

# Adelante!

A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

OCTOBER 2020 ((TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5781))



## Good Yontif!

Sukkot begins on Friday, October 2. Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah start on Friday, October 9. All services will be virtual this year. Please join our Sukkot services led by Rabbi Karol and our Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah services (details TBA by e-blast) led by Rabbi Sofia Zway via Zoom from your personal sanctuary, wherever that may be. Services will also be livestreamed to our Facebook page. The full schedule of services is on **page two**.



## Temple Beth-El Presents:

### “The Tattooed Torah”

Short film and discussion coming soon to a Zoom near you!

*Details will be announced by E-blast.*

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THE  
Tattooed Torah  
by MARVELL GINSBURG



illustrated by  
MARTIN LEMELMAN

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Based on the children's book by Marvell Ginsburg about the true story of the rescue and restoration of a small Torah from Brno, Czechoslovakia. The adaptation of The Tattooed Torah into an animated short film is a three-generational endeavor, initiated by Marvell's daughter, Beth Kopin, who first had the dream to transform this book into a film, and is one of the executive producers. Beth's son Brett, (fiancée of our student Rabbi, Sofia Zway) the co-screenwriter of the screenplay, is currently a rabbinical student in Los Angeles. The film brings illustrator Martin Lemelman's rich artwork to life. The film is presented by The Goldrich Family Foundation in association with USC Shoah Foundation, executive producers Melinda Goldrich and Stephen Smith, produced by Lisa Effress of 11 Dollar Bill, animation by Jeffrey Pittle and Christian Robins, original score by Daniel Alcheh and recorded by The Bow Tie Orchestra and Choir of Moscow, co-written by Brett Kopin and Marc Bennett, story by Greg Ferkel, directed by Marc Bennett, and narrated by Ed Asner

## Worship Schedule (Via Zoom)

You can also watch the Facebook livestream for holiday and Shabbat services on this page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Synagogue/Temple-Beth-El-115816285166004/>

(if you do not have a Facebook profile now, and it asks you to join when you go to the page, click "Not Now" and that box will disappear).

If you do not have a siddur at home, you can 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/>

### Wednesdays–

**Tanakh study 10:15 am with Rabbi (Emeritus) Larry Karol**

Zoom invites for Torah Study (Saturday mornings) and Services, as well as any text to follow, will be sent out weekly.

Contact Bryan McCuller to attend Talmud Study ([mccullerbryan@gmail.com](mailto:mccullerbryan@gmail.com))

Contact Rabbi Karol ([rablpkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com)) to attend Tanakh Study

### Friday, October 2

6:30 pm Sukkot Evening Family Service for all ages– *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

### Saturday, October 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:30 am Sukkot Morning Service with Torah Study *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

### Friday, October 9

6:30 pm Shemini Atzeret Service- *Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, October 10

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Simchat Torah Service

11:15 am Torah Study *with by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

**(details subject to change)**

### Friday, October 16

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service- *lay-led*

### Saturday, October 17

9:00 am Talmud Study

11:00 am Torah Study *with Rabbi Larry Karol*  
Parashat Bereshit Genesis 1:1-6:8

### Friday, October 23

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service *led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service *led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

Parshat Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32

### Friday, October 30

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service– *lay-led*

### Saturday, October 31

9:00 am Talmud Study

11:00 am Torah Study *with Rabbi Larry Karol*  
Parshat Lech Lecha Genesis 12:1-17:27



## **The Journey of Sukkot**

### **By Rabbi Sofia**

As you read this, our journey through the Days of Awe is at its peak. Yom Kippur, the holiest and most solemn of days, begins tonight. At the close of Yom Kippur, we will build the outlines of our sukkot in preparation for the start of that holiday. The Torah tells us, “You shall dwell in *sukkot* for seven days so that future generations may know that I made the Israelites dwell in *sukkot* when I brought them out from the land of Egypt” (Leviticus 23:42-43). The holiday of sukkot reminds us of two things: one, that we have always been a wandering people and a community of sojourners; and two, that no house can truly offer us security and shelter.

Since I began my rabbinical school journey three years ago, I have lived in four apartments in three cities. I moved from South Africa to Jerusalem, then to New York and most recently to Los Angeles. My wandering has brought me amazing opportunities for growth and extraordinary communities in which to serve, including Temple Beth-El. While I am so excited about our journey together, I am saddened that we will take that journey on Zoom and not in person. Covid-19 has reminded us all that no matter how sheltered and safe we think we are, sad and painful things continue to happen to us. This is a truth of life that we cannot change. As Rabbi Alan Lew writes in *This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*, “The idea of a house is that it gives us security, shelter, haven from the storm. But no house can really offer us this... No shell we put between us and the world can ever really keep us secure from it.” We cannot be protected from the hardships of life by an impermanent structure. Rather, it is the people with whom we share our dwelling places and our journeys who offer us this comfort and protection. Our lives, our sojourning and our settling, are inextricably bound to the family, friends, and sacred communities who journey with us. Covid-19 has also taught us that we are a resilient people, and that our community and our Judaism lives and thrives beyond the four walls of the synagogue.

In *The Tapestry of Jewish Time*, Nina Beth Cardin shares an inspiring interpretation of the meaning of the festival of Sukkot:

“*Sukkot* is about the journey. It is the holiday that best symbolizes where most of us are  
most of the time: somewhere in between, midway,

sometimes moving, sometimes stuck,

always heading – we hope – in the right direction.  
It reminds us that the way we get

somewhere, what we do and learn along the way,  
where we detour and where we pause, whom we  
meet and whom we travel with, are as essential to  
the journey as is the arrival.”

I am so excited and honored to continue to build our beautiful and vibrant community online until it is safe for us to return again to our sanctuary. I am grateful for the warmth and kindness you have all extended to me and Brett, and for the whole-heartedness you have brought to services. We have much to look forward to this year. I want to bless us all this year as we sit in our *sukkot*, that the stars above our head guide us on our journeys and the people with whom we share them - physically and virtually - remind us that we are always home.

Shanah Tovah and  
G'mar Chatimah Tovah

### **“Virtual” Short Story Series Continues**

During these challenging times, you are invited to join us for the “fall semester” of our ongoing Temple Beth-El “virtual” Jewish short story discussion series. We have two separate groups that meet via Zoom on Mondays and Tuesdays at 11 a.m. We are reading the short stories of Jewish authors, past and present. Since many of our authors’ stories are available on-line, there is no need for you to purchase a book. I send the assigned stories via email directly to you. The fee for the current series is \$18 which goes to the temple’s Adult Education programs. (Checks should be made out to Temple Beth-El and the memo line should indicate “short story group.”) If reading great fiction and spending time with friends and fellow fiction lovers for lively conversation sounds good, just email me at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com) or call me at 640-3292. Hope to hear from you. — Jim Rosenthal







# Transition Times

## Administrative Team (Cheryl Decker, Chair)

Cheryl continues to make sure that the TBE office is running smoothly. An assistant is being recruited to help in the office

## Communication-Technology Team (Nan Rubin, Chair)

Announcements. Thanks to Cherri Hudson-Brown for creating a template for announcements to be read at the end of Friday night services and to Nan Rubin for creating a special email address for people to submit announcements. If you have an announcement you would like to have read at services, please submit it to: [tbe.announce@gmail.com](mailto:tbe.announce@gmail.com).

Technology. A map of TBE's media platforms—e.g., *Adelante*, E-blasts, emails, Facebook, Website, Zoom—is being developed for the board, and will be shared with the congregation when finalized. The report describes the function, who's responsible for each platform, and will also include information on the temple's various software programs.

Website Intern. TBE is discussing a partnership with the Creative Media Technology Program at DACC for an intern to update the website design and then maintain the website (posting board minutes and newsletters, keeping the calendar updated, etc.). The intern will be jointly supervised by a TBE member and DACC faculty member. A work group will compile a list of what is needed for the website (e.g; sharper home page, number of pages, etc.) before interviewing intern candidates. Workgroup members are: Rebecca Berkson, Luke Duddridge, Steve Haydu, Nan Rubin, and Matt Spiegel.

## Strategy Team (Martha Roditti, Chair)

The Strategy Team will sponsor three Focus Groups in September and October to discuss membership, URJ affiliation, and the search for a new rabbi. Information from the Focus Groups will affect the Board's decision-making. For more details, please see the announcement in this issue of the *Adelante*. We would like as many of you to attend these ZOOM focus groups as possible.

Onward,

Joanne Turnbull  
TBE Transition Chair

## Wednesday Morning Breakfast



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The Wednesday Morning Breakfast has resumed in Zoom format. The program will begin 9 am weekly. Phil Alkon is the organizer and should be contacted at [philipalkon@gmail.com](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com) or 575-524-6945 with general questions or recommendations regarding future speakers. Patrick Quinn is assisting Phil with developing and maintaining the mailing list and with Zoom access. If you have questions about either of those issues please contact Patrick at [patrick.kaye.quinn@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.kaye.quinn@gmail.com) or 575-522-4692.

## COPING WITH COVID

Covid-19 has vastly changed our lives. We've been 'sheltering in place' for the past six months. Social distancing, wearing masks, and constant handwashing have become the norm. And while we may wish things to return to the way they were, we're almost certain to be facing a 'new normal'—whatever and whenever that will be.

Social isolation and dealing with the unknown can take their toll. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than 40% of the US population is now struggling with symptoms of anxiety and depression. Young adults, people of color, front-line professionals, and unpaid caregivers are particularly vulnerable.

Covid-related stress is also hard for people who were dealing with mental health issues before the pandemic. Professionals are concerned about increases in depression and thoughts of suicide, addiction relapses and overdoses, domestic violence and child abuse.

Support and connection are powerful antidotes to stress and social isolation. We, the members of Temple Beth-El, are fortunate. We have made a caring community that is finding ways to stay connected even though we are denied the feeling of *mishpucha* that comes with meeting in person at our synagogue.

The Adult Education Committee is committed to supporting our community throughout the pandemic. We will begin with a series of articles in the *Adelante*. Each brief article, written by a member of our community, will discuss an issue related to the stress caused by the pandemic—how it affects us and our families. The article will also offer suggestions as to things we might do to effectively deal with it.

We need your help. We will want you to tell us if the articles are helpful and if so, how. We will also want to know other topics that you'd like to learn about. An email address has been set up for your feedback: [copingtemplebethel@gmail.com](mailto:copingtemplebethel@gmail.com). If there is enough interest, we can offer zoom workshops to provide additional support and information about useful coping strategies.

The change in TBE's long-term relationship with Rabbi Karol has added another level of uncertainty to an already difficult time. The Adult Education Committee wants to support and strengthen our congregational family during our transition. Please let us know what topics interest you and look for our upcoming articles.

**Ned Rubin, Chair, Adult Education Committee**  
**Joanne Turnbull, Chair, TBE Transition**



## Renewing our Spirits

**By Rabbi Larry Karol**

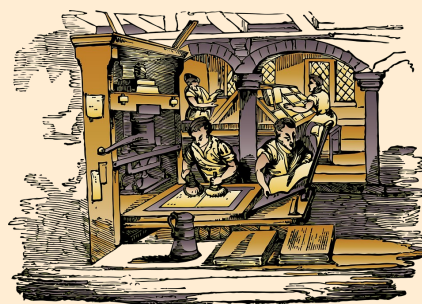
As the COVID-19 pandemic confined us, mostly, to our homes in mid-March, it was clear to me that other "viruses" might emerge as we dealt with this new reality: uncertainty, fear, lack of connection, and loss of hope. I spoke with Ned Rubin before Passover about organizing a platform through which helping professionals in the Temple Beth-El community could share their expertise on facing this unprecedented challenge. We discussed having congregants share their counsel in writing in the *Adelante* newsletter, and considered other possible venues as well, such as presentations and discussions on Zoom.

The Shabbat Services for Renewal of Spirit in March, April, May and June took on a new meaning. We are still doing all that we can to maintain our bonds with each other, whether while we are masked and standing a few feet away, or speaking on the phone, or in virtual settings. Be sure to read the columns that our congregants will share with you, and take in the wisdom they offer. Remember to reach out to one another as much as possible. Be reassured that you are not alone, and we are here for each other to walk this path together.

### 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 November 2020 *Adelante* is October 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)



**OCTOBER 2020 ((TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5781))****Yahrzeits-October 1, 2020 through October 30, 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

**Read on Friday, October 2**

Bernice Deutcher (Stefani Singer)  
 Yetta Feldman\*  
 Samuel Freeman (Bernice Langner)  
 Blanche Geisinger (Ruth Ann Sugarman)  
 Benjamin Golden\*  
 Martin Greenfield\*  
 Robert Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)  
 Mary Krepps\*  
 Herman Limmer\*  
 Martin Muffs\* (Carol Bernstein)  
 Bill Quinn (Patrick Quinn)  
 Dorothy Rabinovitch (David Rabinovich)  
 Emily Schorr (Susan Michelson)  
 Rose Sommers\* (Frances F. Williams)  
 Sam Sommers\* (Frances F. Williams)  
 Mabel Stern\*

**Read on Friday, October 9**

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein (Marvin Bernstein)  
 Mary Lois Gardner (Brenda Parish)  
 Phyllis Joseph (Susan C Brown)  
 Reba Kirschner\* (Gabriel Lampert)  
 Rabbi Joseph Klein\*  
 Esther Y. Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)  
 Irving Leonard Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)  
 Ruth Terman (Cyrille Kane)  
 Jack Troy (Marsha San Filippo)

**Read on Friday, October 16**

Debra Eckert (Marlene Benz)  
 Benjamin Geller (Ruth Rubin)  
 Barnet Katz\*  
 Frank Kozeliski\*  
 Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl Decker)  
 Manas Rosenberg (Jason Rosenberg)  
 David Sugarman (Terri and Ruth Ann Sugarman)  
 Elanor Ulrich  
 Lenore Weinberg (Anne Weinberg)

**Read on Friday, October 23**

Marlene Daniels (Karen Ford-Pierce)  
 Meyer Davison\*  
 Tillie Frank\*  
 Perry Kohn (Michael Mandel)  
 James Quinn (Patrick Quinn)  
 Mel Taylor\*:

**Read on Friday, October 30**

Susan Bronstein\* (Jamie Bronstein)  
 Harold Brown\* (Jeff Brown)  
 Nathan Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)  
 Benjamin Galatzan  
 Beverly Lewis (Jeff Lewis)  
 Herman Lewis (Jeff Lewis)  
 Edith Madenberg (Janet Stevens)  
 Gary Metzger (Bryan McCuller)  
 Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin\*  
 Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)  
 Marlene Deanne Saltman (Mark Saltman)  
 Olga Szucs\*  
 Darlene Taylor\*

**Condolences to:**

- Frances Williams whose sister-in-law, Eula Marie Williams Meyers, passed away late August.
- Terri Sugarman and Ruth Ann Sugarman on the passing of their father/husband, Barnett Sugarman, on Saturday, September 5, 2020.
- Stan Munchnikoff whose brother-in-law, Robert Leafer died Sept. 25 in Virginia Beach

May their 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 Adelante.
- 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 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.



# Help Wanted!



**We have an immediate and urgent need for someone to help Cheryl out in the Temple office. Duties would include learning how to work in Rakefet (temple database), other computer work, and general office related responsibilities.**

**If you can help, contact Cheryl at:**

**[doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com) or 575-640-9559**

## **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. 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.

**This is a critical time for the organizations.** Due to the COVID-19 crisis, they have seen an increase in demand. At the same time, they have had a decrease in volunteers, particularly on weekends. In order to maintain social distancing, the El Caldito soup kitchen has switched to handing out meals to go.

For more information on current needs, questions, or to volunteer, contact Casa de Peregrinos (575-523-5542) and El Caldito (575-525-3831) directly.



**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.**



## **Bricks for the** **Biblical Garden and** **Brick Walkway**

**Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of your own 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!**



## ELECTION INFORMATION

### 2020 General Election Information

The deadline to register to vote for this election is OCTOBER 6, 2020 at 5PM. Registration can be done online, at the MVD. Also, voters are able to REGISTER and CAST A BALLOT on the same day during the early voting period. This service is available at all the Early Voting Locations (see below.) For this, a photo ID is required. For additional information, visit: [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com)

Federal Absentee voting runs from Sept.19 – Nov.3, 2020. Applications are available at FVAP.org. The deadline to apply is October 27, 2020.

**Federal absentee ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.**

New Mexico Absentee voting runs from Oct. 6 – Nov. 3, 2020. Applications for absentee ballots can be made at NMVote.org. The deadline to apply for a ballot is October 20, 2020. **Absentee ballots must be received at the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.**

Early, in-person voting runs from Oct. 6 – Oct. 31, 2020. Early voting is available from **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center.**

Alternate Early Voting Convenience Centers are available throughout Doña Ana County. They will be open **Oct. 17, 2020 and will remain open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. through October 31, 2020.**

**Same Day Registration is available at these locations:**

Anthony City Hall	820 Highway 478	Anthony
Delores C Wright Educational Center	400 E. Lisa Dr.	Chaparral
Doña Ana Community College, Sunland Park	3365 McNutt Rd.	Sunland Park
Hatch High School	170 E. Herrera Rd.	Hatch
Las Cruces City Hall	700 N. Main St.	Las Cruces
NMSU Corbett Center	1600 International Mall	Las Cruces
Sonoma Ranch Elementary School	4201 Northrise Dr.	Las Cruces

**General Election Day is November 3, 2020.**

All 40 Voting Convenience Centers are open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. A complete list of voting centers is available at: [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com).

For questions, you may also call the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office at: (575) 647-7428 or visit the office at: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007

## Planning High Holy Days Services for Zoom: It Takes a Community

How do you plan High Holy Days services when you can't meet in person? You do things by email, phone and Zoom. You work together as a team, because it's clear one person can't do this on their own (although there have been many times in the past few months when I have been amazed at how much Rabbi Karol did). When one person is overwhelmed by work or family life, the others pitch in. When you think you don't have anything to contribute, some minor but important fact comes to your mind. In this environment people offer to help because they want to keep our Jewish community alive.

I'm assuming the High Holy Days went well. Rabbi Sofia, a full-time student in Los Angeles and our part-time student rabbi, Stuart and Leora, and Rabbi Emeritus Karol were preparing to make services creative and meaningful. Congregants contributed to the services and I'm sure Amalia Zeitlin's violin on Kol Nidre was moving. We were even scheduled to meet some of Rabbi Sofia's classmates during learning sessions during the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

In preparation for the High Holy Days, Jeff Lewis and Mensch Club members and members of the Religious Practices Committee (RPC) handed out loaned copies of the machzor. Some prayer books were even delivered to homes.

Our tradition of round challah and Yizkor books continued. Cheryl Decker, our temple president, made sure we had Jewish calendars in time for the High Holy Days.

We should be celebrating or be near to celebrating Sukkot. Hope this year individuals and families tried their hands at creating their own sukkahs and decorating them in their backyards.

At the RPC meeting the 11th of Av, Rabbi Sofia gave a meditation based on the Jewish Book of Days by Jill Hammer. Rabbi Sofia referred to a passage that said "The Jewish calendar is a circle, in which we move from planting to harvest, from freedom and rejoicing to revelation to mourning and back again. From this perspective, mourning and joy are part of the same continuum of human experience. Yet the Jewish calendar, is not only a circle. It is also a line history, moving toward redemption."

As we prepared for the High Holy Days, we relied on Steve Haydu, for his Zoom master skills; Aggie Saltman, Eblast editor for getting service information and zoom links out; Beth Tierney, Adelante editor for information and for design ideas; Sue Mazer for round challah sales;

**New Mexico Jewish  
Historical Society  
2020 annual conference  
October 24-25, 2020 via Zoom**

The conference, "Jewish Life in New Mexico and Beyond: A Mosaic of Stories" will have four sessions. Pre-registration is required, but there is no admission fee. Registrants will be sent Zoom links.

**The sessions will be:**

**Saturday, October 24, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Session I.** Naomi Sandweiss and Richard Melzer will present "The Spanish Flu Epidemic in New Mexico and the role of Rabbi Bergman."

**Session II.** Justin Ferate will present "The Jewish Catskills: A Summer Place."

**Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Session I.** Paula Schwartz, producer and Isaac Artenstein, director will present "The Making of a Long Journey: The Hidden Jews of the Southwest."

**Session II.** Noel Pugach and Harvey Buchalter will present "New Mexico Jewish Physicians in the Indian Health Service, 1960-1980: What We've Learned So Far," and Linda Goff will present "Preserving the Papers of Rabbi Leonard Helman" (funded by the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board).

To pre-register, please use the following links:

October 24 link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000>

[Cqqj4qEtyky2r6XLKo9W65uaS14owD](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000)

October 25 link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000>

[opzgiE9luzWRWHFr6QR4hVxrkHS6x](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64811200000)

or contact Ms. Claudia Bloom at [admin@nmjhs.org](mailto:admin@nmjhs.org) or 505-348-4471 and provide your name, e-mail address and phone number.

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Rose Jacobs for the Yiskor book (with help from yours truly, Pearlie Bruder and Joanne Turnbull); and Cheryl who worked for hours, several days a week in the temple office to keep our temple "in exile" running. There are too many people to thank, but you know who you are and know you're appreciated!!

Think we're all looking for light at the end of the tunnel. It may be a while, but in the meantime we will mourn and celebrate the best we can, and because we have this wonderful community we will not do it alone, although it may be by Zoom!

There's a saying: when you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on. We just need to hold on.

B'shalom

Cherri Hudson-Brown,

Religious Practices Committee, chair

## celebrating our Simchas

[The Temple Beth-El Mitzvah Team sends best wishes to these members celebrating birthdays this month:](#)

Mike Currier

Deana Kessin

Martha Roditti

Ruth Rubin

If you would like to have us acknowledge your occasion in the future please send birth month, anniversary month, and the year you joined the temple to Luke Duddridge at [LCDuddridge@hotmail.com](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com).

If you follow the example below it would be helpful:

Sam Adams Born July, Married March,  
Joined 2015

Please note that we are not collecting dates, just the months.

## Editor's Corner



As I write this we are in the middle of the High Holy Days Season. Sofia Zway, with help from our congregants and fiancée, fellow Rabbinical student, Brett Kopin, led moving and lovely Rosh Hashanah services and Yom Kippur is just around the corner. This season's Rosh Hashanah services were particularly emotional and relevant due to the turmoil around us as Rabbi Sofia so poignantly noted during her sermon. For me, I found myself struggling to breathe as the holiday started. Just before my family and I sat down to our holiday meal I checked my phone one last time. There was a Facebook post from a Jewish friend and I assumed that it was a Rosh Hashanah greeting. What greeted me instead was the news that Ruth Bader Ginsburg had died. At that moment, I wanted nothing more than to go to my room and hide under the covers. That the formidable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, more commonly known as the Notorious RBG should have lost her battle with cancer at such an inauspicious time was really more than I could take at the moment. But I did my best to push those thoughts aside and enjoy the holiday with all the promises of sweetness and renewal that it carries. You likely knew, or have since read that a person who dies on Rosh Hashanah is considered to be a Tsaddik, or righteous one. One who G-d has called. This is something that I choose to believe. In so many ways, RBG was the embodiment of our Jewish ideals. She dedicated her career toward doing what she believed to be in the best interests of the common good. We may disagree on whether or not all her decisions were correct but I think that we can all agree that a better world is worth fighting for. So, the best way to honor her legacy is to join in the fight. It is not easy but it is worth doing. I struggle everyday to find a meaningful way to do this and often do not succeed. However there is one thing that we can all do that takes very little effort. Vote. We owe it to RBG and to ourselves to do that much. Let's aim for 100% voter turnout. To say "I care about this country, it's inhabitants, and the ideals we want it to stand for." Even if our candidates do not ultimately win, we will have said that we will not just idly stand by while others decide our fate.

May 5781 be a year of personal and global change and one of goodness for all of humanity, and may G-d guide all our actions and those of our leaders.

Shana Tova,  
Beth Tierney

## *The Board needs to hear from you!*

### FOCUS GROUPS Fall, 2020

We're listening! You've given feedback at the annual meeting and told the Board in personal conversations what you think our community needs. Now you have the opportunity to provide input into important decisions that will affect TBE's future. **Three Focus Groups**, led by a professional facilitator, will be scheduled via Zoom in October and November. The schedule for the focus groups is tight because we need to make a decision about a rabbi search by the end of November.

#### FOCUS GROUP 1 – MEMBERSHIP

- Should Snowbirds be allowed to serve on the Board?
- What is the role of Non-Jews in the Congregation? Should they serve on the board? Teach in the Religious School?
- Should we create an Associate Membership to attract non-affiliated Jews living in Las Cruces?

#### FOCUS GROUP 2 - URJ AFFILIATION

- Should TBE continue its affiliation with the Union of Reform Judaism?
- What support does URJ have to offer TBE?
- What services have we received for our dues?

#### FOCUS GROUP 3 - RABBI

- Are we ready to search for a new Rabbi?
- Can we afford a full-time Rabbi? Part-time Rabbi?
- Should we continue with a student Rabbi for another year?

**Other questions?** Please contact Martha Roditti at [mroditti@nmsu.edu](mailto:mroditti@nmsu.edu). Please put **Focus Groups** in the subject line. Thank you!



## Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary- September 17, 2020

- Temple expenses are lower currently, as we are not paying for a full-time rabbi, and dues collection is good. We have been able to add money to the Schwab investment account, though the interest rate is extremely low. We are exploring options for the investment funds.
- The Mitzvah Committee currently has about \$638, and sent two cards out to congregants
- Religious school has had one informal meeting with teachers and families and is on track to begin classes after the High Holidays.
- Religious Practices Committee (RPC) has been working closely with student rabbi Sofia preparing for services. The board and RPC have worked out a system for preparing the announcements for each week's service.
- The Mensch Club has \$1,340 in their account. They plan to honor Frank and Louise Baskey by purchasing a brick in their honor. They recently moved back to Connecticut and were active members of the temple.
- Communication – If someone would like to keep the temple Facebook page up-to-date and engaging, contact Steve Haydu or email [secretary@tbelc.org](mailto:secretary@tbelc.org)
- The temple is exploring a partnership with DACC to hire a Creative Media Student as an intern to revamp our temple website. We are also looking at hiring a part time admin assistant in the temple office.
- Plans are underway for three focus groups exploring: 1. Broadening or adding temple membership options; 2. Should we continue our membership in the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism); and 3. Should we begin a search for a new rabbi, and can we afford it.
- A committee is forming to do a review of the temple bylaws.
- The ads in the Bulletin will continue, with a slightly new look, and this year we will place an ad in the annual magazine that the Bulletin produces.
- The board decided in a 12-1 vote, not to build a temple Sukkah this year since we cannot safely hold services in it. Congregants are encouraged to build their own family sukkahs.
- We have a new member family, Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta, they have two children.

## 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 simchas (life's joyous moments).

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

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### General Operating Fund:

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### Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Pearie and Ron Bruder, in honor of Jake Hardin,  
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### Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

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### Mitzvah Team Fund:

Lisa and Bryan McCuller, in memory of Barney  
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### Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in honor of Sean and Rose Sommers  
and in memory of Win Jacobs

*Given changes to the standard deduction  
limits, we will not be providing 2020  
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.

**The Mitzvah Team Fund**—to assist this voluntary team  
of Temple Beth-El members that, upon request and  
dependent upon availability, will provide non-  
emergency support service to members of the temple

**Social Action Fund**—For projects that benefit our com-  
munity 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 colle-  
giate studies or rabbinical studies.

**Frances Williams Library Fund**—To provide books  
and infrastructure for the TBE library.

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

An important part of our future is represented by  
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Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a  
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From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious  
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[or \_\_\_\_ percentage of my estate as finally determined  
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A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.  
Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to  
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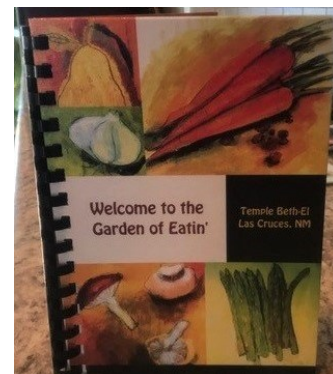
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Tishrei 13 1	Tishrei 14 2 Sukkot Evening Family Service with Rabbi Karol 6:30 PM via Zoom	Tishrei 15 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom 10:30 am Sukkot Morning Service (including Torah Study) with Rabbi Karol
Tishrei 16 4 Religious School 9:30 AM via Zoom	Tishrei 17 5 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Tishrei 18 6 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Tishrei 19 7 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am via Zoom Tanakh Study 10:15 am via Zoom	Tishrei 20 8	Tishrei 21 9 Shabbat Service 6:30 PM with Rabbi Sofia via Zoom  <i>Shimini Atzret</i>	Tishrei 22 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom Shabbat morning Service w/ Rabbi Sofia 10:15 am Torah Study 11:15 am via Zoom <i>Simchat Torah</i>
Tishrei 23 11 Religious School 9:30 AM via Zoom	Tishrei 24 12 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Tishrei 25 13 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Tishrei 26 14 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am via Zoom Tanakh Study 10:15 am via Zoom	Tishrei 27 15 Board Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom	Tishrei 28 16 Lay-Led Shabbat Service 6:30 PM via Zoom	Tishrei 29 17 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom Torah Study with Rabbi Karol 11:00 am via Zoom
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