

# Adelante!

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



DECEMBER 2019 (KISLEV-TEVET 5780)



## Shabbat Services (See Page 2)

### FOR THE WINTER MONTHS:

Shabbat services will begin at 6:30 pm,  
with an Oneg Shabbat following

Friday, December 6

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

Friday, December 13

Lay-led Shabbat service at 6:30 pm

Friday, December 20

Shabbat service at 6:30 pm

Friday, December 27

Shabbat Chanukah Celebration at 5:30 pm

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### Saturdays

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

## On Friday, December 27, join us for a SHABBAT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!



- Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck & LATKE dinner at 5:30 pm. "Potluck" Latkes are welcome and encouraged!

- Multigenerational Service at 6:15 pm including participation by

congregants of all ages! Bring your menorah to light!

- Dreidels and Dessert Oneg Shabbat at 7:00 pm, including dreidel games, suf-ganiyot (jelly donuts) and other delicacies!
- ADD YOUR LIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!

ALSO: Monday, December 23—5:30 pm

Chanukah Community-Wide Celebration at San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso, 114 W. Mills Avenue, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. Congregants who would like to attend are encouraged to carpool. Join us in this area observance of our special holiday!

## JUDAICA SHOP BOUTIQUE FOR CHANUKAH ON DECEMBER 8

Chanukah begins on the evening of Sunday, December 22, and the TBE Judaica Shop will be open to help fill your Holiday needs! Items will be on display for purchase on **Sunday, December 8, from 9:00am-1:00pm** at

Temple Beth-El. Come purchase candles, dreidels, gelt, wrapping paper, gifts for children, and books.

There will be new menorahs and unique gifts to buy! Sales will be by cash or check only. If you have any

questions, please contact Michele Blum at fern104@aol.com or 201-926-6545.

We appreciate the participation and support of our Temple members!!!



Jewish Federation  
of Greater El Paso  
Three-Day Lego Marathon  
Information  
at this link!

<https://jewishelpaso.org/jewish-el-pasolego-marathon>

*Neomi Summers, a friend of Susan Lapid,  
will speak about*

*"The Jews of Yemen and their cuisine"  
at Temple Beth-El on*

*Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.*

*Please join us!*

## Worship Schedule

**Please note: OUR SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES ON DECEMBER 13 AND 20 WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM. THIS WILL BE THE SERVICE TIME FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. See below for our service schedule on Friday, December 27.**

### 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

### Friday, December 13

6:30 pm Shabbat Service led by Monika Kimball, Bill Stein, Dee Cook and Corry McKissack, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. **Steve Haydu will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Talmud Study  
 10:15 am Shabbat morning service led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter, followed by a potluck Kiddush.  
 Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43  
 Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

### Friday, December 20

6:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. **Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.**

### Saturday, December 21

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

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### Monday, December 23—5:30 pm

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### Friday, December 27—SHABBAT CHANUKAH

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

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

7:00 pm Dreidels and Dessert! Our Oneg Shabbat will include dreidel games, and sufganiyot/jelly donuts and other delicacies!!!

### Saturday, December 28

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

### Friday, January 3

6:00 pm. Family Shabbat Service for all ages.  
 6:50 pm. Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

### Saturday, January 4

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

### **Upcoming B’nei Mitzvah at Temple Beth-El**

Morgan Tierney - Saturday, February 22, 2020  
 Kaylee Zeledon - Saturday, March 14, 2020  
 Max Bruder - Saturday, June 20, 2020  
 Rachel Baudo - Saturday, August 29, 2020  
 Mia Berkson - Saturday, September 5, 2020

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

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 Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

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

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### **Message from Rabbi Karol**

#### **To my grandchildren and their peers:**

How can I save the world for you?  
I know I can't save it by myself.  
I wonder, sometimes, if the values I  
have taught and tried to put into  
practice are still guiding my brothers  
and sisters in the human family.

I have seen bullying, but never thought it would be  
admired and supported.

I have witnessed, and been the target of, ridicule,  
but I never imagined that people would so readily  
join in demeaning and denigrating others.

I have seen the environment exploited without lim-  
its, without a concern for the future, and I thought  
that decades-long efforts to diminish that lack of care  
for the world would succeed. They have, but only up  
to a point.

I have seen people harbor hatred for others and par-  
ticipate in dehumanization and discrimination. I  
thought that more members of the communities in  
which I have lived were opening their hearts to oth-  
ers in a way that would end. And they were, but it  
seems that others are not ready to do the same.

So how can I save the world for you?

There are answers in prayers of the tradition which  
you are inheriting from your family and which, I  
know, you will willingly share.

If God creates and re-creates the universe every  
day, we can find ways in which we can be God's  
partners in preserving the earth to ensure its future.

When we praise God, we are expressing wonder at  
the world and also showing that we are humble, ac-  
knowledging we are but a part of creation but always  
beloved in God's eyes.

When we voice our love for God through our  
words and actions, divine love will guide our hands,  
eyes, and hearts so that we will all be closer to one  
another.

When we give thanks, we admit that we don't ex-  
pect to receive anything. Simple appreciation for all  
that is ours in our lives can inspire us to be generous  
and giving to others.

When we praise God who makes peace, we commit  
ourselves to suffusing the world with God's bless-

ings: goodness, kindness, grace, compassion, mercy,  
light, righteousness, and a zest for life.

When we offer our support and assistance to peo-  
ple in need, we demonstrate that the teachings of our  
heritage are not just words. They chart a course for  
our personal journey.

So what can I do to save the world for you?

I will do my best to treat people with decency and  
respect, and to hold up every person as valued and  
precious. I will perform the small acts that can pre-  
serve the world in which we live. I will speak in  
ways that will enable people to hear and consider my  
words and the values I espouse. I will answer ha-  
tred with consideration and with understanding,  
within and between faith communities and among  
people of all backgrounds.

And I will pass these tasks to you when your time  
comes, for I know that you will stand for love, gen-  
erosity, compassion 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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### **Temple Beth-El has recently updated our Mitzvah Team!**

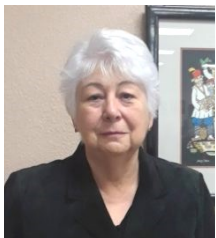
The Mitzvah Team has identified the following tasks that it  
would like to perform and support with the help of Temple  
volunteers (please let us know if you can assist us):

- Develop a phone tree and other 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](mailto:Alisonmd4@gmail.com)
- Luke Duddridge 727-204-6086 [lcduddridge@hotmail.com](mailto:lcduddridge@hotmail.com)
- David Decker-575-556-4056 [deckerdavid28@gmail.com](mailto:deckerdavid28@gmail.com)

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



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

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol on the birth of their second grandchild and first granddaughter, Eva Ruth. She joins her big brother, Josh. Best wishes to Adam and Juli and both sets of grandparents.

There have been so many wonderful things happening at Temple just these past few weeks, and in December.

On November 9th, I was thrilled to attend the Bat Mitzvah anniversary of Tanah Hemingway. This was my first attendance at an adult Bat or Bar Mitzvah. I need to note that this was Tanah's third Bat Mitzvah! Tanah's courage and strength amazed me. She was just days out of the hospital and most people turning 89 would have postponed this event. Undaunted, Tanah read from the Torah while sitting in her wheelchair. Her voice and message to us was strong and poignant. As she spoke her final few sentences, her gaze landed on several of us who sport white hair and her final message to us was; "to all of you women of a certain age, who have not had a Bat Mitzvah, just do it." JUST DO IT!

The Renaissance Faire was a great success again this year. Our booth was so well attended that we ran out of pastrami! Our pickle-suited greeter attracted attention with customers begging to have their pictures taken. It really was a very big Dill! To all Temple members who helped with set up, serving, cleaning up and tearing down, a well deserved thank you.

Sunday November 10th, was a beautiful day for the Matzo Ball Open, with many teams in attendance and again this year, TBE is making a donation to the Mesilla Valley Hospice. As always, Lynn Zeemont was the emcee and kept everyone attending entertained. To all those who golfed or enabled others that pleasure by being at the Picacho Hills Country Club golf course by 7:30 AM, thank you!

Everyone who attended Genie Milgrom's "My 15 Grandmothers", owes Nan Rubin a huge thank you! If you were not able to attend, you missed the life story of a Cuban-born woman, raised and educated as a Roman Catholic, who felt and identified as Jewish from an early age. Her story was intense, heart warming and brought tears to many eyes. Genie and Nan are friends and this program was gifted to TBE. Thank you, Nan.

Hanukah begins at sundown on December 22. Bring your menorah and join other Temple and community members to celebrate this special time. Information and the date of the Temple Hanukah menorah lighting is in this month's Adelante.

Many of you are aware, and to those of you who are not, there are many ways to honor a friend, loved one or special event by making a donation to one of TBE's many worthwhile Temple Funds. These funds are listed every month in the Adelante. On the office door are envelopes and donation cards to make your donation easier.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has become more involved in our temple and the many committees and teams. Without you, so much of what is happening would not be possible.

***L'shalom and Happy Hanukah,***  
***Cheryl***

**A CLEAN SLATE**

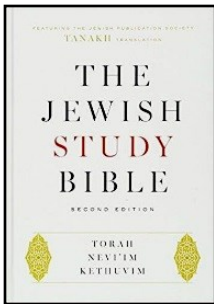
To all members of the TBE community:

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.

**The Clean Slate Committee**

# ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תורה Holidays עברית Customs



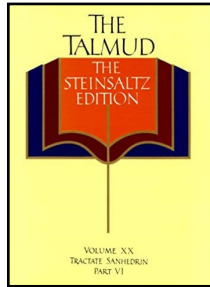
## TANAKH STUDY

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 pre-

vious 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.



**Save the Day!**  
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**Save the Day!**

**April 26, 2020**  
**JFFF!**



## Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast



It's time to start thinking about Temple Beth El's Annual Christmas Breakfast at Camp Hope (Wednesday morning 12/25 at 8:00 am at Camp Hope). We'll be serving eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. If you would like to help out, we'll take donations of food items and of cash for purchasing coffee. Here's the list, let me know what you can help with:

- 15 dozen eggs
- 20 dozen turkey/chicken sausages
- Pancake mix (at least 8 20 oz. boxes)
- 3 gallons of Orange Juice
- 3 lbs butter
- Bananas, grapes, mandarins
- 3 quarts of syrup
- 2 large bottles of pourable salsa
- 3 cans cooking spray
- Plates, napkins, juice cups, and cutlery for 100

We'll also need help on Tuesday afternoon at the Temple to organize and load everything, on Wednesday morning at Camp Hope starting at 7:30 am for set-up, and at 9:30 am or so for cleanup. Stay tuned for more details in your weekly eblast.

This has been a very enjoyable event, it brings us closer to folks needing help and makes them real, not just stories on a page. And practice those holiday carols! You know that you know all the words by heart!!!

**Susan Fitzgerald**

**575-405-1739 susanfitzgerald@hotmail.com**

## November Events—Part 1



We had quite the busy month in November. The special events started right on November 1 with the BEMY/BETY lock-in. Youth group members came with their families and participated in the service beforehand making this a very well attended and ruach filled Family Shabbat.



BETY/BEMY members gave advisor Amalia Zeitlin a surprise birthday greeting. After the potluck dinner, families left the youth to watch movies, eat snacks, play games and just bond. I am told they even slept.



On November 9, Tanah Hemingway celebrated a Bat Mitzvah anniversary during our Shabbat morning service, which proceeded even though Tanah had been in the hospital during the previous week. Tanah considered this a “Bat Mitzvah consolidation” because it was the first time she had recited both the Torah and Haftarah portions. A kiddush luncheon followed the service.



On Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3, Temple Beth-El once again ran a Pastrami and Hot dog booth at the Renaissance Faire, in partnership with the Center for Spiritual Living of Las Cruces. This year’s new “Pickle Person” added to the visibility of this popular booth at the Faire.



## November Events—Part 2



On Sunday, November 10 was one of our largest fundraisers of the year, the Matzo Ball Open. It was a beautiful day and golfers enjoyed themselves while benefiting our Temple and the Mesilla Valley Hospice. Thank you to everyone who played, volunteered or sponsored this event.



Temple Beth-El also hosted Genie Milgrom, acclaimed author and genealogist, who spoke on November 17 about her extensive family background in Spain in her talk entitled, “My 15 Grandmothers.” 60 community members attended this informative program, which was organized and gifted to Temple by Nan Rubin.



I hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please send me your photos from synagogue happenings large and small.

*Till next month,  
Beth Tierney, co-editor  
cambrien73@gmail.com*



# SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Temple Beth El's

2nd annual

"Night at The Auction"

We wish to thank all of you who participated in last year's auction and for making it a success. We were able to add nearly \$10,000 to our treasury.

It's our hope that this year's auction will be even more successful.

Please put on your creative thinking caps to come up with new and interesting events. How about a Chinese New Year's party, a comedy movie night, champagne and chocolates, dinner pool side, a Mah-jongg marathon? etc. etc. If this is not your comfort level, how about an airport ride or dog walking? Think about what you might be able to donate for our live auction.

In addition, we will still be needing raffle items and volunteer time.

Jack Hokkenan has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year for the live auction. His participation made for lively and spirited bidding.

Please join us on the 25th. Your attendance at the event is as important as your donations, for without your generous bidding, we cannot be successful.

We're looking forward to a fun evening and the opportunity to socialize with our fellow congregants.

**Any questions?**

**Please contact Dee Cook ([cookdee72@gmail.com](mailto:cookdee72@gmail.com))  
or Cheryl Decker ([doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com))**

## Welcome! An Interfaith Conversation at Temple Beth-El

About 30 people from the Las Cruces community gathered to discuss the value of hospitality on Sunday, November 24, 2019. This interreligious gathering, sponsored by the Social Action/Adult Education Committee for the fifth straight year, was coordinated by Rabbi Larry Karol and Daisy Maldonado, outreach director for the Southern New Mexico Islamic Center, who offered presentations that characterized their faith tradition's approach to offering welcome. The Reverend Carol Tuck, a retired United Methodist minister, shared insights from Christian tradition. Gordon Butler, from the local Baha'i community, made a brief statement about hospitality from his faith perspective just before the end of the program.

Small group discussions were led by the presenters and by Pastor Ron Brooker (retired clergy and a member of Peace Lutheran Church) and Pastor Donna Cavedon (of First Christian Church). Participants shared stories of when they were welcomed well, and times when the welcome could have been better. Each conversation led to the creation of a "hospitality primer." Here are some of the suggestions to emerge from these discussions:

- A smile is the very first and easiest welcome.
- Look guests in the face and let them know you are glad to see them.
- Engage them and respectfully ask them question, and become familiar with their stories and their needs.
- Introduce the new person to other people.
- Feed people and have extra food available, and be sensitive to food and dietary needs.
- Show empathy and compassion (see yourself in the shoes of the guest).
- Invite the guest to participate and lead.
- Be respectful, and treat the guest as special and of high status.
- In hospitality, you feel warm, happy and safe.
- Pay it forward: generosity makes you feel good, when you have more than you need, share it with people who are in need.
- Be open, but be careful with people who show signs of hostility or aggression. Offer them safe words. Use your instincts.
- Don't be afraid to reach out. The risk is worth taking...or what kind of world would we have?
- A little gesture of kindness can change a life.
- When you welcome others, you get a gift.



### **Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary— November 21, 2019**

- Four adult students are preparing for bar/bat mitzvah at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Three other Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations are planned before the Rabbi retires on June 30, 2020.
- Dates are set for Lay Leadership of services January – June 2020: Feb. 14-15, Mar 20-21, May 29-30
- Neomi Summers will speak about Yemenite Jewry on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Temple.
- TBE's annual Chanukah Shabbat celebration will be held on December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Our financial situation is improving, and money borrowed last year from our money market account (reserves) has been replaced.
- Options for a part-time or student rabbi for 2020-2021 depend on funding of the proposal submitted from the Jewish Federation of El Paso. Updates to follow.
- Building and Grounds: Outside lights have been replaced, a filter added to the kitchen water supply, a timer added to the water heater, and motion sensitive lights placed in the bathrooms. A landscaping company will do this fall's grounds clean-up.
- TBE is looking into renting gas grills/burners in order to provide a more successful Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast this year.
- In response to the survey results, the regular Friday night service time has been changed to 6:30 with a small Oneg to follow; Family Shabbat will continue as is. The board thanks everyone for patience with the varied times as we explore alternatives to try to make services accessible for as many congregants as possible.



### **Mayoral Candidate Discussion on October 29...and more!**

On Tuesday, October 29, the Social Action committee of Temple Beth-El sponsored a Mayoral “Discussion” with eight of the 10 City of Las Cruces mayoral candidates in attendance. In an hour and a half, candidates responded to five or six questions on topics developed by the committee ahead of time. This format for the program was quite different than we’ve ever had before in that we encouraged candidates to speak with and to each other and not just to the audience.

Also, because of this experimental format, there was no time for questions from the audience. More than 55 congregants and community members attended. The response of the candidates to this new format was generally positive. They seemed to appreciate that they were not each asked the same question with only a very limited time for each to respond. Most candidates also stayed after the formal part of the program for informal conversation and socializing with constituents.

Senator Bill Soules commented that he thought the program went very well. He was curious about how this would proceed. He observed that the program was interesting and different and well worth our doing this sort of thing again.

There are several upcoming programs supported by the Social Action/Adult Education committee and several in discussion for after the new year. Please keep an eye on the Temple calendar for events. Anyone who is interested in participating in the Social Action/Adult Ed committee, please contact Ned Rubin, [erubin47@comcast.net](mailto:erubin47@comcast.net).



## 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 appreciate the participation of Temple members of all ages in this mitzvah.

### Tzedakah Opportunities at TBE—*Giving to Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito*

*Here are 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 [phili-palkon@gmail.com](mailto:phili-palkon@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 November 27, 2019

### Building Maintenance Fund

- Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Allen M. Brooks

### Frances Williams Library Fund

- Nancy Bergman, in memory of Stanley S. Bergman
- Frances Williams, in memory of Ausvel L. Williams

### General Fund

- Allen and Evelyn Palanker, in memory of Ruth Huberman
- Dee Cook, in memory of David Edelstein and Nathan Edelstein
- Shirley Ginzburg, thank you for Tanah Hemingway's Bat Mitzvah Anniversary Celebration
- Robert and Jeanie Lewis, thank you for inspiring High Holy Day Services
- Simy Allan, in memory of Evelyn Benowitz

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Rita Polsky, in memory of Dr. Michael Polsky
- Jeffrey and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Harold Brown
- Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Beverly Lewis
- Barney and Ruth Ann Sugarman, in memory of Isaac Geisinger
- Dan Tapper and Judy Long
- Shirley Ginzburg, thank you for Tanah Hemingway's Bat Mitzvah Anniversary Celebration

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Adult Education Fund

- Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Leo Bienstock

### Religious School Fund

- Joanne Turnbull, in honor of David Decker

### Social Action Fund

- Rose Jacobs, in memory of Lionel Jacobs and Colman Jacobs

### Temple Beth-El Youth Fund

- Bryan and Lisa Ehlers McCuller, in memory of Arlene Metzger
- Teddy Weinglass, in memory of Gabriel Oaklander



**Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark**

**celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of**

**friends and family) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life and by adding bricks to our Brick Walkway and Biblical Garden.**



## TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

**General Operating Fund**—For the day-to-day operation of TBE.

**Biblical Garden Fund**—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

**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 Adult Education Fund**—Provides funds to help further adult education and cultural programming at TBE.

**Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund**—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

**Temple Beth-El Youth Fund**—Support for Youth activities at TBE.

Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Michael Mandel.

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

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

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come.

From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

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

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

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

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

**DECEMBER 2019 (KISLEV-TEVET 5780)****Yahrzeits-December 1, 2019 through January 4, 2020**

(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, 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\*

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

Meyer Bass (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Stanley S. Bergman (Nancy Bergman)  
 Ivy Dessaur\*  
 Ida Weinstein Epstein (Marlene Benz)  
 Murray Gould\*  
 Charles Klein (Deborah Levy)  
 Bernie Lieberman\*  
 William Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)

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

Daisy Chapman (Diane Fleishman)  
 Jay Feldman\* (Louise Feldman-Baskey)  
 Samuel David Goldberg (Richard Goldberg)  
 Samuel Goldman (Rochelle Silverman)  
 Ken Kessin\* (Deana Kessin)  
 Hyman Krepps\*  
 Dave Levy\* (Bea Klein)  
 Tony Pakinkas (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Rose Rice Orlins\*  
 Sam Shickler\*  
 Abraham Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Tova Zameret (Erich Zameret)

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

Toma G Bell (Joseph Bell)  
 Lois Bissonette (Lynn Berkeley)  
 Max Freudenthal\*  
 Joel Glickler\* (Joan Glickler, Rachel Duggins)  
 Lee Gutman (Allen Palanker)  
 Helen Isaacs (Linda M. Kruger)  
 Florence Kaye (Susan Quinn)  
 Sidney Kaye (Susan Quinn)  
 Lillian Klein (Deborah Levy)  
 Irv Rothman (Nina Rothman)  
 Ruth Steinborn\*  
 Carolyn Wolfe\* (Elissa Poel)

**Read on Friday, January 3 and Saturday, January 4**

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

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 January 2019 Adelante is December 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
Kislev 3 1 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>	Kislev 4 2	Kislev 5 3 Short Story Group 1:00 pm	Kislev 6 4 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Kislev 7 5 “The Jews of Yemen and their cuisine” Talk by Neomi Summers 7:00 pm	Kislev 8 6 Family Shabbat service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Kislev 9 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 10 8 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm <b>CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE</b> 9am-1pm	Kislev 11 9	Kislev 12 10	Kislev 13 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am	Kislev 14 12	Kislev 15 13 Shabbat Service Led by Monika Kimball, Bill Stein, Dee Cook, & Corry McKissack 6:30 pm	Kislev 16 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin - 10:15 am
Kislev 17 15 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00am-12:30 pm	Kislev 18 16	Kislev 19 17	Kislev 20 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Kislev 21 19 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Kislev 22 20 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 6:30 pm	Kislev 23 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Kislev 24 22 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH</b>	Kislev 25 23 <b>CHANUKAH</b> Celebration at San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso—5:30 pm <b>SECOND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH</b>	Kislev 26 24 	Kislev 27 25 <b>NO WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST</b> <b>SERVING BREAKFAST AT CAMP HOPE</b>	Kislev 28 26 	Kislev 29 27 Chanukah Latke Dinner 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 6:15 pm Dreidels and Dessert 7:00 pm	Kislev 30 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 1 29 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <b>LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH</b> 	Tevet 2 30	Tevet 3 31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	Tevet 4 Jan. 1 <b>NO WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	Tevet 5 Jan 2	Tevet 6 Jan. 3 Family Shabbat service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Tevet 7 Jan. 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am

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