



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

JUNE 2020 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5780)

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**FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT SERVICE - 6:30 PM WEEKLY** Via Zoom

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Services in June will be jointly led by Rabbi Karol and lay-leaders. Follow along in the Mishkan T'filah for Shabbat flipbook provided by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at this link

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/>

Otherwise, just listen to the livestream with familiar prayers/songs.

**Friday, June 5– Family Service**

**Friday, June 26- Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit**

**TORAH STUDY**-Saturdays, 11 AM via Zoom

**TALMUD STUDY**- Saturdays 9 AM via Zoom (Contact Bryan McCuller [mccullerbryan@gmail.com](mailto:mccullerbryan@gmail.com))

**TANAKH STUDY**- Wednesdays at 10 AM via Zoom

**SHABBAT MORNING BLESSINGS AND SONGS**– Saturdays at 10:30 AM via Facebook Live

**SHORT STORY SERIES**– Details on page 8

Link to meetings and text will be sent out prior to sessions.



A Hearty Yasher Koach to our Adult B'nai Mitzvah!– Steve Haydu, Luke Duddridge, Patrick Quinn and Cherri Hudson-Brown. Despite early technical issues, they were able to lead the service via Zoom on May 2, 2020 and all did an exceptional job. Thank you for your voices and words of wisdom. Thank you to Rabbi Karol for making this simcha happen.

**Retirement  
Celebration!**

Please join Temple Beth-El  
in paying tribute to Rabbi  
Larry Karol and to Rhonda  
Karol as they embark on the  
next chapter of their life  
adventure.

Thursday, June 25th at 7PM  
via Zoom



## **Rabbi Larry Karol -Annual Message - Temple Beth-El Las Cruces NM Annual Meeting - May 14, 2020**

The year: 2150.

The world had returned to normal well over a century before. Tales of the pandemic of 2020 had been passed down from one generation to the next.

Somewhere in southern New Mexico, a family sat down for their Passover Seder. They took it for granted that some of their guests would join them in person, in their home, while others would participate from a distance through the magic of the newest version of Zoom. Surprisingly, they had forgotten the release number. It was 130.18 - better known as "130 CHAI!"

They recounted the story of the Exodus as always, from their Passover Haggadah which they had created by merging the best parts of their many favorites that had been handed down by their grandparents and great-grandparents.

In this Haggadah, instead of the usual four questions, there were five, with this addition:

"On all other nights, when we join for our meal in our home, digital devices are not permitted on the table. Why, on this night, are our computers placed on our Seder tables in a prominent position?"

In this Haggadah, the description of the Seder plate added one new symbol, which was very hard to come by: the smartphone. It had to be one of the models used in 2020. Participants at the seder were always amused that "smartphone" rhymed with "shankbone." That is why they thought it fit perfectly on the Seder plate.

A new section of the Haggadah recounted the tale of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, describing how Jews around the world would not allow themselves to miss celebrating their Festival of Freedom or to be thwarted in their attempts to maintain their communal connections. This new portion of the MAGGID - the retelling section - told of a year that began like all others, during which Jewish community members gathered in person in their synagogues for study, social programs, worship, holiday observances, fundraisers, and life-cycle events. Then came the rise of the coronavirus. This special Haggadah outlined the strategies that followed: teachers met with students of all ages on Zoom; services were live-streamed from the homes of rabbis, cantors and lay leaders; Temple leaders and congregants found ways to overcome separation and isolation to maintain a strong sense of community; singers found ways to unite their voices in song even with the limitations of

online singing at the time; calls and check-ins among members made sure everyone was getting what they needed; donations supported worthy causes that offered much-needed assistance; some life-cycle events went on as planned; and planners ascertained the best way to resume in-person events so as to preserve everyone's health and lives.

Another section of the Passover Haggadah, one of most ancient passages, normally stated that there were three things that needed to be mentioned on the holiday, or else the participants would not have fulfilled their observance of the festival. Those three things are: Pesach, the Paschal Lamb; Matzah, unleavened bread; and Maror, bitter herbs.

In this Haggadah of 2150, there were additions to that section that appear to have been unearthed in a southern New Mexico congregation. It seems that the rabbi there, as the early stages of the pandemic continued to require some separation, asked members of all ages: "What Jewish value is more important to you now than ever before?"

Details of how discussions on this topic were held were sketchy. But the results of their conversations were clear.

The children and their teachers in their school listed these tenets that had the greatest meaning to them:

- Taking care of your body and health
- Togetherness
- Practicing Judaism at home
- Kindness/CHESED
- Remembrance for loved ones, and for those who have died in recent months during this pandemic.
- Family
- Generosity, whereby people support fellow community members going through a hard time.
- Peace at home/Shalom B'bayit
- Tzedakah - Righteous giving
- Acceptance
- Community
- Patience
- Being helpful
- Connection: Do not separate yourself from the community
- Compassion
- Finding Simchah/joy and happiness amidst everything going on.
- Gratitude - finding something for which to be thankful at any time.

**JUNE 2020 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5780)****Yahrzeits- for May 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, June 5**

Rita Berger (Lila Ziegler)  
 Wilba Duggan (Cindie Shonk)  
 Jerry Gardner (Brenda Parish)  
 Jennie Greenfield\*  
 Rabbi Gerald M. Kane/Harav Yosef Melech ben Hershel Hakohen V'Yocheved (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Luba Klaitman (Rita Polsky)  
 Harriet Mandel (Michael Mandel)  
 Charlie Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)  
 Shirley Ruttenberg (Ellen Torres)  
 Irving Schindler (David Zeemont)  
 Dorothy Schlisman\* (Suzanne Mazer)  
 Leonard Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)  
 Anna Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

**Read on Friday, June 12**

Jerome Batkin\* /Yochanan ben Nisan Hakohen (Mike Batkin)  
 Michael Bruder\* (Murray and Evelyn Bruder)  
 Carl Caplan (Betty Rosse)  
 Michael Max Cohen (Richard Goldberg)  
 Esther Edelstein Berlin\* (Dee Cook)  
 Sarah Eskin (Linda M. Kruger)  
 Christina Griffasi (Deborah Lee Thuman)  
 Aaron Hyman\* (Michael Hyman)  
 Doris Kirschner\* (Bob Kirschner)  
 Miriam Kuznekoff\* (Chuck Kuznekoff)  
 Isaac Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)  
 Andrea B Siegel\*  
 Quinn Sitcler (Cheryl & David Decker)

**Read on Friday, June 19**

Richard Batkin\*/Reuven ben Yochanan Hakohen (Mike Batkin)  
 Bernard Cutler (Michele Blum)  
 Siebert Feldman\* (Louise Feldman-Baskey)  
 Ruben Kasten\*  
 Clara Kleiner (Rachel Stevens)  
 Nathan Mandel (Michael Mandel)  
 Steven R Pasternack\*  
 Benjamin D Siegel\*  
 Marian Turnbull (Joanne Turnbull)  
**Read on Friday, June 26**  
 Vivan Denault (Lynn Berkeley)  
 Henrietta Horowitz (Ellen Torres)  
 Barbara Orner (Ralph Orner)  
 Rachelle Petrowski\*

Asher Segen\*  
 Leo Steinborn\* (Vivian Steinborn)  
 Max Taub\*  
 Leonard Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Pearl Weisman (Cyrille S. Kane)  
**Read on Friday, July 3**  
 Milton Berkson\* (Burt Berkson)  
 Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)  
 Ruth Frank (Lester Frank)  
 Jennie Frank\*  
 Raymond Gettleman (Sally Sicherman)  
 Roslyn Rice\*  
 Dora Stern\*/Shaina Devorah Bat Aaron and Gittel (Ann and Burt Berkson, Arthur Berkson)

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.

As some of you may know, Gov. Lujan Grisham was asked by the White House and has agreed to have New Mexico participate in a survey of COVID-19 spread.

This is a national study being conducted by Stanford University. This link below has been sent to the Social Action committee, many of whom have already decided to participate.

Sending this offer to the entire congregation seemed appropriate and something little and simple that we all could do that might contribute to a larger good. If you decide to participate, you can enroll through the below link and provide about 2-3 minutes of time and some basic information about yourself. Subsequently, each day, the study will send you a link, if you agree, to remind you to answer about one minute's worth of questions about how you are feeling.

That's it! It seems to me that this is a very concrete action we can all take to literally help "repair the world." The link is: <https://med.stanford.edu/covid19/covid-counter.html>.

Just a thought about a small action we might all take in this time of waiting...

Ned Rubin



**Rabbi Larry Karol Invocation**  
**Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting - May 14, 2020**

Eternal God,  
 Make us aware of our strengths  
 Help us to accept our limitations  
 Some people think we should be able to do it all  
 Yet, you have provided us with only  
 Two hands to serve  
 Two eyes to see  
 Two ears to hear  
 Two legs to move forward  
 Teach us, God, that we are enough.

Eternal God,  
 Make us aware of the needs  
 That people are too sad  
 or too reluctant to share  
 Some people think everyone should do it all  
 And always be able to solve their problems on their own  
 But that is why You gave us  
 Two hands to serve  
 Two eyes to see  
 Two ears to hear  
 Two legs to move forward to help, to love, to hope,  
 To act with compassion  
 Teach us, God, that we are enough.

And, Eternal God,  
 If we have eyes that no longer see as they did in the past  
 Ears that no longer hear as well as before  
 Legs that move more slowly than ever, or do not even move at all.  
 Show us...remind us  
 That we can still see.  
 That we can continue to listen.  
 That we can move forward with our minds and our hearts,  
 That we can sustain our souls so that we will ever be able to  
 connect with You, the Soul of the Universe,  
 May we wake up every morning  
 Renewed  
 Reborn  
 And may the brightness of the day  
 And may the moon shining down on us at night  
 Give us faith,  
 grant us blessing,  
 And create among us  
 and inside of each of us  
 Light and peace.  
 Amen.



**Message From**  
**Temple President**  
**Cheryl Decker:**  
**Annual meeting thanks as we**  
**eye a return to in-person**  
**services**

The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting was held on May 14, 2020. The first Zoom Annual Meeting in Congregation Beth-El's history.

Thank you to Steve Haydu and Bob Kimball, who executed the mechanics of the meeting and made certain everyone knew how to join, ask questions and vote on the 2020/2021 Board of Trustee Candidates. Thank you to Nan Rubin for her opening slide show and financial overview, and to Joanne Turnbull for her slides introducing us to Sofia Zway, who will begin as our new part time Rabbi in August. Michael Mandel and Lynn Zeemont compiled our financial data and Michael explained why our financials have had a drastic change this year. Rabbi Karol's invocation, as always, was thought provoking and on point with our current Covid-19 situation.

TBE's newest Board of Trustee members are Marieka Brown and Bryan McCuller.

The Governor of NM has given the green light to once again start holding services in our temple, but with limited member seating and other restrictions. We have all learned to abide by these measures which are meant to keep each of us safe from Covid-19. The Board is exploring ways to offer services, either in-person or continued via Zoom and Facebook live . I invite you to express your thoughts. We could start by having parking lot services, just like the drive-in theaters of our youth. I'm not certain if that is feasible or how the mechanics would work. Would you prefer to mask off seating areas in the sanctuary and practice social distancing? Would you attend, or do you prefer to wait a few more weeks? Please send an email to me at: [doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com) with your thoughts and ideas on how we can open our doors and still remain safe. The Board of Trustees represents you, our members, but to know how to do that, we need to know your thoughts. I look forward to reading your ideas.

L'shalom,

Cheryl

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Other members of the congregation also shared their perspectives, adding these comments at the request of their rabbi:

- Performing bikkur cholim-visiting the sick in any way possible, through whatever mode of connection would offer the most comfort.
- Treating everyone as equally valuable in this world, and being the tough, resilient, logical thinking, giving, hopeful, and caring people with beautiful souls that Jews have always sought to be.
- Staying connected with family and friends near and far.
- Remembering that Hillel's maxim, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor" could mean wearing masks and distancing enough to preserve the health of one another - and to show concern for each other's welfare.
- Practicing Hillel's teaching, "If I am only for myself, what am I?" constitutes an expression of love and consideration for our neighbors.
- Providing for those who are less fortunate, who deserve our help because they are members of the human family.
- Pikuach Nefesh, saving a life, so that we will not jeopardize our lives or the lives of others, and promoting healing for those who are ill where and when we are able.
- Altruism - selfless concern for the well-being of others
- CHAYIM - life - which is central to Judaism. As God sent Moses to save the lives of the Israelites, we can be like Moses by leading one another to safety, security, health and hope.
- Noticing the wonders happening around us in nature, even amid our concerns, and giving thanks for them.
- Truly trying to understand someone else's viewpoint, following the rabbinic teaching, "these views and these other views, too, are the words of the living God."
- Remembering and (hopefully) learning from the past.
- And leaving the world better than when we got here - Tikkun Olam.

The Haggadah continued: "And so, they celebrated Passover. And when the festival was over, they continued, within the best digital spaces available to them, to pray, to study, to meet, to express to one another an unwavering faith in their ability to maintain their bonds with one another and to guarantee their future as a holy

congregation."

A footnote in the Haggadah, in fine print at the bottom of the last page, bore this note: "It was said that the rabbi soon moved on to a new chapter of his life, while his wife continued to work for a time. They were eventually able to see their growing grandchildren once again, in person."

It was also noted that the rabbi bequeathed to his congregation, and to his relatives and friends, essential teachings, in the form of musical lyrics, based on Jewish sacred texts. Those central principles included these declarations:

"Two are better than one, for if one person falls, one will lift up the other."

"Every day is a day that God has made: always remember to rejoice and be glad in it.

"When you acquire a good name, you do make it for yourself, but when you immerse yourself in the wisdom of your heritage, words of Torah, you receive a piece of something timeless.

And, finally, "Choose life, so that you and your children may live well."

And as their Seder ended on that Pesach in the year 2150, everyone at the table, and those whose faces graced the Zoom screens on their devices, exclaimed together: "Next year in Jerusalem! Next year, may all be free! And next year, and in the years to come, may we again sit with each other, side by side, as ONE 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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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020-2021**

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Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol

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**The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, June 18 at 6 PM. .**

## Summary of the Annual Congregation Meeting of Temple Beth-El, via Zoom on May 14, 2020

Fifty congregants/families attended via Zoom. Cheryl Decker called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and graciously welcomed everyone. Steve Haydu explained the protocol for this Zoom meeting. The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were approved, and then we saw the year-in-review in a slideshow created by Nan Rubin. This will be posted on the Temple's web page.

Cheryl thanked all the board members and committee members for their service. She went on to thank Monika Kimball and Bill Stein for their work with the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, and all of our transition team members. Thanks also went to the religious school teachers and parents, Rabbi and Rhonda Karol, and to Michael Batkin for his continuing support through the Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year the Batkin fund was used to provide scholarships to our religious school.

The Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso granted Temple Beth-El \$5,000 for security improvements. This was overseen by Mark Saltman, chair of the Temple Security Committee.

Temple Beth-El honors and remembers two of our longtime members who passed away this year, Bea Klein and Joan Glickler. May their memories be for blessing. Our temple also welcomes five new member families, Joel Siegel, Rachel Glickler-Duggins and family, Rachel Baudo and family, Karen Ford-Pierce and Ron Pierce, Jack Greenspan.

Martha Roditti is the new Membership Committee chair. If you are interested in taking part in this committee please contact Martha. We are also looking for a new webmaster. Contact Cheryl Decker if you are interested in taking this on.

The annual booklet that was sent out via email contains the committee reports, financial report, transition team reports. These are also available on the temple website.

Rabbi Karol led the congregation in singing the Mi Shebeirach this year for healing and health during the Covid-19 pandemic, and then shared his annual message to the congregation.

Cheryl thanked the Rabbi on behalf of the congregation for the many years he gave to our temple and reminded us of how much the Rabbi has done for our temple during his tenure, and especially right now, as he continues to find ways to keep the congregation

together, worshipping and gathering in this virtual space.

Michael Mandel provided the financial report. Slides comparing the past four years were shown. He emphasized that most of our income comes from membership dues, and that we have saved some this year because some temple members like Dave Decker have been willing and able to accomplish tasks that we normally hire others to do. The status of future fundraisers is uncertain right now. A tentative date for the Matzo Ball Open has been set, but how things progress is yet to be determined.

Joanne Turnbull updated us on the state of our Transition period. Luke Duddridge is taking over the lead on the Mitzvah Team, and Cherri Hudson-Brown will be chair of the Religious Practices Transition Team. Sofia Zway will be our Student Rabbi. She is a fourth year rabbinic student in Los Angeles. Sofia will lead High Holy Day services and 18 Shabbat services between August 2020 and May 2021. Ways you may be able to help with Sofia's stay in Las Cruces: provide a host home (no cats), dinners, and transportation. Contact Joanne if you can assist with any of the above.

From September to December we will have focus groups to address the three questions that have come up repeatedly, 1) the nature of membership, role of snow birds and non-Jews; 2) should we maintain our affiliation with the URJ; 3) can we afford a full-time rabbi?

Our nominated board candidates were approved by acclamation. Incoming board candidates are Marieka Brown, and Bryan McCuller. Returning board members are: Pearie Bruder, Cheryl Decker, Michael Mandel, and Joanne Turnbull.

The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society has planned to hold its Fall 2020 conference in Las Cruces on October 23-25, 2020. Because the Covid-19 pandemic may continue into October, NMJHS has decided to postpone the conference until Fall 2021 at a date to be determined. NMJHS Board member Jeff Brown has mentioned that the Board will seek to hold the 2021 meeting in Las Cruces.



## Transition Times

*Transition Update from TBE's Annual*

*Meeting on May 14, 2020*

- **Transition Teams:** Cherri Hudson-Brown is the new Team Leader for Religious Practices and Luke Duddridge is the new Mitzvah Team Leader. Thanks to Monika Kimball and Dave Decker for great leadership in getting these teams off the ground.
- **Student Rabbi:** Sofia Zway, a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Hebrew Union will be with us for the High Holidays and 18 weekends from late August 2020 through May 2021. Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter will be her Advisers.
- **Fall Focus Groups:** We will hold focus groups this Fall addressing Membership issues, our Union for Reform Judaism affiliation, and whether or not we can afford a full-time rabbi.

Shabbat Shalom,

Joanne Turnbull

Board Vice President & Transition Chair

[vicepresident@tbelc.org](mailto:vicepresident@tbelc.org)

This is the last month of our fiscal year and many congregants have not brought their dues accounts current. Please pay your dues before June 30, so we can start the new year off fresh. If you don't know what your balance is or think you might not be current, please contact Stacey Hyman at [treasurer@tbelc.org](mailto:treasurer@tbelc.org). Thank you very much.



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

## Happy Father's Day

To all the  
Fathers in the  
congregation. . .

Thanks for  
all  
you do



Dear Temple Beth-El community members,

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives for the time being, perhaps with some long-term effects. We have successfully connected with one another in digital space during this challenging time. We have, with whatever frequency we deem appropriate, shopped at grocery stores and drug stores/pharmacies and kept appointments with physicians when necessary.

Moving to another city during a pandemic poses the usual challenges, but, in this case, with many added risks and concerns. Rhonda and I had begun to make plans to move, setting our sights on a particular apartment complex in the Kansas City area.

Yet, most of the advice and counsel that has come our way in recent weeks has suggested taking an approach of flexibility and caution.

Consequently, we will be remaining in our home in Las Cruces for nearly a year beyond my June 30, 2020 retirement, when I will become Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El.

It has been an honor to serve Temple Beth-El over these nine years. Rhonda and I look forward to being members of TBE and part of the Las Cruces community in the coming months.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Larry



# Editor's Corner



Dear Congregants and Friends,

The school year is over, summer has begun. While our summer plans may not look quite the same as they may have in the past, I still believe that we have a lot to be grateful for. This month is a bit bittersweet in many ways. As I am sure that you are all very aware of, at the end of this month, our spiritual advisor and leader, Rabbi Larry Karol will retire. When my family and I were planning a move to Las Cruces, one of the first things I did was to make a call to the Temple office. That very same day, I received a phone call from Rabbi Karol. Over the years, the Karols have played an important part in my life. In services, Rabbi Karol and his guitar have led us in learning, prayer and song. Both he and Rhonda have imparted their knowledge and love to my daughter and the rest of the Hebrew School youth. The sessions have been very meaningful, even for the two months we had been unable to meet in person. This past year, they became colleagues as I took on the roles of both Hebrew School teacher (how did that happen? ) and Adelante Editor. I could not have done any of it without them. The Temple will go on without Larry and Rhonda Karol in their current roles but their leadership will be deeply missed. I am putting them on notice now that they have not heard the last from me. Next year, when they return to Kansas City, I will keep them up to date on my life and I hope that they will do the same. And I will continue to seek their guidance, because old habits die hard. Rhonda and Larry Karol, when your time in Las Cruces ends, may the road that you travel always be sweet and may it always connect you to your Temple Beth-El family.

L'hitraot,

Beth Tierney



**Rabbi Karol  
Leading our  
Youth in Song  
at a  
Family Shabbat**



**Car Parade for  
Rabbi Larry and  
Rhonda Karol fol-  
lowing final day of  
Religious School,  
May 3, 2020**



## Congratulations/Mazel Tov to *Aaron Jean Hyman,*

Son of Michael and Stacey Hyman

Aaron graduated from Dona Ana Community College with an Associate's Degree and a 4.0 GPA on May 14.

Aaron graduated Valedictorian (his momma is very proud) from Arrowhead Park Early College High School, Class of 2020, on May 21 with a 4.41 GPA.

Aaron received the following honors:

- ♦ Arrowhead Park Honor Student
- ♦ NMSU Crimson Scholar
- ♦ NMSU Meritorious Graduate
- ♦ NMSU Aggie Achiever Scholarship
- ♦ NMSU Lottery Scholarship



Aaron plans to pursue an Engineering Degree at NMSU.





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## 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

*Join us virtually as we:*

Celebrate our Jewish Community

Enjoy a video presentation of the past year

Thank Janet Wechter for her service to our community and the Jewish world as President

Vote for the incoming slate of nominees of Officers and Board of Directors (below)

Thank outgoing Board members

Eitan Lavi

Ophra Leyser-Whalen

Peter Svarzbein

Draw the iPad winner for the community demographic survey

Present the Schoichet Young Leadership Award to Nathan Stevens

Officers

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1st Vice President/Governance

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Campaign Co-Chairs

Robin Furman & Wendy Lanski

Directors – 2 Year Term to be Elected

Tatiana Avila, Lea Chayes, Marc Ellman, Dana Frank, Carlos Kaplan, Noel Hollowell-Small

Board of Directors – 1 year remaining

Stephanie Calvo, Cesar Carrasco, Martha Eisenberg, Ben Kaufman

**Thursday,**

**June 18**

**6:00 PM**

**Link to Join  
will be  
e-mailed**

**TBE Community,**

In the best interests of our members and friends, and in part of the effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, all services and events will be conducted virtually.

**Please know that the MITZVAH TEAM is available during this difficult time.** Please contact members of the team if you would like to request assistance.

Contact:

David Decker:

575-556-4056, "[deckerdavid28@gmail.com](mailto:deckerdavid28@gmail.com)"

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We wish for all of you health, safety, connection and hope at this time.

**"Virtual" Short Story Series Continues**

During these challenging times, you are invited to join us for our ongoing "virtual" Jewish short story discussion series. We meet via Zoom in two separate sessions on **Mondays and Tuesdays at 11 a.m.**

We are reading the short stories of many different current and past Jewish authors. Many of these authors' short stories are available on-line. So, there is no need for you to purchase a book. I send the assigned stories via email directly to you.

If spending a friendly and stimulating time with fellow readers each week sounds like something you would like to do, just let me know at

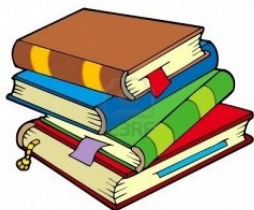
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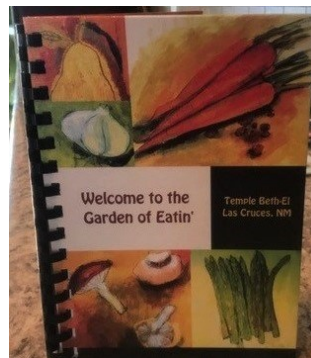
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Jim Rosenthal

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**Dear Congregants -**

These are unusual times. I know that most of us would like to be back in the sanctuary but for our health and others, for now, we need to worship at home. I know some of you don't know how to live stream services by Zoom or Facebook. Some of you would participate more via live streaming if you had a copy of the prayer book. In some cases, you just need to find a prayer to get through your day.



On a limited basis, the temple will be loaning Mishkan T'fillah, the prayer book we have traditionally used for Friday night and Saturday morning services. If you have an elderly relative that could use a book, or you yourself would appreciate one, let me know by e-mail [cjHUDSON@comcast.net](mailto:cjHUDSON@comcast.net) or phone; 575-915-7087. We'll figure out a way to get a book to you, but we also will need you to send me an email, stating the book is just being loaned and will be returned to the temple after it is safe for all of us to return to the sanctuary to worship.

Sincerely,

Cherri Hudson-Brown,

Chair, Religious Practices Transition Team



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### Tikkun Olam Opportunities —Giving to and volunteering at Casa de Peregrinos & El Caldito

Casa de Peregrinos provides staple foods to the needy, and El Caldito provides a 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. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, they have seen a decrease in volunteers and the El Caldito soup kitchen has switched to handing out sack lunches in order to maintain social distancing. 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. **There is also a need for wide-mouth glass bottles and containers and gently used clothing.** For more information on current needs or questions, contact Casa de Peregrinos and El Caldito directly.

### 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!



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### Adelante Submissions:

During this time of social distancing due to COVID-19, let us not become distant from each other. Speak with fellow congregants, friends and family. Send me your pictures of family Shabbat, musings, illustrations, etc. I will share as many as space allows in next month's Adelante.

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the July 2020 Adelante is June 20, 2020. Late items may not be included.** 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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***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.

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***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.

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# JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sivan 9 <b>1</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 10 <b>2</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 11 <b>3</b> <b>Tanakh Study</b> 10AM via Zoom	Sivan 12 <b>4</b>	Sivan 13 <b>5</b> <b>Family Shabbat Services</b> 6:30 PM via Zoom	Sivan 14 <b>6</b> <b>Talmud Study</b> 9AM via Zoom <b>Blessings &amp; Songs</b> 10:30 AM via Facebook Live <b>Torah Study</b> 11 AM via Zoom
Sivan 15 <b>7</b>	Sivan 16 <b>8</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 17 <b>9</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 18 <b>10</b> <b>Tanakh Study</b> 10AM via Zoom	Sivan 19 <b>11</b>	Sivan 20 <b>12</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 6:30 PM via Zoom	Sivan 21 <b>13</b> <b>Talmud Study</b> 9AM via Zoom <b>Blessings &amp; Songs</b> 10:30 AM via Facebook Live <b>Torah Study</b> 11 AM via Zoom
Sivan 22 <b>14</b>	Sivan 23 <b>15</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 24 <b>16</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 25 <b>17</b> <b>Tanakh Study</b> 10AM via Zoom	Sivan 26 <b>18</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6 PM via Zoom	Sivan 27 <b>19</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 6:30 PM via Zoom	Sivan 28 <b>20</b> <b>Talmud Study</b> 9AM via Zoom <b>Blessings &amp; Songs</b> 10:30 AM via Facebook Live <b>Torah Study</b> 11 AM via Zoom
Sivan 29 <b>21</b>  <b>Father's Day</b>	Sivan 30 <b>22</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Sivan 31 <b>23</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Tammuz 1 <b>24</b> <b>Tanakh Study</b> 10AM via Zoom	Tammuz2 <b>25</b>	Tammuz 3 <b>26</b> <b>Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit</b> 6:30 PM via Zoom	Tammuz 4 <b>27</b> <b>Talmud Study</b> 9AM via Zoom <b>Blessings &amp; Songs</b> 10:30 AM via Facebook Live <b>Torah Study</b> 11 AM via Zoom
Tammuz 5 <b>28</b>	Tammuz 6 <b>29</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Tammuz 7 <b>30</b> <b>Short Story Group</b> 11AM via Zoom	Tammuz 8 <b>July 1</b> <b>Tanakh Study</b> 10AM via Zoom	Tammuz 9 <b>July 2</b>	Tammuz 10 <b>July 3</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> Lay –Led 6:30 PM via Zoom	Tammuz 11 <b>July 4</b> <b>Talmud Study</b> 9AM via Zoom  <b>Independence Day</b>

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