



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



AUGUST 2019 (TAMMUZ-AV 5779)



## Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

- Friday, August 2— Family Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner.
- Friday, August 9—Shabbat service at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, August 16 -Shabbat service at 7:00 pm.
  - Friday, August 23 —Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm.
- Friday, August 30—Shabbat Service at 7:00 pm.

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### Saturdays

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

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Join us on Saturday, August 10, at 7:30 pm for Havdalah and dessert (please bring a dessert to share) followed by an observance of Tish'ah B'Av, including readings and songs about Jerusalem and chanting a short section from the book of Lamentations. You will also have a chance to share memories of and thoughts about Jerusalem. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend.



### Message from Rabbi Karol

I sometimes find myself revisiting my reasons to pursue the rabbinate.

I didn't start, in earnest, until my senior year in high school. I enjoyed my involvement in Youth Group, leading a panel of my peers, the "We Speak for Judaism Panel," that spoke to churches in our community about the Jewish religion and our customs, practices and traditions.

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## Open My Lips:

### Finding your spirit

### in Jewish Prayer—Part 1

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We will discuss our beliefs in God and the power of communal prayer.

Please let Rabbi Karol know

if you plan to attend

by emailing [rabbi@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbi@tbelc.org).

Jewish Heritage Night at the El Paso Chihuahuas game on Sunday, August 25, 2019—See page 10 for more information on how to attend with the TBE Mensch Club!



Be watching in August for High Holy Day mailings for parts for worship and for the 2019/5780 Yizkor Booklet (See High Holy Day Service schedule on Page 6)



### Message from Temple President Cheryl Decker

This morning at 6, my phone chimed alerting me via a text message from our oldest granddaughter that new pictures of her children, our twin great granddaughters had been posted to Facebook.

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## 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.*

### Friday, August 2

6:00 pm. Family Shabbat Service for all ages.

*Cheryl Decker will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm. Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

*David and Cheryl Decker will coordinate the dinner.*

### Saturday, August 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Matot-Mas'ei Numbers 30:2-36:13

Haftarah Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

### Friday, August 9

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Looking back to look forward.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol to mark their 37th wedding anniversary. Steve Haydu will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, August 10

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat D'varim Deuteronomy 1:1 3:22

Haftarah Isaiah 1:1-27 (SHABBAT CHAZON)

### Saturday, August 10-TISH'AH B'AV

Join us at 7:30 pm for dessert (please bring a dessert to share) and Havdalah, followed by an observance of Tish'ah B'Av, including readings and songs about Jerusalem and chanting a short section from the book of Lamentations. Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend.

### Friday, August 16

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “When you rise up!” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Paula Kramer and Brenda Parish. Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, August 17

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vaetchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Haftarah Isaiah 40:1-26

### Friday, August 23

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 Sue and Norm Mazer. Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, August 24

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah Isaiah 49:14-51:3

### Friday, August 30

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service, including prayers to begin to prepare for the High Holy Days as the month of Elul begins. *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Marlene Benz. Luke Duddridge will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, August 31

#### ROSH CHODESH (New Month)

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Haftarah for Rosh Chodesh Isaiah 66:1-24

### Friday, September 6 –FAMILY SHABBAT

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

6:50 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner outside, *Pearie Bruder will coordinate the dinner.*

### Saturday, September 7

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah Isaiah 51:12-52:12

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**The next regular Board Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

I also became more involved in adding my own sense of spirituality through music at youth events and during special worship services.

I couldn't have done that without my attendance in the National Torah Corps 7-week summer session in 1970 at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York. We studied with rabbis who made a major impact on their communities and on American Judaism. I had the opportunity to learn chords for some of the worship melodies that we used in my home congregation, which enabled me to add a new dimension to my participation in service music, after singing for several years in the junior choir. Now, I could be a leader.

Those pursuits continued at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, where I ultimately chose sociology as my major, and religious studies as my minor. I engaged in the study of Hebrew and Judaism in a number of college courses that further established my foundation of Jewish knowledge. As a senior in college, the Hillel rabbi and other leaders chose me to be the inaugural intern in a new leadership development program. I read books on Jewish thought, led a weekly Shabbat dinner at a dormitory, and co-directed the Hillel choir. After an interview at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, in January of 1976, I was informed of my acceptance at the end of March.

After five years of rabbinic school, and 38 years serving congregations, I continue to ponder what drew me to the rabbinate. It was always about my own comfort with Temple life and Jewish tradition. The music was part of it, but so were the prayers, the teachings, and being part of a community. And, even more, it was about service and partnership. I valued learning from mentors when I was an assistant rabbi in my first congregation, but I also have had many partners in making Judaism come alive, lay leaders who were committed to sustaining and enhancing the well-being of a community. We did what we could to overcome challenges that arose in order to create a sense of joy among our members and an enduring and positive presence in the community.

Our recent family visit to Kansas City and Topeka reminded me of all of those reasons for being a rabbi, as we had a chance to connect with former Temple presidents, confirmands, congregants, community members, and friends. We also connected with family, who have supported not one, not two, but three Rabbis Karol.

As a rabbi, I enjoy my interactions with members of all ages, as well as my participation in the greater community.

Temple Beth-El's place in Las Cruces, and mine as well, came to mind on July 23, 2019.

On that day, I attended the installation of the new bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, Peter Baldacchino. I began attending the diocese-sponsored luncheon that mostly included priests from around the state and some of Bishop Baldacchino's friends. I was impressed with the humility exuded by the religious leaders who were present, and the obvious camaraderie that pervaded the gathering.

At the installation, I joined Pastor Jared Carson, spiritual leader at Peace Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Dr. Margaret Short, chaplain at Memorial Medical Center, in representing the interfaith community to greet the newly-installed Bishop.

The service included many moments of celebration, which generated a special spirit among all those who were present. I saw and greeted a number of people with whom I have worked over the last eight years. The theme of service was reflected in the statements of the installation speakers and in the songs that were included in the ceremony.

What surprised me was the gratitude that was expressed to me by people I didn't know, over and over. They appreciated that I was there, representing the Jewish community. I also think that they see something spiritual, valuable, significant and godly in furthering Catholic-Jewish ties in a world that seems to seek division rather than commonality, prejudice rather than acceptance.

And it wasn't only for me that I attended. I took you all with me through my presence. That is the essence of rabbinic service to a congregation. It is about the "we" that we create and sustain whether we are together or apart.

As we begin to prepare in the coming weeks for a new Jewish year, may we remember to connect, celebrate, study, sing, and believe that the community which we create can take us to joy, healing, and hope.

*L'shalom,*

**Rabbi Larry K.**

*See [rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com](http://rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com) for Rabbi Karol's articles, Divrei Torah and sermons.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

I belong to a multi-generational text chain consisting of my two daughters, two grown grand-daughters and myself. That text reminded me how close we really are. Even though we live 1600 miles apart, distance vanishes in a nanosecond. Social media enable me to stay in touch with not only my family, but also with Temple friends while they're on vacation. They share their pictures, their happiness, sadness, frustrations or just pictures of their dog, offering weather predictions for the Artic.

Our Temple, like my text chain, is multi-generational. We share triumphs such as landing the date for the Matzo Ball Golf Tournament (November 10th). We mourn the loss of a Temple member. We welcome new members to our Temple family. We delight in the joyous marriage of Temple members (Elliot Katz and Sharon Ash Tancredi) in Maine. Though not related by blood, we are family, sharing our happiness and sorrows.

Two of our hardworking Temple sisters, Francine Feinberg and Rose Jacobs, are compiling a new Temple Beth-El Jewish cookbook that will be available for the 2020 Jewish Food and Folk Festival. They ask members to provide recipes whether old family or new favorites. Please send in your recipes by August 15 to Rose Jacobs at [arejavicloud@gmail.com](mailto:arejavicloud@gmail.com)

Two other dedicated members, Pearie Bruder and Beth Tierney are joining forces (along with Rabbi Karol) to help provide another successful Religious School year. They realize the need for multi-generational interaction and would love to talk to those of us of a certain age and maturity and ask for our assistance. Please continue your legacy of Temple involvement. To experience the joy of working with our youth and providing the occasional snack, please give these two women a call.

L'dor, v'dor, from generation to generation.

*To my Temple Family,  
L'shalom  
Cheryl*

## Religious School and the Temple Beth-El Community

Temple Beth-El Religious School will begin a new year of learning on August 25.

No matter how many students we have in the school, we have been able to create a strong sense of community among our students. During this past year, we enjoyed "all school" time together as well as meaningful study and activities in our individual classes.

We have also been fortunate to have congregants (and others) who are not parents of our students join us to share their stories and their skills with our children. These experiences have broadened the horizons of our students and strengthened the communal and intergenerational ties in our Temple.

As we move into a new year, we want to be sure to let you, the members of Temple Beth-El, know that we welcome your presence and input. If you have been involved in education at any level, your wisdom can be helpful to our school. If you have something to teach or demonstrate, which would add to the knowledge of our students, we would be happy to have you share with us!

It does take a village to raise children in a community, and we also know that connections between the generations in a community are precious and valuable.

We look forward to having you join us as we continue to pass to a new generation the gifts and beauty of our Jewish heritage!

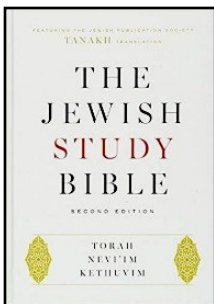
***Pearie Bruder  
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# ADULT EDUCATION

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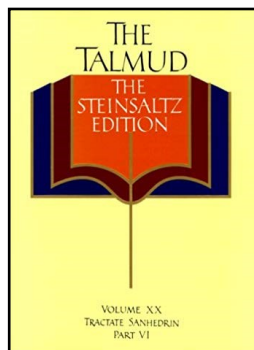


## TANAKH STUDY

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



## Open My Lips: Finding your spirit in Jewish Prayer—Part 1 Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:00 pm

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Sometimes, milestones in our lives are created for us. Sometimes...we make our own.

Would you like to fashion a landmark moment in your Jewish life?

Rabbi Larry Karol will guide you, along with other congregants who join this group, in a year-long process of learning, training and review that will culminate in an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah service next spring.

There are no prerequisites other than your desire to participate in this venture of gaining new knowledge and skills, engagement with fellow group members, and a commitment to persevere. Sessions will focus on Hebrew reading skills, the content and meaning of Jewish prayers, the significance of Torah and Haftarah readings, and the importance of communal prayer in the Jewish tradition.

We have several people who had expressed interest in this group. The first meeting will be held sometime in August.

If you are interested in enhancing your Jewish knowledge by preparing to lead worship at a very special service, please contact Rabbi Karol at 575-524-3380 or [rabbi@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org).



Be watching for more study opportunities in the coming year, including special discussions for Selichot (September 21) and Yom Kippur (October 9) and the continuation of other educational series.

These classes give us a chance to share and develop our ideas and beliefs!

**“A Night at the Auction” in January created many opportunities for gathering and service among our congregants. The photos below show Pearie Bruder teaching Paula Kramer, Mia Berkson and Lilah Berkson how to make royal flood icing.**

**Join us for the 2020 Night at the Auction!**



## **High Holy Days 5780**

### **Selichot**

**Saturday, September 21,**

**2019—7:30 pm**

***Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship***



**Erev Rosh Hashanah –Sunday, September 29, 2019**

***Evening Service, 8:00 pm,***

***Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg,  
sponsored by Sisterhood***

**Rosh Hashanah –Monday, September 30, 2019**

***Family Service, 9:00 am***

***Morning Service, 10:00 am***

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

**Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day-Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

***Morning Service, 10:00 am***

***Bagel Brunch following, sponsored by  
Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and  
the Religious Practices Committee***

**Friday, October 4, 2019**

***Shabbat Shuvah Service, 7:00 pm***

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

***Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am***

**Sunday, September 16, 2019**

***Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:30 pm***

**Erev Yom Kippur-Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

***Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 7:45 pm***

### **Yom Kippur**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

***Family Service, 9:00 am***

***Morning Service, 10:00 am***

***A Time for Sharing, 1:15 pm***

***“Who We Are” - Congregational Discussion at 2:45 pm***

***Afternoon Service, 4:15 pm***

***Yizkor and Neilah, 5:30 pm***

***Break-the-fast, 7:10 pm (sponsored by Sisterhood)***

***Join us for worship and the warmth of community  
as we welcome 5780 together!***

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



**[Congregant Bryan McCuller attended this workshop in Albuquerque in June on teaching about the Holocaust and human rights. He is on the right in the second row of the group photo.]**

### **LCPS Educators Attend Social Justice Workshop in Albuquerque**

Three teachers from Las Cruces Public Schools attended The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI) annual summer seminar for Holocaust and human rights studies during the week of June 17-21, 2019 in Albuquerque. They are Bryan McCuller from Monte Vista Elementary and Highland Elementary, Elizabeth Ortega from Centennial High, and Connie Tan from Sierra Middle. The mission of TOLI is to educate students from the United States, Europe, and other regions about human rights and social justice through the lens of the Holocaust and other genocides so that those atrocities may never occur again in any part of the world. TOLI held over 20 seminars in major U.S. cities this summer and abroad for educators to learn how to incorporate issues in social justice as well as human rights in their classrooms. One such workshop was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Albuquerque TOLI seminar introduced not only a variety of resources, materials, and curricular ideas for participants, but included phenomenal guest speakers as well. The three educators from LCPS will be able to build on the knowledge they acquired to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, including social justice, to their students in Las Cruces.

One speaker, Maestro Murry Sidlin of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., discussed his film, *Defiant Requiem*. This film portrayed Jewish composer and conductor, Rafael Schächter, who, along with 150 Jewish internees incarcerated at the Terezin concentration camp in the Czech Republic, memorized and performed, in the 1940s, Verdi's *Mass Requiem* "under the noses" of their Nazi captors.

A very profound testimonial of the late Sidney Franklin M.D. presented by his widow, Dr. Mary Pratt of Albuquerque enlightened educators about his role as an American concentration camp liberator in General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. His unit was assigned to assist in the liberation of Buchenwald, a Nazi extermination camp, where he became a witness to the Holocaust after the war.

Andy Holten, retired physicist and professional soccer player of Albuquerque, told the TOLI group his story as a "hidden child" during the Holocaust. As a five-year-old child living in Holland in the 1940's, his parents had made the bitter choice of giving him to a neighbor Gentile family in order to protect him from the Nazis. Andy's foster family raised him to adulthood, whereupon he immigrated to the United States. His natural family had all been killed by the Nazis. This fascinating story describes the desperation of Jewish families trying to save their children from this Nazi terror.



Finally, Todd Hennessy of Colorado Holocaust Educators in Denver introduced his work with Father Patrick

Desbois, a French Roman Catholic priest. Their organization, *Yahad-In Unum* is dedicated to locating the sites of mass graves of Jewish victims of the Nazi "mobile-killing units" in the former Soviet Union.

TOLI encourages all educators in our state to become part of the growing cadre of Holocaust and human rights educators in the state in order to continue the mission of combatting genocide, antisemitism, and hatred so that these human catastrophes will never happen again.

TOLI may be contacted at <https://www.toli.us/>



On Sunday, July 14, Temple Beth-El hosted a “Summer Matinee Sing-Along and Ice Cream Bar.” 40-plus people from the congregation and the greater Las Cruces community attended. Rabbi Larry Karol chose 22 songs that included American folk songs, hit tunes from 50 years ago, several of his originals, and songs by Elton John (to pay homage to the movie “Rocketman”) and the Beatles (to feature some of the songs from the movie “Yesterday”). Many thanks to our Ice Cream Bar organizers and contributors: Rose Jacobs, Rhonda Karol, Jeff and Avis Lewis, and Becca Krebs. And thank you to everyone who came to add their voices to our pick-up chorus that brought classic songs (with important value messages) to life!





## The Art and Decoration of Our Beit Tefillah Temple Beth-El—Las Cruces, New Mexico

The words “Beit Tefillah” mean House of Prayer, and together with House of Study and House of Assembly, express the purpose of the synagogue. The synagogue has been the institution which has preserved community and tradition for 2,500 years.



The present Beth-El synagogue was completed and dedicated in April, 2007. The previous home for the Congregation was built in 1968, and was located at Parker Road and Melendres Street near

downtown Las Cruces. Prior to that time, the members of Temple Beth-El, founded in 1953, met in the E.J. Stern Building, the Unitarian Church, and the Branigan Library.

Jews have esteemed and sanctified synagogues not only with their presence, but through the use of art and design as well. From the earliest days of the Jewish people, talented individuals have helped to beautify places of Jewish worship. God appointed Bezalel to create the portable Tabernacle that served as the focal point of Israelite worship in the desert. Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem whose aesthetic beauty was said to be unmatched. Today, whether synagogues are large and opulent or modest, Jews follow the custom of decorating our sacred spaces.

### Hiddur Mitzvah- Beautifying is a Religious Obligation

The Psalmist wrote, “Worship the Eternal One through the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9). Jews have also realized its opposite, namely, we are aided in our worship through the holiness of beauty. The idea of Hiddur Mitzvah is to go beyond the utilitarian aspect of what is required toward creating artifacts and environments which uplift the spirit.

Three things are generally required for the Beit Tefillah:

- Aron Hakodesh, the Holy Ark, houses the Torah, the Scroll of the five Books of Moses. The Aron Hakodesh is mentioned in Exodus 25:10.
- Neyr Tamid, the Eternal Light, burns continually in front of and over the Holy Ark. Originally, the Neyr Tamid was a golden, seven-branched candelabrum, or menorah (Exodus 25:31-39; 27:20-21). It was to be kindled at dusk and burn until morning. This ritual was to be continuously maintained throughout the generations, hence the name, Eternal Light. Only later in Jewish history was it understood that this light should burn all the time as a sign of God’s presence in the midst of the congregation.
- Windows have been required for the Beit Tefillah not merely for light, but also to connect worshipers to the outside world. King Solomon designed windows for the Temple (I Kings 7:4). God is found both in nature and through the community in prayer.

### The Holy Ark and the Burning Bush

The doors of our Ark display a hand-painted rendering of the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-10). The bush appears to Moses all afire, yet it is not consumed by the flames. God’s spirit speaks to Moses out of the fire, charging him to go to Pharaoh to demand freedom for the Israelites. The Burning Bush on the doors of the Ark reminds us we must remain alert to God’s call

to conscience and to holy living at every moment. We may consider the unquenchable flame to symbolize Moses’ passion for God, freedom and the well-being of Israel. Each time we approach the Ark to remove the Torah, we renew in ourselves a passion for our most sacred values and for their Source, the Holy One of Israel.

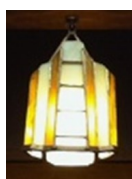


**Artists:** Debbie Levy, a member of Temple Beth-El, painted the Burning Bush. The Ark was designed by Mel Kirschner and built by Robert Kirschner, also members of the congregation. Mel and Bob designed and built the lectern as well. Several years later, Mel Kirschner designed and Bob Kimball built the candle table.



**Above the Holy Ark**, the Hebrew inscription, designed by Gabriel Lampert, declares: *Ivdu et Adonai B'simchah*—“Worship the Eternal One in joy!” (Psalm 100:2) The joy we take in our heritage and in our congregational life is the hall-

mark of Temple Beth-El. As we draw near to God and to each other in our Beit Tefillah, we remind ourselves that we are obligated to serve the larger community and the world. We find in our Beit Tefillah a holiness of beauty which inspires us to live daily with the beauty of holiness. In this way, we worship God in joy. It is our hope that the beauty of our Beit Tefillah and the



spirit of our worship will make Temple Beth-El “a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7)

### Neyr Tamid-Eternal Light

Genesis 28:10-22 reports that Jacob fled from his older brother, Esau, whose birthright and paternal blessing he had stolen. The text tells us that Jacob, on his first lonely night on the road, finds a stone for a pillow, lies down and has an astonishing dream. He dreams of a ladder stretching from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it. God addresses Jacob during the dream, promising to protect him, bring him back to the land of Canaan, and guarantee it as an eternal possession of his offspring. Jacob awakens from the dream and says, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the **House of God**” (Beit El).

**When a Neyr Tamid was** commissioned for our new synagogue, we felt it appropriate to design it according to the story of Jacob and his dream of the ladder. Our congregation is called Beth-El, House of God, inspired by the Jacob narrative.

The shape of the Neyr Tamid can remind us of a stone, particularly if you envision it on its side. The earth tones of the glass are certainly meant to suggest the bare ground upon which Jacob slept. In the middle of the lamp is a form with horizontal lines which recalls the ladder of Jacob’s dream.

Jacob learned from his dream that, even in the places we least expect, God’s presence is available to us. The ladder represents our spiritual and moral potential. We are called to ascend in our lives by responding to others with integrity, compassion, justice and love. Thereby do we find God’s spirit, and make our community Beit-El, a House of God.

**Artist:** Brian Falstead works in ceramic, metal, paper and fiber-glass. He is involved with the arts on many other levels, working at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Preston Contemporary Art Center and as a member of ArtForms and the Las Cruces Arts Association.

### Board of Trustees—Meeting Summary July 18, 2019

A report on the transition committee was presented. Several current board members are included as well as several former board members and some temple members at large. The committee went over Rabbi's task list at the last meeting.

The Board approved changing insurance policies for more complete coverage at a lower cost.

Beth Tierney will be working with Rabbi on the Adelante. Michael Mandel provided a financial update, and there was discussion about including dues payment reminders in the Adelante.

The Board passed a motion to rename the Campership fund to honor Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol.

Pearie Bruder, Joanne Turnbull, Cheryl Decker and Rabbi Karol are assembling a document regarding the running of the religious school.

Dee Cook informed the board that the Sisterhood brunch is scheduled for September 8. All women are welcome. Sisterhood dues are \$36.

Nan recommended scheduling a speaker that she had encountered at a recent Crypto-Jewish conference. Genie Milgrom has an interesting story: she was raised Catholic, and traced her lineage back to her Jewish roots. She will be in El Paso in November, and is able to add a visit to Las Cruces to do a presentation here at the temple. The Board voted to approve and provide support to go forward. Social Action/Adult education will also sponsor the program. More details will follow.

Lynn Zeemont reported on the golf tournament. Picacho Hills is booked on most times, soonest is maybe November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board endorsed November 10<sup>th</sup> for date of the Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament.

There was discussion about allowing members (or others) to use the temple space for non-temple sponsored activities. The group or activi-

ty would need to be approved by the Board. The Board will review existing fee/donation schedule tables for use of temple space.

The Board welcomed a new member family: Rachel Glickler Duggins, Sean Duggins, and their children: Jack, Cormac, Finnegan, and Rose.

**Sunday, August 25 - Jewish Heritage  
Night @  
Southwest University Stadium**



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**VS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25** 

GATES OPEN: 5:00 PM  
FIRST PITCH: 6:05 PM

COME SEE AS RABBIS FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF GREATER EL PASO  
WILL BE THROWING OUT FIRST PITCHES AND POST-GAME CHILDREN 12  
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The Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso is sponsoring a Jewish Heritage Night at Southwest University Park on Sunday, August 25, 2019. Their block of tickets is sold out, but the TBE Mensch club is arranging for a block for Mensch club members, spouses and others who want to attend. Contact David Decker at [doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com).

Congratulations to  
Elliot Katz and Sharon Ash Tancredi  
on the celebration of their marriage  
on July, 14, 2019!





Congratulations to Frances F. Williams, one of the founding members of Temple Beth-El, who has been appointed as a Commissioner to the newly established New Mexico State Ethics Commission. She was sworn in at the Capitol Building Rotunda, in Santa Fe, New Mexico by Judge Judith Nakamura, Chief Justice New Mexico Supreme Court, in the presence of Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham on July 1, 2019. Other Commissioners are

Chancellor - President New Mexico State University, Garrey Carruthers, Stuart Bluestone, Dr. Judy Villanueva, and Judge William F. Lang who will be the chair of the Commission. The Commission has been empowered to accept complaints of corruption, investigate complaints and have subpoena powers to investigate. This legislation was a long time coming and had 75% of the voters approving a Commission on Ethics. Frances is on the right in the first row in this photo.

### **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.



### **WEEKLY TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

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

### **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!

**Donations through August 1, 2019****Biblical Garden Fund**

- Bea Klein
- Wendy Modern Gallagher, in memory of her parents, Robert and Jehnet Modern

**General Operating Fund**

- Dee Cook, in honor of Nan Rubin on her special birthday
- Dee Cook, thank you to Bob Kimball
- Monika and Bob Kimball, in honor of Nan Rubin on her special birthday.
- Michael and Barbara Mandel, in memory of Harriet and Nathan Mandel
- Robert Libby, in memory of Natalie Libby
- Frima Marquez and Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Lillian Krasner and Jacob Krasner
- Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Milton Berkson and Dora Stern
- Selma Ryave and Rosalyn Richman, in memory of Cheryl S. Ryave Radov, Libby Ryave, Albert Ryave, Irving L. Podolsky, Esther Y. Podolsky, Rev. David Beryl Ryave, Sol E. Podolsky, and Charles Lipsitz

**Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- Michele Blum, in memory of Bernard Cutler

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Rea Bienstock

**Social Action Fund**

- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Cecile Elfant

**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.



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.





**AUGUST 2019 (TAMMUZ-AV 5779)****Yahrzeits-July 28 through through September 7, 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, August 2 and Saturday August 3**

Lakie bat Aaron and Katya (Ann Berkson)

Anne H Bergman\* (Nancy Bergman)

Manny Blumkin\*

Sam Maness (Stefani Singer)

Joseph Rosenfeld\*

Shana Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)

Bernard Singer (Mark Singer)

Jean Weinberg (Anne Weinberg)

David Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

Burton Zuckerman\*

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

Rea Bienstock (Gerie Muchnikoff)

Thomas Brankman (Sally Alkon)

Dottie Davis (Bea Klein)

Marion Deutschman\* (Ellen Torres)

Magda Farkas\*(Yosef Lapid)

Patrick Fitzgerald (Susan Fitzgerald)

Carmen Freudenthal\*

Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Scott Klein (Sonny and Rosie Klein, Bea Klein)

Jacob Klempner (Dee Cook)

Lillian Krasner\* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey P Marquez)

Leonard Pritikin\*

Dorothy Rashal\*

Esther Seidman\*

Meyer Seidman\*

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

Tillie Brandt (Lila Ziegler)

Jay Druxman (Bea Klein, Sonny Klein)

Cecilia Guller\* (Abraham Fiszbein)

Chana Sarah Langner

Louis Madenberg (Janet Stevens)

Charlotte Pollack\*

Ted San Filippo (Philip San Filippo)

Rena Taslitt\* (Nina Rothman)

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

Jacob Aboulafia\*

Gail Bergman (Nancy Bergman)

Laurel (Batkin) Cahn/Leah bat Mina\* (Mike Batkin)

Thelma F Goldberg (Richard Goldberg)

Gloria Hudson (Cherri Hudson-Brown)

Milton Kirschner (Bob Kirschner)

Edward Palanker/Echiel Ben Avram-Lab (Allen Palanker)

Joseph Rothman (Nina Rothman)

Mary Shickler\*

Fred Silverston\*

Rose Wechter\*

**Read on Friday, August 30 and Saturday, August 31**

Morton Brandt (Lila Ziegler)

Samuel Davison\*

Philip Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Morty Horwitz (Ellen Torres)

Howard Klein\* (Bea Klein)

Gina Libo\* (Paul Feil)

Ruth Plas (Nancy Bergman)

Dorothy Quinn (Patrick Quinn)

Cheryl S. Ryave Radov (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

Eva Rayblatt (Rose Jacobs)

Laszlo Szucs\*

**Read on Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7**

Irving Batkin\* (Mike Batkin)

Morris Bernstein\* (Marvin Bernstein)

Sol Brandt (Lila Ziegler)

Paul Deutschman (Ellen Torres)

Lulu Dimig (Deborah Levy)

Joseph Epstein (Marlene Benz)

Bella Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Millie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Jane Abrams Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)

Wolfie Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)

Mary Jacobs\*

Abraham Dov Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Chia Shayna Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Dina Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Isser Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Maria Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Yossel Kaplan (Betty Rosse)

Rose Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)

Rose Lieberman Hodess (Michael Lieberman)

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

- ***Ford Parkes-Perret, on the death of his brother, Michael Parkes, on May 30, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio.***
- ***Tanah Hemingway, on the death of her 75-year friend and sister-in-law, Chalmir Iris Cohen, on July 28, 2019 in Syracuse, New York.***

***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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(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](mailto: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 September 2019 Adelante is August 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](mailto:rabbi@tbcl.org) or [rablpkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com). You can also contact Rabbi Karol to make an appointment. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Tammuz 29 1	Av 1 2 Shabbat Family Service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner following	Av 2 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Av 3 4	Av 4 5	Av 5 6	Av 6 7 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Av 7 8	Av 8 9 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Av 9 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am  Dessert, Havdalah and Tish'ah B'Av Service—7:30 pm
Av 10 11 Tish'ah B'av	Av 11 12	Av 12 13	Av 13 14 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Av 14 15 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Av 15 16 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Av 16 17 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Av 17 18	Av 18 19	Av 19 20 Open My Lips— Finding your spirit in Jewish Prayer Part 1 7:00 pm	Av 20 21 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Av 21 22	Av 22 23 Shabbat Service For Renewal of Spirit 7:00 pm	Av 23 24 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Av 24 25 Religious School Welcome and Orientation 9:00-10:30 am  Jewish Heritage Night El Paso Chihuahuas 6:05 pm	Av 25 26	Av 26 27	Av 27 28 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Av 28 29	Av 29 30 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Av 30 31 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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