

# Adelante!

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

DECEMBER 2021 (KISLEV-TEVET 5782)



## **Chanukah and Shabbat Celebration!**

**Friday, December 3rd  
6:00-9:00 pm**

**Hosted by TBE Youth and Religious School**

### **SCHEDULE**

6-7 pm: Candle lighting and services with Rabbi Sofia by Zoom and at Temple

We will light the menorahs in the Social Hall (at multiple tables, spread out) then move to the sanctuary where Rabbi Sofia will lead us remotely via Zoom

7-9 pm: Dreidel, gelt, and latke potluck at the Temple.

Rabbi Sofia will lead Chanukah games online for those attending via Zoom

### **PLEASE BRING:**

1. A plate of your favorite latkes to share. We will keep them warm and eat outdoors with heaters for Covid safety.

2. A donation of children's clothing and toys for Tutti Bambini --  
**Share the light!**



3. A menorah and candles for the 6th night

**Zoom Link Will be sent separately.**



## 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](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com)) to join

### Saturdays

**Talmud Study 9:00 AM via Zoom**

Contact Bryan McCuller ([mccullerbryan@gmail.com](mailto:mccullerbryan@gmail.com)) to join

### Friday, December 3

6:00 pm Shabbat Service and Chanukah celebration. Hosted by Temple youth and Religious School and *led via Zoom by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, December 4

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15am via Zoom, Torah study with Rabbi Sofia Zway

Parshat Miketz

Genesis 41:1– 44:17

### Friday, December 10

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

### Saturday, December 11

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15am via Zoom, Torah study with Rabbi Sofia Zway

Parshat Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27

### Friday, December 17

6:30 pm, Shabbat Evening service via Zoom  
*Lay-led by Leora Zeitlin and Stuart Kelter*

### Saturday, December 18

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Torah Study

Parshat Vayechi

Genesis 47:28-50:26

### Friday, December 24

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service

*Led by Rabbi Barry Leff in sanctuary*

### Saturday, December 25

9:00 am via Zoom Talmud Study

Parshat Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

### Friday, December 31

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom  
*Lay led by Erich and Elaine Zameret and Ruth Rubin*

**Yahrzeits— December 5, 2021-January**

(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, 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)

**Read on Friday, December 10**

Baruch Freedental\*

Leopold Gluck\* (Helen Gluck)

Morris Gluck\* (Helen Gluck)

Eleanor Goldman (Jerry & Rochelle Silverman)

Celia Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)

Lynn Loudon (Cheryl & David Decker)

Etta Muchnikoff (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)

Michele Murdoch\* (Rachel Glicker Duggins & Sean Duggins)

Sol Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

Margaret Schoenbrun\*

Harry Segal (Allen & Michele Blum)

Lois Stern\*

William Silberman (Cyrille Kane)

**Read on Friday, December 17**

Ilona Farkas\* (Yosef & Susan Lapid)

Aron Fiszbein\* (Abraham & Amy Fiszbein)

Edward Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)

Joan Glickler\* (Rachel Glickler-Duggins & Sean Duggins)

Ira Hudson III (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)

Sarah Jacobs\*

Ken Kessin\* (Deana Kessin)

Charles Klein (Tom & Deborah Levy)

Harry Kuznekoff\* (Chuck Kuznekoff)

Dorothy Leibson\*

Sam Ross (Irwin & Barbara Ross)

Carl Salars (Nancy Salars)

Sonia Silverman (Jerry & Rochelle Silverman)

Sarah Spiegel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)

Ronia Van Stellingwerf\*

Abraham Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)

Sylvia Weiss\* (Harry & Diane Bass)

Evelyn Willman\*

**Read on Friday December 24**

Ed Entin (Jason & Elisha Rosenberg)

Ruth Gluck\* (Helen Gluck)

George Gorelick\* (Abraham & Amy Fiszbein)

Ray Grossfeld (Beverly Ellen)

Lillian Klein (Tom & Deborah Levy)

Alvin Krasner (Frima Marquez)

Lee Moss (Rachel Stevens)

Murray Neale (Pearle Neale)

Dorothy Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)

Nancy Rees Brown (Marieka & Jeanne Brown)

**Read on Friday December 31**

Jerome Deutschman\* (Ellen & Alfred Torres)

Jack Frank\*

Bernard Gluck\* (Helen Gluck)

Henry Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)

Faige Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)

Asher Klaitman\* (Rita Polsky)

Charles Lipsitz (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)

Jeanette Marks (Rabbi Lawrence & Rhonda Karol)

Leon Markson (Linda Kruger)

Frances Pass\*

Richard Stern (Burt & Ann Berkson)

James Turnbull (Joanne Turnbull)

Laura Metzger (Bryan & Lisa McCuller)

**Read on Friday, January 8, 2022**

Elaine Brown (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)

Miriam Cutler (Allen & Michele Blum)

Shmuel Farkas\* (Yosef & Susan Lapid)

Herman Golden (Richard & Darlene Goldberg)

Morris Goldstein (Arthur & Wendee Lorbeer)

Pearl Greenfield Higgins\*

Harris Libby (Robert & Carla Libby)

Irene Neidich\*

Phyllis Orner Chonoles\* (Ralph Orner)

Katrina Ray (Meig Dickson & Max Wipson)

Evelyn Roselinsky (Lynn & David Zeemont)

Joseph Tashlik (Allen & Michele Blum)

Barbara Yalkut\*

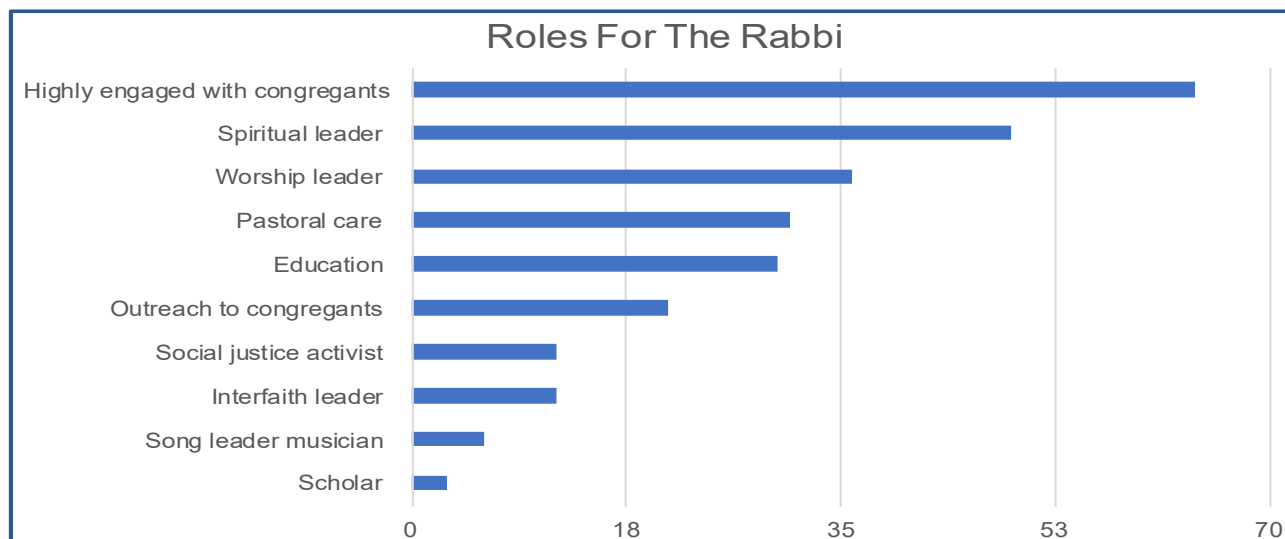
Irene Zimmerman (Tom & Deborah Levy)

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.

## Summary of Membership Meeting 11/11/21

- A meeting of the membership was held November 11, 2021 at the request of president Nan Rubin and the Board of Trustees to gain a sense of the membership on a potential Rabbi search.
- The Zoom meeting was well attended with at least 42 households attending.
- Presentations included some results from our URJ Survey on what we want in a rabbi.
- The congregation expressed the desire for a rabbi who will be highly engaged with the community and a spiritual and worship leader.

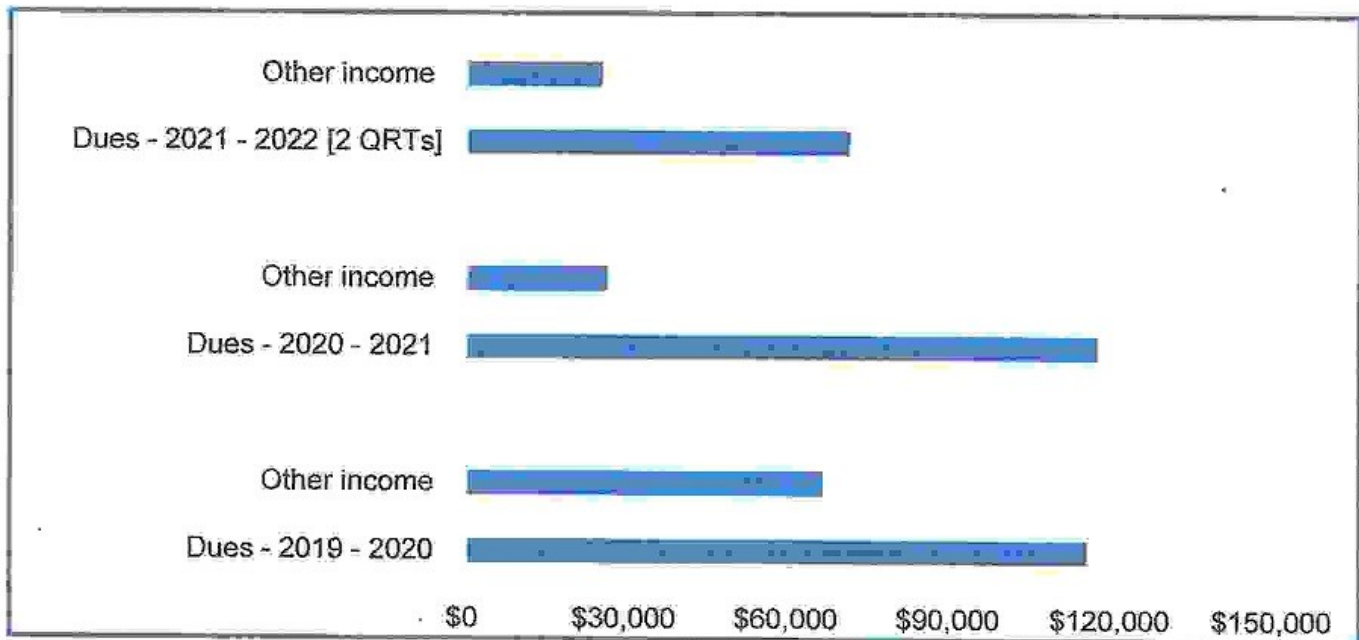


- Many comments were made about the desire for a rabbi with leadership skills who is welcoming and can attract new members and perhaps recapture past members who have left.
- As we are a Reform congregation we are looking at entering into placement with CCAR, the rabbinic placement service of the URJ. Once we enter their service they require our search be exclusively with them.
- Nan Rubin indicated that the CCAR suggested we consider hiring a part time rabbi. The Pros and Cons of hiring a full time vs a part time rabbi were discussed. Comments included that it would be best if a part time rabbi lived within commuting distance. Some said we need a full time rabbi to get more enthusiasm.
- Salary charts from the CCAR from 2019 were shared. We would be offering in the lower salary range.

### Rabbinical Compensation By Congregation Size -2019-2020

Congregation Size	25th	Median	Average	75th	n
150 and under	90,778	106,137	109,960	116,108	60
151 to 250	106,339	118,960	121,098	132,929	98
251 to 400	134,000	156,500	157,525	171,222	105
401 to 600	162,900	180,081	186,404	202,038	77
601 to 800	188,495	209,583	229,507	240,021	46
801 to 1000	227,974	254,617	259,020	293,826	27
1001 to 1200	248,000	280,500	278,916	291,000	13

- Paying dues quarterly helps us make good decisions about our finances.
- A new congregant shared his experiences in a former congregation of similar size which included a Kol Nidre campaign which yielded \$10,000 annually in pledges.
- We need to be sure we have enough funds to take care of the synagogue building and its programs.
- We have not been successful in naming chairs for the Jewish Food and Folk Festival which provides dollars necessary for a balanced budget.
- Some suggested we ask people to raise their dues. As a congregation of older members, some on fixed incomes, it was expressed that it is difficult for some to raise their dues especially with inflation.
- Our membership numbers remain stable at about 115 families. If all member families paid their full dues, we would be able to sustain the salary for a full time position.



- The search process with the URJ/CCAR was presented. If we move forward in December, we could have a rabbi in place by July. Contracts are typically for three years.
- Unlike in the past, newly ordained rabbis and experienced rabbis are all in the same pool.
- There are more rabbis available this year than in the past but we have no idea how attractive Las Cruces will be for a younger rabbi or someone looking for a second or third career.
- Some would like us to search for both full time and part time at the same time. Others feel we should decide what we want and then move forward.
- Nan asked for those interested in serving on the search committee to contact her. The Board will report back to the membership on next steps: a thorough projection of funding; establishing a search committee; and drafting a job description to begin filling out the CCAR application form.



# Mountain Retreat, October 22-24, 2021

Temple Mount Sinai, in part to a grant from The Jewish Community Foundation, hosted a retreat in the mountains of Cloudcroft. The event was open to the entire Jewish Community in the area. Four of our families; the Berksons, the Baudos, the Browns, and the Spiegel/Ragosta family attended. Activities included services, Havdalah, archery, hiking and horseback riding. All four families had a great time and are hoping that the event is repeated.





# Mountain Retreat, October 22-24, 2021



"It was really fun. I had a great time." -- Liana Brown

"I loved having time to hang out with other TBE families out in the mountains. We hiked, zip-lined, and did archery together, and we laughed A LOT. Seeing our TBE youth leading services alongside El Paso youth was inspiring to watch." -- Marieka Brown

"My favorite memory from the retreat is the early morning hike we took with a few faithful early risers to a beautiful overlook, where we sang morning blessings. This was followed up by a hike with the Temple Beth-El parents with lots of one on one time and getting to know each other better, and finding some super interesting rocks!" -- Jeanne Brown

# Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! I have noticed that the blessings in one's life often come around in unexpected ways. For example, today I am at home with time to work on the newsletter due to a diagnosis of the flu. I know I have the flu because I had an exposure to Covid and took the day off work yesterday to be tested just to be safe. Negative for Covid but positive for Flu and early enough for the medication to work and not to experience severe symptoms. This is where I make my plug to you to get your Flu shot (unless like me you need an excuse to take a day off).

Another example of an unexpected blessing was the result of living in a small town in Maine where the closest supermarket that carried challah was two hours away. So, I learned to make my own. Until that day, I had no idea how much better a homemade challah was. And, it has the added benefit of the wonderful smell of baked bread in the house. These days, I have access to store bought challah but still prefer to make my own (and my family complains when the challah is not homemade). However, it takes time, and that is in an increasingly short supply. I suspect I am not alone on that. So, I am very grateful to Gillian Baudo for the following recipe.

## Quick Homemade Challah - ready in about an hour!

(adapted from Italian Bread recipe from Southern Living, October 2004)

### Ingredients

- 1 (1/4-ounce) envelope active dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 cup hot water (100° to 110°)
- 2 eggs split yolks and whites
- 2 to 3 1/2 cups bread flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

### Directions

Step 1: Combine yeast, honey, and 1 cup hot tap water in bowl of a heavy-duty electric stand mixer; let stand 5 minutes. Add the 2 egg yolks and blend. Then, add 2-3 cups flour, oil, and salt to bowl and beat at low speed, using dough hook attachment, until dough comes together. Gradually add additional flour as needed until

dough stops sticking to sides and bottom of bowl (Note: The dough will take on a "shaggy" appearance as the flour is being added. When enough flour has been added, the dough will look soft and smooth, not wet and sticky or overly dry with a rough surface.)

Step 2: Increase speed to medium, and beat 5 minutes. Cover bowl of dough with plastic wrap, and let stand in a warm place (85°), free from drafts, 30 minutes or until doubled in bulk. Punch dough down, and let stand 10 minutes.

Step 3: Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and split into 3, 4 or 6 even pieces. Braid into challah using your favorite method. Let rest 10 minutes. Brush with egg whites mixed with honey.

Step 4: Bake at 400° for 16 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. (bread will sound hollow when you knock on the bottom)

Easy and delicious. I tested it and my family approved.



L'hitraot,  
Beth Tierney

**Correction:** In the October issue of the Adelante, the report on the Political Candidate Forum was incorrectly attributed to Jeff Brown. It was actually written by Ned Rubin.



# Celebrating our Simchas

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

Karen Currier  
Aaron Hyman  
Michael Mandel  
Ron Pierce  
Jamie Tierney

John France  
Debbie Levy  
Stan Muchnikoff  
Beth Tierney

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

None available

*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](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com).

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

## 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](mailto:Alisonmd4@gmail.com)
- Luke Duddridge—727-204-6086  
[LCDuddridge@hotmail.com](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com)
- David Decker—575-556-4056  
[deckerdavid28@gmail.com](mailto:deckerdavid28@gmail.com)

**If you are aware of any members in need of the services listed above, please let us know!**

## 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](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com)

Or

David Decker—575-556-4056,  
[deckerdavid28@gmail.com](mailto:deckerdavid28@gmail.com)

## Adelante Submissions:

As we enter another busy year, 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 January 2022 Adelante is December 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](mailto:cambrien73@gmail.com)

## 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.
- Test for genetic changes that increase a person's risk for many types of cancer, including breast, prostate, colon and others.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 4PM ON ZOOM**

MEETING ID: 915 833 2222 | PASSCODE: CBZBOARD



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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.

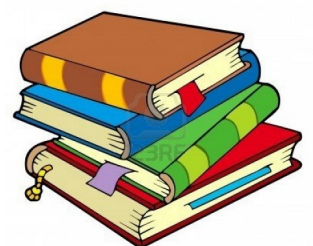
Why now? Synagogue B'nai Zion in El Paso received a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, and have invited Temple Mt. Sinai and TBE to share in the information and a 50% discount on the cost of the tests. Unfortunately, this discount is only for people with El Paso and Las Cruces zip 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](http://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 lively conversation sounds good, just email me at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com). Hope to hear from you. —Jim Rosenthal



## Donations through November 22, 2021

### General Operating Fund:

Erich Zameret, in memory of Dov and Tova Zameret  
Ned Rubin and Francine Feinberg  
Debbie Levy  
Jane Grider, in memory of Dr. Clarence A Lathrop  
Jeanne and Marieka Brown, in honor of Dave and Cheryl  
for all their hard work, and Steve and Karen on their  
new home

### Social Action Fund:

Diane Fleishman, for Afghan project  
Darlene and Richard Goldberg, for Casa de Peregrinos  
Susan Brown, for Afghan project  
Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Leo Bienstock  
and Roz Sugarman  
Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in honor of Alison and Gary  
Mann's anniversary and the birth of the Mann's new  
grandson

### Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Nancy Bergman, in memory of Stanley S Bergman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Stacey and Michael Hyman, in memory of Tanah  
Hemingway  
Anonymous  
Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Tanah  
Hemingway

### Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Bob and Monika Kimball, in honor of Stuart Kelter and  
Leora Zeitlin for their leadership

### Biblical Garden Fund:

Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Beverly Lewis  
Nancy Bergman, in memory of Austin Lee Brumfield  
Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff, in memory of Leo Bienstock  
and Roz Sugarman

### Tree of Life:

Lisa and Fred Shporer, in honor of Ruth and Barney  
Sugarman

## 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 Board Meeting Summary November 18, 2021

- As an invocation, Martha Roditti shared the poem *An Opening Ceremony*, by Rabbi Vicki Hollander.
- Financial report for the fiscal year 7/20 - 6/21 showed an income of \$114,000 while we did not have a rabbi and we did not fundraise due to Covid. The Profit and Loss report for 7/21 to date compared with 7/20 to date shows our budget is stable.
- Membership meeting of 11/11/21 revealed a strong sentiment of the congregation to go forward with a search for a full time rabbi and also that people are concerned and confused about our finances
- We need to produce a document to better communicate our finances to our members
- A Search Committee for a rabbi is being formed and the application is being completed.
- Religious Practices Committee shared the worship schedule for December. The committee has been working tirelessly providing services. We are looking to hire Rabbi Leff to lead some Friday night and some Saturday morning worship experiences when Rabbi Sofia is not scheduled to be with us.
- Alexandra Goldsteen will become a Bat Mitzvah in April.
- Ways and Means reported that *A Night at the Auction* is being planned for Saturday, January 29, 2022.
- We are still looking for chairs for the Jewish Food and Folk Festival.
- The Adult Education/Social Action Committee, as a community group that supports culture, announced that Cuarteto Latinamericano, will be performing at The Rio Grande Theatre on December 10.
- David Decker was hired to provide general maintenance and cleaning for our building.
- The board unanimously accepted Steve and Debbie Leyndyke as new members.

Respectfully submitted by Wendee Lorbeer,  
Secretary. Complete minutes are available.



Temple Beth-El is planning to 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](mailto:president.tbcl@gmail.com)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2022

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**Temple Beth-El is part of Amazon Smile**, which offers members of Temple Beth-El an opportunity to participate in Smile Amazon and donates 0.05% of all purchases back to the Temple. The process is very simple – go to

[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). You will

be required to enter the charity to which you wish to donate – just type in Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces in the charity box and this will set the Temple as your charity of choice. Then just shop – pretty easy and since many people today shop online via Amazon, it becomes a win-win situation for all.

### **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.

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

**Visit the Temple Beth-El Website**

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**for in-depth information about Temple and its programming and updates on current Temple events**

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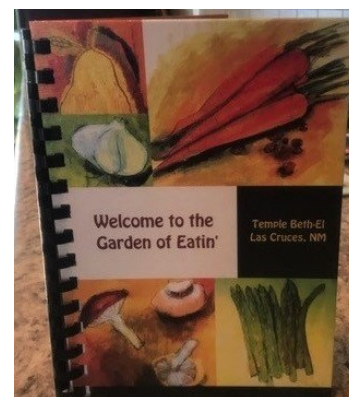
**Honor the memory of loved ones with a memorial plaque and mark celebrations and milestones (and also the memory of friends and family) by adding leaves to our Tree of Life.**



### **Temple Beth-El Cookbook**

**“Welcome to the Garden of Eatin’”**

**\$15, Cash or Check**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Kislev 1 1 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Kislev 2 2	Kislev 3 3 Shabbat Services & Hanukah Celebration at Temple and via Zoom 6:00 pm	Kislev 4 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
Tevet 1 5 Religious School 9:00 AM	Tevet 2 6  <i>Last night of Chanukah</i>	Tevet 3 7 Short Story Group 10:30 am via Zoom	Tevet 4 8 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Tevet 5 9	Tevet 6 10 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm	Tevet 7 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
Tevet 8 12 Religious School 9:00 AM	Tevet 9 13	Tevet 10 14 Short Story Group 10:30 am via Zoom	Tevet 11 15 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Tevet 12 16 Board Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom	Tevet 13 17 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm	Tevet 14 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
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Tevet 22 26 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK	Tevet 23 27	Tevet 24 28 Short Story Group 10:30 am via Zoom	Tevet 25 29 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Tevet 26 30	Tevet 27 31 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	



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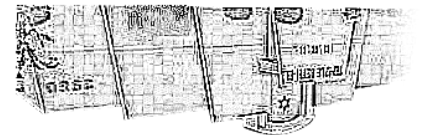
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