

Adelante!

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



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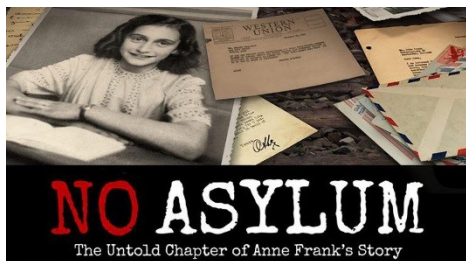
Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, May 3— Family Shabbat service at 6:00 pm around the FOUNTAIN and the BIBLICAL GARDEN, followed by an OUTDOOR dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner (weather permitting)
- Friday, May 10—Shabbat service at 7:00 pm—celebrating Israel's 71 years.
- Friday, May 17—Shabbat service at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, May 24 —Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 31— Lay-led Shabbat service at 7:00 pm

Saturdays

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

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The service will be followed by an informal screening of "No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story." A discussion will follow.



Join us to welcome Jewish singer/songwriter JULIE SILVER in concert at Temple Beth-El on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm!

Julie will present her original Jewish music which has become familiar to Jews around

the world over the last 25-plus years!

Admission is \$10 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Your check sent to Temple with "Julie Silver" in the memo is your reservation! Admission will also be available at the door.

TEMPLE BETH-EL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm

- Open to members in good standing
 - Election of Board members
 - Committee Reports on 2017-2018
- Remarks/reports by Temple President Ellen Torres and Rabbi Karol
- Charting the future of Temple Beth-El



Celebrate Israel at 71
Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Sunday, May 5
12 - 3 pm

Botanical Gardens at
Keystone Heritage Park
4200 Doniphan



Info & RSVPs:
jewishelpaso.org/israel71

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 commentary that offers insight based on the parashah for the week.

Wednesday, May 1—7:00 pm

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Friday, May 3 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES outside around the fountain and Biblical Garden! Religious Schools students will join Rabbi Karol in leading the service. *Jeff Lewis will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner outside, *coordinated by Marieka Brown.*

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Acharei Mot Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42

Friday, May 10

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service celebrating Israel’s 71 years. Rabbi Karol will speak on “Seeking holiness in a holy land.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27
Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

Friday, May 17

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Raising our voices in crucial moments.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Joanne Turnbull will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 18

9:00 am Lay-led Talmud Study
10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 24

Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Striking a Balance.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Luke Duddridge will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, May 25

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Behar Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Haftarah Jeremiah 32:6-27

Friday, May 31

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service led by Erich Zameret and Ruth Rubin. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Cheryl Decker will represent the Board of Trustees.*

Saturday, June 1

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Bechukotai Leviticus 26:3-27:34
Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, June 7 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES.
6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

Saturday, June 8

9:00 am Talmud Study
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush
Parashat Bamidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

Saturday, June 8– Shavuot Evening Prayers and Study at 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 9—Shavuot morning and Yizkor service at 10:00 am

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018-2019

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The next regular Board Meeting will be held in June. A brief Board Meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting on May 9.



Message from Rabbi Karol

"God was in this place, and I, I did not know." So said Jacob in Genesis Chapter 28.

I stood on the bimah of our sanctuary, looking at the Ner Tamid, which depicts the ladder in Jacob's dream (at Beth El) with angels going up and down upon it.

I sat in one of the bimah chairs, and closed my eyes for a moment.

When I open my eyes, scenes of the past were laid out before me.

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah students were leading the congregation in prayer on their special days.

Groups of congregants ascended the bimah for aliyot on High Holy Days.

Oneg Shabbat sponsors lit candles on Friday night.

Religious school students listened to one of their peers presenting a lesson on Jewish values.

Members of the Las Cruces community gathered to hear a recorded speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to express their sadness and resolve in the face of a tragic and senseless attack on a Pittsburgh synagogue.

Adults and children lit their chanukiot on tables in the back of the sanctuary, creating a warm glow for the Festival of Light.

Members of all ages marched with the Torah scrolls around the sanctuary, and then unrolled each of the two scrolls to end and begin the reading of the Torah.

People joined their voices in song and prayer, fashioning a sound of unity.

Members of the congregation and our neighbors formed long lines to enjoy their favorite Jewish foods, to listen to musical performances, and to watch and even join in Israeli folk dancing.

Films, forums, discussions elicited public interest and thoughtful comment.

Guest speakers and entertainers shared their expertise and talents.

My feet took me to the Social Hall, where visions of meals, brunches, breakfasts, Oneg Shabbat receptions, Purim carnivals, study, and board and committee meetings passed before my eyes.

The kitchen space revealed scenes of congregants kitchen making hamantaschen, kugel, and knishes, and slicing our signature pastrami.

The books in the Library beckoned me, as if they were all speaking their words at once.

The Religious School classrooms brimmed with learning and laughter.

The playground echoed not only the joy of children at play, but also the building of the Sukkah and the intergenerational gathering for our holiday that celebrates nature.

The trees planted during past Tu B'shvat celebrations sang their song of growth and ever-changing life.

Bricks on a walkway were intoning prayers of tribute for those honored and remembered there, and trees in a garden were chanting biblical verses that recalled their presence in the land of our ancestors. A fountain shared its water with birds passing by.

And there was much, much more in these visions that defied description.

It was then that I opened my eyes. I was sitting in the chair on the bimah. What had I seen? Angels? Very possibly. A vibrant past and present? Most definitely.

All that has happened before will happen again if we make it so...and if we can say, from the depths of our hearts, "God was in this place, and I, I did not know."

L'shalom,

Rabbi Larry K.

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

Rabbi Karol will be away on May 30-June 3.

From Rabbi Karol's email message to the congregation and community on April 27, 2019

Dear Congregants and Community Members,

Our hearts go out to the Jewish community in and around Poway, California, and to the Chabad Center where the violent attack took one life and injured several other members.

The fact that this is the six-month anniversary of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting is not lost on us. It compounds our sadness and our outrage that such hatred persists in someone's heart that can lead to this tragic result.

We send condolences to the family of the victims of the shooting and to those who were at the worship service. We wish for them continued resolve and the awareness that, in all corners of the American Jewish community, there are many, many people standing with them. We extend our care and concern to our neighbors in the Chabad centers in Las Cruces and El Paso.

On Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 pm, our planned interfaith prayers of Holocaust Remembrance, followed by the screening of the film "No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story," will include prayers of healing and remembrance for this latest attack on a Jewish holy space, and for other needless violations of holy spaces in the last several weeks.

Rest assured that we continue to be vigilant in the security of the Temple building.

As Passover comes to an end, may we all know true freedom in our community that will cause the hearts of people of different backgrounds to come together in support and in hope.

May the One who makes peace in highest heavens truly make peace for us, for all Israel, and for all the world.



Words of the President: Divrei HaNasi
Community Engagement
is the Highlight of TBE Events!!!

Jewish Food and Folk Festival: Sunday
April 7!

The 6th Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival saw more visitors and more income than we've seen in the past. This was another phenomenal event! Thank you to Rose Jacobs, Francine Feinberg, and all JFFF committee chairs for all your hard work. The JFFF is the epitome of **community engagement**, and this year we hosted over 1300 community members and friends who joined us for this wonderful event. This was the biggest turnout EVER!! Thanks to Rose and Francine, and also thank you to Aggie Saltman for her relentless publicity that helped to get the word out! Amazing work, everyone!!

Security Concerns

Mark Saltman organized the event with the Las Cruces Police Department that took place here at TBE on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm. LCPD personnel presented information on how to respond during an Active Shooter situation. Thank you, Mark!

Passover

The TBE Sisterhood again sponsored the second night Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club on Saturday, April 20. This is a fantastic event every year, and we thank Lynn Zeemont for organizing it.

TBE Annual Congregational Meeting: Thursday, May 9

We look forward to you attending this year's Annual Congregational Meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm at TBE. We will share reports, vote on our new slate for the Board of Trustees, and give the Congregation an update on our financial situation and necessary changes that will be taking place. Hope to see you there.

Financial Concerns and the Rabbi

As you know, a letter was sent to the congregation regarding our financial situation and rabbinic changes. At our May 9 Annual Meeting, we will address the changes with you, and explain that the Board—in partnership with the Rabbi—made a fiduciary decision to maintain Rabbi Karol's role as our Rabbi, albeit part-time from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. It was the best decision we could make, considering our financial position. We have created a Transition Committee that includes the Rabbi to help us move forward. The purpose will be to consider important decisions that need to be made in the administration of Temple Beth-El.

The Extraordinary Julie Silver Comes to Temple Beth-El—Wednesday, May 15!!

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at TBE, join us for a sure-to-be outstanding performance by **Julie Silver**, an American Jewish singer/songwriter from Los Angeles 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. This event is sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Admission is \$10 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Your check sent to Temple with "Julie Silver" in the memo is your reservation! There will also be admission available at the door. Again, this will be a phenomenal opportunity for community engagement with our TBE members, our friends and community partners, and the community at large. Please plan to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity!

End of My Term

I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for four years, one year as the Board Secretary, and then three years as your President. I appreciate everyone's dedication and involvement and will miss presiding over the Board. I know that the new Board and Executive Committee will all do a great job as they continue to be leaders of Temple Beth-El. I wish everyone the best as you navigate through these next couple of years. I will always be available if you need my support.

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.

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall." ~Confucius

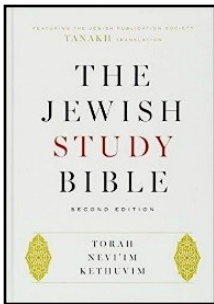
*In Sacred Partnership,
Ellen Torres*

Batkin Scholarship Funds for 2019

The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund at Temple Beth-El will again be available in 2019. Our members can apply for funds for Jewish educational opportunities. Please talk with the Rabbi to find out more about it and to get an application. Last year we were able to give scholarships to three of our religious school students for Jewish educational programs that they wanted to attend. In order to fulfill the mission of this scholarship fund, the foundation must continue to grow its asset base. Please consider making contributions to the Batkin Scholarship Fund so that this goal may be accomplished. Our continued support helps direct the earnings of the fund to sustain Jewish life through education and meaningful programming.

ADULT EDUCATION

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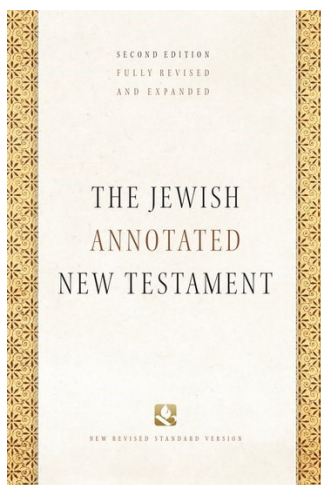
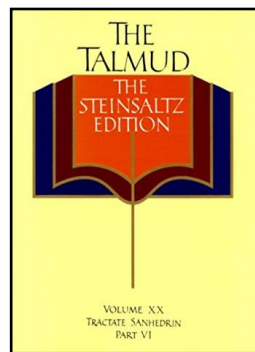


TANAKH STUDY

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



Coming on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm: The Interfaith Institute at Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Larry Karol and Father Gabriel Rochelle (of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission) will lead a study session

that will explore a text related to the last days of Jesus, with an emphasis on the Jewish roots and background of the narrative. We will use as our text *The Jewish Annotated New Testament, Second Edition (2017)*, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by calling Temple or emailing rabbi@tbelc.org

Temple Beth-El Las Cruces Presents

Jewish singer/songwriter
and recording artist

JULIE SILVER

in concert at

Temple Beth-El

3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue
Las Cruces, NM

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00pm

**One of the most celebrated
performers in the world of
contemporary Jewish music**



Julie Silver is an American Jewish songwriter who has been creating music for three decades, including eight albums. Silver tours throughout the

world, and has been engaging audiences with her gorgeous compositions, her lyrical guitar playing, and her dynamic presence for over 25 years!

Admission is \$10, and children 12 and under get free admission. Admission will be available at the door or a check sent to Temple Beth-El with "Julie Silver" noted in the memo can be your reservation.

**For more information,
call Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 or
email Rabbi Larry Karol
at rabbi@tbelc.org.**

*This event is made possible by a grant
provided by the Jewish Federation of
Greater El Paso.*

***Congregants, guests,
performers
and volunteers
at the TBE
Jewish Food and
Folk Festival
on April 7, 2019***





"Thank you" to the most incredible group of dedicated volunteers who helped make 2019 JFFF a stellar, sell out event. We want to say thank you to the entire congregation for all your support and help in making this year's JFFF a smashing success.

We are still getting revenue and waiting for invoices for some expenses, but we can tell you that we had 1337 people come to our event!

Additionally, many thanks to our "special helpers"

Parking attendants

Sam Garcia-Bryce Mateo Garcia-Bryce Ezekiel Swartz Johnny Umphress
Veronica Bruder

Matzo Brittle

Morgan Tierney Kaylee Zeledon Jacob Saltman Hannah Saltman

Parking lot signs

Mia Berkson Kaila Brown

Also, congratulations and best wishes to Lyn Wofford of First Christian Church, who won \$334 in the 50/50 raffle and purchased shoes for the homeless with her winnings. Mazel Tov!

Rose Jacobs & Francine Feinberg
Co-Chairs JFFF 2019

arejay11@icloud.com & jfcubedtb@gmail.com



More faces and action from the TBE Jewish Food and Folk Festival on April 7, 2019!



Temple Beth-El Committees

Reports from Diane Fleishman, Chairperson

Cemetery Committee

Burial plots for Temple Beth El are located in Section B of the Masonic Cemetery on Compress Street. There are currently 72 casket plots available as well as cremation burial sites in a separate section.

Costs involve include \$1500.00 for a single casket plot for Temple members. Non-Temple members will pay the Temple an additional \$1500.00. There are costs for opening/closing the site, which depend on the day and time of burial. These prices are subject to change. Detailed pricing is available in the Temple office or at the Masonic Cemetery, 575-526-9474.

The staff at the Masonic Cemetery is more than happy to work with you to select and reserve sites for you and/or your family. It is best to call for an appointment to view the Temple's section.

Membership Committee

The goals of the Membership Committee are to introduce potential members to Temple Beth El, its programs and congregants. Once a membership application is approved by the Board of Trustees, the Committee member(s) will welcome our new congregant(s). Additionally, Committee members will offer to accompany them to services and/or other events. Essentially, the goal is to make newcomers feel a part of the TBE community.

If budget allows, the Committee will host an Oneg at the New Members Service and/or a social event highlighting new members.

Members of the Committee should represent various constituencies of TBE. It should include a parent of a religious school or preschool student, a person who works in the community, and a retired person. The Committee members will become familiar with the history and programs of TBE in order to meet the above goals.

They will ask new members what activities may interest them and what they would like to do; then the Committee member will contact the appropriate committees.

The Chair of the Membership Committee will make sure that new members' contact information is included in the Adelante if not included in the directory.

Generally potential members contact the Rabbi or Membership Chair by phone, internet, or by filling out a card at Services. Follow-up generally includes an informal meeting with members of similar interests.

During the 2018-2019 year, we gained four new family units.



Active Shooter Training at Temple Beth-El

On Tuesday, April 16, Las Cruces Police Department Sergeants Pat Doyle and Alejandro Rodriguez presented an excellent session on Active Shooter Training to about 35 congregants. They outlined, in some detail, the history of active shooter events in the United States and what was learned from each tragedy. They noted that a change in the approach to security in religious congregations in Las Cruces came after small explosive devices were placed in three churches in town.

The most important aspects of their presentation were the introduction of the "Run, Hide, Fight" strategies in the face of an active shooter. This involves

- **Being aware of your surroundings and noticing anything suspicious or just out of place**
- **Knowing our building (exits and how to get there), and noting which exit you are closest to if there were an incident.**
- **Identifying safe rooms that can be locked and barricaded, and noting the ways in which people can be prepared to offer significant resistance.**

The instruction did not include physical drills of any type, but presenters and participants did discuss all aspects of active shooter response.

We reiterated the need to keep the doors locked when people are inside as much as possible. If they are not locked at certain events, the presence of paid security or of congregants keeping an eye on the door and on those who are entering can be extremely helpful in maintaining security. Religious School, Friday night services (thanks to the Mensch Club for providing someone to watch/lock the door), and day-to-day presence in the office are times when the door is locked and someone can gain entry by using our doorbell.

A diagram of the Temple and some safety protocol can be found in the TBE library, and more information will follow.



Monday, March 25, 2019

Dear Rabbi Larry Karol, Erich Zameret, Elaine Baeza, Terri Sugarman, Ruth Rubin and Monika Kimball,

The Staff and Board of Women of the Wall join me in thanking you for marking our milestone and singing "Kumi Ori," the original composition by Shimon Smith. We put your submission on our Facebook page and YouTube and showed the videos at our 30th Anniversary events. The response was overwhelming.

Your support means the world to us. We are here because of YOU, and even though we are oceans apart, we are linked forever.

Thirty years ago, we were young idealists who wanted to make the world a better, more equitable place for women.

Today we are wiser, more mature, more experienced. But we still strive for that goal.

We hope that you will continue to share the WOW message: that three decades of revolution were powerful and meaningful, but we are ready for resolution. We are ready for all Jews to be able to pray of their own expression and for women to have equal access to Torah at the Kotel.

"People often have a misguided perception that local work and global work are entirely disconnected.

In reality, the work we do locally and the policies for which we advocate, have a profound impact on the lives of people who live millions of miles away."

- Ruth Messinger

Thank you for being partners who create perfect harmony with WOW.

Toddah Rabbah

Yours truly,

Yochi Rapoport

Director of Education and Community Outreach

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Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary —April 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees met on April 18, 2019. Allen Blum presented a draft budget for 2019-2020 that he had prepared in consultation with Michael Mandel. A final budget will be placed before the Board in June. The Board discussed changes in membership as some members have moved, some have passed away, and some have left the Temple. Patrick Quinn discussed the Transition Committee. The Rabbi discussed his future half-time responsibilities after December 31, 2019 as centering on education and worship, with lay members taking on some of his administrative responsibilities.

The Religious School will have two more class meetings this spring. President Ellen Torres discussed Julie Silver's upcoming performance at TBE on May 15. She thanked everyone involved in the safety training workshop, and led the Board in discussing the agenda for the May 9 Annual Congregation Meeting. The Executive Committee will meet at her home on April 22 to prepare mailings to congregation members. The Board thanked Ellen for her dedicated service. She has served as the Temple's President for three years.

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Congratulations to:

- **Ellen and Alfred Torres**, as Ellen Torres's daughter Shira Oatis & son-in-law Shawn Oatis welcomed baby Caleb Oatis, born on April 10, at 1:57 am in Oakland, California. Caleb's brother Ayden turns 3 on April 19. They are known to some as the JFFF babies. Caleb is Ellen's fourth grandson.
- **Lisa Ehlers McCuller**, on being named Teacher of the Year by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's 2019 Gala & Choice Awards Dinner on April 4, 2019.
- **Ned Rubin and Francine Feinberg**, on the adoption by their daughter Aubrey and daughter-in-law Julie, of their four year-old daughter, whom they had served as foster parents. The official adoption was on Monday, April 8. Ned and Francine were able to Facetime into the courtroom for the proceeding. The new granddaughter has been given the name Gianna Hallie Grace Rubin (Hebrew name - Hannah, after Francine's father, Harry). The naming took place on Sunday, April 14, 2019.
- **Jim Rosenthal**, who was inducted into the Rhode Island Journalism Hall of Fame on April 26, 2019 at a Rhode Island Press Association awards banquet in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. He joined the *The Providence Journal* in 1971 as a reporter and retired as deputy managing editor in 1996.



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)



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!

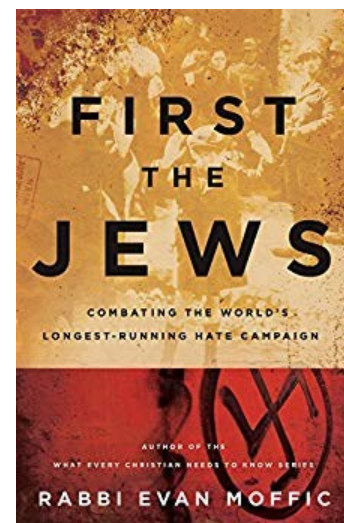
***First the Jews: Combating the World's Longest Running Hate Campaign*
(Book by Rabbi Evan Moffic)**

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, Rabbi Karol offered commentary and a review of some of the material in Rabbi Evan Moffic's new book on antisemitism. Those who attended focused on specific quotes from the book that established some of the basic principles of Rabbi Moffic's approach to this challenging topic. Here are some of the passages that were shared and discussed at the session. (This discussion took on added significance after the attack in Poway, California on April 27).

- "Antisemitism is hostility toward Jews. It appears in behavior, words, political policies, economic transactions, and religious practice. Antisemitism can even appear when Jews are not present, as was the case in Japan during the early twentieth century, when people expressed hostile views of Jews even though they had never met one. In addition, certain actions can be anti-Semitic in effect but not intent. For example, someone can say, "The Jews killed Jesus" without thinking he or she is saying something hostile toward Jews. But as we will see, this belief has had destructive and deadly consequences."
- While certainly a prejudice, antisemitism is not synonymous with bigotry or racism. Judaism is not a race, because a person can convert into Judaism, but Judaism is, in part, an ethnicity, because a person is automatically Jewish if his or her mother is Jewish. Thus, antisemitism is not simply a traditional form of racism or religious bigotry. It is both and more. Even more importantly, history suggests that when antisemitism grows, so does racism, bigotry, sexism, and the other kinds of divisions we see spreading around the world today. As antisemitism grows, so does the erosion of our faith, culture, and core values."
- "Why is antisemitism the world's longest-lasting and most persistent hatred? My (Rabbi Moffic's) answer is the "Big Five"—the five rationales used throughout history for antisemitism:
 - *Jews are different.
 - *Jews killed Jesus.
 - *Jews are greedy.
 - *Jews are an inferior race holding back scientific and human advancement.
 - *Jews are Western imperialists
- Jews believe that God has chosen the Jews to be a messenger to humanity. God gave the Jews a special mission. It was not about superiority - it was a Jewish self-perception and not a statement of absolute truth about the

universe. Jews were chosen to keep up a set of obligations that requires affirmation and continual self-examination. The claim that Jews see themselves as superior has persisted from ancient times. What makes Jews susceptible to ongoing hatred is that they have...remained different from the surrounding culture.

- Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks has said: "God chooses Israel to show that, for God, difference matters. They were strangers to teach that God loves the stranger. They were different, yet God set on them Divine love, to teach the dignity of difference. When we believe God values differences, we refuse to condone persecution in the name of a higher power."
- **[This passage, upsetting as it may be, represents Rabbi Moffic's reading of Hitler's ideology and other roots of antisemitism]** For Hitler, abstract thought, whether normative or scientific, was inherently Jewish. There is no way of thinking about the world, according to Hitler, which allows us to see human beings as human beings. In that view, all ideas which allow us to see each other as human beings comes from the Jews. Basic empathy and respect for others is unnatural, and the "Golden Rule" has no place in the real world, because it allows unfit and weak peoples to stay alive and challenge the dominance of the strongest. Augustine and Martin Luther believed Jews lost God's favor by murdering Jesus. Hitler believed Jews introduced human dignity into the world, and upset natural hierarchies. Christians hated Jews because Jews took God (Jesus) from the world, and Hitler hated Jews because they brought God (through the teaching that all are created in God's image) into the world.
- Robert Putnam noted in his book, *Bowling Alone*, that fewer people are joining community groups. Civil and religious organizations bring together people of different backgrounds. Nonpolitical institutions used to bring people together of different stripes. They have lost much of their influence. Our humanity depends on forming relationships with others.



Donations through April 27, 2019**Biblical Garden Fund**

- Gary and Alison Mann

General Operating Fund

- Michael Morales
- Vivian Steinborn, in memory of Paulina Salopek
- Les Greenbaum, thank you for your hospitality at the April 20 Shabbat morning service.

Frances Williams Library Fund

- Frances Williams, in memory of Shaul Mussman, Dr. Jerome Brown, and in memory of David Steinborn on his birthday.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Bea Klein, in memory of Jim Silar
- Brenda Petty-Parish, in memory of Terry Petty.

Social Action Fund

- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Abe Rayblatt

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund

- Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Abraham Pomerantz
- Harry and Diane Bass, thank you to the TBE Religious School for sending Mishloach Manot for Purim
- Jim Rosenthal and Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, thank you to the TBE Religious School for sending Mishloach Manot for Purim
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, thank you to the TBE Religious School for sending Mishloach Manot for Purim

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund

- Teddy Weinglass
- Gary and Alison Mann

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.

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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.



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.

MAY 2019 (NISAN-IYAR 5779)

**Yahrzeits-April 28 through
through June 2, 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, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

Ida Bass* (Harry & Diane Bass)
Max Bruder* (Murray Bruder)
Helen Capin* (Bea Klein)
Tessie Dash (G Bernard Dash)
Norma Dorfman* (Peter Dorfman)
Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Sarah Kellner*
Alice Mazer* (Norman Mazer)
Jacob Mazer* (Norman Mazer)
Byron Saltman (Mark Saltman)
Ann San Filippo (Philip San Filippo)
Sadie Sugarman (Barnett Sugarman)
Isador Edward Tapper (Dan Tapper)

Read on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11

Devorah Bat Mordecai (Tanah Hemingway)
Joseph H Bell (Joseph Bell)
Harry Berkove*
Saul Blum (Allen Blum)
Lily Edwards (Peter Edwards)
Henry Frank* (Lester Frank)
Max Greenfield*
Jacob Kellner*
Morris Leibson*
Sam Levine (Michael Levine)
Rosalie Muffs* (Carol Bernstein)
Irving Rubinstein*
Zachery Shporer (Barnett & Ruth Ann Sugarman,
Terri Sugarman)
I.A. Wechter*

Read on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18

Hilda Deutschman (Ellen Torres)
Tamara Entin (Jason Rosenberg, Maxine Webber)
Jess Horwitz (Ellen Torres)
Jack Kelter* (Stuart Kelter & Susan Lapid)
Lew Kruger (Linda Kruger)
Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Leora Zeitlin, Bernice Langner)
Abraham Pomerantz*/Avraham ben Shmuel V'Rivkah
(Harry and Diane Bass)
Rebecca Pomerantz*
Milton Silverman*
Fanny Strauss*
Sidney Weiss
Zvi Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin)

Read on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25

Hilda Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)
Rae Dorfman*
Joel Goldsteen (Rob Goldsteen)

Jerome Herman (Avis Herman Lewis)
Irving Kallman*
Harold Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
Ruth Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)
Stanley Kasten*
Dora Kirschner (Bob Kirschner)
Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)
Meyer Lieberman (Michael Lieberman)
Louis Rashall*
Bessie Rothschild*

Read on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1

Irving Benowitz* (Simy Allan)
Gertie Davison*
Harold Deutschman (Ellen Torres)
Beverly Fein (Mark Singer)
Allan Joseph (Susan Brown, Marieka Brown)
Alice Ross (Irwin Ross)
David Schwartz*
Mollie Segal (Michele Blum)
Hana Segen*
Ben Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)
Leland Trafton*
Nate Wagner*
Anna Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)
Marianne Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin)

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

***Joan Silar, on the death of her husband,
Jim Silar, on March 24, 2019
in Aurora, Colorado.***

***Joe Bell, on the death of his brother
Jack Bell, on April 4, 2019
in Mission Hills, California.***

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.

*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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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 June 2019 Adelante is May 20, 2019. 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 rablprkarol@gmail.com. You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

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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. **There is also a need for wide-mouth glass bottles and containers.** For more information or questions, contact the Temple office.



MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Nisan 26 1 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am Yom Hashoah Service and Film at 7:00 pm	Nisan 27 2 YOM HASHOAH Holocaust Remembrance Day	Nisan 28 3 Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Outside by the Biblical Garden Dairy/vegetarian Potluck Dinner following	Nisan 29 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Nisan 30 5 Religious School Concluding session for 2018-2019 9:00-10:30 am Yom Ha'atzmaut in El Paso 12:00 Noon-3pm	Iyar 1 6	Iyar 2 7	Iyar 3 8 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Iyar 4 9 Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day TBE Annual Meeting 7:00 pm	Iyar 5 10 Shabbat Service Celebrating Israel's 71 years 7:00 pm	Iyar 6 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 7 12 MOTHER'S DAY	Iyar 8 13	Iyar 9 14	Iyar 10 15 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am JULIE SILVER IN CONCERT 7:00 PM	Iyar 11 16	Iyar 12 17 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 13 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 14 19	Iyar 15 20	Iyar 16 21 Interfaith Institute 7:00 pm	Iyar 17 22 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Iyar 18 23 LAG BA-OMER 33rd day of the Omer period	Iyar 19 24 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 20 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Iyar 21 26	Iyar 22 27 MEMORIAL DAY	Iyar 23 28	Iyar 24 29 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Iyar 25 30	Iyar 26 31 Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Iyar 27 June 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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