

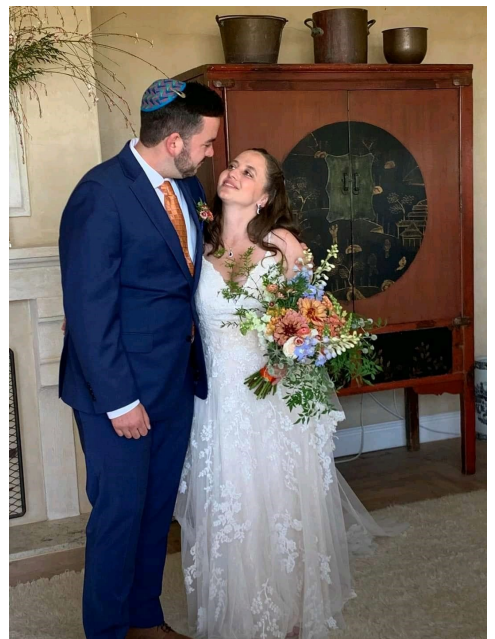
# Adelante!

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

FEBRUARY 2022 (SHEVAT-ADAR I 5782)

Brett and I would like to thank you all for the love and support on the occasion of our wedding. We are so touched that many of you joined us by livestream and so grateful for the contributions some of you made to our wedding tzedakah project, Project Bayit. It was a perfect day in every sense, and we feel so blessed to have each other and to have such incredible friends, families and communities surrounding us.

Rabbi Sofia



## Worship Schedule

**Because of Covid virus uncertainties, all services via Zoom unless notified through Eblast email. Watch your emails**

**Masks required for everyone two and older 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 ([rablpcarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpcarol@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, February 4

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom  
*Led by the Social Action Committee.*

*Speaker will be from Afghan Resettlement Project*

### Saturday, February 5

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19

### Friday, February 11

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, February 12

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Torah Study

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

Parshat Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

### Friday, February 18

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service

*Led by Mensch Club*

### Saturday, February 19

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Ki Tissa

Exodus 30:11-34:35

### Friday, February 25

6:30 pm, Shabbat Evening service

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, February 26

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Torah Study

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

Parshat Vayakhel

Exodus 35:1– 38:20, Exodus 30:11-16

**Yahrzeits— February 4, 2022-March 4, 2022**

(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, February 4, 2022**

Shimson Alkon (Philip & Sally Alkon)  
 Shirley Backman (Bob & Judy Kirshner)  
 Ruth Brooks\* (Sharon & Peter Dorfman)  
 Louis Druxman\*  
 Patricia Collier Ehlers (Bryan & Lisa McCuller)  
 Margaret Gantert (Jacob & Susi Kolikant)  
 Rita Herman (Jeffrey & Avis Lewis)  
 Bernice Klein\* (Sam Klein, Melvin “Sonny” & Rosie Klein)  
 Bella Krushen\*  
 Pauline Lemelin (Michael & Stacey Hyman)  
 Leonardo Oczon (Mark & Aggie Saltman)  
 Alvin Phinick (Mike & Karen Currier)  
 Yetta Resnick\* (Frances Williams)  
 Sonia Seigel\*  
 Reba Tapper (Dan Tapper & Judy Long)  
 Roxy Violin (Mark & Stefani Singer)  
 Dolly Zabin (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)

**Read on Friday, February 11, 2022**

Beatrice Gibbs (Terri Sugarman)  
 Hortense Heart (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)  
 Ida Katz\*  
 Frances Klein\* (Melvin “Sonny” Klein & Rosie Klein)  
 Itzhak Kolikant (Jacob & Susi Kolikant)  
 Max Steinberg\* (Murray & Evelyn Bruder)

**Read on Friday, February 18, 2022**

Louis Bass\* (Harry & Diane Bass)  
 Faye Berkson\* (Burt & Ann Berkson)  
 Mollie Bruder\* (Pearie & Ron Bruder, Murray & Evelyn Bruder)  
 Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Norman Green (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Rabbi Allan Langner (Bernice Langner)  
 Max Levant (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)

Charlotte Ray Mann (Alison Mann)  
 Bertram Marks (Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol)  
 Mieke Skigen\*  
 Edith Steinberg (Pearie & Ron Bruder, Murray & Evelyn Bruder)  
 Joseph Wolfe\* (Martin Poel)

**Read on Friday, February 25, 2022**

Ralph Alkon (Philip & Sally Alkon)  
 Betty Brankman (Philip & Sally Alkon)  
 Samuel Chapman (Diane Fleishman)  
 Warren Dudleston (Scott & Betsy Gubin)  
 Harriet Krasner Silver (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)  
 Minnie Levicoff (Norman & Sue Mazer)  
 Harold Loudon (Cheryl & David Decker)  
 Abigail Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)  
 David Andrew Steinzig\*

**Read on Friday, March 4, 2022**

Sidney Berger\* (Barbara Berger)  
 Martin Feingold (Deana Kessin)  
 Stuart Fleishman (Diane Fleishman)  
 Lawrence Freidman (Teddy Weinglass)  
 Claire Gornstein Krasner (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)  
 Jean Lemelin (Michael & Stacey Hyman)  
 Bertha Maness (Mark & Stefani Singer)  
 Richard Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)  
 Chana Podolsky (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Samuel Ryave (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Gertrude Silverston\*  
 Anthony Thelkan\*

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.





## Reform Movement, Past and Present

Although I was brought up in a Reform congregation, I didn't learn very much about the actual history of the Reform movement. I knew it was started in Germany in the mid-1800s in an effort to 'modernize' many Jewish practices, but I did not know this was a response in part to the Enlightenment, which opened up the ghettos of Europe and allowed the Jews to function freely in the economic and social culture of the times.

I was also unaware how the movement has struggled with the conflicting dynamics of the universal tendency to blend in with our neighbors, at the same time needing to maintain the religious and moral identity that has kept us apart.

So I was very surprised when I attended the General Assembly of the URJ [Union for Reform Judaism] at the beginning of January. This special membership meeting was called for the exclusive purpose of approving bylaw amendments that would diversify the governance of the organization, and I expected a really wonky affair, with a lot of legal exposition and discussion of organizational structure.

Instead, I was greeted by a dynamic mini-history lesson of the accomplishments and impact the Reform movement has had, not solely in adopting a broad range of egalitarian and contemporary religious practices, but also our commitment to social justice and Tikkun Olam, the moral imperative to repair the world.

In particular in this era of Black Lives Matter, we were reminded of our long-standing engagement with civil rights. It was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who, when asked why he marched with Dr. King, answered by saying he was "praying with his feet." Instead of a boring meeting with nearly a thousand people on the Zoom, this was moving and inspiring. The voting seemed an afterthought.

I know the events that occurred at Temple Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas - a congregation very similar to ours - have turned our thoughts yet again to anti-Semitism and physical security in our synagogues. Sadly, this is an issue we must continue to address.

The GA began with a reading of Amanda Gorman's most recent poem. Written at the end of December clearly with the past year in mind, it still urges us forward with hope. We can embrace this uplifting message as the URJ prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

L'Shalom  
Nan Rubin, President  
Temple Beth El, Las Cruces  
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## We're Still Here: the Lesson of Purim

Among the top topics during our Religious Practices Committee meeting in January were security concerns in light of the Texas synagogue hostage taking and plans for Purim for March 16. It didn't escape me that this goes along with the joke about Jewish holidays: "They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat!"

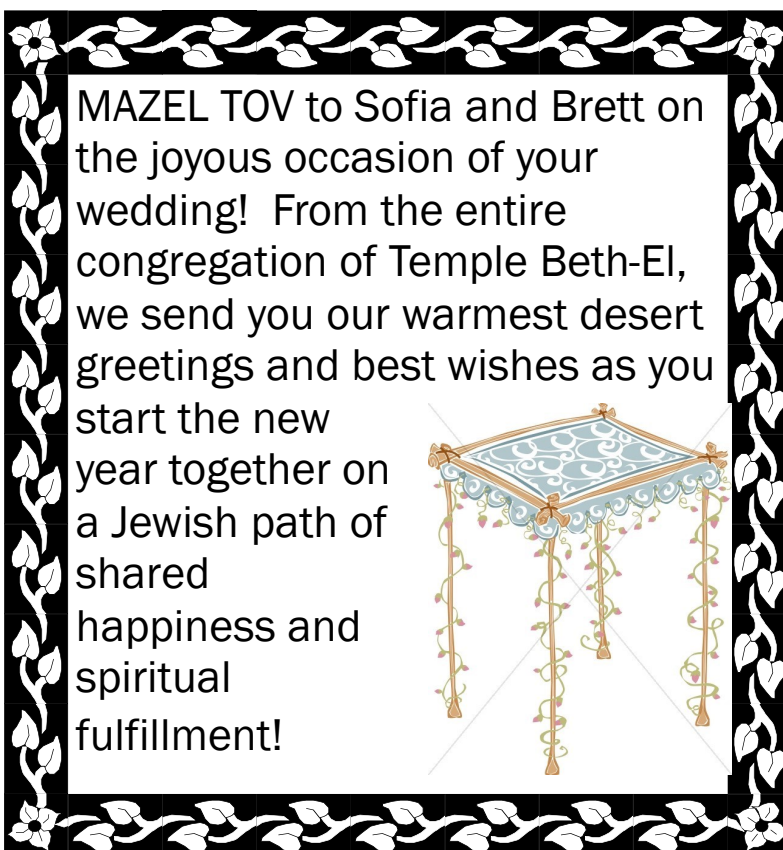
I know what happened in Texas isn't a joking matter, it reminds us that our security is not a given, it very much is something we think about, more so than our Christian brethren, but as the Stephen Sondheim tune goes (in it's plural form), "We're still here!"

In our prayer books there are prayers about freeing the captive and not being afraid. When fear dominates our lives the Hamans of the world win.

We have to be smart, sensible and take appropriate safety measures, but we're a resilient people. We have to keep in mind there have been other people in history who have been targeted, and we along with their descendants are here to be witnesses to the worst of human history, but we're also here to point out the best in humankind.

So experiment with hamantaschen recipes, work more on a costume this year, make a three-cornered hat if you feel like it. We've got more than a month to prepare. We're still here.

—Cherri Hudson-Brown, chair, Religious Practices Committee



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 TAMING FEAR

Gail L. Braverman,  
LMFT, Temple Board Member

Life has always been uncertain. But somehow these days the volume of uncertainty has been turned up. Yes, I am referring to the pandemic, its continuing variants, but also to climate change, political polarization, poverty, racism, and inadequate public health care. Any one of those things are scary by themselves let alone happening all at the same time.

Our bodies are built in a way to respond to danger called the “fight, flight, or freeze response.” You may experience any of these symptoms: rapid breathing, accelerated heart rate, increased muscle tension, sweating, goose bumps, sleep disturbances, jumpiness, shakiness, difficulty concentrating, trouble swallowing, and dizziness. Fear is a universal emotion experienced by everyone around the world.

Fear is an evolutionary development. It developed to protect us from harm and from being eaten by a predator. The brain, however, doesn't know the difference between being chased by a lion, and an intense conversation. It feels threatened and behaves in the very same way producing chemicals to ensure our survival. It can be hard to calm our body down once it gets going. That's why trying to have an important discussion with someone when you are in the “fight, flight, or freeze response” is pretty pointless.

Even without being in crisis mode, our everyday fears and our fears about the future can debilitate us, keeping us from taking that next step.

Ultimately, action is the best way to tame fear. Even small steps can give us the confidence to take more small steps and then larger ones.

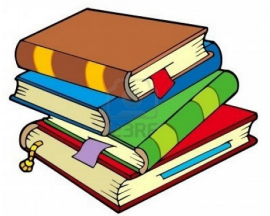
Here are some ideas to help tame fear:

- Take a few deep breaths.
- Reach out to others.
- Remember thoughts are not facts.
- Develop the skill of watching your thoughts, feelings and behavior from a larger perspective.
- Substitute negative thoughts for positive ones.
- Practice being compassionate to yourself.
- Create a mantra - A mantra is a word or a phrase that has meaning to you and is repeated silently over and over again. When carefully chosen mantras are said to have the ability to alter your subconscious and mood. It can be as simple as “I am calm, Shalom, peace, or let go and let God.”
- Pray for what you need.

**Reflection:** “Courage is fear that has said its prayers.” Anonymous

**Today's Practice:** Write a few sentences or say out loud: “If I were fearless, today I would.....”

## TBE Short Story Group



**The TBE short story discussion group will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom and continues each Tuesday for eight weeks. Our lively series is open to any temple member who loves fiction, especially short stories, and enjoys talking about them with others. As always, our short story series focuses on Jewish writers, current and past. I send the stories to participants before each weekly discussion. Participants are asked to make an \$18 donation to Temple Beth-El. Email me if you would like to join us or have any questions!**

**Jim Rosenthal**

## Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! When I first started editing the Adelante, I had no idea how much my knowledge of all things Jewish would grow as a result. Some of these learning opportunities occurred as I was putting together the calendar for this month. As you may or may not know, 5782 is a leap year. Unlike the secular leap year, we do not add just one day every 4 years to balance out the cycle. Rather, we add an extra month, a second Adar. I learned that these leap years occur 7 times in a 19 year cycle and that in Hebrew, a leap year is referred to as Shanah Me'uberet, or pregnant year. To me, this is so much more poetic. It invokes not just a correction, but rather a year that offers more.

I found all this out because I noticed a holiday on the calendar that I had never noticed before, Purim Katan. This translates literally to "minor Purim" We celebrate it on the 14th day of Adar I because the cycle of days is the same in Adar I as Adar II. However, Purim is celebrated only in Adar II. The Talmud says there is "no difference between the fourteenth of the first Adar and the fourteenth of the second Adar" However, our observances are different. On Purim Katan we do not read the megillah, or send Mishloach Manot. The most common way to celebrate is to have a somewhat larger or more festive lunch. But in general, the most important thing to do is to increase our joy on this day just as is commanded for Purim.

So, while Purim Katan is a minor holiday, it is still a mitzvah or commandment to celebrate it. I think that having an extra day to focus on increasing our joy is something that we can all get behind.

Which brings us to Purim, the 14th of Adar II. We do not yet know what our Temple celebration will look like, but we will celebrate together. And if you are looking for a costume, Halloweencostumes.com may be able to help you out. I don't know if they have mentioned Purim on their website in the past, but this year they even have Purim specific costumes. True, it is only Esther and Haman (boo!), and Haman's (boo!) hat does not have 3 corners, but I appreciate the acknowledgement.

So, Chag Purim Katan Sameach and Lhitraot,  
Beth Tierney

*This prayer was written by Rabbi Larry Karol in the midst of the Hostage situation at Temple Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX*

### A Prayer for January 15, 2022

Eternal God,  
Our Creator,  
I still believe that You are  
A Shield  
A Shelter  
A Guardian  
A Support  
A Guide  
Available to all people  
Except for those who have shut themselves off  
From all You have to give.  
And when that happens,  
You are still,  
for those with open minds and hearts  
A Shield  
A Shelter  
A Guardian  
A Support  
A Guide  
And a connection builder  
Among us  
So that we will be able to provide  
For each other  
Shelter  
Guidance  
Support  
Love  
Comfort  
And Hope.  
Be with us today.  
We need You.  
And help us be present for one another  
So that we will still sense the possibility  
Of safety  
as we voice our praise  
For this amazing world  
And all of its blessings.

# Celebrating our Simchas

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

Jeanne Brown  
Monika Kimball  
Arthur Lorbeer  
Karen F. Pierce  
Morgan Tierney

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

Beverly and Luke Duddridge  
Rachel and Sean Duggins  
Debbie and Tom Levy  
Wendy and Arthur Lorbeer  
Elaine & Eric Zamaret

*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 March 2022 Adelante is February 20, 2022.**

**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)



## Donations through January 22, 2022

### General Operating Fund:

Debbie Levy

Michael Heald, in memory of Gary Mann

Molly-Jane Rubinger, in memory of Gary Mann

Jerry and Jodie Nachison, in memory of Louis Desgun

Arlon and Brenda Parish, in memory of Wade W Gardner

Bob Libby, in memory of Harris B Libby

Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Jesse J Muchnikoff

Janet Stevens

Arthur and Rebecca Berkson, in honor of Marieka Brown  
and Steve Haydu for helping with Zoom activities for  
Mia's Bat Mitzvah

Norine Dresser, in memory of Gary Mann

Marta and Robert Frank, in memory of Gary Mann

Jackson Walker, in memory of Gary Mann

Arthur and Rebecca Berkson, in memory of Gary Mann

Peter and Sharon Dorfman, in memory of Ruth N Brooks

Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, Inc, in memory of Gary Mann

Mary Hoffman and Jim Sorenson, in memory of Gary  
Mann

Bill Stein and Susan Michelson, in memory of William  
Stein and Gary Mann

Katrina McIntyre, in honor of their daughter Candice's  
birthday

Jeanne and Marieka Brown, in memory of George Cohen  
and Marion Brown

Bernice Langer, in memory of Hesh Langner

### Social Action Fund:

Scott and Betsy Gubin, for Camp Hope breakfast

Lisa and Bryan McCuller, for Camp Hope breakfast

Steve and Susan Michelson, for Camp Hope breakfast

Steve Haydu, for Camp Hope breakfast

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, for Camp Hope breakfast

Allen and Michele Blum, for Camp Hope breakfast

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, for Camp Hope breakfast

Jerry Silverman, in memory of Gary Mann

Michael and Barbara Mandel, Afghan project in memory  
of Gary Mann

### Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Gary Mann

### Biblical Garden Fund:

Dee Cook, in memory of Gary Mann

Dave and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Gary Mann

Jerry Silverman, in memory of Gary Mann

Joanne Turnbull, in memory of Jaime Turnbull

### Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Gary Mann and Anita Allen

### Mitzvah Team Fund:

Barbara Berger, thank you to Luke for driving me to the  
airport

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Irv Ross, in memory of Sam Ross

## 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  
January 20, 2022**

- Vice-President Lynn Zeemont conducted the meeting in President Nan Rubin’s absence.
- Lynn presented the invocation, an insightful prayer for the pandemic.
- Finance Report indicated the dues collection through the middle of January is on target to reach our normal level. The Tower Point Cell Tower lease is continuing to be studied.
- The written report from president Nan Rubin included information on:
  - the ongoing Rabbinic Search. The application has been submitted and the committee is going to have a session on implicit bias training.
  - a grant which was submitted to the El Paso Federation to support a major outreach and promotion effort, assuming we have a new rabbi to introduce to the community.
  - attending the URJ General Assembly meeting with Steve Haydu.
  - Bob Kimball helping with updating information on our website.
  - Beth Tierney taking over managing the members mailing lists.
  - Mark Saltman contacting LCPD to increase surveillance on the temple.
  - Cheryl Decker being in touch with our local FBI liaison to provide more training for the congregation. She will let us know when training will be scheduled.
  - the Federation in El Paso has scheduled a conference call/Zoom on Monday 1/24. The link will be provided to those interested.
- Another grant has also been requested in coordination with Temple Mt. Sinai in El Paso for a family retreat.
- After having consulted with the Executor of Tanah Hemingway’s estate, payment of \$2000 has been sent from the Rabbi’s Discretionary fund to her daughter Riva who made the payment for the funeral, \$1700 of which had been donated by congregants for the benefit of Tanah’s family.
- Steve Haydu will write a job description for Technology Assistant for help to include the website and delivering hybrid services.

Board Meeting Minutes, continued from previous column

- Religious Practices Committee reported that with HUC holding only online classes until February and only essential travel being allowed it is unclear when Rabbi Sofia will next be in person in Las Cruces. We will all have to be flexible.
- Nominating Committee, chaired by Bryan McCuller, has begun meeting with a goal of being ready with candidates by April 1, 2022.
- Dee Cook reported that the Ways and Means Committee is looking for more donations for the temporarily postponed *A Night at the Auction*. *The committee wants to be ready to go as soon as it is deemed safe to hold the event. This can only happen if the donations are in.*
- Social Action report was submitted by Ned Rubin on the Afghan Refugee Project.
- Religious School Committee report was given by Marieka Brown. Students are currently meeting both inside and outside the building.
- The Board approved membership for Barbara and John Busby.
- Sisterhood service on March 18 will be led by Debbie Levy as Cynthia Herber has relocated out of the area.

Respectfully submitted by Wendee Lorbeer, Secretary.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2022**

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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, tents, sleeping bags, and new or 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.



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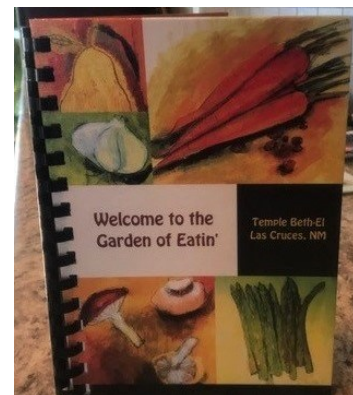
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# FEBRUARY 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Shevat 30 1 Short Story Group 10:30 AM	Adar I 1 2 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Adar I 2 3	Adar I 3 4 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom 6:30 pm	Adar I 4 5 Talmud Study 9:00 am via Zoom
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