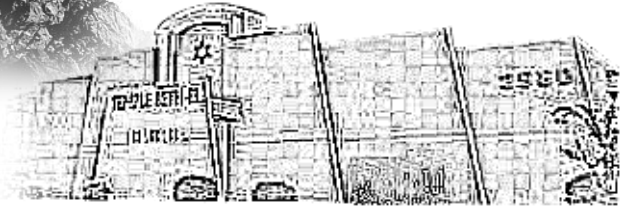




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Las Cruces, New Mexico



JULY 2023 (TAMMUZ-AV 5783)

Worship Schedule

Services are in person but will also be available by Zoom and Facebook live.

You can watch the Facebook link 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 purchase a print copy or an e-book, (less expensive option) which can be viewed on any device using the free Kindle App. These can be bought from the Central Conference of American Rabbis at this link

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

Friday Evening Kabbalat Services:

6:30 pm

Saturday Morning Services:

10:30 am

1st and 3rd week, shorter service and Torah study.

2nd and 4th week, longer service with full Torah service.

Times may occasionally vary. See calendar for current schedule.

Adelante Submissions:

As we continue another busy year, I need your help more than ever. Send me your pictures of family Shabbat or Temple events, book recommendations, recipes, illustrations, etc. I will share as many as space allows in each month's Adelante. Please send pictures in JPG and files in .doc format.

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the August 2023 Adelante is July 20, 2023. Late items may not be included. Please 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

Study Opportunities

In person and by Zoom except when otherwise specified. Links sent weekly.

Talmud Study– Saturdays at 9:00 AM

Lay led by Bryan McCuller.

Pirkei Avot Study– Saturdays at 12:30 during Oneg

Short Story Group– Tuesdays at 1 pm via Zoom

This is a discussion group led by former congregant Jim Rosenthal. Jim e-mails stories by Jewish authors to participants each week. To join, contact Jim at jar529@gmail.com.

Tanakh study –Wednesdays at 10:15 am via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Larry Karol (TBE Rabbi Emeritus). Contact Rabbi Karol rablpkarol@gmail.com to join.

Jewish Literacy- Wednesdays at 5:30- 7:00 PM

Led by Rabbi Evette. Dinner included. Required text: Jewish Literacy (Revised Ed): The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People, and Its History by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. This book is available on Kindle, \$1.99, with an audio narration by Audible, available for an additional charge for those who have difficulty reading.

CONVERSION: This series will be the base-work toward conversion to Judaism. This course is also highly recommended for adult bar/bat mitzvah students.

Mussar– Thursdays at 11 am

Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.

Yahrzeits-June 30, 2023 through August 5, 2023

(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 June 30 & July 1, 2023

Milton Berkson* (Burt & Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)
 Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)
 Ruth Frank (Lester & Renee Frank)
 Jennie Frank*
 Roslyn Rice*
 Fouzie Shabazi (Daniel Aziziangilan)
 Dora Stern* (Burt & Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)
 Efrem Violin (Stefani & Mark Singer)

Read on July 7 & July 8, 2023

Lisa Abramowitz (Shari Abramowitz & Evette Lutman)
 Joseph Okin (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)
 Dorothy Whitledge (Dee Cook)

Read on July 14 & July 15, 2023

Mariette Brown (Henri & Debra Brown)
 Kathryn Goldstein (Art & Wendee Lorbeer)
 Diane Gutman (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Jacob Krasner* (Frima Marquez & Jeffrey Marquez)
 Joseph Rosenfeld*
 Bernard Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Dr. Michael Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Sarah Meltzer Smalley* (Alison Mann)
 David Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Burton Zuckerman*

Read on July 21 & July 22, 2023

Florence Batts (Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Ludwig Paul Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Manny Blumkin*
 Thomas Brankman (Sally & Phil Alkon)
 Carmen Freudenthal*
 Sam Maness (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Logan Pearson (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson Brown)
 Shirley Popky (Eric & Donna Popky)
 Sherlee Seglin (Donna & Eric Popky)
 Dan Sirota (Anne Weinberg & Robert Goldsteen)

Read on July 28 & July 29, 2023

Rea Bienstock (Gerie & Stan Muchnikoff)
 Dottie Davis (Sam Klein)
 Martha Deutschman* (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Magda Farkas* (Yosef Lapid)
 Patrick Fitzgerald (Susan Fitzgerald)

Scott Klein (Melvin "Sonny" & Rosie Klein)
 Jacob Klemptner (Dee Cook)
 Solomon Levy (Gary & Terry Levy)
 Natalie E. Libby (Robert & Carla Libby)
 Doris Orner*
 Charlotte Pollack*
 Leonard Pritikin*
 Dorothy Rashal*
 Esther Seidman*
 Meyer Seidman*
 Jean Weinberg (Anne Weinberg & Rob Goldsteen)

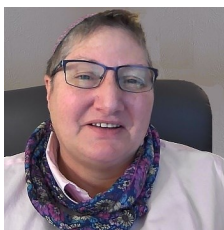
Read on August 4 & August 5, 2023

Anne Bergman* (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Tillie Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Jay Druxman* (Melvin (Sonny) & Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Cecilla Guller* (Abraham Fiszbein)
 Gloria Hudson (Cherri Hudson Brown & Jeff Brown)
 Gary Kenoff (Robert & Carla Libby)
 Lillian Krasner* (Frima Marquez & Jeff Marquez)
 Chana Sarah Langner (Leora Zeitlin & Stuart Keltner, Bernice Langner)
 Fred Silverston*
 Rena Taslitt*
 Rose Wechter* (Jeff Steinborn)

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. Current TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$300. Non TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$600.



Tisha B'Av, Sinat Hinam and the obligation to speak out.

Rabbi Evette Lutman

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to observe the rabbinic holiday of Tisha b'Av – the Ninth day of the Hebrew month of AV – in Jerusalem. The ninth is the date on which we mourn the destruction of the first and second temples. We also mark that date as the date of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

The observance of Tisha b'Av is a hard sell for progressive Jews. When we lost the Temples, we lost the sacrificial cult. But most of us cannot fathom returning to the sacrifice of animals as a means of communicating with The Divine, anyway. So mourning the loss of that system makes no sense to most progressive Jews.

So what *does* a Reconstructionist rabbi do on Tisha b'Av? There is still great value in joining with the Jewish People, and observing holidays, following halachot (Jewish law) and participating in prayer, even when the words of those prayers touch us differently than most. So that night, I decided to begin my Tisha b'Av observance on the Tayelet, a garden/path from which you can see all of the Old City and surrounding modern Jerusalem.

Many different groups had assembled in circles at the Tayelet, flashlights illuminating the words of *Eicha* – Lamentations, the voices of the chanters raised in mournful pitch. There, on the Tayelet, I found the Israel most beautiful to me, each group chanting at its own pace, some led by women, some by men, some dressed in conservative, religious clothing, and some in shorts and t-shirts. Tolerance, in practice, countering the message of “sinat hinam”, baseless hatred, claimed to be the cause of the destruction of the Temples.

On the day of Tisha b'Av, many yeshivot engaged in special days of learning dedicated to the holiday. I chose to go to Pardes, an egalitarian orthodox learning center, for a lecture by Rabbi Gideon Sylvester, “The Sounds Of Rabbinic Silence”. The teaching that afternoon was about the story of Kamtza and barKamtza.

A paraphrase of the story from Talmud Bavli, Masechet Gittin, 55b-56a:

There was a certain man whose friend was named Kamtza and whose enemy was named barKamtza. This man once made a large feast, inviting many local dignitaries, scholars and rabbis. The Host asked his servant to invite the man's friend, Kamtza, to the feast. The servant mistakenly invited his enemy barKamtza. When the host found barKamtza sitting at the feast, the host proclaimed barKamtza an enemy out loud, exclaiming, “What then do you want here? Arise and leave!” BarKamtza asked to

stay, and offered to indemnify the Host by paying for whatever he ate and drank. When the Host refused barKamtza offered to pay for one-half of the feast – and it was a mighty big feast. Again the Host refused. BarKamtza made one last try, offering to pay for the entire feast. Refusing, the Host took barKamtza by his hand, stood him up, and took him out.

Through a long series of twists and turns, the shame barKamtza experienced resulted in the destruction of the Temple by Rome.

In exploring this topic of shame, the speaker focused not on what the host said, and not on what barKamtza said, but on what the Rabbis said. In the face of all this disgrace, the Rabbis said nothing. And barKamtza most certainly noticed their silence.

Our speaker offered:

“Perhaps we can say that they did not protest because they were not able to. It is also possible that they did not protest because of the flattery which became strong in that generation.”

Perhaps each individual rabbi did not want to risk opposing the host because of fear of reprisal against them. Would he who raised his voice lose financial support? Or the respect of his colleagues?

So what's all of this got to do with us now? As rabbis today, our drive to stand up against injustice and oppression must be stronger than the fear of being outcast. We must raise our voices despite the cost. If not, our silence gives consent to the offence just as surely as in the story of Kamtza & barKamtza.

As I write this article, Pride month has just begun in Israel. I have participated in pride marches there, and witnessed the hatred, and feces hurled at the marchers, hurled at me. Several individuals lost their lives while marching. It's not just members of the gay community who march in Israel, the United States and around the world. Straight Allies of the gay community march as well. My favorite protest sign was carried by such an ally. The mother of a gay child wrote, “*Ha ben sheli homo – az mah?!?*” “My son is gay – SO WHAT?!!”

For my part, I hope to continue to be a rabbi who speaks up and helps break down stereotypes. I hope to support leaders within my congregation, who are already urging others to use their voices and take a stand. Human rights, hunger, poverty, homelessness, the differently abled, domestic violence – there's no lack of work ahead of us. This Tisha b'Av let's replace sinat hinam with ahava - love, and rededicate ourselves to tolerance and understanding. Wednesday evening, July 26th, BYOF (bring your own flashlight). [Let me know if you would like to read](#) a portion of Lamentations, English, Hebrew or chanted.



Musings on Where Sadness, Sacredness and Romance Intersect

by Karen Shevet Dinah

The month of Av is a tough one. On Tisha b'Av, the Ninth of Av, marking the end of three weeks of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second Temples (421 BCE & 70 CE) we read the book of Lamentations, not the most upbeat piece of Biblical literature. And this fast day is as all-encompassing as that of Yom Kippur. Also, historically, it is the date of a series of traumatic events throughout Jewish history. In parashat Shelach, we read the story of the spies, most returning filled with fear about entering the Promised Land. According to commentaries, they returned spouting their horror stories about the land of milk and honey on Tisha b'Av. (Num. 13: 32-3). Then there was the expulsion of Jews from the Iberian peninsula (1492 CE). On the Ninth of Av, 1914, Germany and Russia declared war on one another, resulting in massive deportation of Jews, Jews taken hostage, and pogroms resulting in the death of 300,000 Jewish civilians. Nazi deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to Treblinka began on the Ninth of Av, 1942. And most recently, the bombing at the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, killing 86 and wounding hundreds, occurred on the Ninth of Av, 1994.

Yes, the month of Av is a downer. In the upper Midwest the weather is unbearably hot and humid during Av. It's a segment of summer referred to as the "dog days of summer" when even the most playful of canines just lies around panting. It's that time of summer when buying an ice cream cone is at peak messiness, melting within seconds of the first lick. It's when I say, "enough, already, bring on the crisp cold of Fall. I've had my fill of sweet corn and am more than ready for squashes, pumpkins, and apple-picking."

Yet there's also a big, bright spot during this month, i.e. Tu b'Av or the 15th of Av with its full moon. According to the Talmud (Ta'anit 26b), "There were no greater festivals . . . than the 15th of Av and Yom Kippur. On these days the daughters of Jerusalem would go out . . . and dance in the vineyards. And what would they say? Young men, raise your eyes and see which of us you select for yourself"

Erev Tu b'Av is Tuesday evening, August 1 this year. So I say, go outside, take in the beauty of the night sky, bring flowers or chocolates to your beloved (or yourself) and feel the romance, the positiveness that can be part of human relationships. Hoping that you look upward into the vast infinity of creation, I leave you with the words of poet laureate Ada Limón as we make our way through Av and take our first steps towards the

month of Elul, then the Days of Awe.

In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa

Arching under the night sky inky
with black expansiveness, we point
to the planets we know, we
pin quick wishes on stars. From Earth,
we read the sky as if it is an unerring book
of the universe, expert and evident.

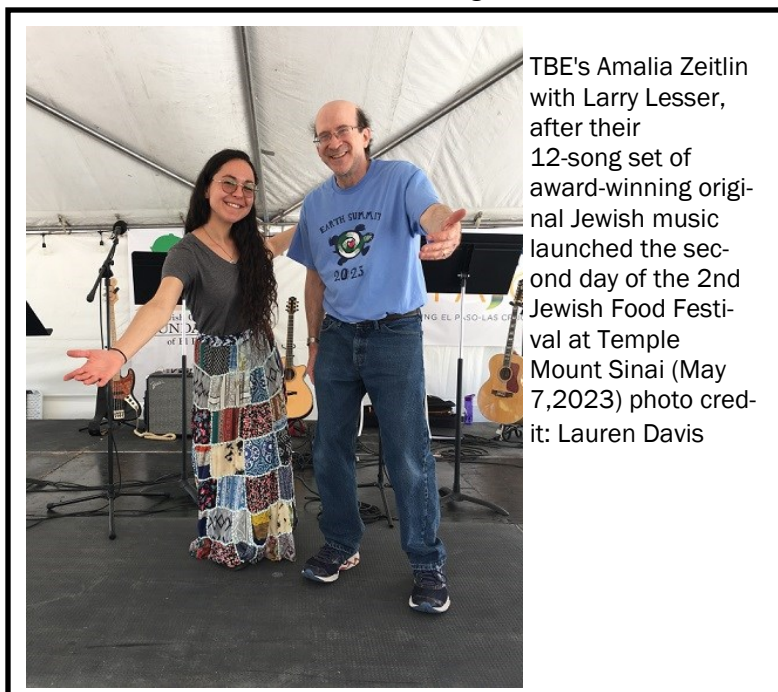
Still, there are mysteries below our sky:
the whale song, the songbird singing
its call in the bow of a wind-shaken tree.

We are creatures of constant awe,
curious at beauty, at leaf and blossom,
at grief and pleasure, sun and shadow.

And it is not darkness that unites us,
not the cold distance of space, but
the offering of water, each drop or rain,
each rivulet, each pulse, each vein.

O second moon, we, too are made
of water, of vast and beckoning seas.

We too are made of wonders, of great
and ordinary loves, of small, invisible worlds,
of a need to call out through the dark.



TBE's Amalia Zeitlin with Larry Lesser, after their 12-song set of award-winning original Jewish music launched the second day of the 2nd Jewish Food Festival at Temple Mount Sinai (May 7, 2023) photo credit: Lauren Davis

Temple Beth El Board Meeting Report Thursday, June 15, 2023

President Nan Rubin stated that a strong candidate, Ms. Beryl Siena, is in the running for the Administrative Assistant position and will be offered the role after a second interview. Beryl is Jewish and has family ties to TBE.

Nan also reported that Debbie Levy will replace Stuart Kelter as the director of the Religious Practices committee.

Vice President, Elliot Katz has been working with a company to provide security at temple events. He also reported that we will have a Security Training, provided by LCPD before the High Holidays. Date to be determined.

Treasurer Joel Siegel reported that there will be a new protocol for reimbursement of purchases made by temple members. Any amount higher than \$100 for individual and over \$500 for committee reimbursements will have to be approved. We will have reimbursement forms available in the office, to be submitted to Joel.

A similar procedure will be put into place for the use of Zoom for temple events, as costs are rising.

Temple Sisterhood has planned a Girls Night Out for July 27th. It will take place at Picacho Hills Country Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Leyndyke
For Secretary, Donna Popky

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Nathan Baudo	Pearie Bruder
David Decker	Beverly Ellen
Steven Haydu	Cheri Hudson-Brown
Michael Hyman	Mark Saltman
Sharon Tancredi-Katz	

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

Monika & Bob Kimball

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.

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

Sisterhood Girls Night Out

Wednesday, July 27th
Picacho Hills Country Club
Cost is \$36. This event is open to all women of the TBE Congregation.

Invitations with menu selection to follow

BEMY/ BETY Game Night

The Annual Game night was again a truly fun event. We dressed up in our best outfits inspired by (and in some cases, partially from) the 1980s and played board games and “Name that Tune” with songs from the era. We also ate some fabulous desserts. Money raised from the event

will go in part to create a Teen Lounge in the space that will be shared with the Confirmation class of our Religious School.



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 columns with us. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist.

COMMUNITY CORNER—RELATIONSHIPS

It is increasingly hard to sustain our relationships in our current culture because of influences that make us believe our relationships are not good enough, not sexy enough, not fulfilling enough, and there is something wrong with it if all of our needs aren’t being met. Relationships can shift from joy to sorrow, chaos to harmony, and intimacy to distance in a moment’s time. They have their ups and downs. This is particularly true of long term relationships with our partners.

Despite the fact that I am a Marriage & Family Therapist, my knowledge does not insulate me from making mistakes in my relationships or from being fallible and vulnerable.

I have never been, nor will I ever be, the “perfect” wife in the “happily ever after” marriage. I never will have the marriage I used to have fantasies about, but I am grateful for the marriage I have.

By the time this article is published, my husband I will have been married 55 years. In those years we have created a civilization. We created a beautiful life together filled with family, friends and communities. We have gone through joys and sorrows, pain and healing, illness and health.

We have helped and been helped by our family and friends. We have provided a tent of security, safety, and stability that has protected us and others through the uncertainties of life. No matter what, our relationship is “home.” A place to belong to, to be known, to make a difference, and to celebrate life.

Although we are still a work in progress after 55 years and always will be, these are some of the pithy and hard won things we have learned:

We check in with each other regularly.

We have learned to listen to each other even when we don’t agree.

We have given each other permission to stop and “start over” a conversation that isn’t going well.

We take responsibility for our own actions and behaviors and limit blame.

We give each other permission to be cranky, insensitive and angry and know eventually it will pass.

Our commitment outweighs our pettiness.

We understand we have limitations.

When we veer off course, we can pick up our paddles, exercise some muscle, and head north again.

Reflection: Think of the things you have learned in one of your long-term relationships.

Today’s Practice: What am I willing to give instead of get from my relationship today?

Comments are welcome at gbrave3333@aol.com or 619-282-4730.

Donations through June 18, 2023

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General Operating Fund—For the day-to-day operation of TBE.

Biblical Garden Fund—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

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, Joel Seigel.

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“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ ____



The Hidden Jews of New Mexico are Coming to El Paso!

Just last week, I was asked if I knew anything about the story of secret Jews in New Mexico. They had no idea I helped create a major movement to explore the

history and experience of Sephardic conversos worldwide.

The story begins in 1492, when the Jews were expelled from Spain. The estimated 300,000 Jews who lived there faced a bitter choice- be baptized and convert to Catholicism, or leave. They had a few months to choose, and roughly half departed, scattering throughout the Mediterranean to Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and elsewhere.

Many chose to stay and they became conversos, forced Catholics. But it was difficult giving up their Jewish homes and faith. After all, even though they may have been baptized, they still lived in the same neighborhoods, with their same extended families and their same commercial ties within the Jewish community. This made it possible for many Jewish families to begin practicing Jewish rituals in secret, hidden in their homes. They became crypto-Jews, outwardly Catholic but secretly keeping shreds of Jewish faith.

Nearly 100 years later, when Spain was colonizing the new world in earnest, Luis de Carvajal, the Governor of New Spain, needed labor, so he encouraged all of his relatives and friends to join him in Mexico. His sister and nephew (also named Luis de Carvajal) did come. But although he was a sincere convert to Catholicism, his sister and nephew were secret Jews. It did not take long for them to begin practicing their Judaizing openly. It also did not take long before the Office of the Inquisition, which had followed the colonists to the new world, arrested them and burned them at the stake in 1596.

At that point, many of the crypto-Jewish colonizers decided it would be safer for them to leave Mexico City, so they followed the conquistadors north along the Rio Grande and settled as far away as they could- a thousand miles north near Santa Fe, Las Vegas, New Mexico, and the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

With this history, the rumors of hidden Jews living in New Mexico persisted. I first heard these stories when I moved to Denver in 1983 and started visiting my friend, Ben Shapiro in Albuquerque who was working at KUNM Radio at that time.

Ben had met State Historian Stanley Hordes, who was doing research about the hidden Jews to try and document their actual existence, and he agreed to let Ben and me tag along to record some radio interviews. We were able to interview several people, including some who had done extensive genealogical research tracing their family history back through colonial records in Santa Fe. However, most did not want to be identified, because they were fearful that being identified as Jewish could alienate or anger their Catholic families. So we did not identify them by name.

"Search for the Buried Past: The Hidden Jews of New Mexico" aired as ½ hour documentary on National Public Radio in 1987, and it was electrifying.

I was inundated with phone calls from people all over the United States who had been "looking for their lost heritage" and wanted to find out more about doing genealogical research on their own family history. (This was well before the popular DNA resources that exist today!)

At the same time, NPR was flooded with mail from people responding to the program, and I learned later that they had received more mail about our show than any other program they had ever aired at that time!

After that, the landscape changed. In 1992 we produced "Rekindling the Spirit" on the eve of the Columbus Quincentenary and cancellation of 500-year old Order of Expulsion from Spain. "Return to Iberia", the final program, was broadcast in 1996. We were able to take two New Mexico descendants from hidden Jewish families back to Spain to discover more about the ancestors who had come to the new world.

It was little surprise that many of these descendants of hidden Jewish families discovered they were actually cousins. Our radio programs made it possible for them to find each other, and allowed them to begin sharing notes about their individual research, their experiences growing up, and their anecdotal family stories.

The Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies was formed in 1990 specifically to support genealogical research, history, religious, and cultural exchange among Sephardic Crypto-Jews. Extending far beyond New Mexico, the organization has expanded to include significant historical and social research on the impact of the Sephardic Diaspora as a whole.

The first in-person SCJS conference since COVID will be held right here in El Paso from August 13-15. The schedule is full of historical presentations, music, poetry, and stories by people such as Genie Milgrom. She spoke at Temple Beth-El in 2019, and unscrolled her family tree going back more than 15 generations!

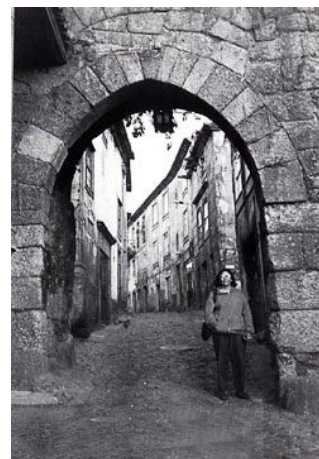
Another conference participant will be Peter Svarzbein. Recently serving as an El Paso City Council member, Peter is a photographer and the creator of the Kosher Taco Truck, which has been to New York City and back!

You can get more information about the schedule and registration here: CryptoJews.org The story of the Hidden Jews of New Mexico has always been of huge interest, and it continues to be inspiring. If you're even a little bit interested, you will find the conference to be an exciting and educational gathering focused on sharing personal stories of Jewish resistance and faith.

L'Shalom,

Nan Rubin, President

president.tbcl@gmail.com



Gloria Trijillo, Crypto-Jew of New Mexico, in Belmonte, Portugal

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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!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Tammuz 12 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Tammuz 13 2	Tammuz 14 3	Tammuz 15 4 Short Story group 1:00 pm via Zoom	Tammuz 16 5 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Tammuz 17 6 Mussar 11:00 am	Tammuz 18 7 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Tammuz 19 8 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
Tammuz 20 9	Tammuz 21 10	Tammuz 22 11 Short Story group 1:00 pm via Zoom	Tammuz 23 12 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Tammuz 24 13 Mussar 11:00 am Sisterhood Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Tammuz 25 14 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Tammuz 26 15 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Tammuz 27 16	Tammuz 28 17	Tammuz 29 18 Short Story group 1:00 pm via Zoom	Av 1 19 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Av 2 20 Mussar 11:00 am Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	Av 3 21 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Av 4 22 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
Av 5 23	Av 6 24	Av 7 25 Short Story group 1:00 pm via Zoom Hebrew Boot Camp 9:30 am-2 pm	Av 8 26 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Av 9 27 Mussar 11:00 am Sisterhood Girls Night Out	Av 10 28 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Av 11 29 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
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