



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico



MAY 2022 (NISSAN-IYAR 5782)

Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, May 17, 6:00 PM via Zoom

**We will vote on new board members,
discuss policy changes and catch
everyone up on what we've been doing
this year.**

**Farewell Party for Rabbi Sofia
May 1, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
in Temple Beth-El social hall**

After two years, Rabbi Sofia's time as our student Rabbi is coming to an end. Please join us to congratulate her on her upcoming ordination and to wish her well on the next stage of her personal journey.

Refreshments provided.

Worship Schedule

Because of uncertainties caused by Covid, services may be either via Zoom or in person. You will be notified of any changes to the schedule on this page through Eblast prior to any event. 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 (rablpkarol@gmail.com) to join

Saturdays

Talmud Study 9:00 AM via Zoom

Contact Bryan McCuller

(mccullerbryan@gmail.com) to join

Friday, May 6

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Sofia (her last weekend with us)

Saturday, May 7

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

10:15 am Torah Study via Zoom

with Rabbi Sofia

Parshat Kedoshim

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Friday, May 13

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Service leader to be announced later.

Saturday, May 14

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Friday, May 20

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening service

Service leader to be announced later.

Saturday, May 21

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Behar

Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Friday, May 27

6:30 pm, Shabbat Evening service

Service leader to be announced later.

Saturday, May 28

9:00 am via Zoom, Talmud Study

Parshat Bechukotai

Leviticus 26:3-27:34

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, May 6, 2022

Ida Bass* (Harry & Diane Bass)
 Bernard Dash*
 Rebecca Bleiberg (Roslyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
 Saul Blum (Allen & Michele Blum)
 Dora Cohen*
 Lily Edwards*
 Henry Frank* (Lester & Renee Frank)
 Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Max Greenfield*
 Abraham Ickowitz (Cynthia Herber)
 Jacob Kellner*
 Rosalie Muffs* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)
 Zachery Shporer (Terri Sugarman)
 I.A. Wechter*

Read on Friday, May 13, 2022

Harry Berkove*
 Jay Daniels (Ronald Pierce & Karen Ford Pierce)
 Hilda Deutschman (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Jesse Horwitz (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Jack Kelter* (Yosef & Susan Lapid, Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)
 Lew Kruger (Linda Kruger)
 Morris Liebson*
 Ida Desqun Nachison (Jerry & Jodie Marino Nachison)
 Esther Orel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)
 Irving Rubinstein*
 Milton Silverman*
 Fanny Strauss*
 Mark Wechter (Jeff Steinborn)
 Zvi Zeitlin (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)

Read on Friday, May 20, 2022

Tamara Entin* (Jason & Elisha Rosenberg, Maxine & William Webber)
 Joel Goldsteen (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
 David Gordon (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)
 Irving Kallman*
 Ruth Karol (Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol)
 Stanley Kasten*
 Dora Kirschner (Bob & Judy Kirschner)
 Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)
 Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin, Bernice Langner)
 Louis Rashall*
 Bessie Rothschild*

Read on Friday, May 27, 2022

Irving Benowitz* (Daniel & Simy Allan)
 Harold Deutschman (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Beverly Fein (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Beverly Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Mark Herman (Jeffrey & Avis Lewis)
 Harold Kane (Cyrille Kane)
 Blanche Levine (Frima Marquez, Jeffrey Marquez)

Meyer Lieberman (Michael & Karen Lieberman)
 Michael Parkes (Ford Parkes-Perret & Frankie Lerner)
 Mollie Segal (Allen & Michele Blum)
 Ben Silberman (Cyrille Kane)
 Leland Trafton*
 Nate Wagner*

Read on Friday, June 3, 2022

Gertie Davison*
 Rebekah Klempner Edelstein* (Dee Cook)
 Gussie Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Martin Harris (Nancy & Scott Rushforth)
 Allan Joseph (Susan Brown)
 Allan Joseph (Marieka & Jeanne Brown)
 Pauline Rosenberg (Jason & Elisha Rosenberg)
 Alice Ross (Irwin & Barbara Ross)
 Anna Weinglass (Teddy Weinglass)
 Marianne Zeitlin (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)

Read on Friday, June 10, 2022

Hilda Bortnick (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Hyman Capin (Sam Klein)
 Enid Eytel (Ron & Joyce Mora)
 Cecile Frank (Andrew Frank)
 Jennie Greenfield*
 Simmie Greenfield*
 Rabbi Gerald Kane (Cyrille Kane)
 Harriet Mandel (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Isaac Podolsky (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)
 Florence Poel (Martin Poel)
 Charles Roselinsky (David & Lynn Zeemont)
 Shirley Ruttenberg (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Irving Schindler (David & Lynn Zeemont, Robert Zeemont)

Condolences to Tom and Debbie Levy and family on the passing of Estella Levy-Dean, mother of Tom Levy, April 11, in El Paso. Service details will come at a later time. May her memory be for a blessing.

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

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

SISTERHOOD UPDATE 2021-2022

By Lynn Zeemont

Well, it has been a quiet year of activity for the Sisterhood due to the flux in Covid but a more active year of giving. Thanks to Diane Fleishman's efforts we did host a Champagne Brunch at A Bite of Belgium in September and all seemed to enjoy themselves, especially with the flowing champagne. Once again Sue Mazer oversaw the Challah sales for the High Holidays, and it was a profitable event. We only had two board meetings this year and at our second meeting we added three new members to the council: Rachel Duggins, Stefani Singer, and Debbie Levy. At that meeting Rachel volunteered to organize the second night Seder that was held at the temple. She and Beth Tierney, arranged the food, volunteers and execution of a wonderful pescatarian dinner for fifty-six attendees.

At our next council meeting, we hope to have a planning committee to organize upcoming Sisterhood events. If things remain quiet in the covid world we can plan to get together at a restaurant venue for a membership dinner as we have done in the past.

Now for the giving report. We do have fifty-four members and since we have had fewer temple expenses for the past two years, we contributed monies to the following entities. We sent \$205.00 to the Yes Fund of the WRJ in support of the rebuilding of two summer camps due to fire destruction. We contributed \$300.00 to Temple Mount Sinai for hosting the Julie Geller concert. In honor of Rabbi Sofia and Brett's wedding we contributed \$360.00 to the Build a Home Foundation in South Africa. The WRJ had a fundraising auction, and we contributed a Nambe item at a cost of \$75.00 as well as several items contributed by congregants. Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary had an emergency need of funds since the resale store had shorter hours due to the health crisis, to which we contributed \$100.00. Finally, the crisis in Ukraine erupted and we contributed \$500.00 to the Ukraine Crisis Fund of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. In addition, the Judaica Shop, under the supervision of Michele Blum, contributed \$500.00 to the Federation of Jewish Communities in support of an orphanage for children who have lost their families from the ongoing war.

Going forward, we are all looking for a more "normalized" year and joining together as the dynamic group of women that we are.

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.

For more information on current needs, questions, or to volunteer, contact Casa de Peregrinos (575-523-5542)

A Request

For the past few months, Casey Rosenberg and I have been taking a class on Zionism that is being taught at Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso. The class involves many levels of High School students and serves to provide a basic introduction to Zionism as a concept, as well as the events leading up to and taking place after the establishment of Israel. Even though I still have many classes left, I have found it interesting to learn about so far. The conflict in the middle east is a very complex and complicated issue, but I believe that being educated on the facts is important, as it leads to having an informed opinion about the subject. Once the classes are completed, the group will be taking a trip to Israel to see the place we have been learning about for ourselves. This trip will take place in December of 2022 (also during Chanukah!). There have been many successful endeavors to raise funds for the trip but unfortunately, we are still short of our goal. We are asking for donations to help defray the cost of our trip, so if you are able, any donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Rabbi Ziedman of Mount Sinai's discretionary fund (4406 North Stanton Street El Paso, TX 79902) as the money will be raised as a group effort and go to everyone in the class. Also please note "Israel trip" in the memo section of the check.

Many thanks,
Morgan Tierney

Mensch Club “Honor Your Partner Dinner”, Red Hawk Golf Club, March 23



Mensch Club outing to
Sparky's in Hatch, April 3



Religious school members and friends attended the Purim Carnival at Mt. Sinai on Sunday, March 6. Despite the cool weather, we had a great time. Thank you Mt. Sinai for the invite!



To fulfill the mitzvah of helping others on Purim, The Temple Beth-El youth solicited donations for the Animal Shelter during the Mishloach Manot pick up. Due to your generosity, we filled the back of my car (and then this wagon) to the brim. The folks at the shelter and the animals that they house extend a hearty Thank You. Please adopt and tag and spay/neuter your pets.

An Afternoon at the Auction

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Temple Auction and thank you to all who

attended and participated in our Afternoon at the Auction.

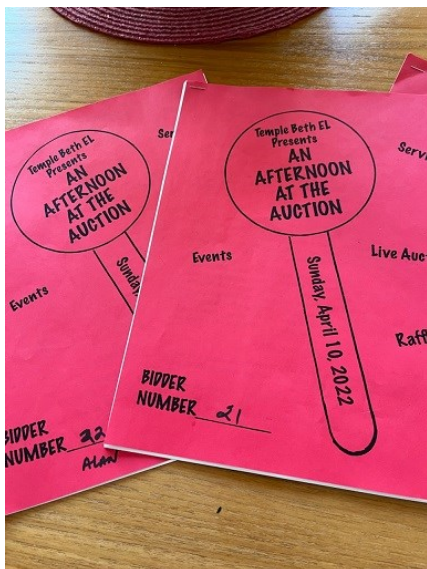


We made just over \$9500 due to your generosity.

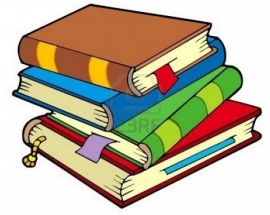
We had a spirited Live Auction led by Lynn Zeemont who stepped in at the last minute to cover for our ailing auctioneer.

Again thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Wendee,
Cheryl
and Dee



TBE Short Story Group



The TBE short story discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The current session will continue through May and then take a break until Fall. 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

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 June 2022 Adelante is May 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



Don't forget to mark your calendar Thursday May 19th for the Temple Beth-El Annual Membership Meeting. Once again, the meeting will be held on Zoom and we hope all members in good standing will participate.

The agenda will include a number of familiar items - a budget review, reports from our committees, another slideshow with photos. And, of course the most important item will be electing new members to the Board of Directors. The Board slate includes both returning members and new members, which we hope will be approved by acclamation. Look for the booklet with the biographies of candidates and the meeting agenda. One will be mailed to each household and will also be available as a PDF.

Although Temple Beth-El is a small congregation, Board members are still responsible for overseeing all the operating and fiscal activity of the synagogue, not only religious practices and holiday observances, but ongoing administration, maintenance, and keeping the lights on. I have great respect and appreciation for everyone who has served on the board in the past, those who continue to serve and welcoming new people willing to take on these responsibilities.

We have a hard-working group, but we work well together, which is extremely helpful when we have really tough issues to tackle. Right now, the toughest issue has been looking for a new Rabbi. Although we were a little bit late getting our application in, we submitted our paperwork to the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) which handles recruitment and placement for Reform rabbis, with an understanding that many were available in the pool.

However, we quickly learned this was not the case. In fact there were many more synagogues looking for rabbis than were available, and unfortunately we received very few responses to our recruitment package. With an endorsement from the Board, we refocused to cast a wider net, and as I write this column, the Search Committee has now interviewed several candidates. We hope to have news to share

very soon.

We are not alone searching for a new pulpit rabbi. Synagogues all around the country are in the same situation, and apparently small congregations in rural areas like ours are suffering the most. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported in mid-April that Hebrew Union College - established in 1875 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, will be closing its Cincinnati doors within 4 years. While it will remain open as a center for Jewish research and study, the student population had declined by 63%, so it will no longer ordain new rabbis at that location. Instead, all rabbinical candidates will study at HUC in New York or Los Angeles.

This may appear somewhat alarming for the Reform movement in the United States, but in some ways it is a reflection of the changing Jewish demographics across the country. I've reported earlier on some of these changes, such as more interfaith families, less Ashkenazi heritage, and a growing number of Jews of Color. Also, in many small and rural congregations like ours, there's often a more flexible approach to ritual and celebration, which could include not only Reform but also Conservative and Reconstructionist practices as part of worship services.

In response, HUC is holding a national conversation next week on the state of small and rural synagogues, and I will let you know what happens. But to me, much like the Reform movement which grew from a desire to bring Judaism into a more modern context 150 years ago, it looks like we may be at the start of adapting to another new shape for the future of Reform Judaism in North America.

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

RABBI SOFIA

For almost two years we've shared a little bit of Jewish South Africa and the life of a young student studying to be a rabbi. We've been exposed to new experiences, hearing a rabbinic riff on "Bridge Over Troubled Water," learning about new Jewish singers and song writers such as Alicia Jo Rabins, pausing our lives and taking a deep breath and letting go of our troubles on Shabbat. Although she wasn't able to be here much of the time in person, it was Rabbi Sofia who came up with the idea of having a hike and Torah Study, a very successful event.

We will be saying "goodbye" to Rabbi Sofia after religious school on Sunday, May 1, but she will be with us one more night via Zoom for the Friday night service on May 6. A little more than a week later she'll be ordained as a rabbi and will become Rabbi Zway.

We've seen her as Esther during our Zoom Purim spiel, we've seen her comfort and lead during a memorial service for the late Tanah Hemingway. She has been with us for rejoicing at the bar and bat mitzvahs of Max Bruder, Mia Berkson and Gavin Rosenberg. As of this writing, she's scheduled to lead the service in which Alexandra Goldsteen will become a bat mitzvah.

We've also been a part of her life, as we've heard concerns whether she would be able to get a Green card, be married in South Africa in spite of Covid conditions, and find a job where she and her wonderful husband Brett could live in the same city or at least commute easily.

Because of the wonders of technology, we were able to see Sofia and Brett's wedding in South Africa. It was probably the most joyful of weddings.

One of Sofia's goals was for us to continue to sing L'chu N'ran'na, a song by the Israeli group, Nava Tehila, after she leaves. It always sounded South African when I heard it although it's sung in Hebrew. Maybe there will be someone who can carry on leading it, although it won't sound the same as when Sofia sang it.

Rabbi Sofia was the first student rabbi Temple Beth El ever had, and with our rabbi retired we had a real need for help. She was there, and we wish her well as she crosses over to a new life. Rabbi Sofia's Torah portion for her own bat mitzvah at 16 was the Song of the Sea, the Mi Chamocho song. Change is scary, but we as Jews take a leap of hope. Wishing all the best for Sofia and for us.

Cherri Hudson-Brown, Religious Practices Committee chair.



Rabbi Sofia with dancing chili peppers pitcher.
A gift from TBE designed by Martha Roditti.



Rabbi Sofia making Hamentashen with Stefani Singer and Religious school

Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! We have just had our annual Temple Beth-El second night seder. It was so wonderful to see so many of you there. Why was this night different than all the others? Because this seder was hosted at our home, Temple Beth-El. For the past few years, excluding the years we were in the Mitzrayim of Covid, we have had our seder at Pichacho Country Club. Because of many factors, Sisterhood decided not to book the club again this year. I was part of the group that thought that we could, and should hold the seder in house. Rachel Glickler Duggins agreed to organize the event. And so it was that the two of us found ourselves in charge of the 5782 Passover Seder committee. But when I say that we were in charge, really, Rachel took charge and I followed. As those who know her best can confirm, the woman is a force to be reckoned with. Armed with many spreadsheets, she rallied the troops, planned the basic menu, ordered plates, tablecloths and some fun decorations, bought the food and wine, and even put together the night's Haggadah using haggadot.com. If that sounds like too much for one woman to do alone, having never before planned an event of this magnitude before, it really was. Which is why she turned to an expert for advice. Chenchie Shmuckler of Chabad of Las Cruces, having planned their seder for many years was able to give her a great deal of guidance. She did this even though she was very pregnant (Congratulations to her and Rabbi Bery Shmuckler on the birth of their daughter, Esther) and planning their own seder. We are very grateful. This brings me to the long list of other thank yous. There are so many on this list and I will undoubtedly forget some, but I am here to say that it takes a village and we are so lucky to have such a great one. I'd like to start with the board of Sisterhood who in the beginning said "let's do this". Next, I'd like to thank all of you who attended, because without you, this whole effort would have been meaningless. Then, there is our cooking crew, both onsite and off: Rebecca and Ann Berkson, Linda Kruger, Karen Hutchison, Martha Roditti, Michelle Cowan, Dee Cook, Alison Mann, Frances Williams, Cherri Hudson-Brown, Debra Brown, and Susan Fitzgerald. Dave Decker and Ron Pierce for setting up our tables and chairs. To Jane Grider who decorated all our tables which included amazing doilies that she crocheted and flowers which she donated. To Michelle Cowan again for trying to staple our haggadahs and having failed, called Staples who agreed to do it for no charge, and when they failed, had them hole punch them and them came back to the

Temple and ribboned all 60 (didn't they look beautiful?). Steve Haydu, who was in several times to bring us supplies which we forgot/ran out of and then stayed with me until 10 pm to help clean up. Our cleanup crew- here's where I will miss names- The entire Berkson family, including cousins, Michelle Cowan, Steve Haydu, and Inigo Garcia-Bryce. Our seder participants who included Erich Zameret as our seder co-leader, Jack Duggins, who along with Rachel Duggins brilliantly acted out our ten plagues, Mac Duggins who assisted with the four questions, and Morgan Tierney who joined me in our off the cuff retelling of the Passover story along with Allie Goldsteen, whom we drafted to be our Pharoah.

It was an amazing night with an enjoyable seder service, great food (Sooo, much food!!) and wonderful company. It was a great deal of work to put together but so very worth it.

Lhitraot,

Beth Tierney



More Seder Pictures



The Four Questions: Asked by Mac Duggins and Erich Zamaret



Setting out the Haggadot



Matzah gone, Mitzvot Coming

TBE's Mitzvah Team is asking for interested parties to sign up and be called upon when needed to perform a simple mitzvah. The type of mitzvah you wish to perform is your choice. The idea is to keep each task simple and non-recurring to ease the burden on all.

There are 613 mitzvot in the Torah, such as visiting the sick, so choosing just a few may not get us to the Heavenly gates but it's a start. Here are the mitzvot we are asking you to sign up for...**even if you can only do the mitzvah one time, it will help:**

Provide transportation- Provide a ride to and from a Temple service. Pick up a prescription and deliver it. Take a person to a doctor's appointment, grocery shopping, or for a haircut.

Visit - Visit a member in a nursing home or in the hospital or at home. Provide time away for a partner of an ill person by visiting the ill person for an hour or two.

Check in - Call a person to see how they are. Extend an invitation to go to lunch, coffee or for a walk.

Surprise and appreciate - Send a card for happy events. Bake something to say "You're in our thoughts". Deliver some flowers to say thank you (flowers at committee expense). Attend Temple for others' life events.

Saying hello and goodbye - Invite a newcomer for coffee or a snack. Maintain a list of favorite vendors, dentists, doctors, mechanics, etc. to make it easier for integration to a new community. Introduce yourself to new people at Temple. Offer to help with an Oneg. Provide food for after funeral services and for shivas. Take time to go to a funeral service to support the family.

The Mitzvah Team will maintain a list with your name under the category (categories) that you choose. When we hear of a need or a celebratory event, we will call you to jump start your mitzvah. **Please email co-chair of the Mitzvah Team, Joel Siegel at joelcnm82@yahoo.com** telling him what mitzvah you are willing to perform.

We can't do a mitzvah if we don't know that it should be done, so please tell us through leaving a message at the Temple, calling Joel (575-302-3518) or co-chair Alison Mann (575-680-0207) when you need help or want someone to know about an event...happy or otherwise... and we will make every effort to respond. And thank you!

Joel, Alison, Dave D., Luke

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Rosemary Jacobs
Avis Lewis
Stephen Milano
Eric Popky
Barbara Ross
Selma Ryave
Jacob Saltman
Fred Torres

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

Karen and Mike Currier
Stacey and Mike Hyman
Carla and Bob Libby
Donna and Eric Popky
Susan and Patrick Quinn

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

Medical Equipment to Borrow

Mensch Club has two wheelchairs, two walkers and a pair of crutches available to borrow. Please let them know if you are in need or have any other equipment to donate.

Contact Luke Duddridge, 727-204-6086,
LCDuddridge@hotmail.com

Or

David Decker—575-556-4056,
deckerdavid28@gmail.com

Donations through April 22, 2022

General Operating Fund:

Honey Devins, in memory of Frieda Schulsinger
 Vivian Steinborn, in memory of Paulina Salopek
 Jane Grider, in memory of Katherine Lathrop

Social Action Fund:

Wendee Lorbeer, Thank you for Mishloach Manot
 Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Leonard Hurwitz
 Debra Leyndyke, in memory of Sheldon Breskow

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Allen Blum, in memory of Saul and Blanche Blum

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Brenda Petty Parish, in memory of Terry Petty

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Sally Alkon, Thank you for Mishloach Manot

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Bryan McCuller, in memory of James McCuller
 Cherri Hudson-Brown, for Ukranian relief

Biblical Garden Fund:

Stacey Hyman, in memory of Larry Demers (uncle)

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
April 14, 2022

- The Invocation was given by Martha Roditti
- The board approved Temple Beth-El's participation in the NextGen Teen Philanthropy Program of the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso. For those who chose to participate at the time of Bar/Bat Mitzvah by contributing \$250, the temple contributes \$250 which then allows an anonymous donor to add \$500 to the teen's fund to make \$1000. The teen takes the lead and are decision makers for their fund.
- President Nan Rubin reported on the graffiti and indicated the FBI is planning to proceed in its investigation.
- The Jewish El Paso grant written in partnership with Temple Mt Sinai for a retreat has been partially funded.
- Plans for the Annual Meeting to be held on Zoom Thursday May 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM were discussed.
- Rabbi Search Committee is proceeding with interviews and hopes to have more news soon.
- We are keeping our financials tight.
- Dee Cook thanked everyone for their donations and participation in *An Afternoon at the Auction*. At the last minute our auctioneer, Jack couldn't make it and Lynn Zeemont stepped in. We raised over \$9000.
- Religious Practices Committee reported that we will not be applying for a student rabbi for the upcoming year. There will be a Goodbye Reception for Rabbi Sofia on Sunday May 1 in the early afternoon.
- The Technology Committee is continuing to search for someone to maintain our website and to facilitate our online services.
- The board approved a request from Buildings and Grounds to fund additional cameras that were suggested by the police.
- There are five upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students who are excited to keep Jewish learning alive and looking forward to a new rabbi.
- The Mitzvah Team is looking for a new chair.
- The Mensch Club had a very successful month with lunch gatherings and a wonderful *Honor Your Partner, Friend, or Spouse Dinner*.
- The Sisterhood sponsored the Second Night Seder.
- The board happily approved and welcomed Stephen Weiner as a new member.

Respectfully submitted by Wendee Lorbeer, Secretary

Corry McKissack has graciously donated this beautiful handmade tzedakah box to be used for donations for Ukraine. Coincidentally in the colors of the Ukrainian flag, it will be in the lobby for a period of time. Thanks for your generosity!



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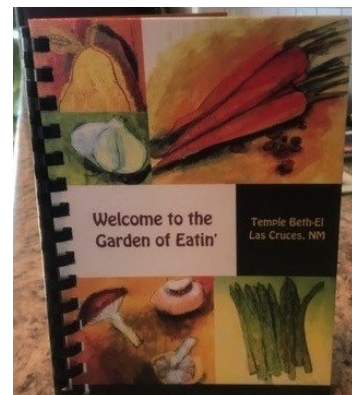


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nissan 30 1 Religious School 9:00 am Goodbye Reception for Rabbi Sofia 12:00-2 pm	Iyar 1 2	Iyar 2 3 Short Story Group 10:30 AM	Iyar 3 4 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom <i>Yom Hazikaron/ Israel Remembrance Day</i>	Iyar 4 5 <i>Yom Ha'atzmaot/ Israel Independence Day</i>	Iyar 5 6 Shabbat Evening Services via Zoom w/Rabbi Sofia 6:30 pm	Iyar 6 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Torah Study via Zoom w/Rabbi Sofia 10:15 am
Iyar 7 8 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL <i>Mother's Day</i>	Iyar 8 9	Iyar 9 10 Short Story Group 10:30 AM	Iyar 10 11 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Iyar 11 12	Iyar 12 13 Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm	Iyar 13 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am
Iyar 14 15 Religious School 9:00 am	Iyar 15 16	Iyar 16 17 Short Story Group 10:30 AM	Iyar 17 18 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Iyar 17 19 Annual Congregational Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom <i>Lag Ba-Omer</i>	Iyar 18 20 Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm	Iyar 19 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am
Iyar 20 22 Last Day of Religious School 9:00 am	Iyar 21 23	Iyar 22 24 Short Story Group 10:30 AM	Iyar 23 25 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Iyar 24 26	Iyar 25 27 Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm	Iyar 26 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am
Iyar 27 29	Iyar 28 30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	Iyar 29 31 Short Story Group 10:30 AM				

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