

Adelante!

A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

NOVEMBER 2021 (CHESHVAN- KISLEV 5782)

GAVIN ROSENBERG BAR MITZVAH

Jason and Elisha Rosenberg invite you to share in excitement, pride, and love as their son is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

**SATURDAY
11.13.2021
10 AM**

Facebook Live or Zoom only due to COVID restrictions and space concerns.

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It looks like Temple Beth-El will resume the Jewish Food and Folk Festival (JFFF) in April 2022. Two years ago 1,337 people

attended and we raised more than \$17,000. This is our biggest fund raiser, and we are looking forward to another successful event.

At this time, we are looking for two people to chair the JFFF for 2022. Having been involved in 2019, Francine Feinberg will assist the new Chairpeople in every way that she can. If you are interested in taking the lead for JFFF, please contact Nan Rubin.

president.tbcl@gmail.com

Special Meeting Of The Membership To Provide An Update And Discussion On The Search For A New Rabbi Thursday, November 11

7:00 PM

On Zoom (link to be provided)

For information and questions:

Nan Rubin

president.tbcl@gmail.com.

Worship Schedule

Because of rapidly changing conditions with the Delta variant and Covid 19, congregants are urged to check eBlasts for possible changes in services

Masks required for everyone two and older for services at Temple.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

Saturdays

Talmud Study 9:00 AM via Zoom

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

Friday, November 5

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service *led by the Brown and Baudo families*, see future e-blast for details

Saturday, November 6

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Toledot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Friday, November 12

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom *led by Rabbi Sofia Zway with Gavin Rosenberg (Due to space and capacity concerns, we encourage congregants to attend via Facebook live or Zoom so that out of town relatives may attend in person)*

Saturday, November 13

10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Rosenberg (Due to space and capacity concerns, we encourage congregants to attend via Facebook live or Zoom so that out of town relatives may attend in person)

Parshat Vayetze

Genesis 28:10- 32:3

Friday, November 19

6:30 pm, Shabbat Evening service via Zoom *Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

Saturday, November 20

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Torah Study

6:30 pm Havdalah service

Both led by Rabbi Sofia Zway via Zoom

Parshat Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4- 36:43

Friday, November 26

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom *Lay led by Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown*

Saturday, November 27

9:00 am via Zoom Talmud Study

Parshat Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1– 40:23

Yahrzeits- October 1, 2021 through November 5, 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, November 5

Leroy Bibo*
Isadore Blumkin*
Phillip Bond*
Allen Brooks* (Sharon & Peter Dorfman)
Adele Kimmel* (Pearie & Ron Bruder)
Esther Kloss*
Sol Lieberman (Buzzie Lieberman)
Yetta Lipschutz* (Harry & Diane Bass)
Ira Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)
Esther Rosenfeld*
Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)
Mac Singer*
David Steinborn (Vivian Steinborn)
Dov Zameret (Erich Zameret)

Read on Friday, November 12

Lucy Miller Atkins*
Leo Bienstock (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)
Stephen Halper (Jane Halper)
Sheldon Harris (Cyrille Kane)
Victor Hartman*
Gustave Heart (Nancy Bergman)
Lionel Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
Mel Kirschner* (Bob & Judy Kirschner)
Mel Kirschner* (Lila Ziegler)
Charles Kruger (Linda Kruger)
Hunter Lewis*
Michael Polsky* (Rita Polsky)
David Silverman (Jerald & Rochelle Silverman)
Herman Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
Hershel Zohn*

Read on Friday, November 19

Stanley Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
Ivy Dessaur*
Ida Weinstein Epstein (Marlene Benz & Kaylee Zeledon)
Murray Gould*
Clarence Lathrop* (Jane Grider)
Bernie Lieberman* (Buzzie Lieberman)
Roslyn Sugarman (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)

Read on Friday, November 26

Daisy Chapman (Diane Fleishman)
Samuel David Goldberg (Richard & Darlene Goldberg)
Samuel Goldman (Jerald & Rochelle Silverman)
Sam Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
Hyman Krepps*
Dave Levy* (Sam Klein)
Edith Pliner (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
Rose Rice Orlins*
Benjamin Shane (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
Bertha Shane (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
Sam Shickler*
Samuel Spiegel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)
Harry Winkelman (Joan Silar)
Tova Zameret (Erich & Elaine Zameret)

Read on Friday, December 3

Max Freudenthal*
Joel Glickler* (Rachel Glickler Duggins & Sean Duggins)
Lee Gutman (Allen & Eve Palanker)
Helen Isaacs (Linda Kruger)
Florence Kaye (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
Sidney Kaye (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
Irv Rothman (Nina Rothman)
Ruth Steinborn*
Carolyn Wolfe* (Martin Pohl)

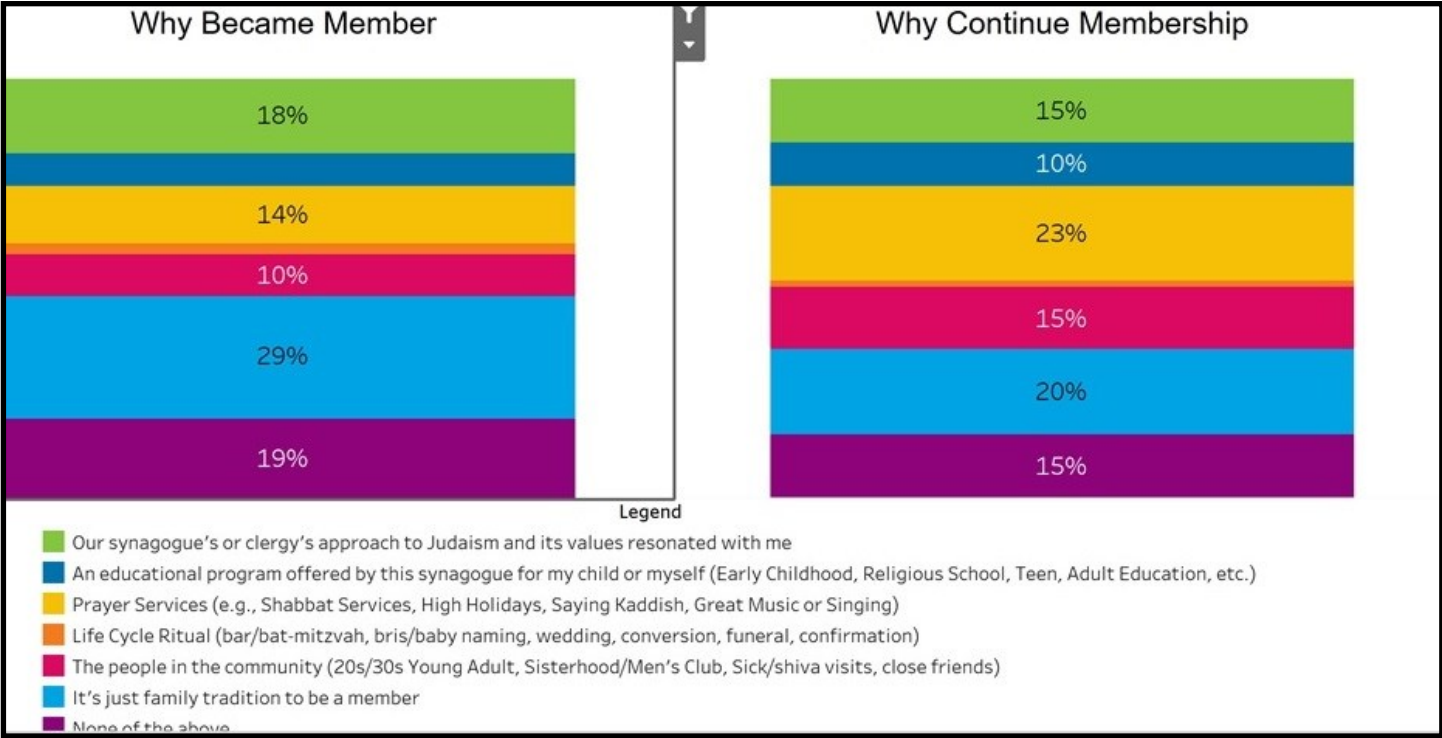
Condolences to the family of former temple member, Anita Allen, who passed away in Las Vegas, NV on October 15. Services will be held at TBE on November 14th at 1PM with a reception to follow.
May her memory be for a blessing

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

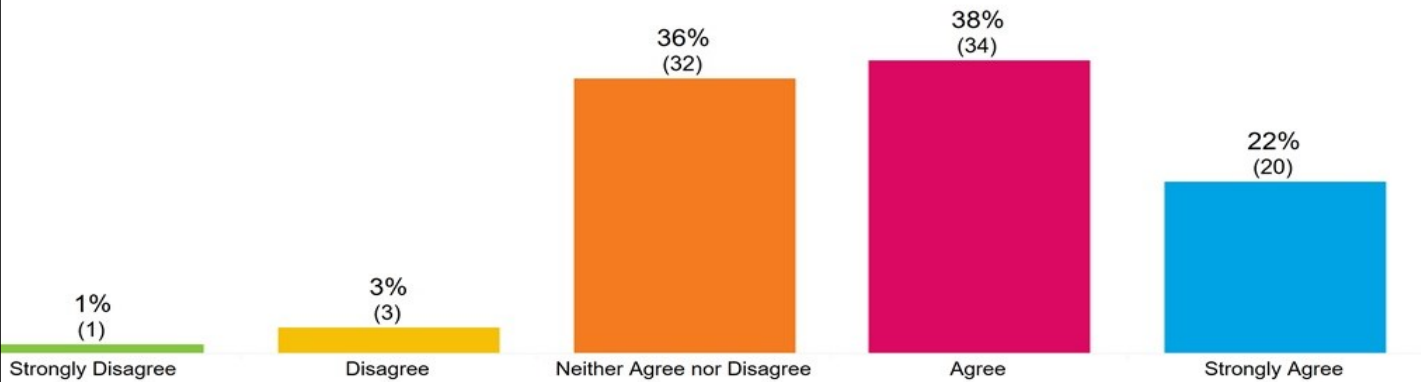
- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Adelante.
- Names are read on the Shabbat **following** the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. 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. Current TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$300. Non TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$600.

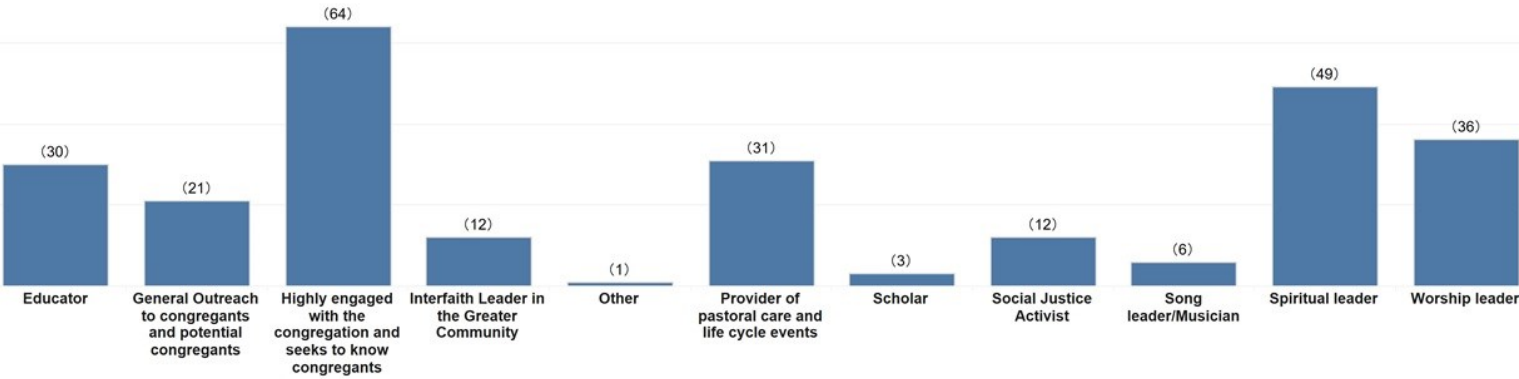




Survey Text: "The mission, vision and values of the synagogue strongly resonates with me over the past 3 years"



Please select the TOP THREE ROLES you believe are most important for the incoming leadership at our congregation



Matzo Ball Open

Well, we had a great Matzo Ball Open tournament at Picacho Hills Country Club. It went off without a hitch except for 50 mile an hour wind gusts which were an incentive for every one of the seventeen teams to get in on time and enjoy a bowl of matzo ball soup. This year we partnered with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. Terra Winter, the executive director, spoke about the mission of the organization, as well as being one of our golfers.



Thanks to many members of the congregation, we had a record number of hole sponsors, raising over \$4,000.00 in funds and our raffle prizes and 50/50 added another \$1000.00 in income. For this to work we needed volunteers, and I appreciate the help of Dave Decker, Ellen & Fred Torres, Mark & Stefani Singer, Jeff & Avis Lewis, and of course, Dave Zeemont.



This year, we were fortunate to have the voluntary services of Lee Miles, owner of Special Scenes Photography, who took pictures of our attendees and volunteers for the entire event. So, if you are looking for a great mobile photographer, please check out www.specialscenes.com.



As the first fundraising event for Temple Beth-El in over a year-and-a-half, and a successful one at that, I feel confident that we are back on the path to providing funds in support of the operational needs of our community temple. We are the key to our own future success.

Lynn Zeemont

BETY Board Game Extravaganza

The 3rd annual TBE BETY Game Night was held on Saturday, October 16th. This year’s theme was “Twins” which gave the youth group a great chance to show off the personalized shirts they tie-dyed at an event over the summer. The number of attendees was smaller than in the past with about 19 people. Still, all those who were there had a wonderful time. The event raise a total of \$200 with 25% of that being earmarked for Jardin de los Niños . The youth group decided that they would like to make a larger impact with that donation so be watching for another fundraiser in the near future.



Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim!

As I write this article, we are fast approaching November, a month in which there are often no Jewish holidays. This year that is not the case as we light our first candle for Chanukah on the 28th of November. However, it is not Chanukah that I would like to write about. Instead, I would like to write a little about that most American of holidays, Thanksgiving. As some of you may know, historians have theorized that Thanksgiving was modeled on Sukkot. This makes sense for many reasons. First, let's start with the obvious. On Thanksgiving, we get together with our extended families and eat far too much food. Really, what could be more Jewish than that? But the similarities go farther than that. Both Sukkot and Thanksgiving are holidays that take place after harvest time and center around giving thanks to God for the bounty. The original Thanksgiving in 1621 was likely to have taken place outdoors, much like our festival meals that we eat in the Sukkah. It lasted for several days like the seven day Feast of Tabernacles. While these may have been coincidences, there are reasons to believe that they are not. According to Gloria Kaufer Greene, author of the "New Jewish Holiday Cookbook" (Times Books, 1999), The Pilgrims based their customs on the Bible. They would also have spent time with another group of exiles. I found this bit of information on a website called "One for Israel." In 1492 as Columbus was sailing, the Jews were exiled from Spain. Many of them made their way to Holland. In the early 17th century, the Puritans who would become Pilgrims also found themselves in Holland due to religious persecution. It is likely that the two groups would have encountered each other and that the Pilgrims would have remembered the festival of Sukkot when they settled in the New World. The same website also mentions that the word Hodu is Hebrew for "thanks". Tarnegol hodu, translates to "Indian chicken" and is the term used for turkey (because it was thought that turkeys came from India). This of course proves nothing but is an interesting fact nonetheless.

Because this is an article about Thanksgiving and food is central to both Thanksgiving and Jewishness, I would like to leave you with a recipe I encountered while doing research. It comes from the aforementioned cookbook author, Gloria Kaufer Greene.

Double Corn Bread

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/3 cup canola oil
 - 1 (about 15-ounce) can cream-style corn, including liquid.
- (Note: Because cream-style corn does not contain dairy products, it is pareve.)

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Coat an 8-inch square baking pan with no-stick spray.
2. In a medium bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the center, and add eggs, oil and canned corn. Beat wet ingredients with a fork to combine them, then incorporate dry ingredients. Stir only until all ingredients are completely moistened and combined.
3. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cut into 16 squares and serve directly from the pan.

Let me know if you try it. Happy Thanksgiving!

L'hitraot,
Beth Tierney

Some of our kids at a mountain retreat hosted by Temple Mount Sinai last weekend which they generously invited our families with youth to as well. See next month's Adelante for more on this event.



The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and the Texas Jewish Historical Society will co-sponsor a Zoom Webinar conference on October 30-31, 2021. The conference will include a pre-showing to registrants of the film “West of Hester Street: The Galveston Movement and Jewish Immigration to the Southwest” and a keynote presentation by the film’s producer/directors Allen and Cynthia Mondell. The conference will also include a presentation by Dr. Noel Pugach about the Druxman and Klein families and their contributions to Jewish life in Las Cruces; presentations about descendants of the Galveston immigrants; a presentation about the Meyers brothers in Albuquerque and Amarillo; and a presentation about synagogue doors in Mexico and the contributions of Jews to Mexican life.

For details, please visit:
www.nmjhsevents.com

To register please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WSnV2FqZSiOhdTP0xIUxLg

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

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!

Adelante Submissions:

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

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the December 2021 Adelante is November 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

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 column with us. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist, Certified Transition Writing Specialist and Amherst Writers & Artists Writing Workshop Leader.

COMMUNITY CORNER THE PATH TO DEEPER LISTENING

Gail L. Braverman, LMFT, Temple Board Member

Listening isn't just about not saying anything when someone else is talking. You have to open your mind to what someone is saying and open your heart to what they are feeling.

How many times have you been listening to someone talk and just waiting for them to take a breath so you could jump in and say something that you had been thinking the whole time they were talking?

Deep listening requires work. It requires us to get out of the way and stop the chatter that goes on in our heads long enough to focus on what another person is saying.

We don't have to be clever, or brilliant or give people solutions. We just need to take a breath and listen. We need to cultivate curiosity, openness, and awareness. Someone's body language or voice may be telling you more than their words. Although we aren't able to see everyone in person right now, you can pick up clues as to how someone is feeling by the tone, loudness or softness, or rhythm of their voice. Our voices convey our emotions. Some of us use Zoom or FaceTime which show us body language quite vividly.

Part of the human condition is the desire to be heard and understood. Listening to others is a response to those needs.

*Being heard is so close to being loved
that for the average person, they are
almost indistinguishable. ~ David
Augsburger*

Ask questions and encourage people to talk with statements like: "I would like to hear more, I am listening, I may not understand but it looks like this is really important to you. Could you explain that further. Can you tell me what you are feeling about this?" You may learn something about someone you might not have learned any other way.

Listening without interruption gives another person the chance to hear themselves and gain clarity from the quiet space you have opened up for them.

Listening is an art. We thrive when we feel heard and when we are seen. Presence is powerful. Our listening presence is reassuring to others.

When someone listens deeply to you, it's like coming home.

Reflection: Think about the last time someone listened to you and what that was like.

Today's Practice: Listen deeply to the next person you have a conversation with.

Celebrating our Simchas

Congratulations to Derek Hyman for achieving First Class in Boy Scout Troop 64.

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

Marlene Benz
Jake Hardin
Stacey Hyman
Jeff Lewis
Susan Quinn

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

Alison and Gary Mann

We would love to have more names on these lists. If you would like to have us acknowledge your occasion in the future, please send birth month, anniversary month, and the year you joined the temple to Luke Duddridge at LCDuddridge@hotmail.com.

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

GENETIC TESTING:

How it Can Keep YOU & YOUR Family Healthy

Whether you're planning a family or looking to be proactive about your health, hear from JSreen's genetic counselor about the importance of genetic testing.

- Determine your risk for having a child with a genetic disease, like Tay-Sachs or cystic fibrosis.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 4PM ON ZOOM

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There are brochures in the vestibule of the Temple about JSreen, a genetic testing program devised in the Human Genetics Department of Emory University, for young people doing family planning (ages 18-45), and people 21 and older, concerned about cancer. The process involves an at-home saliva test, state of the art sequencing technology, a tele-health genetic counseling session and some options for disease prevention.

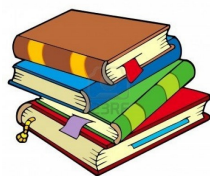
Why now? Synagogue B'Nai Zion in El Paso received a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, and have invited Temple Mt. Sinai and TBE to share in the information and a 50% discount on the cost of the tests. Unfortunately, this discount is only for people with El Paso and Las Cruces zip codes (so while you may have family or friends in other places who could benefit from these tests, they will be paying full price). So with an insurance card, and the special code EPLC50, the cost of the family planning (after the discount) will be \$74.50 for family planning, and \$100 for screening of 40 types of cancer. If you choose to get both tests, the discounted price is \$150. Robin Krasne from B'Nai Zion who is the coordinator of this effort, assured me that should someone not be able to pay for the test wholly or in part, the grant can help out.

For more information about JSreen, go to www.JSreen.org. And if you aren't going to in-person services, but want the brochure, I will mail or deliver one to you!

Alison Mann, TBE- JFED Liaison

“Virtual” Short Story Series resumes

Jim Rosenthal has moved to Rhode Island but the short story group continues. The group meets on zoom at 10:30 am each Tuesday of the month. We are reading the short stories of Jewish authors, past and present. Since many of our authors' stories are available on-line, there is no need for you to purchase a book. I send the assigned stories via email directly to you. The fee for the current series is \$18 which goes to the temple's Adult Education programs. (Checks should be made out to Temple Beth-El and the memo line should indicate “short story group.”) If reading great fiction and spending time with friends and fellow fiction lovers for live-conversation sounds good, just email me at jar529@gmail.com. Hope to hear from you. —Jim Rosenthal



TBE Religious school is back in person and we are so happy that we are dancing with joy! Thank you Ruthie for leading us in both song and dance.



Donations through October 22, 2021

General Operating Fund:

Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Allen M Brooks
Dee Cook, in memory of David Edelstein and Nathan Edelstein
Alison and Gary Mann, in memory of Judith Ray Mann
Susan Michelson and Bill Stein, in memory of Erwin Michelson
Dan and Simy Allan, in memory of Evelyn Benowitz
Gillian and Nate Baudo, in memory of Robert Baudo

Social Action Fund:

Cherri Hudson-Brown and Jeff Brown, Afghan project
Susan and Yosef Lapid, Afghan project
Michele Cowen, Afghan project
Jack Greenspan, Afghan project
Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, Afghan project
Joan Silar, Afghan project
Dave and Lynn Zeemont, Afghan project
Robert Zeemont, Afghan project
Susan Fitzgerald, Afghan project
Corry McKissack, Afghan project
Susan Michelson and Bill Stein, Afghan project
Scott and Betsy Gubin, Afghan project
Religious School Students, Afghan project
Donna and Eric Popky, Afghan project
Stacey and Michael Hyman, Afghan project

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Arlene Jerome and Gary Metzger
Jeffrey Brown, in memory of Harold Brown
David and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Charlotte Loudon

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Tanah Hemingway; in appreciation of Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter for assistance conducting services for many years
Frances Williams, in memory of Yetta Resnick

Mitzvah Team Fund:

Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of Marvin Gubin

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Arlene Jerome and Gary Metzger

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Jeff and Cherri Brown-Hudson, in honor of Steve Haydu, Marieka Brown, Debbie Levy, Leora Zeitlin, and Stuart Kelter

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.

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund—To broadly support Jewish education, based on merit or need, through participation in the TBE Religious School, camperships, and/or pursuit of Jewish collegiate studies or rabbinical studies.

Frances Williams Library Fund—To provide books and infrastructure for the TBE library.

Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Fund—Provides funds to help further adult education and cultural programming at TBE.

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund—Supports the regular and special programming planned by faculty, students and the Religious School Committee.

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund—Support for Youth activities at TBE.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Used to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Michael Mandel.

“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 Beth-El Board of Trustees October 21, 2021 Board Meeting Summary

After a beautiful invocation by Bryan McCuller, status reports were shared.

- The Political Forum sponsored by the Social Action/Adult Ed Committee was attended by between 25 and 35 people either in person or on Zoom. The questions were thoughtful and the format was conducive to more conversation than debate. There were compliments from both candidates and attendees.
- The Afghan Refugee project has been successful in supplying two of the three kitchens it committed to as well as collecting over \$1300. Any monies left after the completion of the commitment will be donated to Lutheran Family Services, the local coordinator of the project, and the Muslim Student Association to use as they see fit in the resettlement project.
- The Matzo Ball Open was very successful. Our thanks to Lynn Zeemont for her efforts on this.
- The Religious School is off to a good start with Rebecca Berkson and Sheri Spiegel volunteering their time to assume administrative duties. Due to the small number of students, we no longer have a paid administrator. Diane Fleishman will be hosting a parent meeting Sunday, October 31.
- The Religious Practices Committee has scheduled upcoming Shabbat services with some lay led, some with Rabbi Sofia. Some will be on Zoom only and others will be both in person and on Zoom. Cherri Hudson-Brown said they are already starting to discuss possible Chanukah celebrations.
- The Renaissance Faire will be held November 6 and 7. We will again be participating with a partner on the 6th. Dave Zeemont is leading the effort.
- The Finance report was given by Michael Mandel. We are doing well and are happy that we have welcomed some new members.
- Nan Rubin will contact the family of Tanah Hemingway regarding the donation of funds in Tanah's memory.
- The board discussed the realities of and the process for a rabbinic search. There will be a Congregational Meeting on Thursday November 11 to discuss our efforts as we prepare to enter rabbinic placement.
- Steve Haydu reported that there was a training session to enlarge the pool of those who can assist with the technology required to have virtual and hybrid services. There will be a Sign Up Genius program put in place to help with the scheduling of

that help. We will be looking into other technology needs and cost estimates for a better sound system and better cameras. What we have in place now is not sustainable.

- The Membership Committee, under the leadership of Martha Roditti, will be developing a process for us to welcome our new members which will include a check list to help with communication.
- Pearie Bruder will look into cleaning options for our building now that it is once again in use.
- Nan Rubin shared some of the information from the Bench Marking Survey conducted by the URJ. Our congregants had a high participation rate. When compared with other congregations of our size, our responses about the relationships of our congregants with the temple were very positive. We will continue to analyze the data which will be helpful as we enter rabbinic placement and as we look to recruit new members.

City Council Candidate Forum Update

By Jeff Brown

On Sunday, October 17, the Social Action/Adult Ed committee of the Temple sponsored another successful political forum. This was our first after previous COVID-related cancellations. It was a hybrid, community-wide, forum for the candidates up for election for the three City Council seats (districts 3, 5 and 6) on November 9, 2021. Eight of the nine candidates attended the forum with about 20 people attending in person at the synagogue. There were another dozen or so people attending via Zoom and on Facebook. The format of the forum was complemented by a number of the candidates afterwards. One candidate observed that this was the first opportunity she had to interact with all the candidates at one time. Additionally, one of the campaign managers observed that, over the years, ours has consistently been the best forum that is sponsored during election season. This is a result of the thoughtful questions developed by the committee and the respectful tone set for the forum.

The forum was also attended by a reporter from the Sun-News. He was impressed by a number of the questions asked of the candidates and as a result, wrote a very complimentary article about our event which was recently published in our daily paper. Also, a number of candidates and participants expressed the hope that we would again sponsor a similar event next year, when state-wide and national elections will be up for contest.



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This is a critical time for the organizations. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, they have seen an increase in demand.

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

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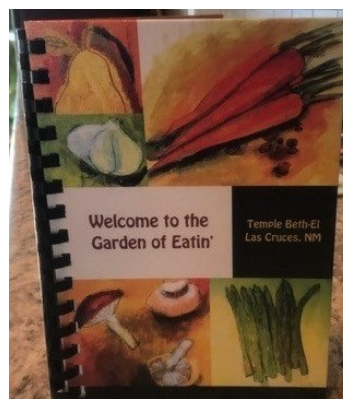
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Cheshvan 26 1	Cheshvan 27 2	Cheshvan 28 3 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Cheshvan 29 4	Kislev 1 5 Shabbat Family Services at Temple 6:30 pm	Kislev 2 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
Kislev 3 7 Religious School 9:00 AM	Kislev 4 8	Kislev 5 9	Kislev 6 10 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Kislev 7 11 Rabbi search congregational meeting 7:00 pm <i>Veteran's Day</i>	Kislev 8 12 Shabbat Evening Services at Temple 6:30 pm led by Rabbi Sofia Zway with Gavin Rosenberg	Kislev 9 13 NO TALMUD STUDY Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Rosenberg 10:00 AM
Kislev 10 14 Religious School 9:00 AM	Kislev 11 15	Kislev 12 16	Kislev 13 17 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Kislev 14 18 Board Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom	Kislev 15 15 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm	Kislev 16 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
Kislev 17 21 Religious School 9:00 AM	Kislev 18 22	Kislev 19 23	Kislev 20 24 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Kislev 21 25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Kislev 22 15 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm	Kislev 23 27 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
Kislev 24 28 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK <i>1st Night of Chanukah</i>	Kislev 25 29	Kislev 26 30				

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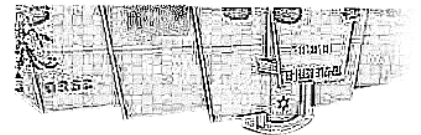
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