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Las Cruces, New Mexico



SEPTEMBER 2019 (ELUL 5779-TISHREI 5780)



## Shabbat Services

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Friday, September 6— Family  
Shabbat service at 6:00 pm by the  
fountain and Biblical Garden, followed by  
a potluck dinner (bring a non-dairy dish to  
share) with hot dogs and fixings!

Friday, September 13—Shabbat service at 7:00 pm

Friday, September 20—Shabbat service at 7:00 pm

Friday, September 27

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit at 7:00 pm

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### Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am, Shabbat Service at  
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Ranked Choice Voting System Explained!  
with Dona Ana County Clerk

Amanda Lopez Askin

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at Temple Beth-El

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## High Holy Days 5780

Selichot

Saturday, September 21, 2019—7:30 pm

Dessert, Study and Selichot Worship (SEE PAGE 5)

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, 6:00 pm (Note early time)

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 10:15 am

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Cemetery Service (Masonic Cemetery), 1:30 pm

Erev Yom Kippur-Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 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!

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



## 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, September 6 –FAMILY SHABBAT

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service FOR ALL AGES outside around the fountain and Biblical Garden! *Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.*

6:50 pm Potluck (please bring a non-dairy dish to share) Shabbat Dinner outside with HOT DOGS and fixings. *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

### Friday, September 13

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “Promises to Keep.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Joanne Turnbull will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 14

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

### Friday, September 20

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service—Rabbi Karol will speak on “What the Past Gifted Me.” *An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Paula Kramer and Ann Berkson. Martha Roditti will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 21

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

### Saturday, September 21- Selichot

7:30 pm Study/Discussion: “What Do We Say About God?” - Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on selected excerpts from Rabbi Alfred Kolatch’s 1999 book, *What Jews Say About God*. Songs about God by contemporary Jewish songwriters will add to our reflections.  
8:45 pm Havdalah/Refreshments (Please bring a dessert to share)  
9:30 pm Selichot Service

### Friday, September 27

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 Susan Fitzgerald and Cheryl and David Decker. Steve Haydu will represent the Board of Trustees.*

### Saturday, September 28

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20  
Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

## High Holy Day Worship

### Sunday, September 29

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service  
Rabbi Karol will speak on “Loyalty.”  
Followed by Rosh Hashanah Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood.

### Monday, September 30—Rosh Hashanah Morning

9:00 am Family Service  
10:00 am Congregational Service  
Rabbi Karol will speak on “Empathy.”  
*Tashlich at Young Park will be held starting one hour after the end of the morning service.*

### Tuesday, October 1- Rosh Hashanah—Second Day

10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service for Second Day.  
Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on the Torah reading (Genesis 22).  
Followed by a Bagel Brunch sponsored by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol and the Religious Practices Committee

### Friday, October 4-SHABBAT SHUVAH

#### NOTE EARLY TIME

6:00 pm Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Return) Service, including prayers for renewal and repentance.

### Saturday, October 5-SHABBAT SHUVAH

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Vayeilech Deuteronomy 31:1-31:30  
Haftarah Shabbat Shuvah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15:27

### Sunday, October 6

1:30 pm Cemetery Service at the Jewish section of Las Cruces  
Masonic Cemetery (760 South Compress Rd., between El Molino Blvd. and Brown Rd.)

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**The next regular Board Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

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### Message from Rabbi Karol

Sometimes, there is a spiritual fire inside of us that moves us to action.

That flame serves as the foundation of what I do as a rabbi and as a human being. I don't always have the ability to do everything that it is trying to push me to accomplish at a particular moment. If I don't answer that call one day, I try to do it as soon

as I can.

Perhaps some of you had that feeling after the fatal shooting at the Walmart in El Paso on August 3. I know of congregants who attended the Interfaith Alliance vigil the next day, and others who were at our downtown plaza for the Las Cruces vigil arranged by the city. I participated, by leading music, at another event in El Paso on Sunday, August 4, at the request of my Jewish music colleague Alison Westermann, at the Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. We sang several songs to begin the gathering and one at its conclusion. Appearing there were Manuel and Patricia Oliver, whose son, Joaquin, was one of the victims in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, in February, 2018.

I contacted Ned Rubin that Sunday to begin to plan the spiritual response and memorial service that we held at Temple on August 7. 60 people, including Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City Council members Yvonne Flores and Greg Smith, local clergy and community members and congregants, participated and had a chance to share feelings and thoughts with one another during the service. That gathering was a response to that internal "fire," for sure.

I was motivated to engage in one more important act. Before a meeting I had scheduled in El Paso on August 6, I visited the memorial near the Walmart store. There were many people paying their respects, media personnel (from various networks noted by the logos on their vans with satellite dishes), and chaplains of various Christian groups. I went to quietly witness for myself. I read the signs that had been brought to the memorial, and walked by as people prayed in silence. One woman held a sign that said, "Free hugs!" Before I left, I recited the Mourner's Kaddish.

On August 19, I returned to the memorial to see that it was twice, if not three times, as large as it had been on August 6. The banner from the Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh was displayed alongside an Israeli flag and a sign that noted the concern and solidarity of the El Paso Jewish community. This time, I specifically photographed the signs with messages that I considered to be the most meaningful. Here is what I saw:



- Love still lives here.
- We are the future and the future is full of love. Sincerely, the Youth of El Paso
- We will push back against boundless hate, and rebuild ourselves with boundless love.
- We are El Paso: White, Black, Mexican, Asian...Color doesn't matter, Religion doesn't matter. We love! We are united! We are together! We are family! We are one!

- Hate has no place! We will never forget!
- Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that (Martin Luther King, Jr.) I choose love!
- The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. He rescues those whose spirits are crushed (Psalm 34:18)
- Believe there is good in the world.
- Where there is hate, let us find love; where there is injury, let us find healing; where there is despair, let us find hope; where there

is darkness, let us find light; where there is discord, let us find unity. (Based on a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)  
I again recited the Kaddish before I left to return home.

I discussed the nature of the site with one of my local clergy colleagues the next day, as I tried to determine what was drawing me and others to that place. We mentioned how certain other sites may be similar, on some level: the memorial at the Oklahoma City Federal Building, the names list and waterfalls at Ground Zero in New York City, and the flower-surrounded graves of President John F. Kennedy and Yitzhak Rabin before the more permanent memorials were placed there.

What makes this site different for us is that we live nearby. It feels real to us, and because of all of those messages on the signs at the El Paso memorial, we know that we have to find a way to instill enough love and hope in people's minds and hearts so that, when they see another person — ANY OTHER PERSON — they will stop themselves before they turn internal hatred into outward violence. Every human being needs to respond to the spiritual fire in his or her soul that declares, as if from a bush that is not consumed, "I am a child of God, and these people before me are children of God. I cannot harm them. I should try to not dislike or despise them. If I do, I need to change my direction, show them compassion, learn their stories, and share mine. And if I approach them with concern and empathy, perhaps they will reach out to me in return, and we can discover healing together."

May it only be so.

*L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*

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





**Message from**  
**Temple President**  
**Cheryl Decker**

Last week I had lunch with four wonderful Temple friends.

We talked about our families, husbands, Temple, other friends and our health. The goal was not lunch. Rather, it was the means for us to share our lives. We discussed who is not well, victories and achievements of children and grandchildren, as well as our own successes, losses, and the upcoming High Holy Days. Later that day I remembered what someone had mentioned at our last TBE Board meeting. We at Temple need to create a system that lets us know who is sick, who needs help, who would like visitors, who is mourning a loss. We also need to know about *simchas*—successes and other causes for celebration.

The Transition Committee is establishing a Mitzvah Team. Two members have agreed to take the lead in the important initiative and we need your help in letting our community know what is happening with our members. One way to do this is to create a modern-day version of the old telephone trees used by many of our mothers in years past. Times have changed and technology is on our side, with emails and cell phones making it easier to connect.

Here's how you can help: Become a member of the Mitzvah Team. Perhaps you are able to offer occasional transportation, visit someone who is ill, or just make a call to a Temple member who needs to hear a friendly voice. Our multi-talented Ruth Rubin creates wonderful cards with simple, smile-invoking characters and has offered to design them as needed. To join the rewarding Mitzvah Team, contact Alison Mann or David Decker. And, information about the other transition teams will be presented soon.

I want to end this message by thanking all members of Temple Beth-El. Your response to our upcoming transition has been amazing. So many of you are offering your time and talent, sharing your thoughts and ideas, and participating in the transition teams now being formed.

*L'shalom*  
**Cheryl**

**Please note:**

**The Religious Practices Committee,  
 as a “month-long experiment,”  
has set all Shabbat evening service times  
during the month of October, 2019  
at 6:00 pm.**

**There will be no First Friday Family  
 Shabbat service in October due to the  
 family services to be held on the holidays.  
 Please mark your calendars accordingly!**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**TBE Sisterhood Rummage Sale  
 Sunday, October 27, 2019**

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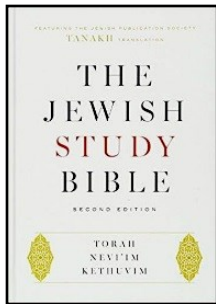
**TBE Pastrami/Hot Dog booth  
 (along with the Center For  
 Spiritual Living)  
 at the Dona Ana Arts Council  
 Renaissance Faire  
 on November 2-3, 2019**

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**Temple Beth-El  
 Matzo Ball Open  
 Golf Tournament  
 Sunday, November 10  
 9:00 am  
 Picacho Hills Golf Course**

# ADULT EDUCATION

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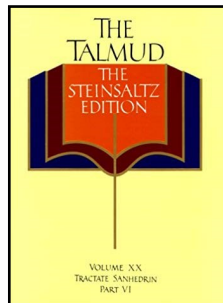


## TANAKH STUDY

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

## 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.



## Ranked Choice Voting System Explained!

**On Tuesday, September 17, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Temple Beth-El** will host a public program with Dr. Amanda Lopez Askin, Dona Ana County Clerk. She will explain the new Ranked Choice voting system to be used here for the first time in November. Please come to learn about instant-runoff voting which some believe makes democracy more fair and functional. There will be a social time after the presentation to allow for more questions and conversation.

All offices up for election in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County will be chosen through the Ranked Choice system. This includes the office of Mayor of Las Cruces; Presiding Municipal Judge At-Large; City Counselors for District 1, 2 and 4; two school board members of the Las Cruces Public Schools and three supervisor members of the Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Open My Lips:

### Finding your spirit in Jewish Prayer—Part 2

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019- 7:00 pm**

Rabbi Karol will continue a series that will explore the meaning of prayers in the Shabbat evening service which will enhance the understanding and experience of worship participants and current and potential service leaders. 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@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org).

## Shofar Across Borders

**Sunday, September 8 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Join friends and neighbors on both sides of the Border to celebrate the coming new year**

**Meet:**

Congregation B'nai Zion parking lot at 1:30 p.m. at 805 Cherry Hill Lane

We'll depart at 1:40 p.m. to go to the border location

**Bring:** Water, sunscreen, hats, shofars and smiles!

**RSVP:** *Strongly* suggested at [info@jfedelpaso.org](mailto:info@jfedelpaso.org)

**Our Shofar Border ceremony will commence at 2:00 p.m. and end by 3:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

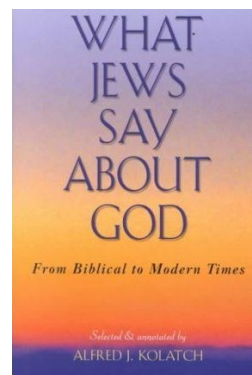


## WHAT DO WE SAY ABOUT GOD?

**Study, Dessert, Havdalah and Selichot Service**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**7:30 pm**



As we continue our preparation for the High Holy Days, Rabbi Karol will lead a discussion on selected excerpts from Rabbi Alfred Kolatch's 1999 book, *What Jews Say About God*. Songs about God by contemporary Jewish songwriters will add to our reflection and conversations.

**Havdalah and refreshments (please bring a dessert to share) will follow the study session.**

The Selichot (Forgiveness Prayers) Service, which serves as our "overture" to the High Holy Days, will begin around 9:30 pm.

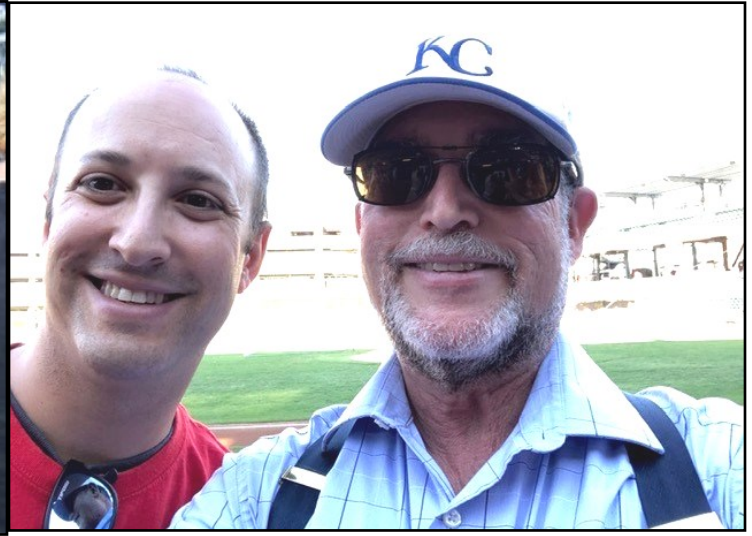
Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend.



***Jewish Heritage Night at the El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Game  
on Sunday, August 25, 2019***



***Alison Westermann (seen here with her son Sam), organizer of Jewish Heritage Night, awaits the first pitch on the field by the Chihuahuas dugout.***



***Rabbi Karol joined Rabbi Ben Zeidman (of El Paso's Temple Mount Sinai) on the field for the first pitch (Rabbi Zeidman was the designated rabbinic pitcher).***



***David Decker organized the tickets and seating for the Temple Beth-El Mensch Club on Jewish Heritage Night. Everyone sat in the same section, or nearby. Appropriate for such a night, the Temple Beth-El contingent numbered a total of 18 (CHAI!). We couldn't have done that better if we had planned it!***



## ***Temple Beth-El Religious School Orientation—Sunday, August 25, 2019***



After partaking of bagels/cream cheese and fruit/yogurt parfaits in the Social Hall (thank you, Pearlie Bruder, Cheryl Decker and TBE Sisterhood), parents and students gathered in the Sanctuary for an introduction of students and faculty. Cheryl Decker (Temple President), Joanne Turnbull (Temple Vice-President) and Michael Mandel (Temple Treasurer) met with parents in the Social Hall to discuss plans for the transition.



Religious School students and faculty were joined by parents to create Rosh Hashanah 5780 greetings for the congregation (now an annual project!).



Amalia Zeitlin and members of BETY/BEMY (Temple Youth in High School and Middle School) met at the end of the morning to discuss plans for Temple programs as well as attendance of our youth groupers at upcoming regional events.





On Wednesday, August 7, 2019, the Social Action/Adult Education Committee, along with Rabbi Larry Karol, presented a Spiritual Response and Memorial Service after the tragic shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Rabbi Karol assembled and led prayers and songs, and Ned Rubin, chair of the Social Action/Adult Education Committee, offered remarks about what we know about the perpetrators of these violent acts, and what we can do to engender and sustain a sense of safety and security in our communities.

Those who attended were given an opportunity to share their own responses and concerns with each other.

Here are two readings from the service.

**This Day, Revised**

***What do I ask of this day?***

Joy and laughter, kindness and grace.

***To live with dignity and compassion,  
Humility and strength.***

Work. Honest Labor. A job. A livelihood.  
Food. Clothing. Shelter. Gratitude and hope.

Love and contentment.

***What does this day ask of me?***

Humor and wonder.

Forgiveness and surrender.

To act with reverence and respect.

***To be awake and alive***

***With passion and commitment.***

***Justice. Righteousness. Charity.***

Integrity and honor. Gratitude and hope.

Love and contentment.

***God of blessings, let me be  
a source of peace, a beacon of comfort,***

***And a well of blessings,***

***This day, and every day,***

***In service to Your world.***

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Eternal our God, heal our hearts,  
calm our fears. Douse the flames  
of burning anger inside of us  
So our actions will reflect love  
and deflect hate, exude deep respect  
and reject violence;

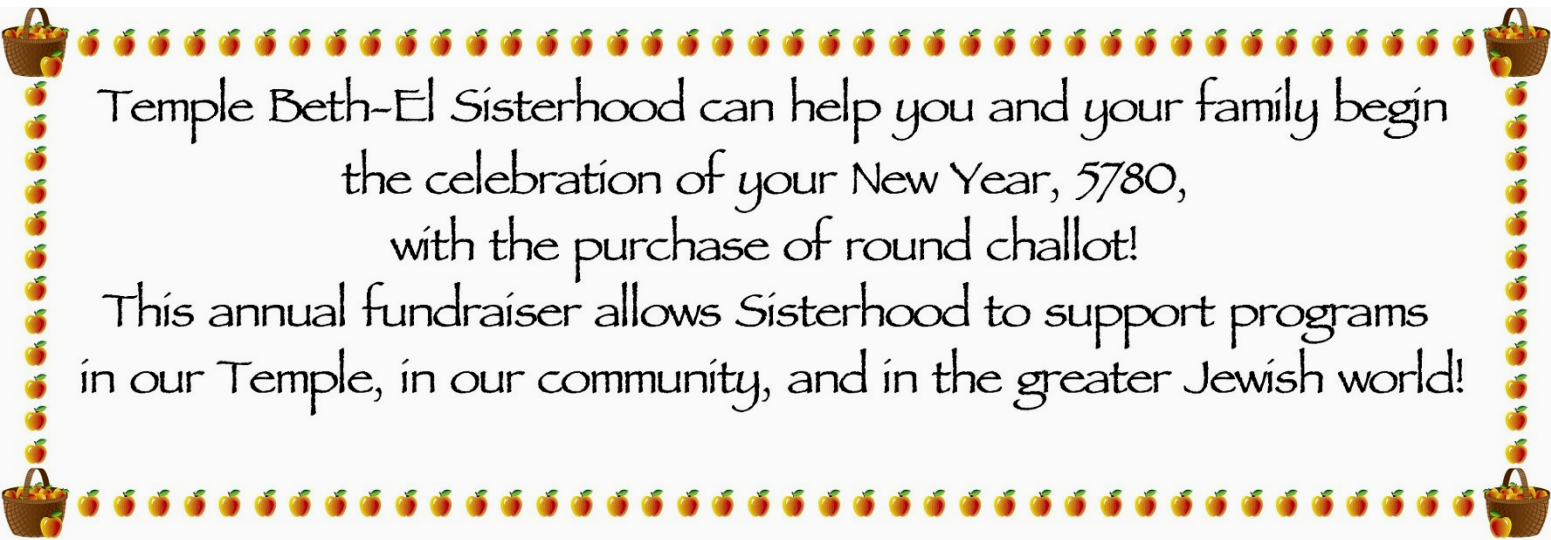
***So our eyes, when they see  
fellow human beings,  
Will stop us from inflicting hurt  
And direct us to spread hope.  
Give us protection with every step of our  
lives.***

[Rabbi Larry Karol

1:30 pm, August 3, 2019, on Facebook]







Temple Beth-El Sisterhood can help you and your family begin  
the celebration of your New Year, 5780,  
with the purchase of round challot!

This annual fundraiser allows Sisterhood to support programs  
in our Temple, in our community, and in the greater Jewish world!

Choose plain, raisin, or both - Cost is \$7.00/loaf

Order deadline is September 15

Pick up will be Saturday, September 28, 12 noon-2 pm in the  
Temple kitchen

Any challah not picked up will be placed in the kitchen freezer

Please mail your order (check payable to TBE Sisterhood) to  
Sue Mazer  
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Questions? 925-922-4481

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### Board of Trustees—Meeting Summary August 15, 2019

The Religious School registration mailing will be sent out (via email) soon. The mailing for High Holy Days has gone out. If anyone needs a ride to services, contact a board member or the Rabbi. Tanakh study on Wednesdays is studying the Book of Jonah. The Friday Interfaith book group, which Rabbi Karol attends, will be discussing *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler, beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There was discussion about ensuring that the fountain is on for a few hours every day, and possibly setting it up to use solar power.

The Matzo Ball Open Golf Tournament date is set for November 10<sup>th</sup>, and tee time is 9 am. The price for to purchase a hole is the same as last year. More information will be available soon!

The Social Action Committee requested the Temple Board's support as it pursues more active work helping in the larger community. The Board voted to support the committee's efforts. There will be a presentation at Temple by the County Clerk about ranked choice voting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm.

Jeff Brown, following up on his work with the History Committee, presented information about donating Temple Beth-El archival material to NMSU, with the exception of anything of a personal or sensitive nature.

The History Committee is exploring several potential programs: a speaker on Jewish gangsters, a presentation by Rabbi Debbie Prinz on Jewish chocolate smugglers, and a woman speaking on the Crypto-Jewish experience.

Joanne Turnbull proposed inviting the temple leadership groups and committees to sponsor Onegs. All present were in favor of this idea. Cheryl and Joanne on reported on the need to develop Sexual Abuse/Harassment and Child Protection policies for the temple (due to special requirements for Temple's insurance policies).

Cheryl Decker reported that the Transition committee is undergoing a reorganization, and more information will be forthcoming.

Mike Lieberman presented proposals for installing a hearing loop in the temple. The board determined that the temple does not currently have the funds required for this project, though it is a worthy project and if donations were able to cover it, we would consider it.

Other guests included Marieka Brown and Marlene Benz, who attended the meeting to discuss concerns regarding communication between the Board and Religious School parents.

### From Rabbi Karol Report on NewCAJE 10

I attended NewCAJE 10, held on July 28-31, 2019 at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. NewCAJE, the successor organization to CAJE, the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, annually gathers about 400 Jewish educators together for several days of learning and community building.

I attended sessions on teaching about antisemitism, Judaism's views on welcoming the stranger and how they relate to immigration, the links between songwriting and lesson planning, songs about God, treasure troves of Jewish music to share with students, how to create productive dia-



logue about peace in the Middle East, and the transmission of tradition embodied in the rituals and prayers of the Passover Seder. I participated in the NewCAJE Chorale, directed by Ellen Allard

(see photo), and a number of us were treated to a delightful session with Eric Kimmel (see photo), author of the children's classic, *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*.



It is special to be part of a community that included a few people whom I have known for over 40 years, along with other familiar NewCAJE participants, plus discoveries of "small world" mutual connections (which included colleagues and family members) with attendees I had just met.

The late-night "kumsitz" (come and sit) is a CAJE and NewCAJE tradition (see photo), providing an opportunity for us to engage in a musical jam with colleagues. This year, those of us who brought guitars (some of us have done this together before...a lot) and ukeleles and everyone present sang classic Jewish/Israeli songs and popular hits from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. It was an intergenerational community that joined in song with great spirit!

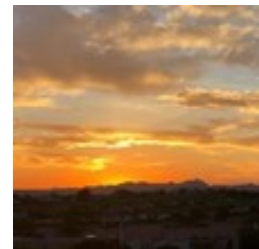
The concluding ceremony on Wednesday, July 31 was an expression of heartfelt gratitude from individuals who spoke for many of us. Many thanks to NewCAJE president, Rabbi Cherie Koller Fox (seated in the photo), and all who make this conference possible.





## God can be—Reflections from the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class and participants in the “Open My Lips” series on prayer

- When I am on a journey or facing a challenge, God can be: *a support; strength; a comforter; appealing; a keeper; a fellow traveler.*
- When I feel a sense of blessing and gratitude in my life, God can be: *magnanimous; a source of Grace; affirming; present; a Source of Peace; a Friend; a celebrant.*
- When we are overwhelmed by the vast universe and wondrous world in which we live, God can be: *an anchor; totally amazing; awesome; the one who is “the cause”; creator; comfort; calming; an artist.*
- When we try to raise ourselves to our highest potential for human goodness, God can be: *a guide; an inspiration; a teacher; a lifter; a goal.*
- When we remember the times that the Jewish people has survived against great odds, God can be: *a protector; a guide; benevolent; a source of patience; continuous; faithful; a deliverer; a redeemer.*
- When we see the evening sunset and morning sunrise arrive at their proper times, God can be: *magnificent; prompt; order, thanked; a luz connection; wondrous; a painter.*
- When we give voice to our deepest concerns and our highest aspirations, God can be: *helpful; a source of hope; a listener; a source of strength; a sounding board; a mentor.*
- When I feel that God is working through me, God can be: *warm and parental; mysterious; kind; a lighthouse; helpful; a source of hope; enabling; present; close; an activist.*
- When melody provides an added depth to our words of prayer, God can be: *an inspirer of song; a facilitator; reached more easily; a conductor; a source of joy; a sweet singer; a musician.*



### 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 29, 2019

### General Operating Fund

- Sonny and Rosie Klein, in memory of Scott Klein
- Cindie Shonk, in memory of Wilba Dugan
- Nina Rothman, in memory of Rena Taslitt and Joseph Rothman
- Lila Ziegler, in memory of Tillie Brandt and Morton Brandt
- Paula Kramer, in honor of Dee Cook's birthday
- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Eva Rayblatt

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Gloria Hudson
- Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in honor of their wedding anniversary aliyah
- The Fiszbeins, in memory of Cecilia Guller
- Ellen and Fred Torres, in memory of Marion Deutschman
- Frima Marquez and Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Ramon Marquez

### 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.

**Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol 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:

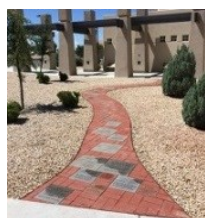
**“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [or \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].”**

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.





**SEPTEMBER 2019 (ELUL 5779-TISHREI 5780)****Yahrzeits-September 1 through October 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, 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)

**Read on Friday, September 13****and Saturday, September 14**

Irv Dworsky\*  
 Eve Holzman\*  
 Ethel Kreps\*  
 Albert Petrowski\*  
 Samuel Rice\*  
 Ida Siegel (Carla Libby)  
 Martin Steinman\*  
 Donald David Stern\*  
 Sidney Waldman\*  
 Zarah Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

**Read on Friday, September 20****and Saturday, September 21**

Mickey Agosta (Tammy Tellez)  
 Thomas E. Bell (Joseph Bell)  
 Fabian Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)  
 Morris Feldman\*  
 Donald Gantert (Susi Kolikant)  
 Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Walter Sisson (Renee Frank)

**Read on Friday, September 27****and Saturday, September 28**

Louis Berkeley (Arthur Berkeley)  
 Sylvia Blumkin\*  
 Zellie Capin (Bea Klein)  
 Shari Kandel (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Joseph Karol (Rabbi Larry Karol)  
 Ted Levy (Tom Levy)  
 Ramon Marquez (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)  
 Helen Rothman (Nina Rothman)  
 Samuel Smalley\* (Alison Mann)

**Read on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5**

Shepley Backman (Judy Kirschner)  
 Iylene Caplan (Betty Rosse)  
 Emily Cohen\* (Susan Brown, Marieka Brown)  
 Isadore Frank\*  
 Bernard Kottler (Marsha San Filippo)  
 Anna Lampert\* (Gabriel Lampert)  
 Beth Lawrence (David & Lynn Zeemont)  
 Richard Meltzer (Colette Meltzer)  
 Irving Leonard Podolsky (Selma Ryave,  
 Rosalyn Richman)  
 Nathan Siegel\*  
 Viki Slack (Stefani Singer)  
 Arthur Winard (Bea Klein)

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

***Betty Rosse, on the death of her brother,  
 Dr. Richard Caplan,  
 on August 20, 2019, in Iowa City, Iowa.***

***May his memory be for a 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!)

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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](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 October 2019 Adelante is September 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 [rablprkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablprkarol@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
Elul 1 1	Elul 2 2	Elul 3 3 "Open My Lips" - Finding your spirit in Jewish prayer Part 2—7:00 pm	Elul 4 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Elul 5 5	Elul 6 6 Shabbat Family Ser- vice 6:00 pm By the Fountain Potluck Dinner in- cluding HOT DOGS following outside	Elul 7 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 8 8 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm Sisterhood Brunch 11:00 am  Shofar Across Borders in El Paso—1:30 pm	Elul 9 9	Elul 10 10	Elul 11 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Elul 12 12	Elul 13 13 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Elul 14 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 15 15 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm	Elul 16 16	Elul 17 17 Ranked Choice Voting System Explained with Dona Ana County Clerk Amada Lopez Askin 6:30-8:00 pm	Elul 18 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Elul 19 19 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Elul 20 20 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Elul 21 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am  Selichot Study, des- sert, Havdalah and service—7:30 pm
Elul 22 22 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm	Elul 23 23	Elul 24 24	Elul 25 25 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Elul 26 26	Elul 27 27 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Elul 28 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Elul 29 29 No Religious School  ROSH HASHANAH Evening Service 8:00 pm Oneg Following	Tishrei 1 30 ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY 9:00am Family Service 10:00 am Morning Service—Tashlich at Young Park one hour after morning service ends	Tishrei 2 Oct 1 ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY—10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morn- ing Service followed by Bagel Brunch	Tishrei 3 Oct 2 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Tishrei 4 Oct 3	Tishrei 5 Oct 4 Shabbat Shuvah Service 6:00 pm	Tishrei 6 Oct 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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