



A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico



MARCH 2023 (ADAR - NISSAN 5783)

Mensch Club Appreciation Dinner

Open to all to enjoy

**Red Hawk Country Club
7502 Red Hawk Golf Road**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 5:30 PM

This will be year 4 that the Mensch Club will host the Appreciation Dinner featuring:

Music - Mexican Ensemble

Fun - Photo Booth

Joel Siegel as MC

Prizes

Give Aways

Cash Bar

Dutch Treat Dinner Menu

All Meals Start with a Balsamic House Salad

Eggplant Parmesan Pasta -\$19

Panko Breaded Eggplant

Served over a bed of Fettuccine

Topped with Melted Mozzarella

Chicken Bruschetta -\$24

Panko Breaded Chicken Breast

Topped with Fresh Bruschetta, Shaved

Parmesan and a Balsamic Reduction

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Asparagus

Grilled Salmon - \$29

Grilled Salmon Finished with a Red

Pepper Honey Glaze

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Asparagus

USDA Prime Flat Iron Steak - \$32

Finished with Chef's Truffle Butter

Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Asparagus

RSVP by March 9, 2023 with your choice of dinner.

Arthur Lorbeer arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com

Elliot Katz elliottk@att.net

An Afternoon at the Auction



Sunday, March 5, 2023

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

\$5 at the door

Raffles, Silent Auction, and Live Auction.

We have both Vacation and Staycation opportunities.

There is everything from Dinner at the homes of some of our members, to Mah Jongg opportunities, to Cakes, to Spice Blends, to Airport Transportation, to Jewelry Making, to Tai Chi, to Yoga, to Golf. Then there is the art - many and varied pieces. Gift cards to some of your favorite places, and more.

Don't miss it!



Worship Schedule

Services are in person but will also be available by Zoom and Facebook live.

You can watch the Facebook 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 purchase a print copy or an e-book, (less expensive option) which can be viewed on any device using the free Kindle App. These can be bought from the Central Conference of American Rabbis at this link

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

Friday Evenings:

6:00 pm till March 17, then 7:00 PM until Fall.

Saturday Mornings:

10:30 AM

1st and 3rd week, shorter service and Torah study.

2nd and 4th week, longer service with full Torah service.

Times may occasionally vary. See calendar for current schedule.

Study Opportunities

In person and by Zoom except when otherwise specified. Links sent weekly.

Talmud Study– Saturdays at 9:00 AM

Lay led by Bryan McCuller.

Short Story Group– Tuesdays at 11:00 am via Zoom

This is a discussion group led by former congregant Jim Rosenthal. Jim e-mails stories by Jewish authors to participants each week. To join, contact Jim at jar529@gmail.com.

Tanakh study –Wednesdays at 10:15 am. via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Larry Karol (TBE Rabbi Emeritus). Contact Rabbi Karol (rablpcarol@gmail.com) to join.

Jewish Literacy- Wednesdays at 5:30- 7:00 PM

Led by Rabbi Evette. Dinner included. Required text: Jewish Literacy (Revised Ed): The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People, and Its History by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. This book is available on Kindle, \$1.99, with an audio narration by Audible, available for an additional charge for those who have difficulty reading. *NO CLASS MARCH 8.*

CONVERSION: This series will be the base-work toward conversion to Judaism. This course is also highly recommended for adult bar/bat mitzvah students.

Mussar– Thursdays at Noon

Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.

Adelante Submissions:

As we continue 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 or 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 April 2023 Adelante is March 20, 2023. 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

MARCH 2023 (ADAR - NISSAN 5783)**Yahrzeits– February 3-March 4**

(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: March 03 & March 04, 2023

Louis Bass* (Harry & Diane Bass)
 Rifton Batts (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Faye Berkson* (Burt & Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)
 Mollie Bruder* (Ron & Pearie Bruder)
 John France (Deanna Kessin)
 Rabbi Allan Langner (Bernice Langner)
 Katherine A. Lathrop (Jane Grider)
 Bertram Marks (Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol)
 Gayle Saeks (Jerry & Rochelle Silverman)
 Edith Steinberg* (Ron & Pearie Bruder)
 Abigail S. Weiner (Stephen Weiner)

Read on: March 10 & March 11, 2023

Ralph Alkon (Phillip & Sally Alkon)
 Tessie Rose Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Betty Brankman (Phillip & Sally Alkon)
 George Brown (Debra & Henri Brown)
 Samuel Chapman (Diane Fleishman)
 Warren E. Dudleston (Scott & Betsy Gubin)
 Stuart Fleishman* (Diane Fleishman)
 Harriet Krashner Silver (Frima Marquez & Jeffrey Marquez)
 Harold W. Loudon (Cheryl & David Decker)
 Abigail Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Mary Sirota (Anne Weinberg & Rob Goldsteen)

Read on March 17 & March 18, 2023

Estelle Berger (Barbara Berger)
 Sidney Berger* (Barbara Berger)
 Martin Feingold (Deanna Kessin)
 Claire Gornstein Krasner (Frima Marquez & Jeffrey Marquez)
 Bertha Maness (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Harold Mann (Alison Mann)
 Richard Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Elaine Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)

Read on March 24 & March 25, 2023

Sima Tashlik (Allen & Michele Blum)
 Eleanor Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Joel Ziegler* (Lila Ziegler)

Read on March 31 & April 01, 2023

Dvora Alkon (Phillip & Sally Alkon)
 Lillian Cooper (Terri Sugarman)
 Estelle Levy-Dean (Tom & Deborah Levy)
 Terry Petty* (Brenda & Arlon Parish)
 Diane Schwartz (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Joseph Seglin (Eric & Donna Popky)

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.

"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 the 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.

Second Night Seder, Thursday, April 6th, 2023, 5:30pm

Enjoy a 2nd Night Passover Seder with your TBE Community in our Social Hall.



Professionally catered and served by Cravings Catering, the menu includes your entree choice of:

Chicken Jerusalem, Poached Salmon with dill sauce, Stuffed Portobello Mushroom.

Sides include: matzo ball soup, potato kugel, roasted asparagus, salad.

Dessert is a Flourless Chocolate Cake.

Cost is \$40.00 pp, children under 6 are free.

You must make reservations.

**** Watch for a TBE EBlast with reservation and more information.**

TBE Sisterhood Council

Mensch Club trip to the Rhino's Hockey game – February 18, 2023



Sunday Afternoon Adult Education Series

At its most recent meeting, the Social Action/Adult Ed committee began discussion of instituting a regular, Sunday afternoon discussion series. This was initiated, at least in part, after a discussion with Rabbi Evette who was most interested.

The suggested timeframe was for presentations to be held on the last Sunday in each month, from 2 – 4 pm. The philosophy is similar to the Wednesday morning breakfast series, however, less frequent and with a longer time for presentation and discussion.

There were a large number of potential topics suggested. These include (but are not limited to):

- Challah-making (already scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 26 with Susan Fitzgerald)
- Sgt. Jamar Cotton, keynote speaker at recent NAACP breakfast, to speak about local criminal justice issues
- A variety of health – related presentations including, but not limited to:
 - * Narcan/opiate overdose training
 - * Training on the AER defibrillator/first aid kit at TBE
 - * Mental Health First Aid
 - * A Health Screening event with Burrell College of Medicine
 - * Nutrition presentation
 - * How to Manage Stress
 - * Maximizing Life/End of Life issues
 - * Issues related to child(ren) of an aging parent(s)
- Discussion of TBE undertaking regular help with a monthly food distribution
- Program at a local public school or church for 1-2 hours/month (more information on the way)
- Tents 2 Rents – consideration of a TBE-sponsored drive to raise money (\$2,000?) to donate to aid unhoused living at Camp HOPE to get into permanent housing.

There was discussion about a board decision to provide the Social Action/Adult Ed committee the ability to manage some additional allocated funds which the committee would then grant to appropriate Tikkun Olam (תיקון עולם) activities. The Board approved a resolution that stated:

For FY 2023-2024, one percent [1%] all of the committed pledge base as of June 10, 2023 shall be committed to the Social Action committee. These funds will not carry over year to year. The Social Action

committee shall have authority to disburse up to \$500 per tikkun olam opportunity that may arise in the interest of the Jewish community at the local, state, regional or national level without further board approval. For example, funds may be disbursed for an urgent or emergency response, Jewish or interfaith events or causes, or appeals from Jewish communities for furthering Jewish life.

It is the committee's understanding that this resolution was approved in part because TBE had no previous mechanism to donate money as an organization to various causes, such as Temple Montefiore in Las Vegas, NM. This would allow such donations in future. The committee is working on developing a process for suggestions/requests and decisions to be made about the disbursement of these funds.


These topics are all simply ideas for discussion at this point and the committee would love to hear from you about which of these are of interest and what other topics you might also want to hear about. In addition, we would like to know if there are particular issues or topics you might be interested in presenting yourself as part of this series.

Please let us know what you think. You can email Sue Mazer at: suzannemazer3@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas.



Former Executive Director, Robert French has recently left Jewish El Paso, (connecting El Paso – Las Cruces) for a new position in New Orleans. We wish him the best. During the search for a new

director, TBE congregant and current board member of Jewish El Paso and The Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, Monika Kimball will serve as Interim Director. Thank you, Monika for stepping up!



Including Purim trivia and traditional carnival games



Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! It has been a few months since I have written to you all. I wear many hats in this world but none is as important as the one that says, “Mother” This one has become a bit more complicated lately.

If you have seen my younger daughter, Morgan, lately, you may have noticed that she is currently hopping around on crutches. “What happened?” many of you have asked. The story is that she suffered injuries while rescuing a prince from a castle that was under attack by a fire breathing dragon. The real truth is less heroic and harder to explain. She underwent knee surgery to correct two unrelated congenital defects. The first is that her kneecap easily dislocated (like sometimes by just standing up). This was remedied by reconstructing her MCL. The second is that a piece of the upper portion of her femur bone and connecting cartilage broke off due to lack of blood flow (it is not known why this happens). This was corrected by removing the loose bits and replacing them with donor tissue.

She had asked me not to mention it prior to the surgery because she didn't want to make a big deal about it. I do so now for a few reasons. First, it is a big deal, and many of you have already asked about it because you care about her. So, it was either write this article, or make her a sign to wear. Second, this gives me an opportunity to express my extreme gratitude. First, I am grateful to her wonderful doctor, Dr. Estephan Garcia of Sun City Orthopedics in El Paso. He and the entire surgical staff did an amazing job and were so kind to her through the entire process. I am also grateful for the staff at Border Therapy on Rinconada. They have already and continue to help her on her path to recovery and treat her so wonderfully. Finally, I am also humbly and supremely grateful to the unknown individual who before their passing checked the yes box to become a donor. This decision will make a huge difference in Morgan’s life and for any others whom also benefitted. One of the most important Mitzvot in this world is to take care of others and although the death of an individual brings great sadness to the loved ones of that individual, I hope that in some way, the knowledge that they may live on through this final Mitzvah brings some comfort. I send my thanks out to the heavens for this gift.

So, thank you for your concern for Morgan as she heals. Be on the lookout for an invitation to the trampoline park in six months or so.

L’hitraot,
Beth Tierney

Temple Beth El Infection Control Committee Recommendations 2/8/23

In light of CDC’s current guidance, Temple Beth El’s Infection Control Committee recommends:

- 1) Masks should be optional, but welcomed, for all Temple events
- 2) Symptomatic individuals should stay home (Individuals should err on the side of caution, even if they think their symptoms are not Covid)
- 3) Individuals who are at high risk for serious health consequences are encouraged to wear a mask, optimally an N-95 mask
- 4) Individuals who have been exposed to someone with a positive Covid case should wear a mask, optimally an N-95, for 5 days post exposure. These individuals may wish to avoid group gatherings.
- 5) Temple Beth-El should provide the option of permanent outdoor seating for those who wish to eat outdoors. During times when there are crowded spaces, such as High Holy Days, extra tables should be set up and eating outdoors should be encouraged.
- 6) Should a highly contagious public health concern arise, these guidelines are open to being revised.
- 7) The Infection Control Committee will meet every 4-6 months to provide regular updated recommendations. In addition, the committee is on call to provide guidance to the board whenever requested.
- 8) Temple Beth El shall provide masks at the entryway in a highly visible area.

In addition, the Infection Control committee suggests that families who choose to hold their life cycle events using Temple Beth El facilities may opt for MORE, but not LESS restrictive, guidelines depending on the sponsoring family’s preferences (***temple board added to resolution that families who want to opt for MORE guidelines should contact the Infection Control Committee beforehand.***)

To keep up to date with COVID-19 and other infectious disease guidelines, congregation members are encouraged to visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Volunteer Opportunities

- Office Help: Duties include but are not limited to taking messages off the phone, helping people coming into temple, and giving tours of the temple.
Contact [Cheryl Decker](#).
- Web Page management team. Looking for a few people to join. The only Web Page experience needed is ability to point, click, and read. You get to provide input on how the pages should look!
Contact [Steve Haydu](#).
- Mitzvah Weekend at Temple Montefiore-March 31-April 2. TBE members, led by Mench Club, will be heading to Temple Montefiore in Las Vegas, NM to assist with renovations on the recently re-purchased building.
Contact [Dave Decker](#).

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Gillian Baudo	Burt Berkson
Marieka Brown	Jeff Brown
Michelle Cowen	Cheryl Decker
Bev Duddridge	Bernice Langner
Gerie Muchnikoff	Irwin Ross
Terri Sugarman	Lindsay Tierney
Joanne Turnbull	Mac Wipson
Elaine Zameret	Erich Zameret
Kaylee Zeledon	Alison Mann

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

Karen & Ron Pierce
Beth & Jamie Tierney

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



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



Fall Prevention Class April 2023, Date TBD



This course is an introduction to fall prevention. Much of medicine is geared towards reacting to a pathology, disease process, or medical issue once it has taken place. Nothing in life is guaranteed. However, there are certain habits, actions, and behaviors that one can adopt in an effort to reduce the severity, occurrence, or frequency of a given medical condition. Falls are strongly correlated to a long laundry list of injuries and decline in function, especially in the elderly. This course will provide an overview of factors which contribute to falls, proactive measures which individuals can implement to mitigate fall risk, and a discussion of what constitutes health. We hope that you will join us!

Michael Kolikant: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Donations through February 20, 2023

General Fund:

Selma Ryave, in memory of Norman Green and Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz
 Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Margaret Gantert and Itzhak Kolikant
 Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Rita Herman and David Lewis
 Karen Ford-Pierce and Ron Pierce, in honor of Sue Mazer's 80th birthday
 Daniel and Simy Allan, in memory of Susan Lapid
 Diane and Harry Bass, in memory of Susan Lapid
 Frima Marquez, in memory of Alvin Krasner
 Nina Rothman, in memory of Susan Lapid
 Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Ira Hudson III
 Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Jene J Muchnikoff
 Gary and Terry Levy, in memory of Aryll Levy
 Richard and Patricia Kirschner, in memory of Susan Lapid

Mensch Club Fund:

Barbara Berger, in honor of Luke Duddridge

Mitzvah Team Fund:

Stacey Hyman, in memory of Jean and Pauline Lemelin

Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

Karen Shevet Dinah, in honor of Liana Brown's Bat Mitzvah
 Bernice Langner, in memory of Hesh Langner

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Dolly Zabin

Biblical Garden Fund:

Wendee and Art Lorbeer

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Elaine Brown
 Bryan and Lisa Ehlers McCuller, in memory of Laura Metzger

Social Action Fund:

Bryan and Lisa Ehlers-McCuller
 Barbara Berger, in memory of Susan Lapid

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Susan Lapid

Jeanne and Marieka Brown, in memory of Susan Lapid and Nancy Rees

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Bob and Monika Kimball, in memory of Susan Lapid
 Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Miriam Cutler and Joseph Tashlik
 Elizabeth Lewis, in memory of Mark Hegman

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Nancy Cantrell, in memory of Susan Lapid

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, Joel Seigel.



Time for an update on Board activities. The Temple Board of Trustees meets on the third Thursday of every month, and we have spent the last couple meetings working to better organize our internal systems, decision making, and record keeping.

As part of our efforts, the Board held a work session on Sunday February 12th. Led by the intrepid Steve Haydu, the work session focused on improving our communications and preparing for our annual members meeting in May.

* We are instituting a unified calendar, that will include all religious programs and public activities. Cheryl Decker will be keeping the calendar on our website up-to-date, and it will also be used by Beth Tierney for the Adelante calendar as well. Reservations for Temple dates and for using our space for meetings and outside programs will go through Cheryl. Check online for the most up-to-date events.

* The Temple Directory will be ready by the time you read this! It will be made available to everyone online, and those who wish to have a printed copy can contact Joel Siegel or Cheryl Decker, or leave a message at the Temple office.

* We set the date for the annual members meeting as Thursday evening May 11. We are planning the meeting to be in person, but there will be zoom attendance as well.

* One of the main activities of the meeting will be voting for new members to the Board of Trustees. We are working out the logistics now for accommodating voting both in person and for those online.

* Several seats will be open, and a nominating committee comprised of Cheryl Decker, Bryan McCuller, Michael Mandel, and several others are already hard at work developing a list of potential candidates. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let one of them know. And do not be surprised if one of them reaches out to you!

* At the moment, Temple by-laws specify 14 standing committees, as established in our original documents. However, many of these committees are no longer active or needed. The Board is reviewing our committee structure, and confirming leadership among our active committees to be more accountable to the Board and membership.

* At our regular meeting, we confirmed establishing a Tikkun Olam Fund to be coordinated by the Social Action Committee. A certain amount of money will be set aside each year as a small percentage of our dues, to be available for small grants "in the interest of the Jewish community at the local, state, regional or national level". The Fund will be a new addition to our budget starting in July at our next fiscal year.

It will be a busy spring for Temple Beth-El with a regular schedule of classes, our auction, more game nights, adult ed programs, a New Member Shabbat service, Purim, Second Night Seder, work project in Las Vegas, New Mexico and much more! Check the calendar often for all the latest dates!

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

The Mensch Club Wednesday Breakfast is starting again!!!

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at 8:30 AM

**TBE Social Hall
Open to All**

**GUEST SPEAKER -
MARY KAY SHANNON**

**Lox, Bagel Breakfast with Trimmings
(to include)**

**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Sweets,
Veggie Tray, OJ**

**Egg Salad and Cream Cheese
Coffee and Tea**

\$8.00 Per Person

RSVP required no later than March 24, 2023

arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com

716-908-7885

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A TRIAL
BREAKFAST**

Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary, February 16, 2023

-A new Member Directory is almost complete. It will be sent electronically to all members. There will also be a number of brochures available in the temple office for those who would like hard copies.

-The Board unanimously approved a motion to welcome new member, Marjorie Siegel. The Membership committee is planning a reception for new members in the near future.

-Treasure Joel Siegel reported that the temple's finances are on track.

-The Social Action Committee met to discuss the use of Tikkun Olam funds. Members of the committee will review and decide the merit of proposals received. A maximum amount of \$500 per request will be allowed with a cap of \$1500 spent per year.

-Rabbi Evette reported:

TBE joined the group, Faith Unhoused. The group will be hosting a city wide sermon on Homelessness and plans to do fundraising as well.

Adult Ed is going well and the Literacy Class has been well attended.

Our Purim celebration will take place on Monday, March 6 at 5:30 PM. The 2nd Night Passover Seder, sponsored by our Sisterhood, will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 PM.

The Rabbi and the Mensch Club will host a Shabbat weekend in Las Vegas, NM near the end of March. The Rabbi will conduct the services at Temple Montefiore.

-President Nan Rubin reported:

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 11. The Nominating Committee is searching for members who might be interested in serving on the Board.

The Deckers are visiting Las Vegas NM this month to see what supplies will be needed for the March Weekend work session. They are also looking for décor to be donated to

the LV temple-Judaica, Artwork, Pottery, etc. These items can be dropped off at the office of TBE prior to March 31.

-Steven Haydu reported on the TBE Board Retreat, held on February 12.

We will begin using Google calendar for all temple events.

TBE is looking for volunteers to work on the website, keeping it updated and current.

Sign Up Genius has been updated and will go out monthly.

Future Board work sessions will address updating and revising the Constitution, Board Covenant and Temple Committees.

-The Ways and Means Committee reported that the Auction will take place on Sunday, March 5, from 1:30-4:00 PM. We are still looking for auction items from our members.

-Mensch Club Report-Jeff Lewis

The Mensch club will host our appreciation dinner on Tuesday, March 14 at Red Hawk Golf Club. All are welcome. Contact Elliot Katz or Art Lorbeer with your reservation.

-Building and Grounds have added picnic tables to the outdoor area.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Leyndyke, Secretary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-2023

President-Nan Rubin

Vice-President-Lynn Zeemont

Secretary- Deb Leyndyke

Treasurer- Joel Seigel

Pearie Bruder Steven Haydu

Martha Roditti Diane Fleishman

Cherri Hudson-Brown Donna Popky

Wendee Lorbeer

Jeff Lewis (Mensch Club)

Dee Cook (Sisterhood)

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Adar 8 1 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Adar 9 2 Mussar 12:00 pm	Adar 10 3 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	Adar 11 4 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am Auction set up-ways & means 2:00 pm
Adar 12 5 Religious School 9:00 am	Adar 13 6 Purim celebration 5:30-8 pm <i>Erev Purim</i>	Adar 14 7 Short Story Group 11:00 am via Zoom	Adar 15 8 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Café Europa @TBE 12:00 pm NO JEWISH LITERACY CLASS	Adar 16 9 Mussar 12:00 pm Sisterhood Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Adar 17 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm	Adar 18 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
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