

# Adelante!

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



MARCH 2020 (ADAR-NISSAN 5780)

## 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 schedules
- 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 [tbelcreligiousschool@gmail.com](mailto:tbelcreligiousschool@gmail.com) to get more detailed information if you are interested. Applications due by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**



"Mystery of the Coins" presentation 2/7. More pictures Pg. 6

## Shabbat Services

### Friday, March 6

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

### Friday, March 13, 20 and 27

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

### Saturday, March 7, 21, 28

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

### Saturday, March 14

10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Kaylee Zeledon

(See Page 2 for details)



**Monday, March  
9 @ 5:00 pm**

Men, women, and  
children of all  
ages, costumed or  
uncostumed, are

invited to a pizza dinner and Purim carnival  
(sponsored by BETY-BEMY) followed by  
Purim songs, and our annual Purimshpiel (at  
6:30 pm)

## Worship Schedule

Please note: OUR SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES ON MARCH 13, 20 AND 27 WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM. THIS WILL BE THE SERVICE TIME FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. Thank you to our Mensch Club Greeters: Ron Pierce, Jeff Lewis, David Decker, Luke Duddridge, Norman Mazer, David Zeemont, Michael Mandel, Art Lorbeer, Elliott Katz, and Sergio Trejo.

### Friday, March 6

6:00 pm. Family Shabbat Service for all ages.  
Lynn Zeemont will represent the Board of Trustees.  
6:50 pm. Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

### Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor Exodus 27:20-30:10,  
Deuteronomy 25:17-19  
Haftarah I Samuel 15:2-34

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### Monday, March 9

#### PURIM CELEBRATION—5:00 pm

Join us for a Pizza Dinner and Purim Carnival  
followed by Purim songs and,  
at 6:30 pm, our annual Purimshpiel!

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### Friday, March 13

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service - Rabbi Karol will speak on "A Day of Rest." Marlene Benz will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Joanne Turnbull will represent the Board of Trustees.

### Saturday, March 14

NO TALMUD STUDY

10:00 am Kaylee Zeledon, granddaughter of Marlene Benz, will become a Bat Mitzvah during this Shabbat morning service. A Shabbat Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Parashat Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah Exodus 30:11 - 34:35,  
Numbers 19:1-22

Haftarah for Shabbat Parah. Ezekiel 36:16-38

### Friday, March 20

6:30 pm. Shabbat evening service, led by Alison Mann, Monika Kimball and Judith Sherman Russell. Monika Kimball's D'var Torah will recognize those who build the ark in our sanctuary. Board members from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso will join us and will be recognized for their support of our community. The Board of Trustees will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Dee Cook will represent the Board of Trustees

### Saturday, March 21

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning service lay-led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin, followed by a potluck Kiddush.  
Parashat Vayakheil/Pekudei/Shabbat Hachodesh. Exodus 35:1 - 40:38, Exodus 12:1-20  
Haftarah for Shabbat Hachodesh. Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

### Friday, March 27

6:30 pm. Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, including prayers and music for healing and renewal. Jeff and Avis Lewis, Art and Wendee Lorbeer, and Sergio and Carmen Trejo will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Cheryl Decker will represent the Board of Trustees.

### Saturday, March 28

9:00 am. Talmud Study  
10:15 am. Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Vayikra. Leviticus 1:1-5:26  
Haftarah Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

### Friday, April 3

6:00 pm. Family Shabbat Service for all ages.  
Ruth Rubin will represent the Board of Trustees.  
6:50 pm. Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner.

### Saturday, April 4

9:00 am Talmud Study  
10:15 am Shabbat morning Service and Potluck Kiddush  
Parashat Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36  
Haftarah for Shabbat Hagadol. Malachi 3:4 - 3:24



## Please Join us to Celebrate

### Kaylee Zeledon's Bat Mitzvah

When she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on the fourteenth of March two thousand twenty at ten o'clock in the morning.

Temple Beth-El  
3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Please join us for a Kiddush and Luncheon immediately following the service in the Temple Social Hall



### Message from Rabbi Karol

The time I spend teaching Judaism to members of all ages is and has always been precious to me.

I especially enjoy when a particular learning activity elicits wisdom from the students that builds upon ancient Jewish texts and teachings.

I recently presented several sayings of the rabbis from PIRKEI AVOT, a collection of wisdom statements from sages of 1800-2000 years ago. I placed the saying in the middle of a page, and then passed the paper around to students in my Machon (8th-11th grade) class and my 5th-7th grade class. They wrote their own commentary around each quote, so that it looked, somewhat, like a page of Talmud.

I believe that one of the best ways to know if we, as a community, are strong and healthy is when students are willing and able to articulate their beliefs, opinions and feelings. When this happens in the context of Jewish education, it can offer us assurance that we are planting seeds for a secure Jewish future.

Here are some of the rabbinic sayings that I shared, with selected comments from the students. I have included my commentary on each saying in italics.

**Joshua Ben Perachya says: Find yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a study partner/friend; and try to judge every person in the most positive way (or give every person the benefit of the doubt)**

- I think you should judge everyone in a positive way because life is more enjoyable when you see the best in people.
- Learning from others and teaching others makes you a better/stronger person.
- I think it means be positive to one another, and to teach others and learn from others who will inspire you to become a better person.
- *Teaching others, and learning from others, helps you grow and get to know others better.*

**Ben Gam'liel says: On three things the world stands: on justice (good judgment and judging), on truth, and on peace.**

- Keep the world in balance.
- Do justice, be truthful and work towards peace.
- Justice is standing up for what's right. Truth is being honest with each other. And peace is when people get along. The world needs all of these things.
- I think this means that the world should be filled with justice, truth and peace, and you should also put those things in the world.
- If the world had no good morals, everything would explode into chaos. That's why the world stands on these things.
- I think this means the world is full of positive actions and bad actions, but the world lives on positivity.
- *Justice: being fair. Truth: being honest. Peace: helping people get along. It's like a three-legged stool. If you take one leg away, it will fall.*

**Rabbi Tarfon used to say: It's not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to neglect it.**

- This means that while you are not required to take on solving the world's problems yourself, you have to pitch in with other people to help.
- I think this means that even though it is not your responsibility to fix something, you should still try to make the world a better place.
- *Sometimes we think we should not even try to help with something if it won't get finished by us...but someone else will come along later to add to what we did.*

**Hillel used to say: 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?**

- Love yourself, love others, and take action
- I think it means that if I'm not myself, then I'm basically feeling different from the rest
- If I am not doing anything and not putting effort in, why should anyone else? If I am selfish, why do I deserve to be here? Basically, procrastination is indicated in the last question.
- I think this can mean that there needs to be a balance, like you shouldn't be selfish but, at the same time, you need to care for yourself.
- I think this means that if I'm not trying and not doing my best, why should other people? It's basically all about me.
- *I need to be confident and advocate for myself, but also, I need to be supportive of others when I can.*

**Hillel said: Do not separate yourself from the community.**

- Separation isn't good. You should always include yourself and others.
- Even through rough times, open up to others, and consider yourself an equal to everyone else.
- I think this means to stay involved and contribute to the community, including being helpful and kind to others.
- *Even when you think that what you do to help the community makes no difference, keep on giving and helping. It DOES make a difference.*

**L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.**

*See 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**

Being President of TBE has challenges and many rewards. One of the rewards is being in the office when the Bat and Bar Mitzvah students arrive for their study session with Rabbi Karol. Occasionally, I speak briefly with them and at times eavesdrop when they practice their Torah portion, chanting or just the interaction between Rabbi and his “kids.” This past Saturday was Morgan Tierney’s Bat Mitzvah. Multiple times I have heard her sweet voice chanting and was positive she had her part of the service well-rehearsed. But that knowledge did not totally prepare me, and I am sure others, for the emotional response of seeing this young adult standing before her family, friends and our congregation all the while maintaining a calm, almost serene demeanor. Her Hebrew was lyrical and her narrative was thoughtful and well prepared. I have seen this same confidence in other students who have made their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. I have come to realize it is not mere coincidence that at this tender young age so many of them have this confidence and poise. This confidence and poise comes in part from their parent’s determination to gift them this prized possession. The gift of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. It takes dedication on the part of the parents and student. Keeping their appointments with Rabbi, working with them endlessly on their Hebrew, diction, and voice projection, this is not a small undertaking on any one person’s part. Besides the student and parent, there is another person who plays a major role in this undertaking and that is their teacher, Rabbi Karol. As I mentioned, I have occasionally eavesdropped on the interaction between student and teacher. The patience, encouragement, the teaching of Hebrew pronunciation and the Biblical knowledge Rabbi Karol shares with his students is profound. Each Bar/Bat Mitzvah student will react differently to being on the bema, reading the Torah and the pressure of speaking in public before family and guests. However, the confidence that is being ingrained will remain with them the rest of their lives. They have accepted this immense gift, this Mitzvah!

Job well done, Mom, Dad and Rabbi Karol

L’Shalom,

Cheryl

### **Dear Congregants,**

I have sent out two emails to the congregation in the last several weeks to inform you that I had been “spoofed” (not hacked) by someone in some unknown location, perhaps even halfway across the world. I am not alone. I am one of many rabbis who have been the victims of this sinister effort.

Spoofers create a fake email address, usually through Gmail, but they make sure that the rabbi’s name shows up as the sender and, often, that the address of the congregation is included in the signature. They don’t want you to look further, to see that “Rabbi Larry Karol” is actually a mask for a fake email address. Someone also spoofed my phone number and sent out a message to a number of people. The phone number did not belong to me.

They use some terminology that sounds Jewish (Shalom Aleichem, L’shalom) from careful reading of the website of each congregation. They see names of congregants, who might respond quickly to their clergy person, on the Temple website and in newsletters. They can look for email addresses and cell phone numbers of the people whose names they find from a variety of online sources.

Just so you know, I would never send out a short email asking you to respond (of course, my emails would be a bit longer!). I would never ask you to send gift cards, or request that you scan the information from the gift cards and send it to me.

If someone does that purporting to be me, it’s not me.

Each email address used in the spoofing can be reported (I have websites I can share), but it won’t stop the spoofer from trying again.

These spoofers believe that congregants will readily respond to their clergy person. They have made congregations of all sizes their unwitting victims.

Please keep this in mind if you receive any other false messages or requests from someone posing as me, and do let me know when you receive any such emails or texts in the future.

I wish that no one would ever think of taking advantage of people in this way. And I do hope and pray that they stop. In the meantime, let’s all be vigilant together.

Rabbi Larry

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

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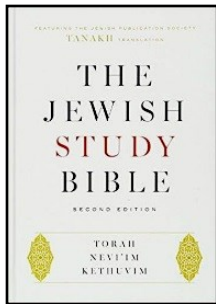
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**The next regular Board Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 pm**

# ADULT EDUCATION

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## TANAKH STUDY

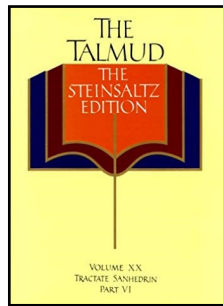
Sessions meet on Wednesday at 10:15 until 11:15 am, studying the book of Hosea

## 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.

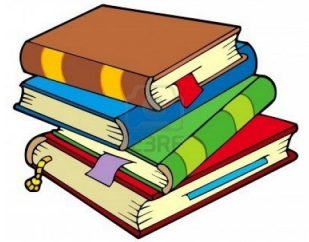
No previous background or Hebrew knowledge is

necessary. Contact Tanah Hemingway (524-4329) or Erich Zameret (ezmrt35@yahoo.com) with any questions. The Saturday morning service immediately follows.



## Short Story Series continues

You are invited to join the Temple Beth-El short story group for weekly discussions on **Mondays, at 10:30 a.m.** in the social hall. We will once again be reading stories from "The Oxford Book of Jewish Stories." The book is widely available for purchase through Amazon and other on-line sites.



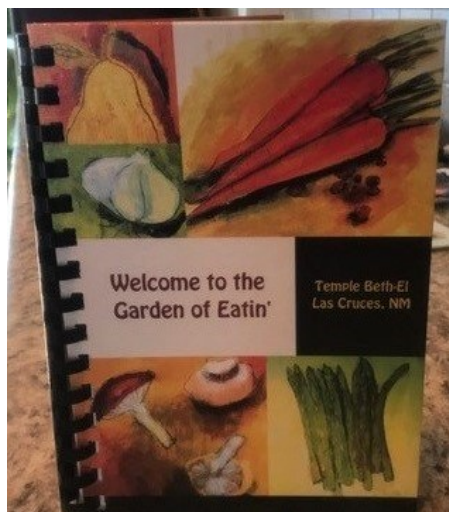
If you love fiction and would like to share your thoughts and observations at our informal and stimulating 1 ½ hour discussions and if you like spending a morning with fellow readers, this is the place for you! And I make the coffee!!

There is a \$18 ("chai") fee which goes to support the temple's Adult Education Committee programs.

If you have any questions, email Jim Rosenthal at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com) or call at 575-640-3292.

## Temple Beth-El Cookbook "Welcome to the Garden of Eatin'"

**\$15, Cash or Check**



Contact Rose Jacobs for copies  
[arejay11@icloud.com](mailto:arejay11@icloud.com) or  
**512 680-2783**

## 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

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!





## Religious School Baking Hamantashen– February 23, 2020



## Tu Bish'vat Seder and tree planting February 9, 2020







**Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Tierney, February 22, 2020– [Editor's /Mom's Note: Thank you to all who made this such a joyous event. Morgan, I am so proud of you!]**



**“Mystery of the Coins Presentation”- Religious School Grades 4-6– February 7, 2020**





**MARCH 2020 (ADAR-NISSAN 5780)****Yahrzeits- for March 1-April 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)

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

Joshua Mordechai Batkin/ Y'hoshua Kochavah ben Moshe Hakohen\* (Mike Batkin)  
 Avraham Ben Isaac Ha Cohen  
 (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Earl Dorfman\* (Peter Dorfman)  
 Leonard Edwards\*  
 Alma Ruth Feil (Paul Feil)  
 Beatrice Gibbs (Ruth Ann Sugarman)  
 Ann Marie Hedgecock\*  
 Ida Katz\*  
 Frances Klein\* (Sonny Klein, Bea Klein)  
 Stephanie S. Morgan\*  
 Anna Podolsky (Roselyn Richman, Selma Ryave)  
 Isabelle Sazer (Tanah Hemingway)  
 David Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)  
 Storm Sauter Tarvin (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Joseph Wolfe\* (Elissa Poel)

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

Louis Bass\* (Harry Bass)  
 Tessie Rose Bergman (Nancy Bergman)  
 Faye Berkson\* (Burt Berkson)  
 Mollie Bruder\* (Ron Bruder, Murray Bruder)  
 Lorraine B Fidler\*:  
 Rachel Fox\*:  
 Sam Jacobs (Win Jacobs)  
 Rabbi Allan Langner (Bernice Langner)  
 Katherine A. Lathrop (Jane Grider)  
 Jack Lipschutz\*  
 Bertram Marks (Rhonda Karol)  
 Gayle Saeks (Jerald Silverman)  
 Harry Schechter  
 Sheldon Schoenbrun\*  
 Mary Sirota (Anne Weinberg)  
 Mieke Skigen\*  
 Edith Steinberg\* (Ron Bruder Evelyn Bruder)  
 Helen Troy (Marsha San Filippo)

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

David Aboulafia\*  
 Ralph Alkon (Phil Alkon)  
 Betty Brankman (Sally Alkon)  
 Samuel Chapman (Diane Fleishman)  
 Lena Lieberman\*  
 Harold W. Loudon (Cheryl A. Loudon-Decker)  
 Robert Marcus (Steven Marcus)  
 Jacob Neidich\*  
 Abigail Palanker (Allen Palanker)  
 David Andrew Steinfeld\*

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

Jack Bell (Joe Bell)

Estelle Berger (Barbara Berger)  
 Sidney Berger\* (Barbara Berger)  
 Lillian Cooper (Ruth Ann Sugarman)  
 Martin Feingold (Deana Kessin)  
 Dorothy Frieder\* (Linda Fisher)  
 Reuben Friedman (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Syd Friedman (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Muriel Heiman\*  
 Harold Mann (Gary Mann)  
 Hattie Neidich\*  
 Richard Palanker (Allen Palanker)  
 Mark Edwin Rosenberg (Julie Rosenberg)  
 Elaine Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Gertrude Silverston\*  
 Clara Singer\*  
 Sima Tashlik (Michele Blum)  
 Anthony Thelkan\*  
 Leonard I Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Benjamin White\*  
 Eleanor Williamson (Barbara Mandel)  
 Joel Ziegler\* (Lila Ziegler)

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

Molly Aboulafia\*  
 Dvora Alkon (Phil Alkon)  
 Edward Jacobs (Win Jacobs)  
 Terry Petty\* (Brenda Parish)  
 Joel Roth (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Charles Rothschild\*  
 Morty Steckler\*:  
 Birdsey Youngs (Win Jacobs)

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

- Inigo Garcia-Bryce, on the death of his father, Jose Garcia-Bryce, on January 27, 2020 in Lima Peru.

**May his memory be for blessing.**

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

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Newsletter.
- Names are read on the Shabbat **following** the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.

\*Asterisks at left indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office.



### Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary— February 20, 2020

- The Machon class will participate in a confirmation service on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation by Rabbi Karol and Ellen Torres on Reform Judaism. All are welcome.
- The Temple has \$28K in the bank as of the most recent meeting, including the \$10K borrowed last year.
- The board voted to send the application to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for a student Rabbi to come from LA to cover 18 weekends and High Holy Days for the coming year.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> will be a lay led service and we are inviting representatives from the Jewish Federation of El Paso to come. The Temple Board will host the Oneg Shabbat.
- During the Transition year that we are embarking on, we plan to hold several meetings to address questions that will help define who we are as a congregation and how we would like to evolve. There will likely be surveys in addition to the meetings so we can get feedback from as many congregants as possible.
- The Temple does not currently have a Marketing committee, Martha Roditti has volunteered to work on a marketing plan.
- Las Cruces and Temple Beth-El are sponsoring a visiting exhibit called Holocaust By Bullets [ates TBA]. It will be displayed in City Hall and tended to by Temple Beth-El congregants. Diane Fleishman is the point person.
- The annual meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and the next Board of Trustees meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### Temple Beth-El 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
- 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!**

### **JFFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need congregants to volunteer to help set up and tear down for the Jewish Food and Folk Festival. Volunteers are needed from **4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd and Monday, April 27th**. JFFF will be held on **Sunday, April 26th**.

Join fellow temple members for a few hours as we move furniture to prepare the temple for this important fund-raising event. This mostly involves light lifting, moving chairs and tables around and, depending on the number of volunteers, should take no longer than 1 ½ to 2 hours.

By volunteering for these important tasks, you will share an enjoyable experience with friends and contribute greatly to the success of this annual event. There will be also be specially selected treats for all!

Please contact either Jim Rosenthal at 575-522-6478 or [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com) or Art Lorbeer at 716-908-7885 or [Artlorbeer@roadrunner.com](mailto:Artlorbeer@roadrunner.com)

# Upcoming Events

## New Seminar: What is Reform Judaism to You...and to us?

Join us on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm for a Nominating Committee Leadership seminar entitled, "What is Reform Judaism to you...and to us?"

We will explore our personal relationship with Reform Judaism and examine Reform Judaism's origins and core principles in this interactive session. You will have an opportunity, during this program, to share aspects of your own Jewish story. Rabbi Larry Karol and Ellen Torres will serve as facilitators for our discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

A second workshop on Sunday, April 5, will explore the notion of how we, as individuals, may serve as Jewish ambassadors to our communities, small and large. A third workshop, to be held in August, will be a delightful, anecdote-filled, interactive tour and history of our Temple Beth-El building. These workshops, which we've conducted the past two years, serve several purposes related to our responsibility for recommending to the annual congregational meeting a slate of candidates for election to the board (As you may know, although we recommend a slate of candidates, individuals can also be nominated directly from the floor during the annual meeting.) These workshops help inform those who are already trustees and offer opportunities for all congregants who are curious and eager to learn more about their faith, the temple and themselves. In collaboration with trustees, we select workshop topics that we believe are relevant to their responsibilities but are also of general interest.

We feel that these workshops, by bringing congregants together for learning, introspection and friendship, contribute to a greater sense of community at Temple Beth-El. Our workshops are designed to be educational and provocative and allow everyone to engage more deeply in matters of faith and in the life of the temple and help foster and support a greater sense of community and of learning for everyone.

In our planning, we have paid close attention to the principles of sacred partnership as they relate to

everything that the Temple community does. The Union for Reform Judaism, whose expertise has been indispensable, defines spiritual partnership as "a commitment to building and nurturing relationships that elevate the work of leadership to a level of holiness." Sacred partnerships recognize each of us as individuals. Please join us.

*(Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ann Berkson, Michele Blum, Rabbi Larry Karol (ex officio), Cheryl Decker, temple President; Michael Mandel, Brian McCuller, Ellen Torres and Jim Rosenthal, chairman.)*

## Temple Beth El Youth Group Presents...



## Dessert and Game Night!

### With Special Theme: The Wild West



Sunday, March 1  
7:00-8:30 PM

Temple Beth El  
3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88011

#### Admission:

Adults: \$15, or \$10 if you come in Wild West costume.  
Children and teens: \$7, or \$5 if you come in costume.



# Upcoming Events



## BRINGING THE TASTES OF A NEW YORK DELI TO LAS CRUCES

Sunday, April 26, 2020  
11am-3pm  
Temple Beth-El,  
3980 Sonoma Springs Ave  
575-524-3380

FABULOUS FOOD INCLUDING:  
KNISHES  
FALAFEL  
PASTRAMI  
SANDWICHES  
KOSHER HOT DOGS  
RUGELACH  
KUGEL and more!

DANCING  
LIVE MUSIC  
BETH-EL BAZAAR  
KIDS' ACTIVITIES

More Food!

\$3 Admission, food tickets sold separately  
Kids under 12 FREE  
RAIN OR SHINE

524-3380 for information LCJewishfestival.weebly.com



## Second Night Passover Seder April 9, 2020 Picacho Hills Country Club

Watch this space and your mailbox for more information. Please be sure to RSVP by the date indicated on the mailing so that we can make sure that we have enough seating and food. Picacho Hills Country Club is unable to accommodate last minute reservations.



## A Mobster in the Family: Jewish Outlaws, Gangsters and Bandits. Naomi Sandweiss

2:00 pm, Sunday March 1, at  
Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El's History Committee invites you to a presentation by Naomi Sandweiss at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 1 at the Temple. Ms. Sandweiss will discuss "A Mobster in the Family: Jewish Outlaws, Gangsters and Bandits."

Ms. Sandweiss's trip is sponsored by the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and the Historical Society of New Mexico. We suggest donations to TBE of \$10. There will be refreshments after this presentation.

Naomi Sandweiss is the author of *Jewish Albuquerque 1860-1960* and numerous articles. She is Executive Director of Parents Reaching Out, a statewide non-profit organization, and is a past president of the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society. She will explore in this talk who were the generation of Jewish-American gangsters, what forces led them to enter the world of crime, and how these same gangsters fought anti-Semitism and supported Israel.

## Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.



Sisterhood invites you for a delightful evening of dessert and an entertaining presentation by Mary Kay Shannon, a wonderful historian, who will share her knowledge of the early women of Las Cruces.

Contact Diane Fleishman at  
575-373-9589



### 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 collect the caps on the small countertop outside the pantry in the kitchen. We look forward to the continued participation of Temple members of all ages in this mitzvah.

### 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 and gently used clothing.** For more information or questions, contact the Temple office.



**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.**



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### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

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Margot Leverett, thank you to Rabbi Karol

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### **Biblical Garden Fund:**

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### **Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:**

Michele and Allen Blum, in memory of Miram Cutler and Joseph Tashlik

*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 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.



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for in-depth information about Temple and its programming  
and updates on current Temple events

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

(It is open for all to see!)

If you are on Facebook already, find our page, click “Like” and join us in our Facebook community!

### **VISITING CONGREGANTS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME-BOUND**

At Temple Beth-El, we depend on you, our members, to inform us if you know of someone who needs a visit, especially if they are in a hospital or a rehabilitation or assisted living facility, and also if they are not able to leave their homes due to health-related issues. In order for us to keep our list of who needs a visit current, we ask you to call or email Rabbi Karol ([rabbi@tbcl.org](mailto:rabbi@tbcl.org)) with the names of congregants who you know would like to be visited. We appreciate your cooperation in this area, so that we can be, as much as possible, a truly caring community.



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#### **Editing:**

Books, scientific papers, theses, dissertations

#### **Technical documents of all sorts.**

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

### **Office Hours**

**Rabbi Karol** is in the office:

Wednesday - 10:00 am -5:00 pm

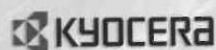
Friday- 10:30-11:30 am, 2:00-4:00 pm, and  
while he is preparing for Shabbat worship.

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 (575-524-3380).

You can also call Cheryl (575-640-9559) or  
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### **Adelante Deadline**

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the April 2020 Adelante is March 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)





# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adar 5 1 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00 AM Naomi Sandweiss 2:00 PM BEMY/BETY Game Night 7:00 –8:30 PM	Adar 6 2	Adar 7 3	Adar 8 4	Adar 9 5 Mary Kay Shannon, historian, sponsored by Sisterhood –“Early Women of Las Cruces” 7:00 PM	Adar 10 6 Family Shabbat service 6:00 pm Dairy/Vegetarian Potluck dinner following	Adar 11 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Adar 12 8 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00 AM	Adar 13 9 Short Story group 10:30 AM Erev Purim– Carnival 5:00 PM and Spiel 6:30 PM	Adar 14 10	Adar 15 11 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Adar 16 12	Adar 17 13 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Adar 18 14 Bat Mitzvah of Kaylee Zeledon NO TALMUD STUDY Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
Adar 19 15 Machon/Hebrew 9:00 am Religious School 10:00 AM “What is Reform Judaism to you...and to us?” 2:00 PM	Adar 20 16 Short Story group 10:30 AM	Adar 21 17	Adar 22 18 Wednesday Breakfast 8:45 am Tanakh Study 10:15 am	Adar 23 19 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Adar 24 20 Lay-led Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Adar 25 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Lay-led Shabbat Morning Service 10:15 am
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