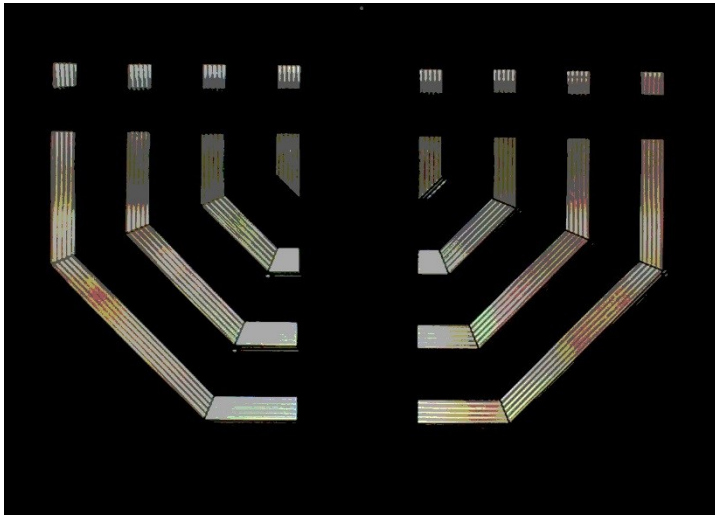
If you have not visited us, please do. We are open Monday-Friday, 10am to 5pm and Saturday at 10am to 2pm. If a pick-up would help you make your donation or you need more information, please call the Temple office.

Donations through November 28, 2018**General Fund**

- Michael Morales
- Lisse Wukelich

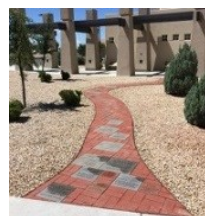
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, thank you to Rabbi Karol for his ongoing support
- Sue and Norm Mazer, in memory of Ira Palanker, Allen Palanker's brother
- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Lionel Jacobs
- Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Leo Bienstock



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

our Brick Walkway and Biblical Garden.

**TEMPLE FUNDS**

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, Michael Mandel.

“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”

An important part of our future is represented by bequests made by members.

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come. From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

A simple codicil can be added to your existing will, if you wish to make a bequest, such as:

“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ _____ [or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

DECEMBER 2018 (KISLEV-TEVET 5779)**Yahrzeits-November 25, 2018
through January 5, 2019**

(Listings include the name of the loved one
on the yahrzeit list and the name of the congregant or
congregants remembering that loved one—asterisks indicate loved
ones remembered with memorial plaques)

Read on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1

Daisy Chapman (Diane Fleishman)
Jay Feldman* (Louise Feldman-Baskey)
Samuel David Goldberg (Richard Goldberg)
Samuel Goldman (Rochelle Silverman)
Sam Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Hyman Krepps*
Dave Levy* (Bea Klein)
Tony Pakinkas (Tanah Hemingway)
Rose Rice Orlins*
Sam Shickler*
Tova Zameret (Erich Zameret)

Read on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8

Toma G Bell (Joseph Bell)
Max Freudenthal*:
Joel Glickler* (Joan Glickler)
Celia Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Lee Gutman (Allen Palanker)
Helen Isaacs (Linda M. Kruger)
Florence Kaye (Susan Quinn)
Sidney Kaye (Susan Quinn)
Sol Podolsky (Roselyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
Irv Rothman (Nina Rothman)
Ruth Steinborn*
Carolyn Wolfe* (Elissa Poel)

Read on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15

Baruch Freedental*
Leopold Gluck*
Morris Gluck*
Eleanor Goldman (Rochelle Silverman)
Charles Klein (Debbie Levy)
Lynn Loudon (Cheryl A. Loudon-Decker)
Ruth Metz Lazarus
Etta Muchnikoff (Stan Muchnikoff)
Michele Murdoch* (Joan Glickler)
Margaret Schoenbrun*
Harry Segal (Michele Blum)
Barbara Zenz Siegel*
William Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)
Lois Stern*

Read on Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22

Ilona Farkas* (Yossi Lapid)
Aron Fiszbein* (Abraham Fiszbein)
Gerard Frieder* (Linda Fisher)
Sarah Jacobs*
Ken Kessin* (Deana Kessin)

Lillian Klein (Debbie Levy)
Harry Kuznekoff* (Chuck Kuznekoff)
Dorothy Leibson*
Sam Ross (Irv Ross)
Sonia Silverman (Jerald Silverman)
Ronja Van Stellingwerf*
Abraham Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)
Sylvia Weiss* (Diane Bass)
Evelyn Willman*

**Read on Friday, December 28
and Saturday, December 29**

Lois Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)
Ed Entin (Maxine Entin, Jason Rosenberg)
Ruth Gluck*
George Gorelick* (Amy Fiszbein)
Alvin Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeff Marquez)
Lee Moss (Rachel Stevens)
Dorothy Palanker (Allen Palanker)
Nancy Rees Brown (Marieka Brown)

Read on Friday, January 4 and Saturday, January 5

Jerome Deutschman* (Ellen Torres)
Jack Frank*
Bernard Gluck*
Henry Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Faige Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
Harris B. Libby (Robert Libby)
Jeanette Marks (Rhonda Karol)
Leon Markson (Linda Kruger)
Laura Metzger (Bryan McCuller)
Frances Pass*

The Temple Beth-El family extends condolences to:

***Allen and Eve Palanker, on the death of Allen's
brother, Ira Palanker, on November 8, 2018.***

***Nancy Bergman and Greg Artman, on the death of
Nancy's father, Stanley S. Bergman,
on November 23, 2018 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.
- Names are read on the Shabbat following the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) 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 (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.



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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www.tbcl.org
for in-depth information about Temple
and its programming and updates on cur-
rent Temple events

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

(It is open for all to see!)

If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click “Like” and join us in our Facebook community!

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@tbcl.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.

Adelante Deadline

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the January, 2019 Adelante is December 20, 2018. 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 Wednesdays at 10:00-10:30 am. Please call before you come (575-524-3380), or email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tbcl.org or rablpkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

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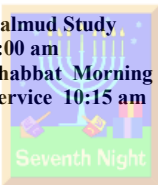
Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

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.

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Kislev 23 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 24 2 Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 10:00 am Chanukah First Night	Kislev 25 3  Second Night	Kislev 26 4 Judaism Class 7:30 pm  Third Night	Kislev 27 5 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am  Fourth Night	Kislev 28 6  Fifth Night	Kislev 29 7 Shabbat Chanukah Dinner 5:30 pm Service 6:15 pm Dreidels & Dessert 7:00 pm Chanukah 6th night  Sixth Night	Kislev 30 8  Seventh Night Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 1 9 Hebrew School 9am Religious School 10:00 am Chanukah 8th Night Celebration in El Paso 5:30 pm San Jacinto Plaza	Tevet 2 10	Tevet 3 11 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tevet 4 12 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tevet 5 13 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Tevet 6 14 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Monika Kimball will speak on her visit to Israel	Tevet 7 15 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 8 16 Hebrew School 9:00 am Religious School 10:00 am LEADERSHIP STYLES 2:00 pm	Tevet 9 17	Tevet 10 18 Judaism Class 7:30 pm	Tevet 11 19 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tevet 12 20	Tevet 13 21 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Tevet 14 22 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 15 23 NO Religious School	Tevet 16 24	Tevet 17 25 TBE Serves Breakfast at Camp Hope	Tevet 18 26 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Tevet 19 27	Tevet 20 28 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Tevet 21 29 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 22 30 NO Religious School	Tevet 23 31	Tevet 24 Jan 1 New Year's Day	Tevet 25 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tevet 26 3	Tevet 27 4 Shabbat Family Service Lay-led 6:00 pm Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner following	Tevet 28 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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