

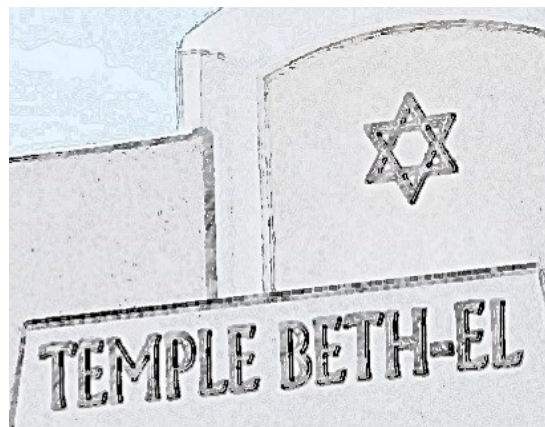
Adelante!

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



MAY 2023 (IYAR- SIVAN 5783)

Temple Beth-El Annual
Congregational Meeting
May 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm
In person AND on Zoom



Meeting Items Will Include

Year-In-Review

Finance Report

Election of Board Members

Introduction of New Congregation Members

How Can You Be More Involved In
The Life Of Your Congregation?

At the end of the meeting, representatives from each
committee will be on hand. Come acquaint yourself
with the wonderful work being done by this
Congregation and find the perfect fit for YOU.

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/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/>

**Friday Evening Kabbalat Services:
6:30 pm**

**Saturday Morning Services:
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 (rablpkarol@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.

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 June 2023 Adelante is May 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

Yahrzeits-May 5, 2023 through June 3, 2023

(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 May 5 & May 6, 2023

Rebecca Bleiberg (Selma Ryave & Rosalind Richman)
 Jay Daniels* (Karen Ford-Pierce & Ronald Pierce)
 Hilda Deutschman (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Lily Edwards*
 Tamara Entin*
 Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Ruth Karol (Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol)
 Stanley Kasten*
 Jack Kelter* (Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)
 Dora Kirschner (Bob & Judy Kirschner)
 Lew Kruger (Linda Kruger)
 Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Bernice Langner, Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)
 Bessie Rothschild*
 Fanny Strauss*
 Zvi Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin & Stuart Kelter)

Read on May 12 & May 13, 2023

Irving Benowitz* (Daniel & Simy Allan)
 Mark Herman (Jeff & Avis Lewis)
 Irving Kallman*
 Harold Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Frances Klempner (Dee Cook)
 Blanche Levine (Frima Marquez & Jeff Marquez)
 Meyer Lieberman (Michael & Karen Lieberman)
 Clarence Pettigrew, Sr (Nicole & Jermel Griffin)
 Louis Rashall*
 Mollie Segal (Allen & Michel Blum)
 Nate Wagner*

Read on May 19 & May 20, 2023

Gertie Davison*
 Harold Deutschman (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Beverly Fein (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Beverly Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Gussie Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Joel Goldstein (Rob Goldstein & Anne Weinberg)
 Martin Harris (Nancy & Scott Rushforth)
 Allan Joseph (Susan C. Brown, Marieka & Jeanne Brown)
 Benjamin Kaufman (Joanne Kaufman)
 Alice Ross (Irvin & Barbara Ross)
 David Schwartz*
 Hana Segen*
 Leonard Trafton*
 Marianne Zeitlin (Leora Zeitlin & Stuart Kelter)

Read on May 26 & May 27

Hilda Bortnich (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Rebekah Klempner Edelstein* (Dee Cook)
 Emanuel Glick*
 Simmie Greenfield*
 Ben Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Rita Spingarn (Richard & Penny Spingarn)
 Eugene J. Stern Jr*

Read on June 2 & June 3, 2023

Julian Barit (Kathi Barit)
 Lillian Batte (Jill Kerr)
 Rita Berger (Lila Ziegler)
 Hyman Capin (Sam Klein)
 Jerry Gardner (Brenda & Arlon Parish)
 Jennie Greenfield*
 Rabbi Gerald M. Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Leliah Kerr Steffen (Jill Kerr)
 Luba Klaitman* (Rita Polsky)
 Harriet Mandel (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Charlie Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)
 Shirley Ruttenberg (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Dorothy Schlisman* (Norm & Sue Mazer)

Condolences to Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz on the death of Rabbi Evette's mother, Geri Lutman who died in Las Cruces on April 5, 2023. 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.

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Musings from Higher Elevations by Karen Shevet Dinah



Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world, as it is often translated, is a concept which is highly valued by a broad spectrum of Jews. Most congregations translate tikkun olam through the work of its social action committee or an equivalent. B'nei Mitzvah young people often have a tikkun olam project as part of their learning. Given its importance in Jewish identity, one might ask, "What's the origin of this important concept?"

One possible place of origin is in the obscure mystical texts of kabbalah where tikkun olam is married with the concept known as tzimtzum, the contraction of the G-dself in order that creation of the world, including human beings, could emerge. This process of contraction and the entrance of divine light into the world shattered the vessels which were the "tohu va-vohu", the chaos and void named in Genesis 1:2. Together, the shattered vessels and the dispersed divine sparks scattered throughout all of creation and resulted in the brokenness of our world, a brokenness we are commanded to rectify, make right, repair. As Reb Nachman of Breslov, taught: "Now, each person must say: 'The entire world was created only for my sake' (Sanhedrin 37a). Consequently, because the world was created for my sake, I must constantly look into and consider ways of making the world better; to provide what is missing in the world and pray on its behalf."

And tikkun or making things right, literally repairing some walls of Temple Montefiore in Las Vegas, NM is what members of TBE-LC did one weekend in early April. Art Lorbeer crafted doors for the aron hakodesh (ark) including a beautiful, yet functional locking system which ensures the security of the congregation's torah scroll. Wendee and Art provided another essential--again, beautiful, the ner tamid (eternal flame). Henri Brown, an experienced painter, climbed up the outside of the building to paint over identifying lettering specific to when the Catholic church owned the building. One group of TBE members filled cracks in the plaster, painted interior walls, cleaned in the temple building while others worked on replacing exterior steps leading into the house next door, also part of the property. Still others photographically documented the property's condition and many assisted where an extra hand was needed.

Rabbi Evette led a lovely erev shabbat service and an informative, meaningful study session shabbat morning.

Kol haKavod! to Dave and Cheryl Decker for facilitating this on-going TBE project.



Jamar Cotton

The Adult Education/Social Action committee is pleased to sponsor a family congregational and community talk by Sgt. Jamar Cotton. He was the recent keynote speaker at the MLK, Jr. breakfast attended by several members of our congregation as well as the Rabbi, who had a chance to meet him. We all were most impressed with his thoughtfulness, commitment, energy, and passion.

Jamar grew up in poverty, raised by a single mother in Irvington, New Jersey. Living in the inner city, he lived with the dangers of gangs and drugs every day. Several times during his early life, the family found themselves homeless. In 2005, Jamar enrolled at New Mexico State University and moved here, to Las Cruces. From 2006 to 2010, he was an outside linebacker and defensive end for the Aggie football team.

While pursuing his education, he became immersed in the community as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He continues to serve as an ambassador to NMSU Black Programs and has contributed thousands of hours of community service, helping wherever he could, including the Gospel Rescue Mission and Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. He is also the Youth President of the NM MLK, Jr. State Commission Ambassador Program. For his day job, Jamar is a sergeant with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

The informal program is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 1, from 7 – 9 pm. This will be an opportunity to experience Jamar's enthusiasm and appreciate Sgt. Cotton's perspective on life.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-2023

President-Nan Rubin

Vice-President-Lynn Zeemont

Secretary- Deb Leyndyke

Treasurer- Joel Seigel

Elliot Katz Steven Haydu

Martha Roditti Diane Fleishman

Cherri Hudson-Brown Donna Popky
Wendee Lorbeer

Jeff Lewis (Mensch Club) Dee Cook (Sisterhood)

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Arthur Berkson
Paul Feil
Robert Hardcastle
Stuart Kelter
Stephen Milano
Barbara Ross
Jacob Saltman
Fred Torres

Scott Burgauer
Francine Feinberg
Rose Jacobs
Avis Lewis
Erich Popky
Nancy Rubin
Julie Seton

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

Karen & Mike Currier
Stacey & Mike Hyman
Carla & Bob Libby
Donna & Eric Popky
Susan & 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, anniversary month, and the year you joined the temple to Luke Duddridge at LCDuddridge@hotmail.com.

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](#).

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Mensch Club Appreciation Dinner— March 14, Red Hawk Golf Course



Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting Summary- April 20, 2023

*Temple member Eric Popky has proposed that we have a service in the fall of 2023, “The Blessing of the Animals”. Members will be welcome to bring their pets to this service and the Rabbi will give offer a blessing. This will take place in an area outside of the temple. Date will be announced at a later time.

*It was unanimously approved to hire a part time Administrative Assistant for the temple. We will post a job description on the job site, Indeed. An interview process will take place and we plan to have a qualified candidate in place by June of this year.

*President Nan Rubin reported on the upcoming Annual Meeting. This will take place on Thursday, May 11 th at 7PM. Packets with the agenda and voting ballots will be emailed to each member. All active temple members will be given the opportunity to vote on the Board of Directors slate for the upcoming year. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, there will be a Zoom link for this meeting, with an opportunity to vote for the Board on the Zoom site.

*Rabbi Evette expressed her satisfaction with the social justice work being done in our TBE Community. The Mensch Club’s “Bagel Breakfast” was successful and the club will continue with this event in the fall. The Rabbi also reported that Confirmation is approaching and there is one additional bat mitzvah scheduled this year. The Rabbi and the Board would like to find ways to “recruit” more families with children into the TBE community. Finally, the Rabbi spoke about an event to take place in El Paso on April 30, “A Celebration for Israel”. We hope to have several Board Members (and congregants) in attendance. The Rabbi thanked everyone in the community for the support she received following the loss of her mother.

*Norm Mazer addressed the Board about security concerns. In light of recent Anti-Semitic events in our country (and world), Norm suggested that we hire an armed Security Guard to attend all major TBE events. The Board discussed this, along with alternative measures to improve safety. All members should have received an on-line survey in regard to security. The TBE Safety Committee will meet to consider the responses and will present us with an action plan that addresses our needs. We will have an active shooter training for all congregants and Religious School students in the very near future.

Respectfully Submitted.
Debbie Leyndyke
Secretary

**Reflections on
“The Honey Girl
of Auschwitz”–
An interview with
Holocaust
survivor, Esther
Basch, March 26
at NMSU,
sponsored by
Chabad of Las
Cruces.**



Esther Basch, holding wedding photo

I was fortunate to spend Sunday afternoon with Honey Girl, a Holocaust survivor and students in the Confirmation Class that I had been teaching. Rabbi Evette and Heather have taken over for me and started the unit on the Holocaust. This was my first time back and I was so happy to see “my kids”.

After the moving presentation we went to eat so the students could process and share their impressions of what they heard. I was impressed with their thoughts and feelings. Many parents were there also so they will have time to talk to family as well.

-Diane Fleishman

The thing that was the most relevant to me is that she has a good mindset. She is a strong person to say all the things she said. I think that the “big take away” is that when things get bad you can get out and be happy. You can’t dwell on all of the bad things in life.

-Aron Marancenbaum

I thought that the interview with Esther, AKA “the Honey Girl”, was a very inspirational thing. The fact that she was able to make light of such a gruesome situation alone shows how strong she is despite all she went through. I loved her quote about how she was done crying and just wanted to laugh. The fact that she was still able to smile shows how brave she is. While most wouldn’t, Esther decided that she would forgive the Nazis. It takes a lot to take all that they did and still find it in her heart to forgive them. I am glad that I was at least able to see her and hear her talk, especially with the number of Holocaust decreasing. I really hope people took what she said to heart and that they are reminded of the events of the Holocaust so that history does not repeat itself. It’s sad that more and more people are believing it is fake. I believe that everyone should at least meet a survivor once in their life before it’s too late.

-Diore Evans

Esther Basch tells a very powerful story. I feel very lucky that I got the opportunity to hear her presentation because there are very few survivors left and most are unable to tell their story. Esther is so full of spirit and it was amazing to see how someone who went through something so traumatizing is able to be so positive. Something that I thought was really important was how Esther’s daughter always reminded her to say the names of the people in her story. She said she did this to remind us that these were real people and not just numbers.

-Mia Berkson

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Program from an event on March 22, 2023 at White Sands Missile Range in honor of Women's Month. Our own Frances F. Williams was honored and chosen as Guest Speaker.

Sequence of Events

Opening Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies:

SENIOR AIRMAN SYDNEY THOMAS

National Anthem by:

MS. YOLANDA HINGEL

Invocation by:

STAFF SERGEANT TEKEIA WALLACE

Guest Speaker

MS. FRANCES WILLIAMS

Gift of Appreciation

THREE CROSSES CHAPTER
FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN

Gift of Appreciation and Closing Remarks

BG ERIC LITTLE AND CSM JOSE MELENDEZ



Guest Speaker
Ms. Frances F. Williams

Frances F. Williams represents the best that her community, state and the nation has to offer. She has dedicated her life to serving those who need a helping hand and crashing employment barriers. In 1974 she was appointed by the Governor of New Mexico to the New Mexico State Commission for the Status of Women. In 1976 she was appointed to a task force for affirmative action for the State. For 12 years she served as a chairperson for the Las Cruces Review Board for Grievance and Discrimination. She has served as a United Nations delegate for the International Women's Year Conference; has been selected as an Outstanding Woman of the Year for New Mexico; helped build the Vietnam Memorial at Veterans Park, procuring the Huey Helicopter for the memorial; has advocated and worked tirelessly for equal opportunity in employment, establishing and implementing programs leading to an increase of women and minorities in positions never held before; served as a consultant and advisor to businesses and government on management and employment issues; served as a housing commissioner for the city and state; a whistleblower who uncovered the corruption in these organizations, resulting in an overhaul of housing authorities in New Mexico; founding member of Temple Beth El; president of the White Sands Missile Range Museum Historical Foundation raising \$1 million for its expansion; worked to stop a private company wanting to build an electric line across New Mexico which could take private ranchers' property by eminent domain, and impaired the mission of White Sands Missile Range. She worked for 35 years here at White Sands Missile Range, from 1952-1987. The last 17 years of which she served as the director of equal opportunity. In 1995 Mrs. Williams was inducted into the White Sands Missile Range Hall of Fame.



The call came from California. Lisa Silverman and her brother Joel wanted to honor their parents, Shelly and Jerry Silverman, with a brick for their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. But it had to be a secret.

So, Lisa sent the wording and the check, Dee Cook ordered the brick, Alison Mann received the finished product and Bob Kimball placed it into the fountain area of the Biblical garden, all without Shelly and Jerry knowing anything about it.

While Lisa and Joel wanted to come to be with their parents once the brick was to be seen, their schedules weren't in sync, so a group of TBE members planned a small celebration with champagne, Passover cake and fruit and flowers. The Silvermans were told to appear at 4pm at TBE but without knowing why, and they came and were greeted by their friends who guided them to the brick bought in their honor. There were a few tears shed, a song of Happy Anniversary sung, and a telling of their courtship shared.

All of us at TBE wish them Mazel Tov on this very special occasion.

Alison Mann



Editor's Corner



Shalom Chaverim! Or should I say Salam Alaikum!

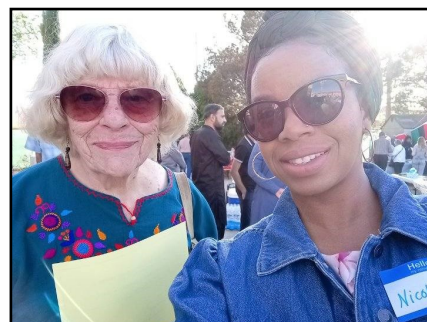
How blessed we are in Las Cruces to be part of a vibrant, diverse and welcoming community! On April 16th, My daughters and I, along with several more TBE members, attended the Interfaith Iftar hosted by the Southern New Mexico Islamic Center. Iftar is the evening meal which breaks the fast every day after sundown during the month of Ramadan which began on March 22 and ended on April 20. I was excited to meet the members of the Islamic center and to learn more about the religion. The program which they put on greatly exceeded my expectations. It started with cultural booths which educated about several countries where Islam is practiced. These booths were put together by the youth at the center and they did an amazing job. The individuals at each booth were dressed in garb that would be common in that country. They told of major religious sites, cities and cultural sites. Each also had samples of foods that are eaten and produced there. I was surprised how many people were from the countries that they were educating us about. While I am sure that there are many members who were born here, there were also many who have recently immigrated so their knowledge was first hand and their love for their countries of birth was evident.

After the cultural booths, we entered the mosque, took off our shoes and had a seat on the plush carpets inside the main prayer hall. There we were welcomed by the Imam and other members of the center. Presentations were given about Islam in general, the month of Ramadan and Islam in America. The main value that they spoke of was welcoming guests and hospitality. Then they asked the guests to speak of the similarities in their own cultures. In the unfortunate absence of our Rabbi, who really had hoped to attend but had just a couple of hours returned from her mother's funeral, they had to make do with my words. I spoke about G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness) and tikkun olam.

Finally, we headed outside to break the fast with our Muslim neighbors and partake of the Iftar meal, a very generous and delicious buffet.

This was a wonderful evening and I look forward to attending next year.

L'hitraot,
Beth Tierney



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What A Difference A Year Makes!

It's been a very exciting year for Temple Beth-El!

A year ago, the Temple wasn't open and we all Zoomed in for the Annual Meeting. We had no full time rabbi, and our ability to have services and events was very limited.

A year ago, we were in the middle of a rabbi search, and were getting ready for a visit from a rabbi candidate, but we had not yet met her in person at that time.

You may recall the visit went exceedingly well, and you were all enthusiastic about hiring Rabbi Evette. She has been here not yet a full year, but her presence has already had a huge positive impact on our congregation and the entire community.

A year ago, the building was not yet open for any group gatherings. Since then, Temple Beth-El has been open for all religious and community gatherings, and our calendar has been revitalized with an ongoing schedule of holidays and events.

This year our Annual Meeting will be held in person at the synagogue, as well as on Zoom for those who are not able to come. Everyone will receive an email with a packet of information about the meeting. This will include:

- A copy of the Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year reflecting the addition of increased security and a badly needed part-time administrative assistant. (This is for your review. The budget itself will be adopted by the Board).
- We'll have a review of all the activities and work of the Temple committees, and I know you look forward to the slideshow with photographs of our holiday celebrations and events that we held throughout the year.
- Short bios of the candidates for the Board of Trustees.

Leaving the Board after four years of outstanding service are Steve Haydu and Cherri Hudson-Brown. There are five open seats on our Board of Trustees. The candidates are:

- ♦ Martha Roditti (running for re-election)
- ♦ Nan Rubin (running for re-election)
- ♦ Mark Singer (new candidate)
- ♦ Sheri Spiegel (new candidate)
- ♦ Lynn Zeemont (running for re-election)

Current members remaining on the Board are: Joel Siegel, Wendy Lorbeer, Deb Leyndyke, Donna Popky, Diane Fleishman, and Elliot Katz, who was appointed to fill Pearie Bruder's position when she stepped down. The Sisterhood Representative is Dee Cook, and the Mensch Club is represented by Jeff Lewis.

There will be an opportunity for people to nominate candidates from the floor, and those on Zoom or not present will be able to vote by absentee ballot. Also, at the end of the meeting, we are asking the Committee Chairs to stay for a few minutes afterwards so you can meet them and express your interest in joining.

Temple Beth-El will be moving into our new fiscal year with a lot of energy, a lot of new ideas, and a great deal of enthusiasm. At the same time, we are also facing the challenge of increasing our income and organizing more fundraising activities.

We hope this will lead to more participation on committees, greater commitment to support the synagogue, and stronger engagement with Temple Beth-El. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

L'Shalom,

Nan Rubin, President

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces

President.Tbelc@gmail.com

P.S. I really appreciate the phone calls and notes from you, so please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns and comments!

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Thank you to all the congregants and friends who attended the second night Seder at the temple provided by Sisterhood. It was wonderful to see so many of us enjoying each other's company and eventually the food. Cravings Catering was the provider and they did an excellent job with service to 120 people. Thank you to Debra Brown for contacting them and working to provide the menu. The Sisterhood "Cooks" (Cheryl Decker, Dee Cook, Lynn Zeemont, Stefani Singer, Deborah Levy, and Debra Brown) prepared the soups, charoset, and meringue cookies. Our flower arranger and provider was Jane Grider. Of course, the Mensch Club muscle was there to set out all the tables and chairs. A special mention goes to Mark Singer who stayed and worked with the all-female crew that set the tables. Stefani Singer was the creator, along with the artistic help of Beth Tierney [Editor's note: the pictures of the plagues came from our RS curriculum book. All I did was copy them], to design all the table signs. In addition, Stefani worked with the Hebrew School students to make all the Elijah cups and matzoh covers. The above-mentioned work crew was joined by the two Micheles, Blum & Cowen, as well as Diane Fleishman, in completing the preparation for the Seder dinner.

From the sweat on our brows, we know we need more help next year. The Sisterhood team has already met with a follow-up meeting to go over and note areas that need improving and we look forward to having this event next year with the same congregational support and enthusiasm as we experienced this year.

Lynn Zeemont

TBE Religious School



Playing Ten Plague Twister— pictures re-copied for community seder table signs



Some of our artisans decorating matzoh covers

Donations through April 21, 2023

General Operating Fund:

Anonymous
Jill Kerr, in honor of Bernice Langner
Debbie Levy
Robert and Carla Libby, in memory of Marvin Siegel
Henri and Debra Brown, in memory of George T Brown
Martino Widjaja
Dee Cook
Marvin and Carl Bernstein, thank you Religious School for the Purim baskets
Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Leonard Hurwitz

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Susan Lapid
Murray and Evelyn Bruder, in memory of Max Bruder

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Geri Lutman
Alan Olster, in memory of Geri Lutman
Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in honor of Dr. Harry and Diane Bass, for all they've done for the Temple and community
Brenda Parish, in memory of Terry Petty

Social Action Fund:

Mike, Stacey, Aaron, Derek, Evan, and James Hyman, in honor of Selma Hyman's 100th Birthday

Lisa Ehlers and Bryan McCuller, in memory of Judy Harary

Lenore Hindin, in memory of Michael Shikora

Mitzvah Team:

Lisa Ehlers and Bryan McCuller, in memory of Ann Hansen

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Lisa Ehlers and Bryan McCuller, in memory of James S. McCuller

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.

“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 \$ _____

2 bedroom/1 bath apartment for rent.

All appliances including washer/dryer, large fenced side yard, large storage shed,. \$975/month \$975 security deposit. Tenant pays all utilities.

Contact Stacey Hyman
575.640.7686

Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of your own or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



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

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Iyar 10 1	Iyar 11 2 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Iyar 12 3 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Iyar 13 4 Mussar 12:00 pm	Iyar 14 5 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Iyar 15 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Iyar 16 7 Religious School 9:00 am	Iyar 17 8	Iyar 18 9 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom <i>Lag B'Omer</i>	Iyar 19 10 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Iyar 20 11 Mussar 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00pm	Iyar 21 12 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Iyar 22 13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
Iyar 23 14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL <i>Mother's Day</i>	Iyar 24 15	Iyar 25 16 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Iyar 26 17 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Iyar 27 18 Mussar 12:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 pm	Iyar 28 19 Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Religious School Confirmation 6:30 pm	Iyar 29 20 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Sivan 1 21 Religious School End of Year Pool Party, NO SCHOOL	Sivan 2 22	Sivan 3 23 Short Story group 11:00 am via Zoom	Sivan 4 24 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Dinner & Jewish Literacy 5:30-7 pm	Sivan 5 25 Mussar 12:00 pm <i>Erev Shavuot</i>	Sivan 6 26 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm <i>Shavuot</i>	Sivan 7 27 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
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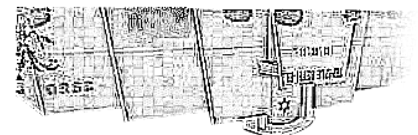
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