

Adelante!

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

SEPTEMBER 2021 (ELUL 5781-TISHREI 5782)

Return to Togetherness



Shabbat under the Stars, August 6.

Roughly thirty congregants joined us for this wonderful evening that I was blessed to host with my daughter Morgan as well as Rebbeca Berkson and her lovely daughter, Mia. It was such a moving experience to raise our voices together and share a kiddish and nosh at the beautiful Veteran's Park setting. We even had a guitar accompaniment on Shalom Rav, courtesy of Morgan (kvell).

More pictures inside plus full worship schedule on pages 2 and 3, including High Holy days services.

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Share our joy on this special day as our daughter

Mia Berkson

is called to the torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, Sept. 3rd at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4th at 10 a.m.

Facebook Live or Zoom Only
due to space concerns

Reminder:

Pre-ordered and paid for
challahs may be picked up
Sunday, Sept. 5 from noon to 2
pm in the temple kitchen.

Challahs not picked up will be left in the
kitchen and can be picked up Monday night
during services.

The challah sale is sponsored by Sisterhood
and coordinated by Sue Mazer



Worship Schedule

Because of rapidly changing conditions with the Delta variant and Covid 19, congregants are urged to check eBlasts for possible changes in services. At this time, in person services are planned for most of the High Holy Days, but this could change, and we might have to go back to Zoom only. Plans still have not been finalized for Sukkot and Simchat Torah and will be announced later. This year there may be a sukkah, but there will be restrictions on how many people may visit the sukkah and mask wearing will be encouraged. Only people who are fully vaccinated and who are not showing signs of illness should attend in person services. **Masks required for everyone two and older.**

Most in-person services will also be available by Zoom and Facebook live.

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

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

Zoom invites for all services, and any text to follow, will be sent out weekly.

If you do not have a siddur at home, you can follow along in the Mishkan T'filah flipbooks provided by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at this link

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

And

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/hhd-2021/> for links for all High Holy days flipbooks.

These flipbooks are provided free of charge, but donations are gratefully accepted to allow the CCAR to continue to do so. This webpage includes a link to donate as well as links to purchase an e-book which can be viewed on any device using the free Kindle App.

Wednesday

Tanakh study with Rabbi Larry Karol via Zoom (from Kansas!) at 10:15 am

Contact Rabbi Karol (rablpcarol@gmail.com) to join

Saturdays

Talmud Study 9:00 AM via Zoom

Contact Bryan McCuller

(mccullerbryan@gmail.com) to join

Friday, September 3

7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

led by Rabbis Larry Karol and Sofia Zway with Mia Berkson

(Due to space and capacity concerns, we encourage congregants to attend via Facebook live or Zoom so that out of town relatives may attend in person)

Saturday, September 4

10:15 am Bat Mitzvah of Mia Berkson

(Due to space and capacity concerns, we encourage congregants to attend via Facebook live or Zoom so that out of town relatives may attend in person)

Parshat Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Monday, September 6

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway

Tuesday, September 7

1st day of Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am Family Service in the Biblical Garden

10:00 am Morning Service

Both led by Rabbi Sofia Zway, Rabbi Barry Leff, Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter

Wednesday, September 8

10:00 am Torah Study and Shofar Service

Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway

Friday, September 10

6:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah service

Led by Rabbi Barry Leff

Saturday, September 11

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Vayelech

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Worship Schedule

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Wednesday, September 15

8:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway, Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter with music by Amalia Zeitlin

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am Family service in the Biblical Garden

10:00 am Morning service

1:00 pm Congregational Sharing

2:30 pm Text study

4:30 pm Afternoon service

5:45pm Yizkor & Neilah

Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway

Friday, September 17

6:30 pm via Zoom, Shabbat Evening service

Lay-led

Saturday, September 18

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study Parshat Haazinu

Deuteronomy 32:1– 52

Friday, September 24

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service

Lay-led

Saturday, September 25

9:00 am via Zoom Talmud Study

Shabbat Chol Ha-moed

Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 29:17-34

Tuesday, September 28

Morning Yizkor service via livestream from Temple Mt. Sinai. They will have the yahrzeit list from both congregations. More details and the link to stream will be sent in an eBlast closer to the date.

A Message from our Re-Entry Committee

Based on how Covid-19 is transmitted, the emergence of Delta strain of Covid-19, and the survey results of our congregants, the TBE Re-Entry/Infectious Control Committee has made the following recommendations for re-opening:

- Indoors: Wear masks in the synagogue for indoor activities.
- Outdoors: Masks should be optional.
- Open the sanctuary to 70% capacity.
- Consume food and drinks for oneg and kiddish outside.
- Have a greeter for each service/event to communicate with guests about protocols and to make sure contract-tracing form is filled out.

Please note that these protocols may change as conditions change.

For survey results and a more in-depth discussion about this, please see the eblast announcement by the three physicians on our committee: Arthur Berkson, MD, Paul Feil, MD, and Jason Rosenberg, DO.

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Patrick Quinn
Sally Sicherman

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

Barbara and Michael Mandel
Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff

We would love to have more names on 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.

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

Yahrzeits-

September 3, 2021 through October 8, 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, September 3

Sylvia Blumkin*
 Zellie Capin (Sam Klein)
 Lulu Dimig (Tom & Deborah Levy)
 Millie Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Shari Kandel (Teddy Weinglass)
 Joseph Karol (Rabbi Lawrence & Rhonda Karol)
 Ramon Marquez (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
 Helen Rothman (Nina Rothman)
 Samuel Smalley* (Gary & Alison Mann)

Read on Friday, September 10

Shepley Blackman (Bob Kirschner)
 Emily Cohen* (Susan Brown, Marieka & Jeanne Brown)
 Isadore Frank*
 Anna Lampert* (Gabriel Lampert)
 Beth Lawrence (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)
 Richard Meltzer (Colette Meltzer)
 Libbie Ryave (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
 Nathan Siegel*
 Arthur Winard (Sam Klein)

Read on Friday, September 17

Lillian Druxman* (Melvin "Sonny" & Rose Klein)
 Yetta Feldman*
 Samuel Freeman (Bernice Langner)
 Donald Gantert (Jacob & Susi Kolikant)
 Thomas Gatkin*
 Benjamin Golden*
 Martin Greenfield*
 Marvin Gubin (Scott & Betsy Gubin)
 Ralph Holzman*
 Mary Krepps*
 Martin Muffs* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)
 Sidney Muffs* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)
 Thomas Olson (Elizabeth Lewis-Olson)
 Emily Schorr (Susan Michelson & Bill Stein)
 Ida Siegel (Robert & Carla Libby)
 Viki Slack (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Rose Sommers* (Frances Williams)
 Sam Sommers* (Frances Williams)

Read on Friday, September 24

Bessie Gordon (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)
 Robert Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
 Ted Levy (Tom & Deborah Levy)
 Bill Quinn (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
 Walter Sisson (Lester & Renee Frank)

Read on Friday, October 1

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)
 Debra Eckert (Marlene Benz & Kaylee Zeledon)
 Mary Lois Gardner (Brenda & Arlon Parish)
 Benjamin Geller (Ruth Rubin)
 Phyllis Joseph (Susan Brown)
 Judith Ray Mann (Gary & Alison Mann)

Read on Friday, October 8

Robert Baudo (Nathan & Gillian Baudo)
 Perry Kohn (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Dena Levant (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)
 Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl & David Decker)
 Esther Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
 James Quinn (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
 Manas Rosenberg (Jason & Elisha Rosenberg)
 Ruth Terman (Cyrille Kane)

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.



Digging Into The Data

Back in April, you may remember filling out a survey from the Union of Reform Judaism to help us with planning. The survey had questions relating to our personal engagement with Temple Beth El, such as how satisfied we were with the activities of the congregation; did we support the mission of the synagogue; did we feel we got our money's worth from the dues; did the Temple help us with our spiritual or cultural growth in Judaism.

We are just now getting back our survey results. Thank you for your strong participation! We had a very high rate of response, and URJ recently returned a fat digital folder of charts and graphs reflecting your answers on these and the other opinions you shared. Joanne Turnbull, Lynn Zeemont and I will be conferring with the mentor from URJ (who happens to be at a Temple Bethel in Florida!) who will help us analyze the rich data you provided.

After we've identified the key priorities that are most important to you as members, we will give you a full report sometime after the holidays. We hope to use this information to improve the areas you've identified as weak, and strengthen those areas which you value the most.

At the same time that we are involved in assessing our own internal attitudes about Temple Beth El, I began looking at the newly released national study by the Pew Research Center on Jewish Americans in 2020. I have not had time to read through the entire 248 page document, but I did look at some of the summary findings to see if our membership might reflect some of these external trends.

The report sums up the content this way -"U.S. Jews are culturally engaged, increasingly diverse, politically polarized, and worried about anti-Semitism." I was especially interested in these findings:

- 3/4 of American Jews think there is more anti-Semitism in the US today than there was 5 years ago, and many feel less safe.
- Like the overall US population, Jews appear to be growing more racially and ethnically diverse. 29% of Jewish adults under the age of 30 live in households where at least one child or adult is Black, Hispanic, Asian or multiracial.
- About four in 10 married Jews have a non- Jewish spouse.
- Most American Jews engage in cultural activities like cooking Jewish food, sharing holidays with non-Jewish friends, visiting historical Jewish sites, and enjoying Jewish themed media, such as television, film, literature, and music.

As we learn more about our own relationship to Judaism through Temple Beth El, we might also keep these factors in mind if we want to be inclusive not only for our current membership, but also for those new Jewish residents looking for a place to support their Jewish culture and identity.

L'shalom,
Nan Rubin, President
Temple Beth El, Las Cruces
president.tbcl@gmail.com

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

Or

David Decker—575-556-4056,
deckerdavid28@gmail.com

Adelante Submissions:

As we begin to end our time of social distancing (G-d willing), I need your help more than ever. This newsletter is so much better when it has many voices (that and I am horrible at remembering to take pictures). Send me your pictures of family Shabbat, Temple events, book recommendations, recipes, illustrations, etc. I will share as many as space allows in each month's Adelante.

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October 2021 Adelante is September 20, 2021. Late items may not be included (although I may be able to squeeze in some pictures from Sukkot). Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante! All content can be e-mailed to me, Beth Tierney at cambrien73@gmail.com

Hi there.
Due to COVID, our shul has seen little activity in over a year. Thankfully, Cheryl and David Decker are there almost daily, seeing over the administrative, building, and grounds needs. The lack of congregational heart / life in the building for so long doesn't stop time from marching on, however. Our Temple Beth El became dirty and cluttered.

For a moment this summer, COVID restrictions were lessened, and we were able to come into our temple home for things like pastrami sandwich fundraisers, bar mitzvah, and to assess how it was.

At the initiation of Frances Williams, and with her financial support, as a board member, I volunteered to coordinate a Temple clean up / out. With the muscles, sweat, and time of TBE youth, and a few community helpers, the closets and many of the temple rooms were emptied, swept, mopped, dusted, cleaned out, and organized.

The loyal cleaning company team scrubbed, dusted, shampooed floors and chairs, mopped, and wiped, leaving TBE clean and fresh. And, David coordinated the sanitizing team leaving the temple beautiful for the upcoming in-person services, high holidays, and bat mitzvahs.

All youth supplies, Purim carnival supplies, and JFFFF family fun area (JF5) items merged neatly into the religious school closet and wing of the temple. Jewish Food and Folk Festival,(JF3), supplies, tables, and chairs are organized in the social hall 'main' closet. The smaller closet in the social hall now houses sale and/or auction items inventory, as well as decorations, for whatever event they've needed for. The book room is organized in preparation for a future burial event. (Date and time TBD.) The workroom is uncluttered, clean, and organized.

Under my supervision, 12 youth worked a cumulative 75 hours, over the course of four days cleaning sessions, on this endeavor. They signed in, reporting their time worked, and they were paid minimum wage, \$10.50 per hour, by Frances Williams. They had to balance personal and work time, staying off of their phones, and continuing working while they socialized. They offered input providing their ideas for organizing. Unfortunately, due to the kids' and parents' busy schedules, a group presentation of pay, certificates, and thanks by Frances was not possible.

It was a great experience to get to spend some time with the youth, parents, and Temple family, including Frances. Thank you, Frances for the generous financial support making this possible.

-Pearie Bruder



Look how neat!



Post work Pizza!



Michael and Andrew working in the playground



Shabbat Under The Stars, August 6, Veteran's Memorial Park.

Our second in-person Shabbat since the pandemic forced us into virtual services. A warm thank you to Rabbi Barry Leff for leading the first the previous week at the Temple. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces at both services.



NOTED ALBUM FEATURES TBE CONNECTIONS

Over the last 13 years, our small Las Cruces/El Paso community has had Jewish music albums released by surprisingly many artists, including: Rabbi Larry Karol, Alison Westermann, Ellen Wilson, Rabbi Larry Bach, Josh Meyers, and Larry Lesser.

Lesser's 2020 album *Sparks* (<https://larrylesser.com/sparks>) features Rabbi Karol's warm harmony vocals on the closing track "Give Thanks" and Amalia Kelter Zeitlin's masterfully expressive violin on six songs, five of which are among the songs that have been heard so far on radio stations in several states.

At the 2021 New Mexico Music Awards, the album was a Finalist in four categories (including Best Album of the Year), a winner in one category (Best Humorous Song, for "The Bark Mitzvah Song"), and was one of only 5 acts picked to [perform](#) at the awards night for a capacity crowd of 200 in Albuquerque in July.



Larry Lesser playing "Shabbos Keeps the Jews" at the New Mexico Music Awards with Amalia Zeitlin and Bill Radcliffe.



Playing the title song "Sparks" at 2021 New Mexico Music Awards are (from L to R): Ross Ingram, Larry Lesser and Bill Radcliffe.

The album was recorded in Brainville Studios (Sunland Park, NM) and almost all songs were written in our region, with regional influence particularly salient in the Spanish-inflected Crypto-Jewish ballad "Lights Lead Home". TBE members may recall hearing many of the songs at community concerts over the years such as 2018's Yom HaShir or the "Los Tres Larrys y Alison" concerts at TBE in 2014 and TMS in 2012 that raised over \$500 for the soup kitchen El Caldito and the food pantries Kelly Memorial Food Bank and Casa de Peregrinos.



Lesser singing with Rabbi Larry Karol at 2020 album launch event at Temple Mount Sinai.

The album is unusual in its number (24!) and diversity of songs, its emotional range (from humor to Holocaust), and its being intentionally non-denominational and non-liturgical. The material is also distinctive for being able to work as stand-alone entertainment or as a vehicle for adult education text study, as shown by a combination event at Temple Mount Sinai last year (see photo showing Lesser and Rabbi Larry Karol) and an [article](#) in the fall 2020 NewCAJE periodical *The Jewish Educator*.

[write-up courtesy of Larry Lesser]



SONGS OF RENEWAL AND RETURN

A VERY SPECIAL
HIGH HOLIDAY
CONCERT
EXPERIENCE

WITH JULIE GELLER

Join award winning Jewish musician, Julie Geller for *Songs of Renewal and Return* as she uses original music and ancient teachings to masterfully lead you to connect more deeply with both where you've been and with your dreams for the coming year. Expect to be lead through the themes of the season, such as forgiveness, trust, and change in order to touch our common humanity and goodness so that you can bring a sense of connectedness and renewal into your prayer and life in the new year.

September 5, 1:00 pm

Must RSVP to receive the Zoom login.

<https://form.jotform.com/212035021263135>



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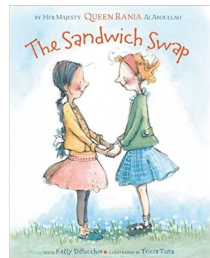
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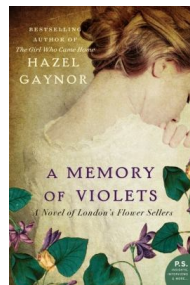
Books (and Music) for Teshuvah

As we prepare ourselves for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our thoughts turn inward. We begin to take stock of the past year, how we can do better, and how we can forgive. At the suggestion of our Religious Practices chair, Cherri Hudson-Brown, I have compiled a list of your favorite books (and an album) that have a theme of forgiveness and redemption. Thanks to all of you who shared your suggestions. I hope that this list brings enjoyment and is thought provoking.

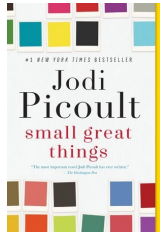
Jeanne Brown recommends *The Sandwich Swap*, a children's book on forgiveness. Written by Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan, the book features two best friends who do everything together--until lunch time. At lunch time, each day Lily gets out her peanut butter sandwich and Salma gets out her hummus sandwich. Each girl privately thinks that the other's lunch seems meager and smelly, and feels sorry for her best friend. One day, those private thoughts come out, and each girl throws insults at the other's lunch! Sides are taken. Fights begin. And that's when the girls work together to change things--for themselves and their whole school. First step--to try each other's favorite food! (Turns out that both are delicious!) They seal their forgiveness with a beautifully illustrated hug. Next step--to get the whole school involved in exchanging foods--and broadening everyone's horizons.



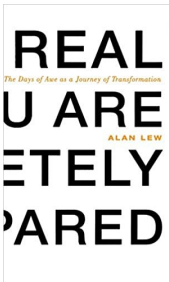
Deana Kessin recommends *A Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor. "1876. Among the filth and depravity of Covent Garden's flower markets, orphaned Irish sisters Flora and Rosie Flynn sell posies of violets and watercress to survive. It is a pitiful existence, made bearable only by each other's presence. When they become separated, the decision of a desperate woman sets their lives on very different paths. 1912. Twenty-one-year-old Tilly Harper leaves the peace and beauty of her native Lake District for London to become assistant housemother at one of Mr. Shaw's Training Homes for Watercress and Flower Girls. For Tilly, the appointment is a fresh start, a chance to leave her troubled past behind. Soon after she arrives at the home, Tilly finds a notebook belonging to Flora Flynn. Hidden between the pages she finds dried flowers and a heart-breaking tale of loss and separation as Flora's entries reveal how she never stopped looking for her lost sister. Tilly sets out to discover what happened to Rosie--but the search will not be easy." (from Amazon summary)



Karen Currier recommends *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. "Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? (from the author's website)"

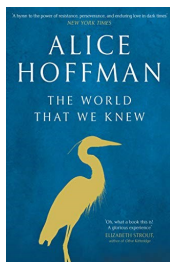


Rabbi Barry Leff writes "It's only partly on forgiveness and redemption, but far and away the best book on the High Holidays - and in fact, the only book other than the Torah that I read every year - is Rabbi Alan Lew's (z"l) *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared*. "Lew's exploration of the Days of Awe begins not with Rosh Hashanah-which is not featured until chapter six-but with Tisha B'Av and the month of Elul. These observances, Lew feels, set a tone of rigorous introspection in the Jewish calendar. He follows the story through Yom Kippur and Sukkot, drawing on Jewish tradition, his own experiences and a few Buddhist stories (Lew is a self-described "Zen rabbi") to take the reader on a journey of spiritual transformation-"from birth to death and back to renewal again."(From Publishers Weekly)

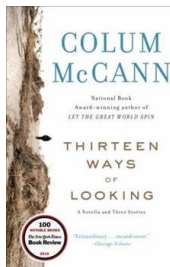


Soon to be member, Michele Cowan (welcome!), recommends two books:

1. *The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman- It's historical fiction set during World War II and tells the story of two Jewish girls and a Golem created to protect one of the girls. It's really engrossing and a completely different take on this subject.

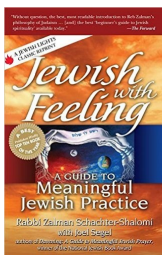


2. *Thirteen Ways of Looking* by Colum McCann - There are three stories in this book and two have Jewish themes. The question of forgiveness and redemption isn't always clear cut and maybe open to interpretation. I love McCann's writing and the fact that he makes you think out of the box."



Books (and Music) for Teshuvah, continued from previous page

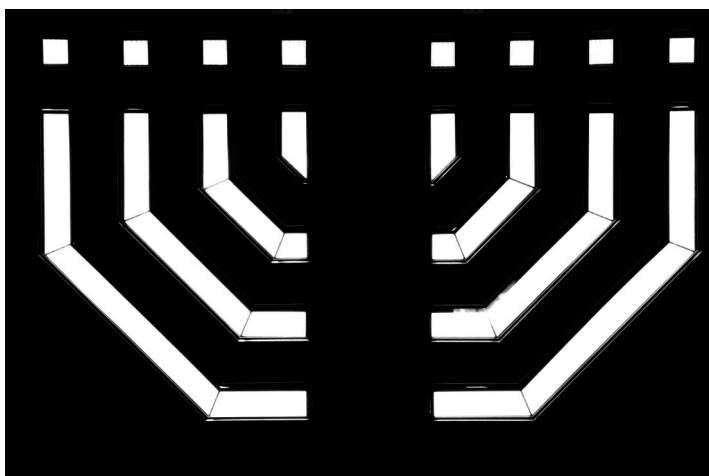
Luke Duddridge writes “I don’t have a book that fully meets that description. However, here is a book that has given me a lot to think about, *Jewish with Feeling, a guide to Meaningful Jewish Practice*, by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi with Joel Segel. It’s interesting, thought provoking, and for me, a challenging read.



From Patrick Quinn “This is not an exact response to your query, but close, I think. Many times during the pandemic I have gained spiritual strength by listening to original music written and performed by a young, Conservative Rabbi, Josh Warshawsky and his friends. He has just released a beautiful Hineni -- sort of a prayer to be able to pray -- in preparation for the high holidays. It can be accessed at the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUAGskvnD5k>. He offers the following translation for the beginning of the prayer:



Here I am, lacking in merit, Trembling and frightened - who, who am I? I have come to plead before you even though I am unfit and unworthy to do so. Therefore I request of you, Master of Forgiveness, Heart-Searcher, Prayer-Listener, Revealer of Deep Secrets, Awesome and Wondrous, Sha’Da’i: May the path I embark on be successful. Accept my prayer like it is the prayer of the righteous and innocent. Accept it as though it is sung out in a sweet voice. Accept it as though it is prayed by someone whose life has been well spent, by someone who is deeply interconnected with the people and the world around them.”



MATZO BALL OPEN



The 8th annual Matzo Ball Open has been scheduled for October 10th, 2021 at Picacho Hills Country Club.

There will be a 9:00 am shotgun start. The tournament will be a four-person best ball team scramble and there will be special events for both men and women. An information packet will be sent out early this month. If you would like to play or volunteer to work on the committee, please contact Lynn Zeemont at mudjob@aol.com. Please also let Lynn know if you know any prospective players who we should send an invitation to. We are also seeking items to be donated for the raffle.

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

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

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

Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees August 19, 2021 Board Meeting Summary

- Religious Practices Committee reported that at the request of the families involved, the Friday evening services on 8/27 and 9/3 will begin at 7:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM to accommodate traveling family members. The Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Baudo is open in person to all and the Bat Mitzvah of Mia Berkson is open to all on Facebook Live, and in person to invited family and friends.
- A committee is looking into improving our technical capabilities to provide hybrid services in which those attending virtually will be able to actively participate along with those attending in person. Improved camera and audio equipment is also being considered.
- There was a discussion on the possibility of installing a tent to provide a covered outside venue since children are not as yet vaccinated.
- High Holiday arrangements were discussed. Rabbi Sofia will be here in person and Rabbi Leff will be participating in some services as well. Registration for in person attendance is required. There will be no cemetery service before Yom Kippur this year. Details on other services to follow.
- Rabbi Sophia will be making her first in person visit on 9/3. Diane Fleishman will be coordinating her social calendar. The rabbi is vegetarian and eats fish and has an allergy to cats. There will be ample opportunities for congregants to host her for dinners and lodging. If interested in hosting the rabbi for a meal or a future stay please contact Diane directly.
- A Finance report was given.
- Invitations to the Matzo Ball Open will be out the first week in September. It will also be advertised through the Jewish Federation. Charity sponsorship was discussed.

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- Shabbat Under the Stars hosted by the Berkson and Tierney families was praised as a lovely evening for all who attended.
- Focus Group on Sisterhood and Mensch Club had 20 participants. It was a good open discussion on how to broaden the members' participation in the future.
- URJ Survey - Nan Rubin, Lynn Zeemont, and Joanne Turnbull are working with a mentor in the URJ to talk about the data portrait of our congregation and how it can help us plan for our future.
- The board approved membership for Honey Devins.

Respectfully submitted by Wendee Lorbeer,
Secretary. Complete minutes are available.

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. In order to maintain social distancing, the El Caldito soup kitchen had switched to handing out meals to go but will resume sit-down meals this month.

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

Donations through August 20, 2021

General Operating Fund:

Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Samuel Pomerantz
 Vivian Steinborn, in memory of Leo Steinborn
 Barbara Berger, in memory of David Steffen
 Sue and Norman Mazer, in memory of Dorothy Schlisman, Jacob and Alice Mazer
 Frima Marquez, Yom Kippur
 Selma Rayve, in memory of all my family who have passed

Biblical Garden Fund:

Gary and Alison Mann, in memory of Samuel Solomon Smalley

Mitzvah Team Fund:

Barbara Berger, thanks to Luke Duddridge for driving me to and from the airport

Sisterhood:

Anonymous, for the Julie Geller concert

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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.



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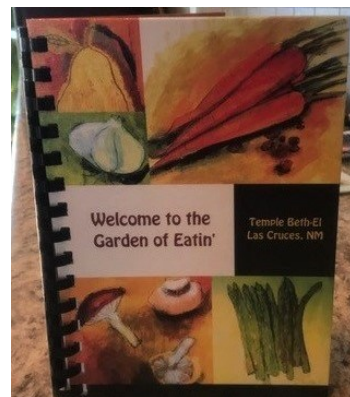
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom led by Rabbi Karol (tentative)	2	3 Shabbat Evening Services 7:00 pm	4 NO TALMUD STUDY Bat Mitzvah of Mia Berkson 10:15 AM
5 Julie Geller Zoom Concert 1:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at Temple 8:00 pm	6 Family service 9:00 am Morning service 10:00 am <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	7	8 Torah study and Shofar service 10:00 am NO TANAKH STUDY	9	10 Shabbat Shuvah Services 6:30 pm	11 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
12	13	14	15 Kol Nidre service 8:00 pm NO TANAKH STUDY <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i>	16 Family service 9:00 am Morning service 10:00 am Congregational Sharing 1:00 pm Text study 2:30 pm Afternoon service 4:30 pm Yizkor & Neilah 5:45 pm <i>Yom Kippur</i>	17 Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm	18 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
19	20 <i>Erev Sukkot</i>	21	22 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom led by Rabbi Karol	23	24 Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm	25 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
26	27	28 Morning Yizkor service via livestream from Temple Mt. Sinai <i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	29 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom led by Rabbi Karol <i>Simchat Torah</i>	30		

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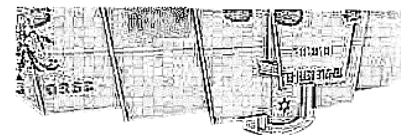
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