

# Adelante!

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



JANUARY 2020 (TEVET-SHEVAT 5780)

Save the Date!  
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**April 26, 2020**  
**JFFF!**



#### Shabbat Services:

Friday, January 3

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

Friday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31

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

#### Saturdays

Talmud Study at 9:00 am, Shabbat Service at  
10:15 am, followed by a potluck kiddush  
(See Page 2 for details)



Saturday, January  
25, 2020

Temple Beth-El's  
2nd annual "Night at  
The Auction"  
6-9 PM

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.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW!:** 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, cham-  
pagne 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 need-  
ing raffle items and volunteer time.

Jack Hokkenan has agreed to be our auctioneer  
again this year for the live auction. His participa-  
tion 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 suc-  
cessful.

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

**Any questions?**

**Please contact Dee Cook(cookdee72@gmail.com)**  
**Or**

**Cheryl Decker (doubledeckerohio@msn.com)**

## Worship Schedule

Please note: OUR SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES ON JANUARY 10, 17, 24 and 31 WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM. THIS WILL BE THE SERVICE TIME FOR THE WINTER MONTHS.

### 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

### Friday, January 10

6:30 pm Shabbat Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on "Leaving Blessings for the Future." Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Cherri Hudson-Brown will follow the service.

### Saturday, January 11

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service and potluck Kiddush.  
Parashat Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26  
Haftarah I Kings 2:1-2:12

### Friday, January 17

6:30 pm Shabbat Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on "Let Freedom Ring!" Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Susan Fitzgerald will follow the service.

### Saturday, January 18

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1  
Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

### Friday, January 24

6:30 pm Shabbat Service. Rabbi Karol will speak on "The Meaning of Salvation." An Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Sugarmans will follow the service

### Saturday, January 25

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35  
Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

### Friday, January 31

6:30 pm Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal, followed by an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Bryan & Lisa McCuller.

### Saturday, February 1

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16  
Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28

### Friday, February 7

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

### Saturday, February 8

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service & Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16  
Haftarah Judges 4:4-5:31  
Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28

\* Rabbi Larry Karol will be attending the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis convention in Palm Springs on January 5-8. In case of any urgent concerns, please contact Cheryl Decker\*

### **Dear Temple Community,**

Our Temple Beth El Religious School has benefited from Rhonda and Rabbi Karol's expertise and care over the past 9 years, and a void will be left by the Rabbi's retirement and their departure this summer. We know that in the past our school has been led by lay members, and now we need your help! As we look to the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 school year, the Religious School Transition Team is looking for an administrator (or co-administrators) for our school.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Coordinating the school and faculty schedule
- Working with faculty to create and implement RS curriculum
- Ordering teaching materials
- Communicating with the accountant and TBE Board
- Overseeing special events throughout the year (in conjunction with the faculty)

Please contact the Religious School Transition Committee at [tbelereligiouschool@gmail.com](mailto:tbelereligiouschool@gmail.com) to get more detailed information if you are interested. Applications due by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

### **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

## Message from Rabbi Karol



### What I learned and experienced at the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Convention in Chicago, Illinois on December 11-15, 2019

Temple Beth-El is part of a much larger community which is hard to imagine within the confines of our own congregational building. I have attended all of the biennial conventions beginning with 1987. The sheer number of attendees always has impressed me. Nothing in the Jewish communal world has matched, for me, the sound of 5000 people singing the Shema at the Friday evening service or revisiting popular Jewish songs and worship tunes at the song session later the same night.

The large number of attendees does prevent a participant from seeing people he or she knows. One delegate from Bellingham, Washington, who lived in Las Cruces some 30 years ago (we met quite randomly at the 2011 biennial), saw me on Thursday and said to me, "Why did it take us a full day to see each other?" One of the first people I saw this year was a member of my youth group and a fellow student at my high school. I had a chance to reconnect with two college contemporaries who sang in the Hillel Foundation choir I helped to direct. On the last night, I passed by the delegation from my home Temple where I grew up, trying to take a photo by the "leaf" with their congregation's name. I offered to be the photographer, and then I met the youngest member of the delegation, a college student whose mom and grandparents I knew. That was yet another demonstration of "from generation to generation to generation." I saw congregants from the Temple I served in Dayton, Ohio, who knew both Rhonda and me as young Jewish professionals. The Karol delegation was completed by our niece Samantha Tananbaum, who works in social media Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Many of my rabbinic and Jewish music colleagues were there as well.

With every conversation I had, TBE Las Cruces found its way onto the American Jewish map for my fellow delegates.

The sessions I attended conveyed many pearls of wisdom. Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz, author of *Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary*, lamented how empathy has lost its place as an important value, and encouraged us to uphold respect and to stand for what we believe in an authentic way. Rabbi Ariel Burger, author of *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*, noted that Elie Wiesel taught that education, coupled with memory, can enable people to stop themselves from committing atrocities of the likes that Wiesel saw during his lifetime. On Shabbat afternoon, I attended a session with Marc Freedman, author of *How to Live*

*Forever*, and Laura Geller, co-author (with her late husband Richard Siegel) of *Getting Good at Getting Older*. Marc Freedman noted that loneliness is the single greatest threat to our well-being, at any age. Laura Geller encouraged us to LIVE a legacy, rather than just think about leaving a legacy. In an address to the convention gathering on Saturday night, Professor Deborah Lipstadt gave an excellent talk on how we should not let anti-Semitism define us, urging us to be the subjects of our Jewish identity, in control of our expression, rather than seeing ourselves as objects of scorn and hatred. In other words, our Judaism should be about JOY and not OY.

I had the opportunity to hear many enjoyable performances of Jewish music, including Julie Silver (who visited us this past May), Dan Frelander and Jeff Klepper (creators of the "Shalom Rav" melody we sing), and many others. I heard many of the melodies we sing at Temple Beth-El during worship and other programs throughout the biennial.

Delegates had a chance to visit famous Chicago sites on organized tours (my choice was Wrigley Field), which offered an opportunity for us to explore common interests beyond our commitment to sustaining our congregations back home.



Rabbi Karol with Alden Solovy, liturgical poet who visited our congregation in the spring of 2018

The URJ biennial has the potential to strengthen the foundation of our wisdom about Jewish life and to foster connections with the greater Jewish world. One of my music colleagues who attended for the first time said that there was no convention she had attended quite like this one. I urge Temple Beth-El members to consider participating in this gathering so that you too, can bring back home the special spirit of the URJ community.

*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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### Rabbi Karol's Hours January thru June

*Wednesday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm*

*Friday- 10:30-11:30 am, 2:00-4:00 pm, Shabbat Evening Service and Oneg (6:00-8:00 pm)*

*Saturday - Shabbat Morning Service (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)*

*Sunday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Religious School)*

*Rabbi Karol will be present at other Temple programs outside his half-time schedule as necessary and appropriate*





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

Welcome home to Rabbi Larry! He is home from attending the URJ Biennial in Chicago and the December winter he encountered there.

As I mentioned in a previous column, TBE was gifted a \$5000 Security Grant. We have used that grant to beef-up our existing security system. While I hesitate to go into specifics, measures have been taken to secure our classrooms and the different areas of TBE. In addition two, large first aid-kits have been installed in additional areas of our building along with other first-aid items, Thanks to Mark Saltman for heading this effort and thanks to all the TBE congregants who helped with suggestions, their time and in some cases, the installation. The next time you are in Temple, notice our larger, exterior monitoring screen. This larger monitor allows full body viewing of whomever is asking to be admitted. Also, two, solar powered, motion detector, flood lights that have been installed on the front walkway. These should help bring light to the areas our large, outside lights fail to reach.

As I end this month's column, I want to thank Rabbi and Rhonda Karol for their devotion to TBE, our children, the religious school. Their community involvement, has kept TBE's name and presence viable in Las Cruces and surrounding area. They have committed almost nine years of their lives to our temple and I personally want to thank them both. Rabbi begins his part-time tenure this month. With Rabbi's reduced in-temple hours, I will be in the office on Wednesday from noon until 2:00, Thursday from 10:00 until 2:00. I will have unscheduled times in the office each week to manage the day to day responsibilities. If you have a need to meet with me and those times are not convenient, please give me a call.

*L'Shalom,*  
*Cheryl*

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Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

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**The next regular Board Meeting will be held on**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

**The Chanukah Boutique Critique**

Our Chanukah boutique was on December 8th and continued with sales on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to say that we were able to cover our costs as funds were needed to replenish our inventory. As part of the transition year I was hoping for more people to support our Chanukah boutique sale.

On a different note, I would like to thank Judy Lazarus Yellon for her very generous donation to the Sisterhood Judaica shop. Judy is not a member of Temple Beth El but sometimes speaks at the Wednesday morning breakfast. Judy knitted beautiful hats and all proceeds went to the Sisterhood/Judaica shop. With her support we were able to add proceeds to our organization.

A special shout out to the following members and friends, Monika Kimball, Dinny Bomberg and Susan Michelson. These women were very helpful during the entire day of the sale whole time. I couldn't have done the boutique without them!

Lastly, I would like to publicly thank with much gratitude the role that Rhonda Karol has played for as long as the Chanukah boutique has been in business with me. She has been behind the scenes ordering all the children's holiday items and has always thought about what our religious school kids would enjoy. Rhonda has helped me shop for items locally, and we would laugh at the lack of Chanukah items available in town! She has helped me set up the Judaica shop display and the Chanukah boutique presentation every year..

I will personally miss Rhonda's help and partnership, and I wish her the very best as a friend, teacher and grandma.

-Michele Blum

**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:

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- Luke Duddridge 727-204-6086 lcduddridge@hotmail.com
- David Decker-575-556-4056 deckerdavid28@gmail.com

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

### Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary—December 19, 2019

- Treasurer informed board that a new ACH protocol was being set up with Citizen's Bank so members can schedule automatic payments of dues.
- Second half of Rabbi's December salary will be paid in early January at Rabbi's request.
- Communications team discussed some modifications to Adelante, including decreasing the number of pages.
- Cheryl and Joanne will go to El Paso on Monday (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>) to meet with members of the Foundation regarding our grant request.
- Camp Hope Christmas breakfast – Mensch club is renting a 36" griddle.
- Night at the Auction – looking for more donations
- Paypal for donations online is not active. Board is considering options.
- There is now a paper sign-up sheet on table at back of sanctuary for congregants to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, in addition to the on-line option.
- Joanne and Cheryl are meeting with the El Paso Foundation on Monday about the grant request for a temporary part-time rabbi after July.
- The annual Meeting date is tentatively set for May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- We are starting a new key protocol. Members that have keys to the temple will also have individual codes.
- The board moved to send a letter to El Paso Federation about exclusiveness of El Paso Chanukah Celebration. Nan moved, Luke seconded.
- The temple security system has been updated. We now have a 4G system, and monitor near the door. New camera inside facing front door. If the temple loses connectivity, the alarm system will remain active.

### Temple Beth-El Security Improvements

Through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, Temple Beth-El was provided with \$5,000 which was to be used specifically for security upgrades. As a result of this, the Security Committee of the Board of Trustees has been meeting for several months to consider what safety and security upgrades we might provide for the Temple through this money. Additionally, the committee sought input from congregants and implemented several of those suggestions.

A variety of upgrades have been or are in the process of being made. This article is to fully inform the congregation of what has occurred and what changes you might see around the Temple. Additionally, the Security committee along with the Adult Ed committee are considering providing some brief orientations for congregants about the upgrades.

This is what has been done:

- We have upgraded the security system to use 4G service (like with your cell phone) so that it will never lose contact with the security company even if we lose phone service or internet connectivity;
- The video/audio doorbell has been upgraded so that there is now a 7" monitor mounted on the wall on the left-hand side of the door so that anyone who answers the door can see who is outside;
- There is a new security camera mounted on the wall, near the ceiling in the foyer aimed toward the front door;
- There are now door reinforcement locks for interior "safe" rooms;
- There are three new first aid kits (one wall-mounted in the kitchen; one wall-mounted in the prayer book room near the defibrillator; and a smaller one in the front office);
- New special clotting gauze; tourniquets;
- Boxes of band-aids in each classroom and front office;
- Solar lights to be installed to more brightly illuminate the front walkway;
- Armed security for High Holidays; rummage sale;
- New locks to be installed on sanctuary doors
- Allied will be putting up signs and more stickers warning of the security monitoring

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Mark Saltman and the Security committee for their research and implementation of these important safety measures.



**Tanah  
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#### Editing:

Books, scientific papers, theses, dissertations

**Technical documents of all sorts.**

(for accuracy, continuity, organization, style  
grammar, readability, supportability, etc.)

**JANUARY 2020 (TEVET-SHEVAT 5780)****Yahrzeits-January 1, 2020 through February 1, 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, 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\*

**Read on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11**

Ilona Farkas\* (Yosef Lapid)  
 Aron Fiszbein\* (Abraham Fiszbein)  
 Gerard Frieder\* (Linda Fisher)  
 Ira Hudson III (Cherri Hudson-Brown)  
 Sarah Jacobs\*  
 Harry Kuznekoff\*  
 Dorothy Leibson\*  
 Harris B. Libby (Robert Libby)  
 Sam Ross (Irwin Ross)  
 Sonia Silverman (Jerald Silverman)  
 Ronia Van Stellingwerf\*  
 Sylvia Weiss\* (Diane Bass)  
 Evelyn Willman\* (Elliott Willman)

**Read on Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18**

Ed Entin (Jason Rosenberg)  
 Ruth Gluck\*  
 George Gorelick\* (Amy Fiszbein)  
 Coleman Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)  
 Warren Klein (Deborah Levy)  
 Alvin Krasner (Frima Marquez)  
 Lee Moss (Rachel Stevens)  
 Dorothy Palanker (Allen Palanker)  
 Nancy Rees Brown (Marieka Brown)

**Read on Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25**

Jerome Deutschman\* (Ellen Torres)  
 Jack Frank\*  
 Bernard Gluck\*  
 Faige Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)  
 Jeanette Marks (Rhonda Karol)  
 Leon Markson (Linda M. Kruger)  
 Laura Metzger (Bryan & Lisa McCuller)  
 Frances Pass\*  
 Richard Stern (Ann Berkson)  
 James Turnbull (Joanne Turnbull)

**Read on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1**

Avi Boaz (Tanah Hemingway)

Elaine Brown\* (Jeff Brown)  
 Miriam Cutler (Michele Blum)  
 Shmuel Farkas\* (Yosef Lapid)  
 Herman B Golden (Darlene Goldberg)  
 Morris Goldstein (Wendee G Lorbeer)  
 Pearl Greenfield Higgins\*  
 Eva Isaacson (Louise Feldman-Baskey)  
 Pauline Lemelin (Stacey Hyman)  
 Irene Neidich\*  
 Leonardo Oczon (Aggie Saltman)  
 Phyllis Orner Chonoles\*  
 Evelyn Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)  
 Joseph Tashlik (Allen Blum)  
 Barbara Yalkut\*  
 Irene Zimmerman (Tom Levy)

**Read on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8**

Clinton Cook\* (Dee Cook)  
 Richard Garner (Carrie Swartz)  
 Zeena Audrae Geller (Ruth Rubin)  
 Isaac Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)  
 Hesh Langner (Bernice Langner)  
 Jesse J Muchnikoff (Stan Muchnikoff)  
 Alvin Phinick (Karen Currier)  
 Edward Schoenbrun\*  
 Stanley Skigen\*  
 William Stein (Bill Stein)  
 Arthur Stern/Heshel Wolf Ben Mair and Yentl\*  
 (Ann Berkson & Arthur Berkson)  
 Leah Williamson (Barbara Mandel)

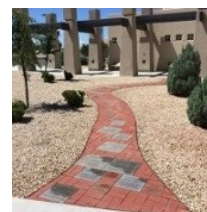
In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be recited during services, we have instituted the following practices:

- 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



**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.**



**Donations through December 24, 2019****General Fund**

- Frima and Jeff Marquez, in memory of Dr. Alvin Krasner
- Deana Kessin, in memory of Ken Kessin
- Robert and Carla Libby, in memory of Harris B. Libby
- Nina Rothman, in memory of Irv Rothman
- Robert Darrah, in thanks for the Shabbat service

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Edward and Judy Wendell
- Erich Zameret, in memory of Dov Zameret and Tova Zameret
- Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, in memory of Aron Fiszbein
- Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Etta Muchnikoff
- Irv Ross, in memory of Sam Ross
- Juanita and Robert Stern
- Marieka Brown and Jeanne Brown

**Religious School Fund**

- Arthur and Rebecca Berkson, in honor of Tanah Hemingway's Bat Mitzvah
- Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Ira Hudson
- Michael and Stacey Hyman, in honor of Aaron Hyman receiving a scholarship from NMSU

**Social Action Fund:**

- Nan Rubin, for Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast
- Michael and Barbara Mandel, for Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast
- Dee Cook, for Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast
- James and Marianne Rosenthal, for Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast
- Paula Kramer, for Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast

**Frances Williams Library Fund**

- Lousie Feldman-Baskey, in memory of Jay Feldman

**Biblical Garden Fund**

- Bernice Langner, in memory of Cookie Kulish

**Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- Michele Blum, in memory of Harry Segal

Given changes to the standard deduction limits, we will not be providing 2019 contribution statements for tax purposes. If you would like a statement, please contact the temple treasurer Michael Mandel to request one.

**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.

**A Happy Chanukah for Temple Beth-El**

It is with great joy that I am able to tell you that TBE has been awarded \$20,000 from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso. What a Mitzvah they bestowed upon us. We will have more later but our congregation has waited a long time to hear this wonderful news!

L'shalom,

Cheryl Decker, Joanne Turnbull  
& TBE Board of Trustees





### 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!



### 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)

### 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, Breakfast items (coffee, creamer, dry milk, sugar, cereal, breakfast bars )

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.

### 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.



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Neomi Summers, a friend of Susan Lapid, spoke about "The Jews of Yemen and their Cuisine" on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Temple Beth-El.



Youth Group members at BEMY/BETY Chanukah Gathering



## Camp Hope 2019

A huge "todah rabah" to everyone who took part in our 8th Annual Camp Hope Christmas Breakfast! It was our chilliest and certainly foggiest morning, but the food was hot and plentiful. Thanks to all who brought food, to the cooks, to the Mensch Club for the griddle and for hauling tables and chairs, to the Religious School students for the treat bags, to the carolers, to those who donated financially, and to the Camp Hope Committee! It was a lovely Christmas morning.



# JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Tevet 4 1 NO WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST NEW YEAR'S DAY	Tevet 5 2	Tevet 6 3 Family Shabbat service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner fol- lowing	Tevet 7 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 8 5 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Tevet 9 6	Tevet 10 7	Tevet 11 8 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am  NO TANAKH STUDY	Tevet 12 9	Tevet 13 10 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Tevet 14 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 15 12 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School	Tevet 16 13	Tevet 17 14	Tevet 18 15 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tevet 19 16 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Tevet 20 17 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Tevet 21 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Tevet 22 19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Martin Luther King Holiday	Tevet 23 20 Martin Luther King Holiday	Tevet 24 21	Tevet 25 22 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Tevet 26 23	Tevet 27 24 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Tevet 28 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am  "A Night at the Auc- tion" 6-9 PM
Tevet 29 26 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School	Shevat 1 27	Shevat 2 28	Shevat 3 29 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Shevat 4 30	Shevat 5 31 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 6:30 pm	Shevat 6 Feb 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am



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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@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.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.

### **Office Hours**

**Rabbi Karol** is in the office:

Wednesday - 10:00 am -5:00 pm

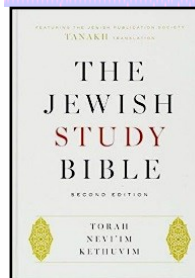
Friday- 10:30-11:30 am, 2:00-4:00 pm,  
and while he is preparing for Shabbat  
worship.

Our Temple President, **Cheryl Decker**  
will be in the office:

Wednesdays from noon to 2:00 PM and  
Thursday from 10AM - 2PM.

Please call before you come (575-524-  
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You can also call Cheryl (575-640-9559)  
or email ([doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com)) to  
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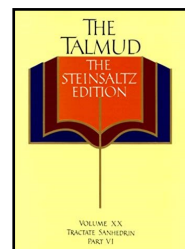


### **TANAKH STUDY**

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 stu-  
dents are always welcome. No previous back-  
ground or Hebrew knowledge is necessary.  
Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Er-  
ich Zameret ([ezmrt35@yahoo.com](mailto:ezmrt35@yahoo.com)) with any  
questions. The Saturday morning service im-  
mediately follows.



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### **Adelante Deadline**

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the February 2020 Adelante is January 20, 2020.**

Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante!  
All content can be e-mailed to Beth Tierney at [cambrien73@gmail.com](mailto:cambrien73@gmail.com)



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