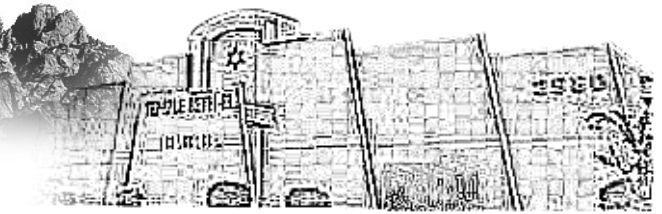


# Adelante!

A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico



JANUARY 2022 (TEVET-SHEVAT 5782)

**Get Ready for an Evening of fun!**

## **A Night at the Auction**

Learn something new! Develop a skill! Pamper yourself!

This exciting event is exclusive to members of our Temple Beth-El community.

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**7pm-9:30 pm**

\*Silent & Live Auction

\*Music

\*Raffle

**\$5 per person (Children 12 and under free)**



## Worship Schedule

Because of rapidly changing conditions with Covid 19 and its variants, 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

### Saturday, January 1

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

### Friday, January 7

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service *in person, details to follow*

### Saturday, January 8

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Bo

Exodus 10:1-13:16

### Friday, January 14

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway*

### Saturday, January 15

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15am via Zoom, Torah study with Rabbi

Sofia Zway

Parshat Beshalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16

### Friday, January 21

6:30 pm, Shabbat Evening service

*led by Rabbi Barry Leff in Person*

### Saturday, January 22

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Saturday morning services in person

*Led by Rabbi Barry Leff*

Parshat Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23

### Friday, January 28

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway in person*

### Saturday, January 29

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 Torah Study or service

*Led by Rabbi Sofia Zway in person*

Parshat Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

**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, 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)

**Read on Friday, January 14, 2022**

Clinton Cook\* (Dee Cook)  
Richard Garner (Ari & Carrie Swartz)  
Zeena Audrae Geller (Ruth Rubin)  
Ruth Ginsburg (Martha Roditti)  
Isaac Kruger (Linda Kruger)  
Margret Leverett\* (Margot Leverett)  
Jesse Muchnikoff (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)  
Joseph Popky (Eric & Donna Popky)  
Edward Schoenbrun\*  
Stanley Skigen\*  
Leah Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)

**Read on Friday, January 21, 2022**

Lola Davis\*  
Jennie Davison\*  
Louis Desgun (Jerry & Jodie Nachison)  
Lillie Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)  
Susan Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)  
William Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)  
Coleman Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)  
Sylvia Gubin (Scott & Betsy Gubin)  
Janet Kane (Cyrille Kane)  
Warren Klein (Tom & Deborah Levy)  
Samuel Klein\* (Sam Klein, Melvin "Sonny" & Rosie Klein)  
David Kloss\*  
Benjamin Lampert\* (Gabriel Lampert)  
Hesh Langner (Bernice Langner)  
Ethel Paul\*  
Neysa Pritkin\*  
Edward Resnick\* (Frances Williams)  
William Stein (Bill Stein)  
Arthur Stern\* (Burt & Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)  
Edward Weiss\* (Harry and Diane Bass)

**Read on Friday, January 28**

Marion Brown (Marieka & Jeanne Brown)  
Henrietta Bruder\* (Murray & Evelyn Bruder)  
George Cohen\* (Susan Brown, Marieka & Jeanne Brown)  
Alexander Edwards\*  
Wade Gardner (Brenda & Arlon Parish)  
Irving Glater (Leslie Glater)  
Raphael Gordon (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)  
Samuel Rabkin\*  
Christine Radcliff\*  
Dee Seton Barber\* (Julie Seton & Bob Sanderson)  
Milton Zeemont (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)

**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)

**Condolences to Alison Mann and family on the death of her husband, Gary Mann, who died Dec. 17.**

**Information regarding services will come at a later date**

**May his memory be for blessing**

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

- The Hebrew dates for each week's Yahrzeits are listed in each Adelante.
  - Names are read on the Shabbat **following** the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
  - Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email or call the Temple office a few days prior to the service.
- \*Asterisks indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office. Current TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$300. Non TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$600.



## Updates from our President

Temple Beth-El has managed to get through the last full calendar year of ongoing covid conditions in relatively good shape, although it has been pretty exhausting, especially for our hard-working and inspiring Religious Practices Committee, which has enabled us to keep having services on Shabbat and other holiday celebrations.

We owe a great deal of thanks to all of you who are keeping Temple Beth-El vibrant and relevant, even in the face of tremendous uncertainty as we enter the new year. "A Night at the Auction" is already scheduled for January 29, with a plan that it will be indoors but without food, and we hope we can keep that commitment.

We're also looking ahead a few months, in hopes that we can actually hold the Jewish Food and Folk Festival in the spring. But the planning must begin in January, and at the moment, there's a lot of reluctance to put in effort without knowing if this big event can actually occur. It won't happen if we can only make plans a month at a time.

On the other hand, I can report a happy development - an anonymous donor has made a gift to Temple Beth-El of \$10,000. The donor is a former member, and the money is unrestricted. However, they have indicated that they would like the money to be allocated towards the search and hiring of a full-time Rabbi if needed. We are tremendously grateful for this generosity, and especially pleased at the timing, because the money will certainly go to a good use in this effort!

The Rabbi Search Committee is in place, and members include: Frances Williams, a founding member of Temple Beth-El; Donna Popky, one of our newest members; both Rebecca and Arthur Berkson; immediate past President Cheryl Decker; Stuart Kelter, one of our mentors to Student Rabbi Sofia; Finance Committee member Allen Blum; Social Action/Adult Ed Chair Ned Rubin; Sue Brown; Diane Fleischman; and Wendee Lorbeer.

In addition, although they each declined serving full-time on the committee, Susan Michelson has volunteered to help read over and edit our materials; and Cynthia Herber, as a former wife of a rabbi, has offered to provide advice to help us understand "what things a congregation should NOT do!" We'll have our first meeting early in the year and will keep you apprised of our progress.

All the best for a healthy and happy 2022!

L'Shalom

Nan Rubin, President

Temple Beth El, Las Cruces

[president.tbclc@gmail.com](mailto:president.tbclc@gmail.com)

## Changes Ahead in Worship?

Just when we thought we might be getting back to normal, a new variant has appeared. We might not have to make major changes in our worship, but then again if there are more mutations or if vaccinated people lose too much immunity, we may be back to Zoom only. We don't know at this writing. Uncertainty can be stressful.

Once again we're facing a glass half empty or glass full perspective.

From late March 2020 until the summer of 2021 there wasn't a choice. All our Friday night services and holidays were via Zoom. The past few months, we've been able to worship together in the sanctuary with more spacing of seats and fewer attendees. There was the capability of the vaccinated to celebrate the High Holy Days in the sanctuary or, for those being more cautious, to participate by Zoom. There was communal Tashlich and a sukkah, although modified to allow social distancing. Some of our temple children became adults holding the Torah in the temple.

I had imagined we would all be back in the temple social hall this December and eating latkes. Once again we've had to innovate. There were latkes but they were eaten outdoors with propane space heaters nearby. Some of us stayed at home and watched what we could on Zoom.

When it was time for reciting Kaddish for my dad's yahrzeit, I wanted to be in a room with other people. The service was lightly attended, but I saw a dear friend who I hadn't seen for months and, as usual, Leora and Stuart gave a beautiful service with music and thoughtfulness.

On the other hand, I saw the faces on Zoom on the tv screen in the sanctuary, and they were our congregation and friends, too.

When we were all Zoom, I heard from some people that they didn't like Zoom and they wouldn't go to services if they were on Zoom. I know people who are dealing with cancer and whose autoimmune systems are compromised so they can't attend services in person, but appreciate being able to connect with others on Zoom. There are people who don't drive at night, or have moved out of state, but they can connect on Zoom.

I think we need to appreciate what we can do rather than concentrate on what we can't. Our tech team has been amazing, but they're getting tired, and some things may need to be cut back. We might also be able to get some part-time help with tech.

One day this will all be over, but there may be some changes as a result of this experience. Until then, we have to watch out for each other, take care of ourselves and appreciate the moments we are given.

—Cherri Hudson-Brown, chair, Religious Practices Committee



## A Brief History of Jews in New Mexico and Las Cruces

By Ned Rubin

When the City of Las Cruces invited the Cuarteto Latinoamericano to come to Las Cruces to provide a free concert of Jewish music, Temple Beth-El, through the Adult Ed committee, was able to co-sponsor a “meet and greet” event with these talented musicians. This was held on Friday, 12/10/2021 at the Branigan Library. In addition to been treated to an hour of wonderful string quartet music, TBE prepared some desserts to share along with this *Brief History of Jews in New Mexico and Las Cruces*. *Several congregants came to this noon concert, but it was suggested that we also share this with our larger congregation.*

Historians believe that Spanish and Portuguese Jews first came to New World in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century after fleeing the Inquisition. To hide from the Holy Office of the Inquisition, they outwardly appeared Catholic while privately maintaining their Jewish identities and passing them on to their descendants. Many also migrated from Mexico City through El Paso del Norte and traveled north along the Rio Grande into what would later become the United States and New Mexico. These became the *Conversos*, or “hidden Jews” or *crypto-Jews*. *But that’s for another time...*

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with a great amount of political unrest in Europe and the opening of the Santa Fe trail in 1821, two waves of immigration brought Jews, among others, to the New Mexico Territory. The first wave was largely from Germany in the 1840’s and 1850’s. The second wave was of Eastern European Jews influenced by the coming of the railroad to New Mexico in the 1880’s. Most of these Jewish immigrants were merchants and tradesmen, opening mercantile stores and trading posts, and becoming some of New Mexico’s more prominent citizens. They first settled in northern New Mexico, including Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Albuquerque and made a name for themselves there as business and civic leaders.

Here, in Las Cruces, several Jewish families settled, notably the Freudenthals, Lesinkys and Solomons. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the Jewish community here became stronger after World War II when some Holocaust survivors and university faculty came to the region. The growth of White Sands Proving Grounds [now Missile Range] also brought both military and civilian Jewish families to the area. This growth continued during and after the 1970s. The Jewish community has been a vital part of Las Cruces over the years. It is my understanding that there have been three Jewish mayors of the city of Las Cruces.

Also, you may recognize the two lion sculptures at the driveway between city hall and the library, off Main St. They are “E. J.” and “Mabel”. The male lion is named for Eugene J. Stern. He was born in Hungary in 1885 and immigrated to the US in 1903. He and his wife, Mabel, moved to Las Cruces from Las Vegas, NM in 1917. He established several businesses here...Popular Dry Goods, Mutual Building and Loan, and another retail store called “The White House.” He became a major philanthropist, funding scholarships at NMSU and providing funding to build the Temple Beth-El synagogue. He paid Mexican sculptor Barios Caballero to design and create the two bronze lions now on display outside of our city hall.

Temple Beth-El was established in Las Cruces in 1953. The name of the synagogue means “House of God” and the congregation dedicated its first building in 1962. Prior to that, meetings, celebrations, and services were held in members’ homes. As membership grew, the congregation needed a larger building and after several years of fund raising, a new building was completed in January 2007 with seating for 400 people. Temple Beth-El now has almost 125 member families coming from a wide range of Jewish backgrounds and many parts of the United States as well as the world.

Let me tell you a bit about our practice. There are three main streams of Jewish practice commonly identified as Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. These are not political affiliations but describe differing aspects of religious practice. Temple Beth-El is a member of the Reform Jewish movement, which is the largest denomination in the United States. It had its beginning in Germany during the 1800s and is considered the most religiously ‘liberal’ among Jewish denominations. It views the Torah, our holy scripture (the first five books of the Old Testament) as divinely inspired but written in the language of the time in which it was given. The text revolves around laws to live by, and although they reflect their times, the words of the Torah remain relevant and continue to guide us today.

The Reform movement stresses following the key principles of Judaism, but with less stress on traditional ritual and allowing the religion to respond to contemporary conditions, individual expression, and progressive values. An underlying principle upon which the Reform movement is built is, in Hebrew, *tikkun olam*. This translates to “repairing the world” ...do something that will not only fix any damage but **improve** upon it. So much of our actions and energy is directed to “doing good works”, big or little. So, we have a very active Social Action and Adult Education committee. We also stress equality of the sexes, so all roles of religious practice and synagogue leadership are equally open to men and women.

The Reform Movement and our synagogue is very welcoming and diverse, with membership open to interfaith families, LGBTQ members and same sex parents, and families of all makeup. All congregants are welcome to participate in all synagogue activities, rituals and ceremonies.



December 10th Concert at The Rio Grande Theatre, “Nefesh Jehudi: A musical journey through the Jewish Soul” with Cuarteto Latinoamericano, Soprano Sivan Rotem and Pianist Sally Pinkas.



Cuarteto Latinoamericano at the December 10th meet and greet at the Thomas Branigan Library, co-sponsored by TBE's Adult Education Committee





On Friday December 17, 2021, five members and friends in the Mensch Club traveled to Silver City. We spent several hours at Fort Bayard placing wreaths in front of the gravesites of veterans. The ceremony was part of the Wreaths Across America Day.

Among the veterans we honored were a few Jewish veterans...Elliot Katz and I found some Jewish vets and we said Kaddish.

Our group included Fred Torres, Elliot Katz, Sergio Trego, Art Lorbeer, and Jeff Lewis.

This has become a Christmas tradition to honor Fred Torres' father and all the other veterans at Fort Bayard...it is a great honor to participate each year in this ceremony.





## December 3rd, 2021 Chanukah Celebration



### Chanukah Boutique

BOY, Chanukah really snuck up on us this year, but everyone did their part to allow the Sisterhood Boutique to continue to thrive, and for that I am grateful.

A special thanks to Dinny Bomberg, who graciously helped me carry the tables and get all the items on the table on Saturday.

As always, Susan Michelson was the banker/cashier and did a great job handling checks and money.

Dee Cook stayed to help as did Rita Polsky. I think Rita bought the most items!

I hope everyone who came -left feeling they had contributed to a good cause-the TBE Sisterhood.

Each year I have been amazed by the enthusiasm and success of this endeavor.

Also, I must mention how quickly with the help of others, we could dismantle the boutique before a memorial service began. Timing is everything.

Thanks again to everyone,

Michele Blum-

Owner of the Judaica shop!







## Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! Happy New Year! I hope that this year is starting well for all of you and that the last one ended well. I am currently in the middle of school break and trying to figure out what to do with all of my time. I have spent much of my time seeing movies and catching up on Netflix. Oh, and I caught a local production of the Nutcracker featuring our own Mia Berkson as well as many other talented dancers.

I saw some of you at our congregational Chanukah celebration. We had to get creative to make it happen but it was a wonderful evening. The service portion was unconventional as we gathered in the sanctuary and were led by Rabbi Sofia, via Zoom. She treated us to one of the Chanukkah videos by the Maccabeats as well as one featuring Amalia Kelter Zeitlin and Julio Campos playing a klezmer version of "Chanukah oh Chanukah". The communal Menorah lighting returned with some of us lighting in the temple and some lighting at home. There were of course latkes but outside. We had heaters, generously loaned to us by the Berkson family but the weather cooperated and it wasn't as cool as it had been in the days before. We also kept warm by playing Gaga Ball. Inside, there were card games and crafts. Thank you all who came and helped!

May this be a year of joy.

Lhitraot,  
Beth Tierney

## TBE Short Story Group



**The Short Story group, led by Jim Rosenthal, is currently in hiatus. It will return sometime in the coming year. Watch this space for details.**

## Afghan Resettlement Project update

The Social Action/Adult Ed committee wants to keep the congregation updated on the current status of this resettlement project. None of the donated money has yet been spent although it now looks as if we can begin to purchase necessary items soon. It appears that will be mostly pots and pans as most other kitchen needs have been donated by our congregants.

Most of the refugees resettled so far have been single men, many of whom are sharing housing together. Once the families begin to be settled, we will distribute the kitchenware we have already collected and determine what else we need to purchase. We would also like to schedule a presentation for the congregation by the director of the resettlement project in Las Cruces, so he can let us know the current status of things and answer any questions we might have. This will probably be scheduled after the new year and we will keep you informed.

We remain committed to aiding in this project..a visible and tangible part of the synagogue's work for tikkun olam.

-Ned Rubin

## Morning Hike with Rabbi Sofia Zway Sunday, January 30

Come Join Rabbi Sofia and the Religious School community as we enjoy the great outdoors. It will be an easy, leisurely hike and we will study and nosh while we are out there. All are welcomed. More details will follow.





# Celebrating our Simchas

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

Liana Brown	Rachel Duggins
Sean Duggins	Jack Greenspan
Bob Kimball	Bob Libby
Michael Lieberman	Barbara Mandel
Rita Polsky	Nancy Rushforth
Thomas Saiers	Joel Siegel
Ellen Torres	

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 February 2022 Adelante is January 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 December 22, 2021

### General Operating Fund:

Deborah Levy  
 Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in memory of David Silverman and Samuel Goldman  
 Nina Rothman, in memory of Irv Rothman and Israel Taslitt  
 Gary and Alison Mann, in honor of their new grandson  
 Harry and Diane Bass, in memory of Sylvia and Edward Weiss  
 Frima Marquez, in memory of Dr. Alvin Krasner  
 Cherri Hudson Brown and Jeff Brown, in memory of Ira Hudson III  
 Jerry Silverman, in memory of Sonia Silverman and Eleanor Goldman  
 Anonymous donor, for rabbi search

### Social Action Fund:

Paul Feil, for Camp Hope Breakfast  
 Jerry Silverman, for Camp Hope Breakfast  
 Deana Kessin  
 Art and Wendee Lorbeer, for Camp Hope Breakfast

### Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Julie Seton and Bob Sanderson

### Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Joseph Tashlick, Harry Segal, and Miriam Cutler

### Biblical Garden Fund:

Art and Wendee Lorbeer, in memory of Morris Goldstein  
 Dave and Lynn Zeemont, in memory of their dog, Maggie

### Memorial Plaques:

Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Tanah Hemingway  
 Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Joseph Bell

### Frances Williams Library Fund:

Abraham and Amy Fiszbein, in memory of Aron Fiszbein and George Gorelick

## 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  
December 16, 2012**

- Martha Roditti provided an invocation on wisdom.
- Finance Report included the announcement of a donation of \$10,000 made by a former member. While the donation funds are not restricted, the donor would be pleased if the monies would be used towards the hiring of a rabbi. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.
- Conversations continue with those involved with the funeral of Tanah Hemingway.
- The formation of a Rabbinic Search Committee is underway and it should be completed soon.
- Discussion items to be on future agendas include a Bylaws and Constitution Review and Board Nominations procedures for next year,
- After much discussion, it was decided to hold a meeting early in January with those who were past JFFF team leaders as well as anyone else interested in discussing how we could modify the event so it could be a safe and successful fundraiser in this time of Covid.
- The Finance Committee will look into the possibility of a change to our cell tower lease.
- Religious Practices Committee reported that the December 4th Chanukah Celebration went well. The use of outdoor space heaters loaned to us for the evening allowed congregants to enjoy latkes outside. In an effort to help the congregation during Covid, Sisterhood will look into purchasing several heaters for the temple.
- There is a need for greeters for services to help with the sign in and mask requirements as well as preparing the challah and wine for kiddush and motzi. Please consider volunteering to welcome our congregants and visitors in this way.
- The Technology Team indicated they need help. They are stretched too thin. We are currently providing in-person and Zoom services which are interactive. We may be trying to do too much and perhaps in the future when in-person services are planned the Zoom service may not be interactive. The team will also be looking into our future technology needs and what purchases might be required.
- Ways and Means is accepting donations for the *Night at the Auction* which is planned for January 29, 2022. Please contact Dee Cook, Cheryl Decker, or Wendee Lorbeer if you have raffle items, silent auction items or events or live auction items. This is being planned as an in-person event.
- Social Action/Adult Education Committee hosted a reception with Cuarteto Latinoamericano prior to a concert which was sponsored by the city of Las Cruces. People enjoyed the concert. The Afghan Refugee Project continues and we will hear more from the committee on that project soon.

Board Meeting Minutes, continued from previous column

- Religious School Committee indicated that school is going well with the cooperation of all those involved. The students appear happy and are learning.
- Buildings and Grounds indicated that the Mensch Club will be installing rubber mulch in the playground area.
- Sisterhood is scheduled to provide the shabbat service March 18. A new leader for the service is being sought to assist the thirteen others who have volunteered. Cynthia Herber, who had been planning to lead, is relocating to California

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)

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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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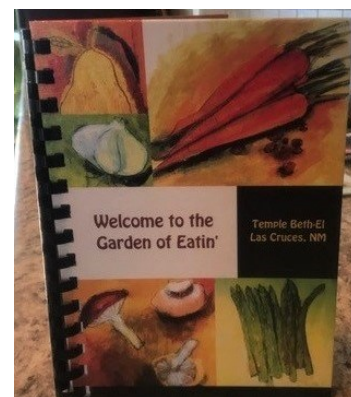
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# JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Tevet 28 1 <b>Talmud Study</b> <b>9:00 am via Zoom</b>  <i>New Years Day</i>
Tevet 29 2 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,</b> <b>Winter Break</b>	Shevat 1 3	Shevat 2 4	Shevat 3 5 <b>Tanakh Study</b> <b>10:15am via Zoom</b>	Shevat 4 6	Shevat 5 7 <b>Shabbat Evening Services in Sanctuary</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Shevat 6 8 <b>Talmud Study</b> <b>9:00 am via Zoom</b>
Shevat 7 9 <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Shevat 8 10	Shevat 9 11	Shevat 10 12 <b>Tanakh Study</b> <b>10:15am via Zoom</b>	Shevat 11 13	Shevat 12 14 <b>Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Shevat 13 15 <b>Talmud Study</b> <b>9:00 am via Zoom</b>
Shevat 14 16 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,</b> <b>MLK Day Holiday</b>	Shevat 15 17  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	Shevat 16 18	Shevat 17 19 <b>Tanakh Study</b> <b>10:15am via Zoom</b>	Shevat 18 20 <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>6:00 pm via Zoom</b>	Shevat 19 21 <b>Shabbat Evening Services in Sanctuary</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Shevat 20 22 <b>Talmud Study</b> <b>9:00 am via Zoom</b>
Shevat 21 23 <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Shevat 22 24	Shevat 23 25	Shevat 24 26 <b>Tanakh Study</b> <b>10:15am via Zoom</b>	Shevat 25 27	Shevat 26 28 <b>Shabbat Evening Services in Sanctuary</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Shevat 27 29 <b>Talmud Study</b> <b>9:00 am via Zoom</b> <b>Torah Study or Service</b> <b>10:15 AM in person</b>
Shevat 28 30 <b>Morning Hike and Study with Rabbi Sofia Zway and Religious School</b>	Shevat 29 31					

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