



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



APRIL 2021 (NISSAN-IYAR 5781)

# MATZO BALL OPEN

Good news! The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Matzo Ball Open has been scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Picacho Hills Country Club.



The tournament will be a four-person best ball team scramble and there will be special events for both men and women. Picacho Hills is building a new outdoor event center so all activities, including raffle and dining will be outside. If you would like to play or volunteer to work on the committee, please contact Lynn Zeemont at [mudjob@aol.com](mailto:mudjob@aol.com). We are also seeking items to be donated for the raffle.

In addition to being a fundraiser for TBE, we also select a charitable entity as a recipient of a portion of our MBO incoming funds. So, if you have any suggestions as to whom we should partner with, please let Lynn know.

As always, *Matzo Ball soup will be served.*

## 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/>

Zoom invites for Torah Study on Saturday mornings, all Services, and any text to follow, will be sent out weekly.

### Wednesdays–

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

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

### Saturdays–

**Talmud Study 9:00 AM**

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

### Friday, April 2

6:30 pm Family Service for all ages  
*coordinated by the Spiegel/Ragosta and Brown Families*

### Saturday, April 3

9:00 am Talmud Study

11:00 am Torah Study *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

### Sunday, April 4

10:30 am Eighth day of Passover and Yiskor service led by Rabbi Larry Karol

### Friday, April 9

6:30 pm Shabbat service with Holocaust Remembrance service *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

### Saturday, April 10

9:00 am Talmud Study

11:00 am Torah Study *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

Parshat Shemini

Leviticus 9:1-11:47

### Friday, April 16

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

*led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, April 17

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Services

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

Parshat Tazira-Metzora

Leviticus 12:1-15:33

### Friday, April 23

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service–

*lay-led by members of the May 2020*

*Adult b'nei mitzvot group*

### Saturday, April 24

9:00 am Talmud Study

11:00 am Torah Study *led by Rabbi Larry Karol*

Parshat Achare-Kedoshim

Leviticus 16:1-20:27

### Friday, April 30

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service–

*led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, May 1

9:00 am Talmud Study

10:15 am Shabbat Morning Services

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

Parshat Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

**APRIL 2021 (NISSAN-IYAR 5781)****Yahrzeits-March 5, 2021 through April 2, 2021**

(Listings include the name of the loved one on the yahrzeit list and the name of the congregant or congregants remembering that loved one -asterisks indicate loved ones remembered with memorial plaques)

**Read on Friday, April 2**

Blanche Blum (Michele & Allen Blum)  
 Dorothy Blumkin\*  
 Ethel Bond\*  
 Gail Evans Kiteley (Dia Taylor)  
 Jennie Hackman (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Carl Hansen\*  
 Judy Harary\*  
 James McCuller (Lisa & Bryan McCuller)  
 Shirley Muffs\* (Carol & Marvin Bernstein)  
 Jack Petrowsky\*  
 P.M. Pollack\*  
 Daniel Seton Barber (Julie Seton)  
 Ernest Siegmeister (Jamie Bronstein, Michael Zigmond)

**Read on Friday, April 9**

Max Bruder\* (Murray & Evelyn Bruder, Pearie & Ron Bruder)  
 Norma Dorfman\* (Sharon & Peter Dorfman)  
 Sarah Kellner\*  
 Alice Mazer\* (Norman & Sue Mazer)  
 Jacob Mazer\* (Norman & Sue Mazer)  
 Helen Capin\* (Sam Klein)  
 Ida Desgun Nachison (Jerry & Jodie Nachison)  
 Byron Saltman (Mark, Aggie, Jacob & Hannah Saltman)  
 Ann San Filippo (Philip & Marsha San Filippo)  
 Marvin Siegel (Robert & Carla Libby)  
 Isador Edward Tapper (Dan Tapper & Judy Long)

**Read on Friday, April 16**

Ida Bass\* (Harry & Diane Bass)  
 Bernard Dash  
 Henry Frank\* (Lester & Renee Frank)  
 Rosalie Muffs\*  
 Zachery Shporer (Terri Sugarman)  
 Devorah Bat Mordecai (Tanah Hemingway)  
 Joseph Friedlander (Nancy Rosen)  
 Jacob Kellner\*  
 Abraham Ickowicz (Cynthia Herber)  
 Norris Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)  
 Max Greenfield\*  
 Saul Blum (Allen & Michele Blum)  
 I.A. Wechter\*

**Read on Friday, April 23**

Harry Berkove\*  
 Jay Daniels (Ronald Pierce & Karen Ford-Pierce)  
 Hilda Deutschman (Ellen & Fred Torres)  
 Jesse Horwitz (Ellen & Fred Torres)  
 Jack Kelter\* (Yosef & Susan Lapid, Stuart Kelter &

Leora Zeitlin)  
 Lew Kruger (Linda Kruger)  
 Morris Leibson\*  
 Esther Orel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)  
 Abraham Pomerantz\* (Harry & Diane Bass)  
 Rebecca Pomerantz\* (Harry & Diane Bass)  
 Irving Rubinstein\*  
 Milton Silverman\*  
 Fanny Strauss  
 Mark Wechter (Jeff Steinborn)  
 Sidney Weiss (Harry & Diane Bass)  
 Zvi Zeitlin (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)

**Read on Friday, April 30**

Tamara Entin (Maxine & William Webber, Jason and Elisha Rosenberg)  
 Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Bernice Langner, Leora Zeitlin & Stuart Kelter)  
 Dora Kirshner (Bob & Judy Kirshner)  
 Hilda Berkeley (Arthur & Lynn Berkeley)  
 Ruth Karol (Rabbi Lawrence & Rhonda Karol)  
 Stanley Kasten\*  
 Bessie Rothschild\*  
 Irving Kallman\*  
 Sadie Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)  
 Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)  
 Louis Rashall\*

**Temple Beth-El offers condolences to:**

\* Deana Kessin, whose partner, John France, passed away of cancer on March 9th. A memorial service will take place at a later time.  
 \* Diane Fleishman and family upon the passing of Diane's husband, Stuart Fleishman on March 8th. A memorial service was held in the TBE Biblical Garden.

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.





## Living on Jewish time

### Student Rabbi Sofia Zway

The very first commandment given to the Jewish people instructs them to sanctify time: "This month shall be to you the first month." The first month, Nisan, brought us freedom, a sense of peoplehood, and of course, the Jewish calendar. I love that as Jews we live in two calendars: the secular,

and the Jewish. It gives us the opportunity to consider the different ways in which we mark time, notice the changing of the seasons, and reflect on our own growth and development. And the Jewish calendar, brilliant and complex in its structure, also invites us to consider the interconnectedness of joy and sorrow, memory and anticipation, mourning and celebration.

This month, April, covers the Hebrew months of Nisan and Iyar during which we will celebrate the Holy Days of Yom haShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom ha'Atzmaut. Holocaust Remembrance Day, Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror, and Israeli Independence Day, teach us about the complexities of the human experience and of human emotions. We move from Pesach - the great holiday of our liberation - into remembering the 6 million we lost in the Holocaust less than a century ago. With introspection and heaviness, we remember the names that make up this unimaginable number as we hope, pray, and fight for a world free of hatred, dehumanization and genocide.

Then, we experience the extraordinary transition from mourning to the celebrations of Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. As one transitions straight into the other, we sharply shift from heaviness and introspection into jubilant celebration and hope. It's a remarkable reminder for us that we cannot know one without the other - that loss and hope, grief and celebration, are two sides of the same coin.

As we mark the month of April and the Jewish months of Nisan and Iyar, I hope we will take the opportunity to reflect on what it means to live in Jewish time. May these months offer us the opportunity for introspection, learning and hope.

## Medical Equipment to Borrow

Mensch Club has two wheelchairs, two walkers and a pair of crutches available to borrow. Please let them know if you are in need or have any other equipment to donate.

Contact Luke Duddridge, 727-204-6086,  
[LCDuddridge@hotmail.com](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com)

Or

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

## TBE and the Wednesday Breakfast Club members offer Phil and Sally Alkon "Best Wishes" as they retire from their Breakfast Club duties.

Phil has been the Leader/Ringmaster, for the last 15 years (maybe more). He has managed to persuade outstanding and interesting speakers to visit and made certain we each had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Sally was the keeper of the funds, and at times, the members, when a heated interaction between differing views was about to ensue.

Phil and Sally are more than just our friends, they were the impetus for the Wednesday Breakfast Club.  
 -Cheryl Decker, TBE President

*At this time, the Wednesday morning Breakfast club is without a coordinator. If you would like to see it continue and can contribute your time to the effort please contact*

*Cheryl*

[doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com),  
 575-640-9559) or Phil Alkon  
[philipalkon@gmail.com](mailto:philipalkon@gmail.com),  
 575-524-6945)



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## 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).

Please contact:

- Alison Mann—575-680-0207  
[Alisonmd4@gmail.com](mailto:Alisonmd4@gmail.com)
- Luke Duddridge—727-204-6086  
[LCDuddridge@hotmail.com](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com)
- David Decker—575-556-4056  
[deckerdavid28@gmail.com](mailto:deckerdavid28@gmail.com)

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

## The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring two free Zoom programs in April.

**Sunday, April 11, 4:00 p.m.,**

“Moriscos: Hidden Muslim Identities in New Spain,” presented by Dr. Karoline Cook, Royal Holloway College, University of London

**Sunday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.,**

“Jews on Broadway: From Shtetl to Sondheim,” presented by Dr. Stephen Whitfield, emeritus, Brandeis University

Here is the registration link for these programs:

<https://www.nmjhsevents.com/>

### “Virtual” Short Story Series Continues

During these challenging times, you are invited to join us for the “spring 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 11a.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



## Adult B’nai Mitzvah Group Reunion April 23

The Sunday just before Purim 2020 was March 8. Beth and Morgan Tierney brought us a shalach manot bag filled with hamantaschen, candies and other goodies. I don’t think we were wearing masks, although we might have. I remember maintaining a social distance though.

The adult b’nei mitzvah service was scheduled for the first Saturday in May and Steve Haydu, Luke Duddridge and Patrick Quinn and I were looking forward to it but there was discussion about a prayer about joy during Shabbat and whether we could talk about joy during a pandemic.

I wondered if we’d be wearing masks in the sanctuary or if it would be on Zoom. Beth said there had been a handful of cases I think and that the service probably would be held in the sanctuary. I was planning a lunch at the temple and evening party at our home. But that didn’t happen.

We had our b’nei mitzvah via Zoom. Rabbi Karol had a Torah in his home and read from it. We each read a photo copy of our portions, and Art Lorbeer made Torah pointers from wood and gave them to us as presents.

Elliot Katz made each of us a challah and the Mensch Club presented us with books on Jewish subjects. The gifts were dropped off at a social distance.

Personal friends also sent gift cards and cards to congratulate us.

My brother in Maryland, who had been a television reporter, gave me lighting tips for the Zoom room.

The same Torah portion will be read on Saturday, April 24, but we won’t be having a Saturday service. Some, or maybe all, of our merry b’nei mitzvah group will lead Friday night services with the help of family and friends. Rabbi Karol will take part in the beginning of the service (before he joins a scheduled service on Zoom with a congregation out of state.)

This year won’t be a repeat of our b’nei mitzvah but it will be an occasion for us to get our group back together to worship, even though once again it’s via Zoom. We’ve been through a lot in the past year, but we’re grateful to reach this moment. Hope you’ll join us.

Cherri Hudson-Brown, chair,  
Religious Practices Committee

## Updates from our Board President



Please remember the **URJ 2021 Congregational Assessment and Benchmarking Project** will begin May 03, 2021. The goal of this project is to allow TBE to learn more about ourselves and use this information and use this information to assess our strengths and areas for advancement, priorities for development in our near future. An e-mail invitation to take part in this survey will be sent soon. We ask for your active participation in this crucial project.

### **Annual Meeting 2021**

The TBE Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

There are several Constitution and By-Laws amendments that will be presented. The meeting again this year will be held via Zoom.

L'shalom,

Cheryl Decker  
Temple President

### **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!**



### **Financial Assistance**

These are challenging times for all of us but Temple Beth-El is here to support you. If you are struggling to buy groceries, or pay rent, mortgage, or other bills, we have a large balance in the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to assist our community members.

To request short term assistance, you can contact Temple President, Cheryl Decker at [doubledeckerohio@msn.com](mailto:doubledeckerohio@msn.com) or 575-640-9559. All requests will be held in the strictest personal confidence.

Thank you to all our donors who have made this assistance possible.



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# celebrating our Simchas

The Temple Beth-El Mitzvah Team sends best wishes to these members celebrating birthdays this month:

Wendee Lorbeer

The Temple Beth-El Mitzvah Team sends best wishes to these members celebrating anniversaries this month:

We are not aware of any anniversaries being celebrated this month.

We would love to have more names in these lists. 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.

## Jews and Star Trek



Join us for the next gathering of "Jews and Star Trek," as we go where no Temple educational program has gone before, on Tuesday, April 6, at 7pm MST. Please bring with you one insight about how one memory from, or aspect of, any Star Trek series has connected with your Jewish knowledge and belief.

If you plan to attend, please contact Rabbi Larry Karol ([rablpkarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com)) by Sunday, April 4. A Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Temple Beth-El member Jane Grider was featured along with eight other artists in an exhibit titled *Wayne Huber & Friends*. The show opened on March 1 and ran through March 26, 2021 at the Doña Ana Arts Council new gallery. The Arts Council's new home, at 750 W. Amador, is in the old Bank of America building, which has been beautifully repurposed by Arts Council Director, Greg Smith.



Gail Braverman is a Board Member at Temple Emanu-El in San Diego. Gail writes *Community Corner*, for her synagogue's monthly newsletter and has graciously offered to share her column with us. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist, Certified Transition Writing Specialist and Amherst Writers & Artists Writing Workshop Leader.

### GRATITUDE

By Gail Braverman, M.A., LMFT

I washed my car the other day, actually the other night because I started before the sun came up. After a short time, I found myself absorbed in the process.

As I cleaned the windows, hood, doors, and the dents and scrapes, something surprising happened. A sense of well-being and gratefulness washed over me like a giant wave at the beach. I felt appreciation for having a car, for how well it has served me, and for the ability to drive.

I don't know exactly when but, like a soft whisper, night turned in to day. Imperceptibly, darkness gave way to a field of light that filled the sky. I stood in the miracle of a new day.

Rachel Naomi Remen said: "There is holiness and meaning in even the most mundane tasks."

What you practice grows stronger. Here are some simple ways to practice gratitude:

- Make a gratitude list. Write down at least 20 situations you are grateful for.
- Connect to inspiring writings or poems, watch uplifting movies, get out in nature, listen to a Ted Talk or a podcast that is positive and hopeful. Notice what gratitude feels like in your body and mind.
- Remember nothing is too small to be grateful for. You can be grateful for your next breath, a conversation, a cup of coffee, your car. Think of all the people it took to get your dinner on the table. The farmers, delivery people and grocers.
- Linger with gratitude. Let yourself be in and with it. Don't rush to the next thing.

Gratitude researcher Robert Emmons describes gratitude as having two parts. Practicing gratitude affirms the good things we've received, and it acknowledges the role other people play in providing our lives with goodness.

Research has also linked gratitude with a wide range of benefits, including strengthening your immune system, improving sleep patterns, feeling optimistic,

experiencing more joy and pleasure, being more helpful and generous, and feeling less lonely and isolated.

**Today's Practice:** Call someone that you appreciate. Tell them what you are grateful for and what it means to you. If you can't call, write a letter or email or text them.

**Reflection:** Today I will look for gratitude in the details of my day. Good things are all around me.

### Mountain States ADL's 40th Annual (Virtual) Governor's Holocaust Remembrance Program will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 5:30 pm.

The program will feature a conversation with Holocaust Survivor Judith Altmann, a 96-year-old survivor of two labor camps and the infamous death march to Bergen Belsen. The program will include remarks from Colorado Governor Jared Polis, a memorial service, and recognition of the winners of ADL's "A Tribute to Moral Courage" student essay contest.

For more information, and to register for this free online event, please visit [adl.org/GHRP](https://adl.org/GHRP).

Here is a link to the event online: [adl.org/GHRP2021](https://adl.org/GHRP2021)

Here is a link to the event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/482495596105327/>



## Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary– March 18, 2021

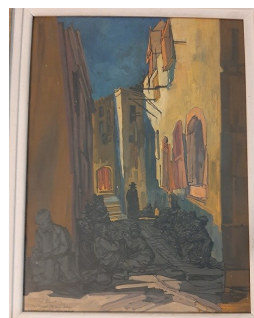
- Temple Beth El has a re-entry plan for the Temple in preparation for the time when we may resume in person services and activity. The full document will be available in the archives section of the temple web page, [tbelc.org](http://tbelc.org).
  - ◊ No specific date has been set for resuming in person activities
  - ◊ We will follow CDC recommended guidelines
  - ◊ Handwashing, masks, physical distance is most important
  - ◊ We are likely to begin with outdoor gatherings, as that is the safest way to gather.
- Treasurer's report- Dues are coming in fairly regularly. Currently we are at about \$102K paid in dues and are able to save for the time when we have a rabbi. We are shooting for annual dues income of \$112-120K, to enable us to afford a fulltime rabbi.
- Sisterhood and Adult Education are co-sponsoring a two part presentation event on Jewish Art in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Open to everyone.
- Mensch club had a couple of zoom meetings, preparing for the Honor your Partner event. They will be handing out Temple directories (drive-thru at Temple) Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2.
- Religious practices- Rabbi Sofia Zway and Rabbi Larry Karol hosted the second Seder on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and on March 27<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Sofia and her fiancée, Rabbi Brett Kopin, led a Pesach learning session instead of a worship service.
- A few fine people have been working on updating the Constitution and Bylaws. This group includes Jack Greenspan, Susan Michaelson, Wendee Lorbeer, Dee Cook, and initially, Joanne Turnbull. We will be voting on these changes at the annual meeting in May.
- Matzo Ball Open is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> - currently the committee is looking for players and raffle items. Save the date.
- The Temple Annual Meeting is planned for May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Police department will be using our parking lot for a bicycle riding training program for the officers. They will be disinfecting our facility when they are done.
- A company wants to buy out the Verizon contract for leasing the towers on the temple. The board will look into this.

## 25 GREAT 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY JEWISH ARTISTS

Last month, the Adult Education Committee and Sisterhood sponsored an excellent talk led by Professor Kathleen Key of UTEP on 19<sup>th</sup> century Jewish artists. I would say that most of us were unaware of the existence of these artists and the excellent works they produced. It was truly an hour of learning about unknown treasures.

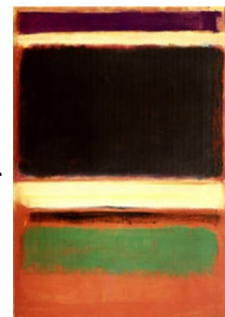


By Louise Nevelson



Gift from the artist, Saul Raskin to Tanah Hemingway

This month, on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, we will learn about more current artists, both men and women, such as: Marc Chagall, Chaim Soutine, Mark Rothko, Louise Nevelson, Saul Rubin, and Sigalas Landau, just to name a few.



By Mark Rothko

I do hope that we will be joined by a larger group of membership and friends to enjoy and learn through art about our Jewish heritage.

-Lynn Zeemont, Sisterhood President

## Shiva Observance

These are unusual times and it's harder than ever to remember loved ones or grieve the way we have in the past.

I want you to know you're not alone, that if you need to have an informal Zoom gathering to remember someone or a traditional (as it can be, via Zoom) Shiva, I'll try to find a way for that to happen. Some of us have our own limitless Zoom accounts, and there are people in the congregation and Jewish professionals and para-professionals who can do a service or informal gathering. There will be more information available in the next few weeks, but in the meantime, I'm here and will do whatever I can to help.

Cherri Hudson-Brown, chair, Religious Practices Committee.

## Donations through March 22, 2021

### General Operating Fund:

Stuart and Diane Fleishman, thank you to the Temple community for your support during surgery and recovery

Sue and Norman Mazer, in memory of Minnie Levicoff and David Lewis

Jane Grider, in memory of Stuart Fleishman

Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Harold Mann

### Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Mark and Stefani Singer, thank you for the hamantaschen

### Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Stuart and Diane Fleishman, thank you to the Temple community for your support during surgery and recovery

Mark and Stefani Singer, thank you for the hamantaschen

### Biblical Garden Fund:

David and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Harold W. Loudon

David and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Stuart Fleishman

Jane Grider, in memory of Katherine A Lathrop

David and Cheryl Decker, in memory of David Lewis

Brenda and Arlon Parish, in memory of Terry Petty

### Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Yetta, Edward, and Michael Resnick

### Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

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Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Blanche Blum and Sima Tashlik

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of Warren Dudleston

Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Leonard Hurwitz

### Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Andrea Orzoff, in honor of Susannah Skyer Gupta and Terri Sugarman.

## 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 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 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.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**—Used to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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.



## Editor's Corner

Very often, when trying to decide what to write in my monthly column, I wait until the last moment for inspiration to strike. It very often happens while I am walking my dogs (which often means they get a nice long stroll as I compose in my head). This month was no exception. As I was checking my e-mail after my main editing session, a message from the excellent site, [haggadot.com](http://haggadot.com) popped up. It was advertising one of their new offerings, "The 10 Minute 'Dayenu' Hagaddah". This is a Haggadah designed for an online, multi-generational seder. It is designed with the understanding that online seders can be cumbersome, that we are all "digitally exhausted" and that what we are seeking is to mark the ritual and to come together with loved ones. In other words. "Dayenu!"

This is a concept that applies to so many things outside of Seders. This newsletter, our homes, our life. Lynn Zeemont sent me an e-mail with the information about the Matzo-Ball open. She also mentioned that I had missed an excellent discussion about Jewish Artists this past weekend. I am sure it was, and I was planning to sign on to the Zoom, but then my daughter, Morgan, called my phone (I was out walking the dogs). She wanted to know if we could go to the Farmer's Market. So, my plans changed and we went. When my teenage daughters want to spend time with me, I try as often as possible to make that happen. The other day was Lindsay's birthday. We could have bought a cake. It would take less time and might be prettier. But instead, as is our custom, we made it from scratch. It tastes better, and we enjoy the process, the time together. Sometimes, even when time is limited, we take the time to do what is important. This year we couldn't have a big party, or go out to the movies, but we had each other and a truly delicious, homemade cake. "Dayenu!"

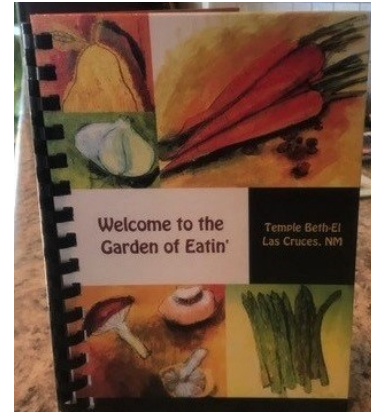
All this brings me to my matzo ball soup. It is the star of the Passover festival meal. It is made with an entire chicken, not just parts, definitely not boneless. I do not skim off the fat although I do take out the bones after they have simmered through and released their marrow. The kneidlach are not soft pillows that fall apart in the broth. They are something you can sink your teeth into. All this is important because I do not make a huge festival meal. In years past, I would make vegetable sides and a brisket but they would either get lightly picked at or go completely uneaten. What my family wants is the soup. "Dayenu!"

I hope that this year, during your Passover celebration, you were able to say, and mean, "Dayenu!" And in life, I wish you the ability to find and make space for the things that really matter and not worry about the rest. Dayenu!

-Beth Tierney, TBE Adelante Editor, member at large, and chief household dog walker

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**\$15, Cash or Check**



**Contact Francine Feinberg for  
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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, Purim costumes, 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 May 2021 Adelante is April 20, 2021. 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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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

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- Library of books on many subjects, including a large Judaica section
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Our plans to move at the end of May are going forward. Some of our current furniture will not fit into our new living space, so we are selling the following items:

- A side table with a glass top
- A cocktail table with a glass top.
- One L-shaped blue suede sofa with queen pull-out bed.
- One twin day bed with sheet and comforter set.
- One small dresser.
- One low white bookshelf.
- One TV stand.

The items will be available during the last week of May.

We are happy for you to call (Home: 575-652-4507/Cell: 785-554-5438) to see any item in which you may be interested.

*Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Nissan 19 1	Nissan 20 2 Family Shabbat Service organized by the Spiegel/Ragosta and Brown Families 6:30 pm	Nissan 21 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Karol 11:00 am
Nissan 22 4 Yiskor Service led by Rabbi Karol 10:30 am NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  Last day of Passover	Nissan 23 5 Short Story group 11:00 am	Nissan 24 6 Short Story group 11:00 am Jews and Star Trek 7PM	Nissan 25 7 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am (tentative) Tanakh Study 10:15am	Nissan 26 8  Yom Hashoah/ Holocaust Remembrance Day	Nissan 27 9 Shabbat Service with Holocaust Remembrance service led by Rabbi Karol 6:30 pm	Nissan 28 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Karol 11:00 am
Nissan 29 11 Religious School 9:30 am	Nissan 30 12 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 1 13 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 2 14 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am (tentative) Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 3 15 Board Meeting 6:00 pm  Yom Ha'atzmaut/ Israel Independence Day	Iyar 4 16 Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Sofia 6:30 pm	Iyar 5 17 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat morning Service 10:15 am Torah Study 11:15 am with Rabbi Sofia
Iyar 6 18 Religious School 9:30 am "Jewish artists of the 20 <sup>TH</sup> and 21 <sup>ST</sup> centuries" 2:00 pm	Iyar 7 19 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 8 20 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 9 21 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am (tentative) Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 10 22	Iyar 11 23 Shabbat Service led by members of the May 2020 Adult B'nei Mitzvah group 6:30 pm	Iyar 12 24 Talmud Study 9:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Karol 11:00 am
Iyar 13 25 Religious School 9:30 am	Iyar 14 26 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 15 27 Short Story group 11:00 am	Iyar 16 28 Wednesday Morning Breakfast 9:00 am (tentative) Tanakh Study 10:15am	Iyar 17 29	Iyar 18 30 Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Sofia 6:30 pm  Lag Ba-Omer	Iyar 19 May 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat morning Service 10:15 am Torah Study 11:15 am with Rabbi Sofia

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