I will never forget my first Chanukah in Israel. I was 18 years old and was spending a year in the Holy Land as part of a group of over 100 teenagers from all over the world. The name of the organization that I went with was “Machon L’Madreechay Hutz L’Aretz” or “The Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad.” About fifteen countries and ten different youth organizations were represented by the participants in this program. The goals were many. It was an opportunity to educate future leaders of the Jewish communities over the world regarding the importance of Medinat Yisrael in their lives, and to bring that message back to each respective country and community. Realizing that the State of Israel was only 14 years old in 1962, to a great extent we all felt like pioneers in our roles as emissaries to the Diaspora, trying to encourage our respective communities to visit Israel and send young people to programs there.

Another goal of the Institute was to learn from one another what Jewish life was in our own countries or towns and to form a network of communication that went global. To this day I have a relationship with some of the participants even though this happened over 50 years ago.

An additional objective was to have us become fluent in Hebrew. My roommate was from Italy and our only means of language communication was through Hebrew. That effort to speak to my roommate, along with spending three months on a Hebrew speaking kibbutz, and the classes I took with Hebrew University professors, resulted in my fluency in speaking Hebrew.

We had a wonderful and unforgettable Chanukah program in Jerusalem which resulted in our feeling the spirit and courage of the Maccabees during the eight days. Each youth movement presented a skit, songs, foods, and traditions to one another. I represented USY, but there were others from Orthodox, Reform, socialist, secular, cultural, political and other diversified groups which offered their own particular vision of Chanukah. I will never forget those incredible eight days.

On one occasion we were encouraged to go to Ben Yehudah Street in Jerusalem to purchase Israeli gifts for our families at home and to send those gifts to arrive in time for Chanukah. I entered a particular religious goods store and told the owner what my mission was and that I wanted to make sure that the gifts arrived on time. He suggested colorful dreidels because they were easy to pack and not too expensive to send. I asked him to show me what he had in stock. He brought me an entire carton of dreidels, but when I picked them up, something was wrong. Instead of having the four letters “Nun, Gimel, Hay, and Shin,” his dreidels ended in the letter “Pay” and not “Shin.” He explained that in Israel the Dreidels say, “A great miracle happened here,” using the letter “Pay” for the Hebrew word “Po” which means “here”. In the Diaspora the Dreidels end in the Hebrew letter “Shin” for the Hebrew word “Sham,” which means “there.” He told me that it wasn’t a problem because he had the Diaspora type dreidels in the backroom and he would bring them out to show me. While he was moving to the storage area, I took a good look at the carton that contained the dreidels saying a “great miracle happened...
here” and I started laughing as I saw in big letters “Made in Korea!”

It is my hope that we will celebrate Chanukah this year with spirit and dedication. We are a diverse community and each group celebrates the holiday with certain specific traditions, songs, and recipes. But we are also united in recognizing how the Maccabees survived the invasion of the Syrian-Greek army which tried to eradicate Judaism some 2200 years ago. Today we are strong and unite with our brothers and sisters in Israel who defend the borders of our Jewish homeland with the same spirit and courage of the Maccabean heroes. The miracle of the survival of the Jewish people happens “here” and happens “there,” and we are grateful to God for the miracles of Chanukah and for all of our blessings in life. Happy Chanukah!

Stephen A. Leon
Rabbi

From all of us here at Congregation B’nai Zion

Happy Chanukah

From all of us here at Congregation B’nai Zion, B’nai Zion Sisterhood and B’nai Zion USY are all beneficiaries of the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Executive Director, Ken Kahn. Ken comes to us with a great deal of experience in Shul management, as well as a wealth of business experience and knowledge. Please drop by or call the office to welcome Ken and his wife, Cheryl, to our community. I have no doubt that Ken will be an asset to the day to day operations of B’nai Zion.

Upcoming events to look forward to in the new year will include our fabulous Casino Night on January 30, as well as the rededication event of our building to take place in late February. If you would like to assist in the planning of an event, please contact the Shul office for details on how to volunteer.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Chanukah and a healthy and happy 2016.

Alan Cohen
President, Congregation B’nai Zion

Shalom,

I am Chaim (Ken) Kahn, the new Executive Director for Congregation B’nai Zion. My wife Cheryl and I are excited to be part of Congregation B’nai Zion. We recently moved to El Paso from Tamarac, Florida. While in Florida, I was the Administrator at Temple Beth Torah Sha’aray Tzedek, a 450 member Conservative Synagogue.

Over the years, my wife and I have lived and worked in several states including Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas (Houston specifically) to name just a few. Although we thoroughly enjoyed the diversity in each state, we rarely had the chance to become part of a community. This is something we are looking forward to.

I was raised in the Midwest with a strong Conservative-Jewish affiliation. My family, like many, immigrated to the United States during a time when Germany became unfit for Jewish families. At a young age I enjoyed summers at Jewish camps, and later became very involved in BBYO and USY youth groups. As an adult, I took part in fund raising and event planning. I enjoy reading Torah, as well as taking part in Torah study.

I come to Congregation B’nai Zion with a background in Accounting and Finance, and over 25 years of consulting experience. My area of expertise has been corporate restructuring, asset management and business development. I have extensive experience in project planning, budget oversight, and operations, as well as facilities management.

Next time you’re at the synagogue, please take a minute to stop by and say Shalom. I look forward to meeting you, and becoming a part of your community. If I can help with anything, please ask.

Ken Kahn
Executive Director
INTRODUCTION TO THE TALMUD
Wednesday mornings: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Dates: December 2, 9, 16

ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASSES
Classes for anyone interested in having an adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 - 7:45 pm
Dates: December 2, 9, 16

In addition Rabbi Leon will offer private lessons for those wishing to learn synagogue skills, such as leading services, reading Torah and Haftarah. Contact Rabbi Leon to arrange those meetings.

HEBREW HIGH AND CONFIRMATION
Rabbi Leon will offer Hebrew High School and Confirmation Classes
Sunday mornings: 9:30 - 10:30 am
Dates: December 6
Rabbi Roth Memorabilia room

Shabbat Dinner To Go
Menu for January 8, 2015
Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Salad, Dessert
Challah (one included, $5 extra for an additional)

RSVP: By Monday, January 4, at noon. Email cbzdevelopment@gmail.com, call 833-2222, or stop by the office. Dinners are limited, so RSVP early.

Pickup: Friday, January 8, 11am-12pm. Contact the office if you need delivery or have questions.

Cost: $60 for a communal dinner that serves 4-6 people. $30 for a dinner that serves 2-3.

Meal Mitzvah
Want to purchase a Shabbat Dinner To Go for another? Contact the office to find out how you can brighten a family’s Shabbas.

Looking for Hanukkah gift ideas?
These purchases are double the gift because they support the shul:

Smile.amazon.com: Ordering from Amazon? Sign up through smile.amazon.com and select Congregation Bnai Zion as your charity. The shul receives 0.5% of your purchase!

CBZ Albertson’s Community Partners: Stocking up on potatoes and oil? When you use this card at Albertson’s, the shul gets a portion of your purchase. Albertson’s is discontinuing the program at the end of the year, so take advantage now!

RoadID: Looking for a gift for a runner, cyclist, hiker, or other wanderer? Purchase RoadID items through the button on the shul website, www.congregationbnaizion.org, and the shul receives 10% of the purchase!

Fabulous Casino Night!: Planning ahead for January fun? Buy your tickets, or gift tickets to someone else, for Casino Night on January 30 - $50 for 2, $30 for 1 - at an early-bird rate that includes double Gambling Gelt! Purchase through the office or www.congregationbnaizion.org.

Thank you:
~ to Linda & Art Corral, for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch in loving memory of Grand Aunts Gizela & Julius Rosenzweig.
~ to Laura and Manny Corral & Stephen and Mariska Valdes, for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch, in loving memory of Granddaughter, Daughter and Sister, Savannah Valdes.
~ to Shelby and Greg Rubin, for sponsoring the Seudah Shesleet in honor of their daughter Audrey.
~ to the parents of the Talmud Torah Students for sponsoring the Seudah Shesleet in honor of the students leading Havdalah Services.
Lamed Bet, Giving from the Heart
Building Rededication Campaign

The dreams of our congregation for a new building for Congregation B’Nai Zion came true and culminated in a dedication of the building on October 23, 1983 (16 Heshvan, 5744). This completed a journey from home services in 1901 to the North El Paso Street temple in 1912 to a synagogue on Mesa at Cliff in 1927. Many people worked to establish the congregation and our synagogue.

On February 27, 2016 (18 Adar 1, 5776), we will rededicate the building and honor past-presidents for their leadership. Please mark your calendar for this special, free event.

As part of the building rededication, we are launching a Lamed Bet, Giving from the Heart, campaign to complete the Builders plaques commemorating donations for the building. We will also be offering dedications of the chairs in the sanctuary. Keep an eye out for more information on the Lamed Bet campaign. You can also contact the office for more information.

While remembering the past, we look forward to the future and many years of worship, learning, and celebration on Cherry Hill Lane.

Kristin Kimmelman & Denise Tolentino
Rededication Co-Chairs

Thanks to the generosity of many members of our congregation, we have reached and even exceeded our goal of replacing 100 copies of the B’kol Echad booklets. We are grateful to all those who helped us achieve this Mitzvah.
How did your parents get to El Paso?  
I was born in Denver. My dad, Joe Epstein, was born in the Bronx, but he contracted tuberculosis, and they said, “Go West, young man.” So he went to a TB hospital in Denver. And that’s where he met my mom, Ida, who was a volunteer there. After I was born, he started having symptoms again so, “Go West, young man.” He made it to El Paso, and he was an interior decorator and worked for different furniture companies. My mother worked as a bookkeeper for Southern Union Gas Company.

How active were you in B’nai Zion growing up?  
My mother was very religious. We went to Sunday school every Sunday, and she kept a kosher home. I was part of BBG. They had things for the kids to do during the holidays. Idelle Rubin, who lived a stone’s throw away from the synagogue, would take all of the kids to her house for Kiddush lunch.

Were most of your friends from the synagogue growing up?  
I went to Austin High School. Everyone else went to El Paso High. But Bobby Salzman made sure that everybody was involved in either BBG or AZA. She was so dedicated to the youth and teenagers. And the apple didn’t fall far from the tree with Ina. So, even though I lived in the central part of town, I knew what was going on.

What did you appreciate the most about the shul?  
One thing I will always love about the synagogue: whenever someone is in a world of hurt, they are always there to support you.

Where did you work before coming to the shul?  
I worked as a medical assistant for Dr. Cavarreta for many years. Then, when I moved to Las Cruces because of my ex-husband’s work, I found a job at a real estate office and managed 500 something units.

Why did you leave the real estate office?  
Because I got tired of being called out at 2am in the morning by the police because they had to make a drug bust. Then we’d have to put the apartment back together. So, when the opening came up at the shul, I applied. Some people thought I was crazy. Who would want to have 518 bosses? Mr. Bolotin wanted me to start the next Monday, but I needed to give my two weeks’ notice in Las Cruces. When I came in for the first day at the shul, Mr. Bolotin gave me a list of things to do and to not do, and then said he’d see me in two weeks. He went on vacation! And that’s it, I was on my own. I won’t do that to Mr. Kahn.

What has your role been at the shul?  
I help facilitate what other people wanted to do. That’s what my job was, to make it easier for people to have something at the shul – bar and bat mitzvahs, help the rabbi, etc.

Did you ever turn to Judaism to deal with trying situations?  
Oh, yes. One thing Rabbi Leon taught me is that you’re not supposed to embarrass people in public, and that came up a lot.

How did you deal with hearing so many complaints?  
I learned patience and was a very good listener. When someone is mad or wants to complain, I’m the first person who is paying attention and listening to them. If there’s anything I can do about it, I try to address it. If there’s not, then I listen and take it under advisement. There were some people I lost patience with, and we argued, but then we turned out to be very good friends.

Rabbi and I would also joke about my book. When something silly would happen, I’d tell him, “Oh, good. That will be Chapter 37 in my book.” I’m working on two titles, either Secrets of a Synagogue Secretary or There’s Always Hot Tea. My mother, may she rest in peace, said whenever anything bothers you, make yourself a cup of hot tea, and just sit, relax, and drink your tea. And it helps.

Describe working with Rabbi Leon.  
Rabbi has a heart as big as all outdoors. My oldest daughter got sick shortly after Mr. Rollins left. That was a difficult time for me, and Rabbi was always there to listen. He was taking a group to Israel around then and told me I was going. Sam Kobren touched a lot of people in the shul and collected enough money to send me to Israel. So, I went. The only time I took off from shul was for that vacation and during my daughter’s sickness. Rabbi is a good guy.

What are your plans for retirement?  
When my youngest daughter was in high school, there was no booster club for girls’ sports, and Valerie ran track. So, I got some of the track mothers together, and we collected items to sell at the flea market. We made enough money to buy uniforms, next year’s sweats, and the next year’s shoes. By that time, the high school had a booster club for the girls, but I could never get that out of my system. I should have been a bag lady! That evolved into doing antique collectible shows. I buy what I can afford at estate sales and sell them for a slight profit, and I enjoy that because I get to meet the people. I’m changing one circle of people for another circle of people.

But, the first thing I’m going to do is really spring clean my house. Other than that, I just have my collectibles and working with Sisterhood.

What words of wisdom would you leave for those of us still working at the shul?  
The shul is not a business. It’s about people. You have to stroke the peace, said whenever anything bothers you, make yourself a cup of hot tea, and just sit, relax, and drink your tea. And it helps.

What will you miss most about the shul?  
I’ll miss interacting with people. I’m a people person. I will miss everybody. I love the shul, and I love the people.
As I was leaving the synagogue office on a recent Sunday, I observed some synagogue members helping to transport menorahs made by our USY students. These adults were helping with the transfer of these delightful menorahs from the synagogue office, where they had been stored while drying, to the youth room to prepare them for transport to residents of MonteVista. I was so pleased to see our members pitching in when needed and to see the menorahs made by our USY members. We need to remember that although many things in our lives or our community may change, Jewish children will always sing the Dreidel song and create menorahs and decorations to help celebrate the season.

So many of our synagogue and Sisterhood members give so much of their time to help things happen for B’nai Zion. This willingness to be active at the synagogue should be appreciated by everyone. I want to thank all of those volunteers (too many to list here) for their selflessness and their helpfulness when it is needed. These people have no agenda except to help make things work. Included in this group is someone who is helpful as well as dedicated to the congregants of our synagogue (especially to our children), our own Rabbi Leon. Numerous times I have had to seek his advice as well as information needed for Sisterhood to run smoothly. I’m not sure I have sufficiently thanked him for his patience and helpfulness. So, thank you, Rabbi Leon.

Sisterhood will be participating this year in the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism Torah Fund campaign. We are hoping for one hundred percent participation by our Sisterhood members. However, you need not be a member of Sisterhood to participate. If you have not heard of the Torah Fund, let me give you a few facts. This fund helps to ensure the education of future generations of Conservative Jews by providing funds to educate rabbis, cantors, educators and school administrators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, professional and lay leaders, researchers, and more. A Torah Fund contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world. Longtime Sisterhood member, Bernadine Belkin, has volunteered to head this campaign. More information in the next Messenger.

In January Sisterhood will be having its annual Sisterhood Shabbat during which Sisterhood members will be participating in the Saturday morning services. All Sisterhood members are welcome to be part of this event. If you would like to participate, please contact me as soon as possible so we can discuss what your role might be - reading an English-language poem, an Aliyah during the Torah, or even reading Torah or leading a portion of the service. We do need Sisterhood members who are Hebrew readers and who have good synagogue skills to help us make this a memorable Shabbat. After services, Sisterhood will sponsor a delicious Shabbos lunch for all synagogue members who attend services that morning. Please join us on January 16 at 9:30 a.m.

On a sad note, Sisterhood members mourn the loss of one of our past presidents, Rachel Frank, and one of our longtime members, Faye Kahn. Both of these women were pillars of our Sisterhood and they will be missed by everyone. May their memories be for a blessing.

Finally, if you have not joined Sisterhood, it’s not too late. Alia Ureste is the Sisterhood membership chairperson. If you have not received information about Sisterhood, please contact her. Numbers count and you can help us grow! Happy Chanukah,

Patty Hutman
Sisterhood President
pahutman@gmail.com

Sisterhood Gift Shop
The shop offers beautiful Judaica, challah covers, Kiddush cups, mezuzahs, and so much more! This is a great time to buy that new menorah, Chanukah dish, or some children's books.

The shop is open on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or by appointment. Contact the office for an appointment.

Come in and see what you can’t live without! We will be so happy to help you.

Oops! Please correct the email address in your Sisterhood directory for Denise Tolentino. It should be: bzdtolentino@gmail.com
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**BZUSY News**

BZUSY continued their amazing mitzvah of making menorahs and delivering them to our members at MonteVista, Royal Estates and those that are home-bound to make Chanukah special for them.

BZUSY has their T-shirts for sale for $15. See any USY board member to purchase one and support USY.

Check out the updates on BZUSY’S WEBSITE:

bnaizionusy.weebly.com

Rabbi Leon visits MonteVista every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Truly a pleasure to witness, as our elders and Rabbi enjoy kindling the Sabbath lights and songs!

**Chaplain’s Catering**

Gerry Chaplain

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December Yahrzeits

12/1 (Kislev 19)
Joseph Reiter

12/2 (Kislev 20)
Sadie Aaronson

12/3 (Kislev 21)
Bashe Schlusselberg

12/4 (Kislev 22)
Jennie Chasens
Mary Gross
Xochitl Wiener

12/5 (Kislev 23)
Dora Hughes
Bertha Roth

12/6 (Kislev 24)
Sylvia Heim

12/7 (Kislev 25)
Goldie Cohen
Jacob Svarzein
Louis Thompson
Ahida Wiener

12/9 (Kislev 27)
Bessie Thompson

12/10 (Kislev 28)
Fannie Schmailholz

12/11 (Kislev 29)
Isidore Erlich
Joan Feinberg

12/12 (Kislev 30)
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Sophie Liebman

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C.L. Scoggin Sr.

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Necha Silver

12/15 (Tevet 3)
Harry Goldberg
Taube Goldfarb
Julia Weiss

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Saul Frank

12/17 (Tevet 5)
Julio Freifeld
Mary Koortz
Helaine Rosen

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Mannie Blaugrund
Dixie Kerr

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Florence Cohen
DeEtta Jane Jones
Oscar Lozabnick

12/21 (Tevet 9)
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Amy Wilson

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Leo Chayes
Mary Diamond
Sam Holland
Leonard Shuman

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Rebecca Morgan
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Irvine Jacobson
Susan Klahr
Anne Weiser
Morris Weiss

12/29 (Tevet 17)
Ethel Hutman
Gladys Slater
Bertha Zaltowski

12/30 (Tevet 18)
Rowena Heller
Philip Yellin

12/31 (Tevet 19)
Max Schecter

We are saddened by the passing of our beloved members
Rachel Frank
Faye Kahn

and extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.
May their memory forever be a blessing.

About B'nai Zion Cemetery

When reflecting upon our beloved Cemetery we think about memories, faces, and events. We hold a high respect and devotion, especially when we visit our loved ones. It is with this in mind that we, the Cemetery Committee and All Care Lawn Services, our contractor for the maintenance of the grounds, often meet to review and discuss different concerns, strategies or changes that arise throughout the year. We always hope to improve this peaceful resting place. For these reasons, we would like to share the latest report with you and inform you about a plan that has been implemented and is underway at the moment.

To begin, there are currently many types of grass at the Cemetery. Last year, we experimented with the Holocaust Memorial Circle, seeding the area with K-31 Tall Fescue grass that will stay green throughout the entire year. We have started reseeding the left area as you enter. Our goal is to have Fescue grass throughout the entire cemetery, which will take approximately five years. The weed eradication program is a continued effort since large portions of land that produce all kinds of weeds year round surround our cemetery. Spider mite on the Italian Cypress also continues to be a challenge, but is being kept under control with miticide.

On another note, because the Cemetery is over one hundred years old, we face another major challenge - the irrigation system. We are now 100% on the PVC system as the old cast iron system was beyond repair. Since we switched over, the maintenance cost has significantly dropped.

With all this said, we truly appreciate your patience during these long-term projects. As always, we are available to congregation members who request a walk-through of the Cemetery and will be happy to explain in detail what we are doing to improve the final resting place for our loved ones. We are here to serve you and our community. Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Mario A. Aranda,
Cemetery Committee
Thomas V. Carey,
All Care Lawn Service

check out the online color version on the shul website - it is really green!
Now is the time to “Set the Pace for the Future” of our Jewish community!

Dr. Bernd Wollschlæger will be our Guest Speaker at a two-part event to kick off our 2016 Community Campaign on December 15th. Join us at the Woman’s Club of El Paso, 1400 N. Mesa Street, to make a difference in our “Future.”

Part 1: A private reception and book signing for those who make a commitment of $1,800 individual minimum gift ($3,600 joint) to Campaign 2016. Reception begins at 6:00 pm. Wine and hors d’oeuvres served.

Part 2: Lecture and dessert reception to all who make a commitment of $180 individual minimum gift ($360 joint) to Campaign 2016. Part 2 begins at 7:30 pm.

Dr. Wollschlæger has the ultimate skeleton-in-the-closet and he’s not shy about sharing it. “My father was not only an officer in the German army during the second world war he was a 100% convinced Nazi and supporter of the system.”

Dr. Bernd Wollschlæger: "I'm proud to be a Jew, I'm proud to be an Israeli, I'm proud to have children raised in the Jewish faith." He has turned his journey and his father's past into a book: "A German Life." Dr. Bernd Wollschlæger: "The story that I'm telling is the story how to overcome hate."

Call the Federation at 915-842-9554 or email sbendalin@jfedelpaso.org for reservations and more information.
Donations

Building Fund
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Art and Linda Corral
yahrzeit for brother, Barney
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Debra Kurland

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Sam Kobren
in memory of Robert Lipson
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Becky and Keith Myers and family

Cemetery Fund
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Arlene Feinberg
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Sylvia Korn
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