

Adelante!

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

JULY 2021 (TAMMUZ-AV 5781)



Joyous Events!

My first meeting as President of the Temple Beth-El board was a marathon session! Even though it's beginning summer, and one would think that our temple activities would be slowing down,

we had a packed agenda - plans for Student Rabbi Sofia to be coming to Las Cruces; a report on our spirited discussion on membership outreach; our mini JFFF pastrami fundraiser; the upcoming discussion on ways and means; approving plans to open the temple for in-person services again; and setting up one ad hoc group to look at the religious school curriculum, and another to review the board self-assessment process outlined by the Union for Reform Judaism to provide help for small congregations like ours.

It was very gratifying to have the Board reach consensus on some of our challenging decisions, and it gives me confidence we are prepared for those looming ahead. (There is a more detailed summary in this issue of the Adelante, plus complete minutes of the meeting will be available.)

On a lighter note, there were two very happy events this month that moved me personally. I was honored to represent the board at the bar mitzvah of Max Bruder, and it was a really joyous occasion. About two dozen members of Max's family were in the sanctuary, with many others attending on Zoom. Rabbi Sofia led the service in LA, and Max led the service in Las Cruces with help from Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter. Despite a little confusion on the tech, it was a wonderful service. We wish Max the very best in his new role as a Jewish adult, and look forward to more Bar and Bat Mitzvot between now and the end of the year.

The second thing which moved me deeply was the creation of Juneteenth as a national Holiday. Communities around the country have celebrated this holiday informally for many years including here in Las Cruces, but transforming it into national recognition for when the very last of the slaves were freed in Texas, is a significant milestone.

This past year has seen huge turmoil in our national effort to root out racial inequality in our civic and cultural institutions, and Emancipation Day represents a tremendous turning point in American history, one that wrenched the country around to a different path. The country is still walking that path, and there is a section laid out for us as Jews because we are commanded to pursue justice.

Juneteenth is a joyous celebration, and maybe next year we can offer not only Pastrami for Pops, but also Juicy Hot Dogs for Juneteenth!

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

Focus Groups



We're listening!

You gave feedback during the Fall 2020 Discussion Groups, the recent URJ survey and our June Focus Group. Now you can give input about additional important areas that will affect TBE's future.

Jeff Brown is taking the lead for Focus Groups that will be held via Zoom in July and August 2021 to address issues related to Ways & Means, and Sisterhood & Mensch Club (July), and the Religious School (August). Nancy Barnes-Smith will facilitate the Focus Groups.

These are our July sessions:

FOCUS GROUP 2: Ways and Means-
Sunday, July 11th, 2:00 PM.
Wendee Lorbeer, Point Person

FOCUS GROUP 3: Sisterhood and Mensch Club- Sunday, July 18, 2:00 PM.
Lynn Zeemont & Jeff Lewis, Point Persons

These are the key questions for each group:

1. What is/are the group(s) doing now?
2. What can the group(s) do better?
3. What might the group(s) like to do if possible?
4. What needs to happen for the group(s) to achieve its/their goals?

Any member is welcome to join any Focus Group. Please contact Jeff Brown at jbrown@nmsu.edu and put Focus Groups in the subject line if you would like to participate. Thank you!

Worship Schedule

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/>

(if you do not have a Facebook profile now, and it asks you to join when you go to the page, click "Not Now" and that box will disappear).

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

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

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

Wednesday Tanakh study with Rabbi Larry Karol

Currently on hiatus during the Karol's relocation. Contact Rabbi Karol (rablpkarol@gmail.com) to attend when it resumes (continuing remotely via Zoom)

Saturdays

Talmud Study 9:00 AM

Contact Bryan McCuller (mccullerbryan@gmail.com) to attend

Friday, July 2

6:30 pm via Zoom, Family Service and Independence Day Weekend program - *lay-led by Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, "honorary grandparents" for the night. Various Religious school families will help out. Ruth Rubin will provide music. Jeff, an emeritus associate professor of history, will give a brief talk on "Jews and the American Revolution"*

Saturday, July 3

9:00 am via Zoom Talmud Study
Parshat Pinchas
Numbers 25:10-30:1

Friday, July 9

6:30 pm via Zoom, Shabbat Evening Services
lay-led by Steve Haydu

Saturday, July 10

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study
Parshat Matot-Masei
Numbers 30:2-36:13; 28:9-15

Friday, July 16

6:30 pm via Zoom, Shabbat Evening service
lay-led by Corry McKissack

Saturday, July 17

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study
8:30 pm via Zoom, Tisha B'Av observance,
led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
Parshat Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Friday, July 23

6:30 pm via Zoom, Shabbat Evening service
Mensch Club Shabbat, lay led

Saturday, July 24

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study
Parshat Vaetchanan
Deuteronomy 2:23-7:11

Friday, July 30

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY IN PERSON
led by Rabbi Barry Leff
(Please sign in to guest registry, wear mask if school age or older, vaccinated or unvaccinated and maintain social distance). The service will also be on Zoom and Facebook Live so those who can't attend in person may participate.

Saturday, July 31

9:00 am Talmud Study
Parshat Ekev
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Yahrzeits-June 5, 2021 through July 2, 2021

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

Read on Friday, July 2

Josephine Glater (Leslie Glater)
 Kathryn Goldstein (Arthur & Wendee Lorbeer)
 Diane Gutman (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Gertrude Kalmanowitz (Sally Sicherman)
 Jacob Krasner* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
 Marcia Rabinovich (David Rabinovich)
 Michael Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Dorothy Whitledge (Dee Cook)

Read on Friday, July 9

Lakie bat Aaron and Katya (Burt & Ann Berkson)
 Manny Blumkin*
 Chalmir Iris Cohen (Tanah Hemingway)
 Arnold Heart (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Sam Maness (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Logan Pearson (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 Shana Sicherman (Sally Sicherman)
 Bernard Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 David Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Joseph Rosenfeld*

Read on Friday, July 16

Sarah Meltzer Smalley* (Gary & Alison Mann)
 Carmen Freudenthal*
 Thomas Brankman (Philip & Sally Alkon)
 Dottie Davis (Sam Klein)
 Dorothy Rashal*
 Magda Farkas* (Yosef & Susan Lapid)
 Patrick Fitzgerald (Susan Fitzgerald)
 Scott Klein (Melvin "Sonny" & Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Jacob Klempner (Dee Cook)
 Leonard Pritkin*
 Esther Seidman*

Read on Friday, July 23

Jacy Walpole (Dia Taylor)
 Rea Bienstock (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)
 Marion Deutschman* (Ellen & Alfred Torres)
 Meyer Seidman*
 Ludwig Paul Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Charlotte Pollack*
 Dan Sirota (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
 Chana Sarah Langner (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)
 Natalie Libby (Robert & Carla Libby)

Read on Friday, July 30

Tillie Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Jay Druxman* (Sam Klein, Melvin "Sonny" Klein & Rosie Klein)
 Cecilia Guller* (Abraham Fiszbein)
 Louis Madenberg (Janet Stevens)
 Rena Taslitt* (Nina Rothman)
 Ida Friedlander (Nancy Rosen)
 Rose Wechter* (Jeff Steinborn)
 Gloria Hudson (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 Fred Silverston*
 Jacob Aboulafia*
 Richard Caplan (Betty & Steven Rosse)
 Joseph Rothman (Nina Rothman)
 Jean Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
 Edward Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Rivka Desgun (Jerry & Jodie Nachison)
 Mary Shickler*

Read on Friday, August 6

Thelma Goldberg (Richard & Darlene Goldberg)
 Milton Kirschner (Bob & Judy Kirschner)
 Anne Bergman* (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Laurel (Batkin) Cahn* (Mike Batkin)
 Samuel Davison*
 Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Morty Horwitz (Ellen & Alfred Torres)
 Howard Klein* (Sam Klein)
 Lillian Krasner* (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)
 Gina Libo* (Paul Feil)
 Dorothy Quinn (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
 Eva Rayblatt (Rose Jacobs)

Condolences to Debbie and Tom Levy on the death of Debbie's sister, Kim Klein Segura on Wednesday, June 9, in Denver. The funeral arrangements are pending, but will be in Denver. May her memory be for blessing

In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be recited during services, we have instituted the following practices:

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Adelante.
- Names are read on the Shabbat **following** the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.

*Asterisks indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office.

Editor's Corner



By the time you read this, I will be back from Comic Con in Albuquerque. This seems to be an appropriate thing to report in the Temple's newsletter, considering the very Jewish history of the comic book industry. Indeed, in February 1934, "Famous Funnies #1, Series 1", the first American retail comic book, was published by Maxwell Charles "M.C." Gaines (née Max Ginzberg) and Harry L. Wildenberg, both Jewish. Here are just a few more facts.

Marvel Comics was started by Stan Lee (born Stanley Martin Lieber). DC Comics was published by Harry Donenfeld. One of DC's big hits, "Superman", by writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster, featured an extra-terrestrial superhero (Clark Kent AKA Superman) whose birth name "Kal-El" has been loosely translated from the Hebrew as either "lightweight god" or "voice of God". Timely Comics (run by Jewish publisher Martin Goodman), featured superhero Captain America by Jewish creators Joe Simon and Jack Kirby and focused on fighting the Nazi, Red Skull. In 1947, Max Gaines's (Max Ginzberg's) son Bill Gaines assumed control of his late father's company Educational Comics (EC), renaming it Entertaining Comics. One of EC's titles, MAD magazine, created by Harvey Kurtzman, often used Yiddish words for comic effect.

The prevalence of Jews in the comic book industry is no mere coincidence. In the 1930's, anti-Semitic sentiment meant that Jewish writers and artists often found it hard to find employment in other facets. So, they created their own industry.

Much of my source information for this article came from "Superman: From Cleveland to Krypton" by Simcha Weinstein, on the website MyJewishLearning. I highly recommend the article and the website as a whole.

I attended Comic Con as Edna Mode from "The Incredibles." Much like me, she is a tiny but powerful woman who creates costumes (I sew costumes for both of my daughters with their increasing help). Edna's heritage is confirmed as German/Japanese so she may or may not be Jewish, but one can hope. Nu?

L'hitraot,
Beth Tierney

Adelante Submissions:

As we begin to end our time of social distancing, I still need your help. 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 August 2021 Adelante is July 20, 2021. Late items may not be included. Please do your best to keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante! All content can be e-mailed to me, Beth Tierney at cambrien73@gmail.com

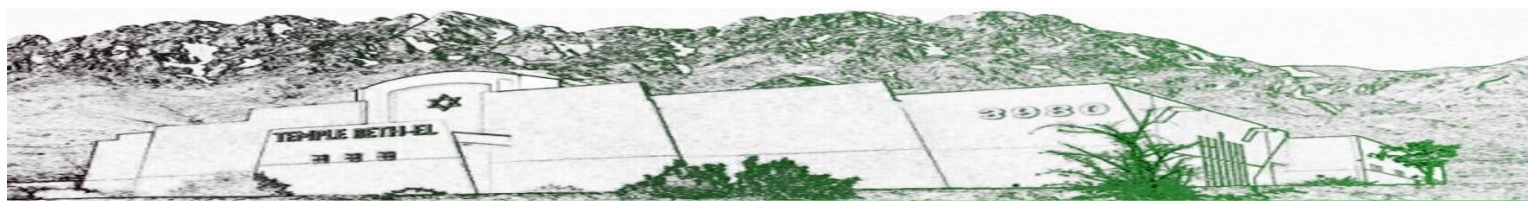
THE VISIT

By Frances F. Williams

In 1953, six Jews decided we needed a Sunday School for our children in Las Cruces. One of those members's wife, Frieda Trafton, was the spark for this endeavor and she lit the flame that started the Sunday School. We had no building at that time, so the school was started at the Trafton home with twenty six children in attendance. Rabbi Floyd Fierman of Temple Mt. Sinai in El Paso, Texas consecrated our Sunday School students at his Temple and Bernard Gluck gave the first class a small Torah. We went from the Trafton Home to the Klein and Druxman homes, and after that to some churches and Corbett Center at New Mexico State University. We were indeed the wandering Jews.

I have remained in touch with some members who moved from Las Cruces, and then their children who attended the Sunday School. Two of those kids (now grandparents), Wendy (Modern) Gallagher, and Linda (Stern) House, came to visit me this past month. Wendy joined our Sunday School at the age of seven, and Linda, at the age of eight. Both had Bat-Mitzvahs, got married, had children and grandchildren, and now live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Prescott, Arizona respectively. Wendy's brother, Michael was in the first Sunday school class and Linda's brothers, David and Bobbie also attended Sunday School. I was the first Principal of the Sunday School. Wendy (Modern) Gallagher's parents were Bob and Jehnet Modern, who joined the Temple immediately after their arrival in Las Cruces. Jehnet was very active in Sisterhood and Bob was an active participant in the Temple. Linda (Stern) House's parents were also very active members of the Temple. Her father, Donald Stern, (who had been imprisoned in World War II in a German prison camp) was our faithful Shamos and caretaker for many years, relinquishing these duties only after he became ill. Her mother, Estelle, was an active participant in Sisterhood. Linda's grandparents were E. J. and Mabel Stern. E. J. paid off the mortgage on our first Temple and he and Mabel donated the lion statutes in front of the City Hall of Las Cruces. They also paid off the mortgage for the Masonic Lodge in Las Cruces. Each Christmas, the Sterns would buy 400 dresses to be distributed to girls from needy homes, and the Kleins distributed toys from their furniture store at Christmas time to these families as well.

What a wonderful surprise it was to have these two students visit me at my home recently. Wendy is so much like her mother Jehnet, who was always feisty, and Linda so much like her mother Estelle. They grew up, got married, had children and now have grandchildren. This was such a mitzvah for me and I wanted to share my joy at seeing them again. We can be very proud of the students who were in our Sunday school classes. Those that I taught have gone on to successful lives and careers, raised good kids, with some bumps in the road, Some have passed, and so the ebb and flow of life goes on.



Transition Times

July 2021

URJ Congregational Assessment

There are three parts to the congregational assessment:

- 1) The member survey (which was completed on May 25th).
- 2) Operations and financial data (due to URJ on June 30th)
- 3) A board self-assessment (also due to URJ on June 30th).

TBE will receive results from all three components in August and information will be shared with the congregation after the high holidays.

Sixty-two percent (62%) of TBE households responded to the survey. This is a very high response rate; typical survey response rates are around 30%. Good for us! Thanks to Barbara Berger for suggesting a drawing to incentivize our members to complete the survey (and double thanks for making it happen). Congratulations to Dave Decker, Jeff Lewis, Bob Libby, and Nan Rubin who were the lucky winners of \$10 gift cards. Thanks to everyone for supporting our TBE's future by participating in the survey.

Focus Groups

Jeff Brown is taking the lead in organizing four focus groups that will be held over the summer and facilitated by Nancy Barnes-Smith. The Membership focus group, chaired by Martha Roditti, was held in June. A focus group for Ways & Means and a combined focus group for Sisterhood & Mensch Club will be held in July. A focus group for the Religious School will be held when Rabbi Sofia returns in August. Information from the focus groups will be shared with the congregation after the holidays.

My Personal Transition to the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso Board

My service on the TBE board ended with the May annual meeting, and I have been elected to a two-year board term for the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso (JFED). I will retain my role as Chair of the TBE Transition, working with board member Wendee Lorbeer.

The Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso represents the larger local Jewish community—in Las Cruces, non-affiliated Jews, Chabad, and Temple Beth-El, and in

El Paso, non-affiliated Jews, Chabad, Temple Mt. Sinai, and Congregation B'nai Zion.

Individual temples do not appoint representatives to the JFED board; nor does any individual temple have a dedicated representative on the JFED board. Rather, leaders from each synagogue attend monthly meetings and serve as a liaison between the Federation and their synagogue. Alison Mann, who is TBE's liaison to JFED, does a great job keeping our membership informed about the Federation's programs and services.

Onward,
Joanne

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Kaila Brown
James Hyman
Mike Hyman
Rosemary Livigni
Gary Mann
Mark Saltman
Sharon Tancredi-Katz

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

Bob and Monica Kimball
Elisha and Jason Rosenberg
Sharon and Elliot Tancredi-Katz

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.

If you follow the example below it would be helpful:
Sam Adams Born July, Married March, Joined 2015

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

What We Can Expect During the High Holy Days

At this writing, Rabbi Sofia plans to be here for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and there will be in person services. There may also be outdoor services, for example for the family services, and an organized Tashlich this year. This year Rosh Hashanah comes early. Erev Rosh Hashanah is Monday night, Sept. 6, Labor Day weekend.

The HUC rules on re-entry have changed so that we mainly will be going by CDC, state, and federal rules. However, we will require everyone school age and older, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to wear a mask, unless you have a serious medical condition such as emphysema in which wearing a mask would be harmful.

Those who are showing signs of being ill should stay home. Anyone unvaccinated should maintain distance from the bima and other people. At this point, the vaccinated are largely protected and the unvaccinated can mainly infect themselves, but we don't want anyone, vaccinated or not, to be sick or die. Also, just because someone is vaccinated doesn't mean they're totally protected if they have an autoimmune disease.

Zoom or streaming will be provided to watch from home. We may also have a Zoom only service at some point where people can participate.

If you do come to an in-person service, you'll need to sign in, or have someone sign in for you. HUC (and the CDC) requires contact tracing just in case someone tests positive for Covid-19. That way, we can let our student Rabbi and others know they've been exposed. **We ask for your cooperation not only for the safety of all, but to avoid the risk of losing Rabbi Sofia by failing to honor the agreement with HUC.**

We will try to make our time together spiritual, but what we gain in one area (such as being in person), we main lose in another (group singing), or with Zoom, participating in readings and singing, but not seeing congregants in person.

We may have to do what the original concept of the High Holy Days requires: self reflection, asking forgiveness of others and accepting apologies, deciding what behaviors we need to change, donating money and/or time to good causes, and praying

(which can be done at home as well as in a temple).

Just in case, if you do have High Holy Day prayer books at home, hang on to them. There should be enough in the temple for High Holy Day services and if we must switch to Zoom or you personally need to switch to Zoom, it would be good to have a siddur to refer to. If we need to do a book distribution, we'll do so.

Things could change in a month, but this is what looks possible at this time. Stay safe, look out for each other, and may it be G-d's will we see each other soon.

Cherri Hudson-Brown,
chair, Religious Practices Committee

Tisha B'Av Service Evening of July 17

Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin will lead a Tisha B'Av service on Saturday evening, July 17 on Zoom. The service will begin with Havdallah at 8:30 p.m., followed by a service that will include chanting from the book of Lamentations, some study texts, and songs. The date commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second ancient Temples in Jerusalem, as well as many other catastrophic events in Jewish history. A Zoom link will be sent out earlier that week.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2022

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Jeff Lewis (Mensch Club) Dee Cook (Sisterhood)

Remember TBE's Night at the Auction?

What a great community we have! Our 2020 Night at the Auction was more than a year ago—a wonderful evening thanks to members' generous donations of events, services and merchandise, and vigorous bidding.

As you're aware, most events were postponed by the pandemic. With restrictions lifting, we can look forward to being together once again and your auction team has been in touch with every donor. Events are being rescheduled!

You will soon hear from your host donor(s) if you haven't yet. Rest assured that everyone is working to be sure that gatherings are safe and comfortable.

Your Auction Team had a wonderful time planning the event and an even better time that night. We appreciate your understanding as we move forward to complete the 2020 Auction.

Let's hope for another fund—FUN!—raising *Night at the Auction in 2022*.

The TBE Auction Team



"Virtual" Short Story Series

The TBE Short story group is currently on a Summer break. Stay tuned for news about our Fall discussion series

—Jim Rosenthal



MATZO BALL OPEN

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

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

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

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

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 June 21 Board Meeting Summary

- Presentation was made by upcoming B'nai Mitzvot parents regarding travel and logistic plans for Rabbi Karol to officiate in person. The Temple agreed to provide limited financial support for these plans.
- Max Bruder's Bar Mitzvah will be June 19th with Rabbi Sophia and the congregation on Zoom and 21 in-person family and guests. The family has accepted all responsibility for following safety and cleanliness guidelines.
- Pastrami for Pops will take place Father's Day, June 20.
- June 27 on Zoom TBE will participate in a Scholars-in-Residence program "O Brave New World: Gender Fluidity, transition and Judaism" sponsored by Rabbi Rosenthal and Congregation Albert in Albuquerque.
- Rabbi Sofia Zway will be joining us again as our student rabbi in mid August and will serve both virtually and in person. She will be here for the High Holidays and will be in Las Cruces once a month through May.
- Rabbi Barry Leff will be officiating at our first in person Shabbat July 30.
- A survey will be coming to help inform the decisions that will be needed as we move forward with our opening. Plans are underway to schedule a deep cleaning of the building plus reorganizing cabinets and closets, to be graciously financed by Frances Williams.
- Focus Group on Membership led by Martha Roditti was well attended and many productive ideas were shared. A report with recommendations will be produced.
- Next Focus Group on Ways and Means will be July 11 at 2 pm.
- There was a discussion on how to improve handling routine temple administrative and office tasks. The Board will look into this further.
- A small ad hoc group volunteered to review the URJ Board Self Assessment Guide and to identify one or two major areas for the entire board to discuss. The Nominating and Leadership Committee will be consulted as appropriate.
- Another ad hoc group will begin reviewing the religious school curriculum.
- Robert T. Hardcastle was accepted as a new member of TBE.

Submitted by Wendee Lorbeer, Secretary.
Complete minutes of all Board meetings are available.

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

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.

Shiva Observance

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

Cherri Hudson-Brown, Chair, Religious Practices Committee.

Donations through June 24, 2021

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Michael and Stacey Hyman, in memory of Aaron Hyman

Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Dona Stern

General Operating Fund:

Michael and Barbara Mandel, in memory of Nathan Mandel and David Williamson

Frima Marquez and Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Lillian and Jacob Krasne

Biblical Garden Fund:

Joanne Turnbull, in memory of Marian Turnbull

Leslie Glater, in memory of Josephine Glater

Dave and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Quinn Sittler

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Logan Pearson

Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Milton Berkson

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Michele and Allen Blum, in memory of Bernard Cutler

“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”

An important part of our future is represented by bequests made by members.

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come.

From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

A simple codicil can be added to your existing will, if you wish to make a bequest, such as:

“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$ _____ [or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

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

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

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund—Providing scholarships for Temple students to attend Jewish summer camp programs.

The Mitzvah Team Fund— to assist this voluntary team of Temple Beth-El members that, upon request and dependent upon availability, will provide non emergency support service to members of the temple.

Social Action Fund—For projects that benefit our community and Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

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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.

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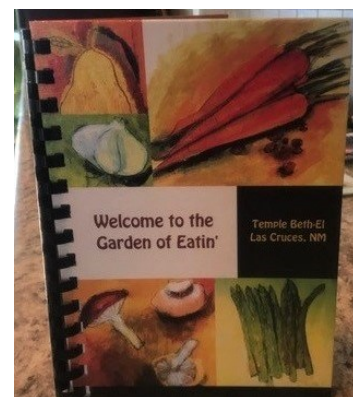
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ALL EVENTS BY ZOOM UNLESS NOTED

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | Tammuz 21 1 | Tammuz 22 2 Family Shabbat Service 6:30 pm lay-led by Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown | Tammuz 23 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am |
| Tammuz 24 4 <i>Independence Day</i> | Tammuz 25 5 | Tammuz 26 6 | Tammuz 27 7 | Tammuz 28 8 | Tammuz 29 9 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm lay-led by Steve Haydu | Av 1 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am |
| Av 2 11 Ways and Means Focus Group 2:00 pm | Av 3 12 | Av 4 13 | Av 5 14 | Av 6 15 Board Meeting 6:00 pm | Av 7 16 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm lay-led by Corry McKissack | Av 8 17 Talmud Study 9:00 am Tisha B'Av Observance 8:30 pm led by Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin |
| Av 9 18 Sisterhood and Mensch Club Focus Group 2:00 pm | Av 10 19 | Av 11 20 | Av 12 21 | Av 13 22 | Av 14 23 Mensch Club Shabbat Service 6:30 pm lay-led by club members | Av 15 24 Talmud Study 9:00 am |
| Av 16 25 | Av 17 26 | Av 18 27 | Av 19 28 | Av 20 29 | Av 21 30 FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY IN PERSON 6:30 pm led by Rabbi Barry Leff | Av 22 31 Talmud Study 9:00 am |

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