

# Adelante!

A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

NOVEMBER 2019 (CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5780)



## Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

Services on  
November 8, 15, 22, and 29  
preceded by 5:30 pm reception/Oneg  
Friday, November 1

Shabbat Family Service at 6:00 pm—  
Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Dinner following

Friday, November 8

Shabbat service at 6:00 pm

Friday, November 15

Shabbat service at 6:00 pm

Friday, November 22

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit  
at 6:00 pm

Friday, November 29

Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm

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## Saturdays

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

**Matzo Ball Open  
Golf Tournament  
on Sunday, November 10  
at Picacho Hills Golf Course**

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**“Open My Lips” series  
on the Shabbat Evening  
Worship Service**

**Session on November 4:**

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**Highlights from Tashlich,  
Sukkot and Simchat Torah:  
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## Acclaimed author and genealogist

## Genie Milgrom

**will speak on**

**“My 15 Grandmothers: Recovering a  
Lost Jewish Legacy in Spain”**

**Sunday,**

**November 17, 2019**

**at 7: 00pm**

**at Temple Beth-El**



Despite being raised in a Cuban family and educated a Roman Catholic, Genie was drawn to Judaism as an adult, and she became intrigued with tracing her own family history. In an unparalleled work of genealogy, she was able to document her family back 22 generations with unbroken matrilineal descent, to her true Jewish roots in 1409 pre-Inquisition Spain.

The efforts researching her family transformed her life, and now she shares a step-by-step guide that has led many others back in time to find their Crypto Jewish Roots.

**Free and Open to the Public  
Refreshments will be served.  
Donations welcome.**



## Worship Schedule

**Please note: OUR SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES ON NOVEMBER 8, 15, 22 AND 29 WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. A Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) reception will begin at 5:30 pm before the service begins. Feel free to join us when you are ready. The service will be followed by a wine blessing/kiddush and motzi.**

### **Friday, November 1**

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

***Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.***

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

### **Saturday, November 2**

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32

Haftarah Isaiah 54:1-55:5

### **Friday, November 8**

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Reception

6:00 pm Shabbat Service—Rabbi Karol will offer a D'var Torah on the theme of “moving forward with faith.” ***Luke Duddridge will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### **Saturday, November 9**

#### **NO TALMUD STUDY**

10:15 am Shabbat morning service:

**Tanah Hemingway will read the Torah and Haftarah and offer a D'var Torah to mark her anniversary of becoming Bat Mitzvah. A celebratory kiddush will follow the service.**

Parashat Lech L'cha Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16

### **Friday, November 15**

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Reception

6:00 pm Shabbat Service – Rabbi Karol will share thoughts on the value of hospitality.

### **Saturday, November 16**

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah II Kings 4:1-37

### **Friday, November 22**

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Reception

6:00 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal. ***Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### **Saturday, November 23**

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftarah I Kings 1:1-31

### **Friday, November 29**

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Reception

6:00 pm Shabbat Service, with special prayers for Thanksgiving. ***Steve Haydu will represent the Board of Trustees.***

### **Saturday, November 30**

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Tol'dot Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah Malachi 1:1-2:7

### **Friday, December 6**

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

***Pearie Bruder will represent the Board of Trustees.***

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

### **Saturday, December 7**

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat morning service and Potluck Kiddush

Parashat Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah Hosea 12:13-14:10

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2019-2020**

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**The next regular Board Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

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### **Message from Rabbi Karol**

**LEGACY – Yom Kippur Morning Sermon created and delivered by Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol on October 9, 2019 (Excerpts from the beginning and the end of the sermon).**

- Rabbi Larry: My mom had just died in the first week of May in 2004. We were going through the apartment to decide what to keep and what to discard. We found, prominent on the dining room table, a legal tablet with a list of organizations in which my Mom had participated over the years. She had decided to create the list because she had attended funerals where the rabbis, when they delivered the eulogy, didn't seem to know the person well at all and did not accurately portray the legacy of that loved one who had died. I don't know if Mom knew that her sons would be delivering the eulogies at her funeral, but the list was still very helpful to my brother Steve and me.
- Rhonda: The other item we found was a small note pad on which she had written a number of quotations about leadership. We believed that she had used some of those statements when she led meetings as Sisterhood president between 1997 and 2001.
- Rabbi Larry: I was really taken by these pearls of wisdom, enough that I still have in my possession the remnants of the note pad. Here are some of the quotations she had written down:
- Rhonda: Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. (Ann Landers)
- Rabbi Larry: No matter what happens, keep on beginning and failing. Each time you fail, start all over again, and you will grow stronger until you find that you have accomplished a purpose – not the one you began with perhaps, but one you will be glad to remember. (Anne Sullivan)
- Rhonda: I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more. (Jonas Salk)
- Rabbi Larry: You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you do not try. (Beverly Sills)
- Rhonda: The worst part of success is finding someone who is happy for you. (Bette Midler)
- Rabbi Larry: Success is often achieved by those who don't know that failure is inevitable. (Coco Chanel)
- Rhonda: The only way to have a friend is to be one. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)
- Rabbi Larry: What grows never grows old. (Jewish author Noah benShea)
- Rhonda: We have always considered this collection from mom's dining room table to be an important piece of her legacy. Even though she didn't write these statements, we know that they had meaning for her as a volunteer, as a leader, and as a mother and grandmother. That is one reason that her example still serves us as an inspiration.
- Rabbi Larry: There was one principle all her own that she stated more than once. She believed in perseverance. She stuck with positions in Sisterhood, Hadassah and other organizations as long as she could. There were times when she felt

things weren't working out and she was not appreciated for her service. When that happened, she simply found another pursuit to which she could dedicate herself. Still, she always came back to Temple. The Sunday before she died, she had taken an active role in a major community program at the congregation. So that is one part of her legacy.

- Rabbi Larry: As two Jewish communal professionals, we have been making Judaism come to life for people of all ages for a good long time. We have taught together in the same Religious School since 1982. So what would we write on a notepad that might be left on a dining room table, or hidden in a Temple building for someone to find years later?
- Rhonda: Try to treat every person, from birth through the most veteran members of a community, as significant and as a precious human resource who has something to add and teach.
- Rabbi Larry: Rabbi Chanina said, "I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my colleagues, but from my students I have learned most of all." We are grateful for the lessons that our students of all ages have taught us with wit, with emotion, and with their own special insight.
- Rhonda: Rabbi Tarfon said, "LO ALECHA - It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to neglect it." Anything that we create in a community bears the possibility of being only a beginning, with the ultimate completion to come far in the future. It is always up to us to nurture a new idea so that others can carry it to fruition.
- Rabbi Larry: We have two eyes, two ears, and one mouth - to see the beauty of creation, to listen to creation, and to praise creation. New Mexico, with its mountains, beautiful sunsets, and rich history, is a feast for our senses.
- Rhonda: Rabbi Shimon said, "there are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingship. And the crown of a good name is superior to them all." The crown of Torah is about what we have learned. The crown of priesthood is about how we infuse our special spirit into the life of our community. The crown of kingship is about how we lead based on ingenuity, integrity, creativity and fairness. The crown of a good name is what we create for ourselves when we study, when we consider the meaning of our lives together, and when we work as equal partners to realize our vision.
- Rabbi Larry: When I was in fifth grade in my Religious School, our teacher gave us an assignment to interview someone in our family and someone outside our family to explain the meaning of this famous statement by the sage Hillel in Pirkei Avot: If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?
- Rhonda: In the Pirkei Avot book that I (Rhonda) received for her confirmation, it explains, "These precious gems of Hillel remind us of the duties of self-preservation, self-cultivation and [they] warn us against being self-centered and selfish, [cautioning us] against procrastination."

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

This November Adelante marks the beginning of Beth Tierney serving as co-editor with Rabbi Karol, until Beth takes over as editor in January. This is her first foray into Adelante journalism.

By now, the newest ebullient of Transition Times has been sent which highlights several changes, enabling TBE to conserve money. By having the Mensch Club handle routine grounds and building maintenance we are saving the cost of an exterminator and grounds keeper. Consolidating our previous three temple insurance policies into one policy with a company that specializes in religious organizations, Temple has a savings of approximately \$2200 and our insurance is more comprehensive. Temple's new Finance Team has hired a new accountant, Stacey Hyman. If her name sounds familiar, she is a temple member and has children in our religious school. Having Stacey as our accountant will save TBE approximately \$6050 annually. Stacey, Treasurer Michael Mandel, Finance Team Leader Lynn Zeemont and others are working to update our dues collection problem. If you find an error on your statement, have a problem or need clarification, please give Lynn or Michael a call.

Members from several of the Transition Teams have collaborated with VP Joanne Turnbull to write and apply for an emergency grant available through The Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. We asked for funds to hire an interim, part-time rabbi or engage a student rabbi. If that grant request is funded, Bill Stein has offered to lead the Search Team. We hope to have a group of members for this team which encompasses the diversity of our membership. Even if we receive the fully funded grant, we will need approximately an additional \$10,000 to support an interim rabbi. We should find out in December the outcome of our request.

I want to extend a warm welcome to Temple's newest members; Joel Siegel; George and Grace Gilson; Gillian and Nathan Baudo and children, Rachel Glickler-Duggins, Sean Duggins and children; and Karen Ford-Pierce and Ron Pierce. If you see a new face at temple services, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

In the following months, the Adelante will feature our new Board Members. They are writing short bios, accompanied by their snapshots.

A reminder that the Renaissance Faire starts Novem-

ber 2nd and temple members are working the booth on Sunday November 3rd. We can use your help the 3rd serving pastrami sandwiches and kosher hot dogs or taking credit cards and cash payments. We also need help for the cleanup immediately after the event ends. Call Dave Zeemont or Dave Decker of the Mensch Club for setup and tear down times. Call Cheryl Decker to schedule your work shift.

Don't forget the Matzo Ball Open, held again this year at Picacho Hills Golf Course on November 10th. This charity event not only helps TBE but again this year the Mesilla Valley Hospice is our charity recipient. Call Lynn Zeemont to sponsor a hole, to schedule your team, or to donate an item for the raffle.

I want to thank Rabbi Karol and all the temple members who were able to take part in our High Holy Days. The services were beautiful, well attended and especially moving for me this year. At each blast of the shofar, I had a visceral reaction. Was my reaction the same as our ancestors many years ago? I feel somehow closer to those ancestors and even prouder of my Jewish heritage.

Recently while having dinner with friends, we were discussing the High Holy Days services and surrounding events, when a friend mentioned the songs and chants were still resonating in her mind; another person agreed, she also was having mind chants. It made me smile to think how deep are our shared traditions and how it is those shared traditions that give us identity, purpose, a sense of community responsibility, Tikkun Olam, that deep visceral feeling of who we are, shared by Jews around the world on our sacred days.

***L'shalom,***  
***Cheryl***

**A CLEAN SLATE**

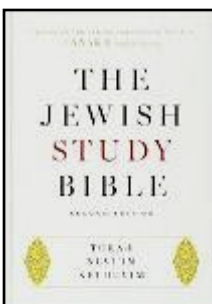
To all members of the TBE community:

We are starting anew, and if we want to be part of that community, we have a responsibility to pay our dues on time. This is your opportunity to support the mission and vision of our temple. Few things in Jewish life combine guilt and money like temple dues, but they are our largest source of financial support. We hope you will consider making a payment during the holiday period and know that you are supporting the achievements of the temple as well as future opportunities. If you are unaware of your current status or have not received a dues notice, please contact Michael Mandel at

[mmaandel@gmail.com](mailto:mmamandel@gmail.com) for that information.

# ADULT EDUCATION

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## TANAKH STUDY

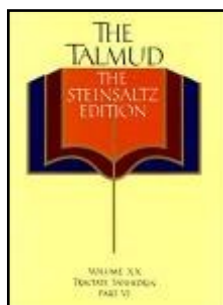
Sessions meet on Wednesday at 10:15 until 11:15 am, studying the book of Amos

## 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 4

**Monday, November 4, 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@tbelc.org](mailto:rabbi@tbelc.org).



Shoppers from around Las Cruces came to Temple for the TBE Sisterhood Rummage Sale on Sunday, October 27, 2019. More news on the event will be shared soon!

## NFTY Fall Kallah

On the weekend of October 11-13, five BEMY/BETY members, accompanied by Advisor, Amalia Zeitlin attended Southwest NFTY's Spring Kallah which was held at Camp Stein, located in the mountains of Prescott, AZ. This year marks the first year that 7th graders were invited to attend. Some camp highlights included a talent show for the high schoolers, craft projects and the food (which was reported to be excellent). Participants also mentioned how fun it was to be around a lot of Jewish kids their own age. Morgan noted that even services were more fun because she could feel the excitement and energy. In their downtime at the cabin, participants from several cities bonded while doing things like singing along to the guitar brought by one attendee.

This was the largest contingent that Temple Beth-El has sent in many years. A hearty Todah Rabah goes out to TBE sisterhood and Mensch club for their financial assistance in making it possible for our youth. Also to Amalia Zeitlin for chaperoning and driving as well as promoting the event and encouraging all our BEMY/ BETY members to attend.



At Fall Kallah. From L to R: Kaylee Z., Kaila B., Elizabeth G., Morgan T., Casey R., Amalia Z.

## BEMY/BETY 2019 Board

BETY president: Hannah Saltman

BEMY president: Max Rosenberg

BEMY/BETY Religious & Cultural Vice President:

Casey Rosenberg

BEMY/BETY Social Action Vice President: Kaila Brown

BETY Membership Vice President: Elizabeth Goldsteen

BEMY Membership Vice President: Mia Berkson

BEMY/BETY Communications Vice President: Jacob Saltman

BEMY/BEMY Interfaith Liaison: Morgan Tierney

BEMY/BETY Historian: Josh Rosenberg

BEMY/BETY Assistant Historian: Kaylee Zeledon



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- Rabbi Larry: Hillel also said, "Do not separate yourself from the community." We need connection. We thrive on positive ties. How do we choose life as community members? We study. We teach. We celebrate with each other. We mourn loved ones and friends. We laugh. We discuss. We agree and we try to respectfully disagree. We make important decisions after careful consideration. We support each other through illness and times of challenge. We try not to judge each other, but, instead, offer to assist each other in self-improvement and in making our community a place of comfort, growth, joy, encouragement, warmth, friendship and even love.
- Rhonda: Our participation in a community is a mitzvah that deserves – and has – its own blessing. On Sunday mornings during Religious School, before we collect our Tzedakah contributions, we recite this blessing that is appropriate for anything we do to enhance community life:

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצוונו  
לעסוק בצרכי הצבור

Blessed are You, Eternal, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy with commandments and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of community.

- Rabbi Larry: Courage is the power to let go of the familiar. It's not about forgetting, but rather, it's about reaching out with gusto to take hold of new experiences and possibilities.

Rhonda: One of our favorite collections of Jewish inspiration is *Covenant of the Heart*, published in 1993 by the Women of Reform Judaism. The copy of the book that we have has, inside the front cover, the handwritten inscription: "From the Library of Ruth Karol." The reading that we have copied for you today from that book is one that we have included in many special services over the years. We believe that it embodies the essence of Judaism and we offer this as a central part of our legacy to Temple Beth-El and, by extension, the Jewish people. And it is echoed by a quote from the Talmud: "Kindness is the highest form of wisdom." We read responsively:

Eternal God, who has given us the privilege of choosing good over evil, grant us, we pray, one attribute above all others - grant us kindness.

*If we are kind, we cannot do unto others that which we would not want done to us.*

*If we are kind, we cannot be selfish and grasping, but must share our bounty with others; causing joys, both great and small, by thoughtful deeds and gifts.*

*If we are kind, we cannot dishonor our parents by harsh word or wicked deed.*

*If we are kind, we cannot carry hurtful gossip to break another's heart, nor could we bear false witness against our neighbors.*

*If we are kind, we cannot take another's possessions for our own. We cannot steal that which another holds dear and has labored to obtain.*

*If we are kind, we cannot covet that which belongs to our neighbors, longing to deprive them of what is theirs. Rather would we rejoice in their good fortune.*

*If we are kind, above all, we cannot kill - we cannot harm or hurt the weak, the poor, the young, the old. We cannot cause a little child to cry nor mistreat a helpless creature.*

*We cannot take pleasure in the weeping of women nor the despair of men. We cannot hate. We cannot revile. We cannot ignore the needs of others.*

*And so we pray, O God: grant us kindness - Your all-encompassing kindness.*

*L'shalom,*

*Rabbi Larry K.*

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



***Rhonda and Rabbi Larry Karol  
recited the Torah blessings  
for the last Aliyah  
on Simchat Torah evening  
on  
October, 20, 2019.***

### Temple Beth-El has recently updated our Mitzvah Team!

The Mitzvah Team has identified the following tasks that it would like to perform and support with the help of Temple volunteers

(please let us know if you can assist us):

- Develop a phone tree and others ways to reach out to members.
- Support the rabbi and the Religious Practices Committee in providing special arrangements for shiv'ah minyans.
- Visit homebound and hospitalized members and members living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospice.
- Provide transportation to worship services and Temple events, medical appointments, and errands.
- Celebrate simchahs (life's joyous moments).

Please contact:

- Alison Mann—575-680-0207 Alisonmd4@gmail.com
- Luke Duddridge 727-204-6086 lcduddridge@hotmail.com
- David Decker-575-556-4056 deckerdavid28@gmail.com

***If you are aware of any members  
in need of the services listed,  
please let us know!***

***A warm thank you to Mike Batkin,  
who has generously donated  
Jewish calendars for 5780  
to Temple Beth-El this year.  
They are on the table in the entry foyer!***



*Dancing, Marching, Singing, Praying, Reading on Simchat Torah on October 20!*





# TISHREI HOLIDAYS

*Congregants and their canine companions gathered at Young Park for Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah afternoon on September 30.*



*Our Sukkah brigade built the Sukkah in record time on October 13!!!*



*Congregants of all ages gathered to create Sukkah decorations and to share a Sukkot evening service in the Sukkah on October 13!*





**Temple Beth-El's Seventh Annual**

# **Matzo Ball Open**

## **at Picacho Hills Country Club**

### **Sunday, November 10th, 2019**



**8 a.m. Registration**  
**9 a.m. Shotgun Start Tee-Off**  
**\$100 per player**

Temple Beth-El is hosting its sixth annual golf tournament, the Matzo Ball Open on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces.

Registration will start at 8 a.m. at the clubhouse and come enjoy a bowl of matzo ball soup. The format will be a four-person best ball team scramble, which means each player gets to take a shot from their team's previous best shot. Your entry fee per 4-person team includes cart, range balls, lunch (vegetarian option available), as well as a certificate for a complimentary round at PHCC.

We will have a \$10,000 putting contest, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests for both men and women. Raffles tickets will be sold throughout the tournament as well as mulligans and 50/50 tickets.

We hope that you will consider being a hole sponsor or make a contribution to our raffle table. Your business or individual name will be advertised at a tee box and in the Temple Beth-El newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at the tournament.

**CALL (575) 523-0913 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**More Golfers/Teams are needed to ensure a closed course  
for the Matzo Ball Open! Please spread the word!**



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

**Please come and enjoy the Faire and our delicious food!**

## Thank you for your part in High Holy Days 5780!

- Many thanks to our High Holy Day participants for 5780 (service leaders, readers, Torah holders, shofar sounders, choir members, and ark openers): Rabbi Larry Karol, Leora Zeitlin, Stuart Kelter, Amalia Zeitlin, Cheryl Decker, Joanne Turnbull, Ned Rubin, Linda Fisher, Jim Rosenthal, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Bev Duddridge, Luke Duddridge, Elizabeth Goldsteen, Elaine Baeza, Marcus Cohen, Karen Ford-Pierce, Rachel Glickler Duggins, Jane Grider, Tanah Hemingway, Monika Kimball, Brenda Parish, Ruth Rubin, Anne Weinberg, Erich Zameret, Marieka Brown, Kaila Brown, Liana Brown, Morgan Tierney, Mia Berkson, Lilah Berkson, Kaylee Zeledon, Stuart Fleishman, Diane Fleishman, Alison Mann, Allen Blum, Karen Currier, Sue Mazer, Norm Mazer, Arthur Berkson, Corry McKissack, Frima Marquez, Jeff Marquez, Ann Berkson, Marlene Benz, Dee Cook, Phil Alkon, Beth Tierney, Nancy Bergman, Barbara Mandel, Debbie Levy, Ellen Torres, Jason Rosenberg, Terri Sugarman, Martha Roditti, Monika Kimball, Steve Haydu, Bill Stein, Susan Michelson, Yossi Lapid, Talia Peiffer Lapid, Ilana Lapid, Rachel Baudo, Eli Baudo, Lynn Zeemont, Susan Quinn, Cherri Hudson-Brown, Susan Fitzgerald, Patrick Quinn, Gerie Muchnikoff, Bryan McCuller, Rhonda Karol, Dave Zeemont, Norm Osborne, David Decker, Jeff Brown, Inigo Garcia Bryce, Mark Saltman, Jacob Saltman, and Hannah Saltman.
- Thank you to Robert French for providing bimah flowers for Rosh Hashanah, and to Bob and Monika Kimball for providing bimah flowers for Yom Kippur.
- Thank you to Temple Beth-El Sisterhood for sponsoring and organizing the Rosh Hashanah Oneg on September 29 and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast on October 9 (and thanks to all who contributed food!).
- Thank you to our ushers for welcoming us as we entered the Sanctuary for services.
- Thank you to BETY/BEMY for organizing the food drive and to those who donated items that will be donated to Casa de Peregrinos.
- We appreciate all those who took part in our group Aliyot: those who have lived in Las Cruces 30 years or more, 10 to 30 years, or less than 10 years; those who have been Bar/Bat Mitzvah or were Confirmed at Temple Beth-El; those who have served on the Temple Beth-El Board; anyone who has visited the Kotel/Western Wall; anyone who has been a teacher in a school; anyone who has had challenges in the last year

that have resolved or with which he/she is still coping; anyone who has served on the board of a non-profit organization; anyone who has worked as a professional or a volunteer to help people with their healing; anyone who has led a service at Temple Beth-El; and anyone who has been a youth group member, a youth group advisor, or has attended a Jewish summer camping program.

- **Apologies if anyone's name was not included.**  
**Many thanks to everyone!**

### Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary— October 17, 2019

The Rabbi reported that we have 20 students in religious school this year.

The 'Open My Lips' Shabbat prayer study class continued on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, but is on hold until more is known about the Rabbi's November schedule.

Beth Tierney is taking on the preparation of the Adelante, currently with oversight by Rabbi Karol.

Mark Saltman presented to the Board on behalf of the Security Committee on how best to utilize the \$5,000 grant to improve security at the temple. Plans include replacing or upgrading the current alarm system and adding some cameras.

Stacey Hyman, the Temple's new bookkeeper presented the treasurer's report and discussed some options to optimize the bookkeeping. The temple received a thank you note from NMSU for the donation of some of our Temple Archives.

The temple is also setting up a task force to evaluate software for the temple to ensure that we have the best and most cost effective tools for tracking members, financials, Yahrzeits, etc. We also need to be able to communicate successfully.

We will have the pastrami booth at this year's Renaissance Faire on November 2-3, and the Matzo Ball Open on November 10<sup>th</sup>.





### Plastic Bottle Caps for Cancer Care

Thanks to Ann Berkson for bringing this Tzedakah opportunity to the attention of Temple Beth-El Religious School. Please save and send in any color or kind of plastic bottle caps. Ann will make sure they are given to a person who will take them to Mexico, where the funds from the caps are used for cancer care, such as for dialysis and prostheses. There will be a container to receive your donations on the small countertop outside the pantry in the kitchen to collect the caps. We look forward to the participation of Temple members of all ages in this mitzvah. Update: 272 bottle caps have been collected as of October 27, 2019.



Eight mayoral candidates attended the forum, sponsored and hosted by the Social Action/Adult Education committee, at Temple Beth-El on October 29, 2019, and moderated by Ned Rubin (at the lectern). In the photo are (left to right): Bev Courtney, Dona Ana County Commissioner Isabella Solis, Jesusita Dolores Lucero, Alexander

Fresquez, City Councilor Greg Smith, Gina Ortega, Bill Mattiace, and Mayor Ken Miyagishima. Ned Rubin read a statement submitted by candidate Mike Tellez at the end of the forum.

### 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 October 30, 2019

### General Fund

- Frima and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Robert Krasner, Alvin Krasner, Ramon Marquez, Blanche Krasner Levine, and Sara Elizabeth Morley
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller
- Susan Michelson and Bill Stein, in memory of Emily Schorr
- Allen and Eve Palanker, in loving memory of Rachel Wheeler

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Bernice Langner, in memory of Jennie Wagman Freeman and Samuel Freeman
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of David Sugarman and Blanche Geisinger
- Ruth Rubin, in memory of Benjamin Geller
- Rorie Measure, in honor of Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol for the ways in which they reach out to serve the community
- Elaine Baeza
- Mike Batkin (for 5780 Jewish Calendars)
- Sue Brown, in memory of Emily Cohen

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Fund

- Frank and Dinny Bomberg
- Jerry and Jodie Nachison



### 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.**





**NOVEMBER 2019 (CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5780)****Yahrzeits-October 27 through December 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, November 1 and Saturday, November 2**

Meyer Davison\*

Anna Jacobs (Winifred Jacobs)

Perry Kohn (Michael Mandel)

Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl A. Loudon-Decker)

Helen Michelman (Michael Levine)

James Quinn (Patrick Quinn)

Manas Rosenberg (Jason Rosenberg)

Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)

Mel Taylor\*

Agnes Youngs (Winifred Jacobs)

**Read on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9**

Susan Bronstein\* (Jamie Bronstein)

Harold Brown\* (Jeff Brown)

Nathan Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)

Tillie Frank\*

Benjamin Galatzan\*

Sheldon J Harris (Cyrille S. Kane)

Herman Lewis (Jeff Lewis)

Prime Min Yitzhak Rabin\*

Marlene Deanne Saltman (Mark Saltman)

Olga Szucs\*

Darlene Taylor\*

**Read on Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16**

Evelyn Benowitz\* (Simy Allan)

George Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)

David Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)

Gustave Heart (Nancy Bergman)

Arlene Metzger Jerome\* (Bryan McCuller)

Dr. Clarence A Lathrop\* (Jane Grider)

Sylvia Hackman Lazar (Tana Hemingway)

Fanny Levy\* (Bea Klein)

Beverly Lewis (Jeffrey Lewis)

Hunter Lewis\*

Edith Madenberg (Janet Stevens)

Gary Metzger (Bryan McCuller)

Isadore Rosenfeld\*

Freda Schoenbrun\*

Herman Weinberg (Anne Weinberg)

Kenneth Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

Erwin Willman\*

**Read on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23**

Elsa Galatzan\*

Isaac Geisinger (Ruth Ann Sugarman)

Colman Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)

Esther Kloss\*

Erwin Michelson\* (Susan Michelson)

Edith Pliner (Rob Goldstein)

Herschel Schreier\*

Sanford M Siegel\*

Israel Isaac Taslitt\* (Nina Rothman)

Ausvel L. Williams\* (Frances F. Williams)

Dov Zameret (Erich Zameret)

**Read on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30**

Leroy Bibo\*

Isadore Blumkin\*

Phillip Bond\*

George Brankman (Sally Alkon)

Allen M Brooks\* (Sharon Dorfman)

Sam Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Adele Kimmel\* (Murray Bruder)

Yetta Lipschutz\* (Abe Pomerantz)

Ira Palanker (Allen Palanker)

Esther Rosenfeld\*

Benjamin Shane (Nancy Bergman)

Bertha Shane (Nancy Bergman)

Mac Singer\*

David Steinborn (Vivian Steinborn)

Rebecca Wechter\*

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

Lucy Miller Atkins\*

Leo Bienstock (Gerie Muchnikoff)

Rose Caplan (Betty Rosse)

Celia Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Stephen Halper

Victor Hartman\*

Lionel Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)

Mel Kirschner\* (Bob Kirschner, Lila Ziegler)

Charles Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)

Sol Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

Dr. Michael Polsky (Rita Polsky)

David Silverman (Jerald Silverman)

Hershel Zohn\*

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](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 December 2019 Adelante is November 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
					Cheshvan 31 Family Shabbat service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Cheshvan 4 2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am RENN FAIRE BOOTH
Cheshvan 5 3 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm RENN FAIRE BOOTH	Cheshvan 6 4 OPEN MY LIPS 7:00 pm	Cheshvan 7 5 Short Story Group 1:00 pm	Cheshvan 8 6 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 9 7	Cheshvan 10 8 Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 11 9 NO TALMUD STUDY Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am Tanah Hemingway Bat Mitzvah Anniversary
Cheshvan 12 10 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm MATZO BALL OPEN 9:00 AM Picacho Hills Golf Course	Cheshvan 13 11	Cheshvan 14 12 Short Story Group 1:00 pm	Cheshvan 15 13 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 16 14	Cheshvan 17 15 Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 18 16 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 19 17 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm Genie Milgrom, author and genealogist 7:00 PM	Cheshvan 20 18	Cheshvan 21 19 Short Story Group 1:00 pm	Cheshvan 22 20 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Cheshvan 23 21 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 24 22 Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 5:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 25 23 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Cheshvan 26 24 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm	Cheshvan 27 25	Cheshvan 28 26 Short Story Group 1:00 pm	Cheshvan 29 27 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am NO Tanakh Study	Cheshvan 30 28 THANKSGIVING DAY	Kislev 1 29 Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	Kislev 2 30 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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