SPARKS A-FLYIN' SUMMER 2023

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Welcome to the new issue of our quarterly newsletter – the biggest recent *SPARKS* news is:

- This weekend features my song "Sparks" played near the midpoint of program host Dan Alloway's "Folk Fury" show this Saturday. The show is 6-9pm (Mountain Time) and can be heard locally on 88.5 FM or from anywhere via https://www.ktep.org/. And then the next day (July 23, 5 pm), I'll play live some other music from the album music that goes with the new exhibit "Forgotten Voices: The Crypto-Judaic Experience" at the Los Portales Museum in San Elizario, TX – admission's free – come check out the exhibit, music, and refreshments and tour this historic area if it's your first time there.

- The lyric to my song "Rowboat" was part of the Earth Month Art Exhibit curated by the Student Impact Association for the UTEP Union East Gallery March-April 2023 and was mentioned in a letter published in the March-April 2023 *Hadassah Magazine*.

- The lyric to my song "Break" (which wasn't on the *Sparks* album but was played at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall by UTEP's stellar middle eastern music ensemble: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEhk35Htcc0) was selected for an international book edited by Texas Beat Poet Laureate (2023-2025) Belinda Subraman about geographic and psychological boundaries. The book is called *Border Beats: Writing Across Boundaries (An Anthology)* and the fall 2023 newsletter should have details on its release.

- In our spring 2023 issue, I mentioned that *SPARKS* violinist Amalia Zeitlin co-wrote a song with me in a couple of hours for the *Love Song for Las Cruces* contest. While our song didn't win, it was loads of fun to write and then publicly perform it to close our 12-song set of original songs (the other 11 were from *Sparks*) to kick off the main day of the 2023 Jewish Food Festival at El Paso's Temple Mount Sinai: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpVEbqbfvb0. And a post-performance photo is at https://tbelc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2023/06/Adelante-July-2023.pdf#page=4.

stay healthy and cool in this super-hot summer!

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