



Las Cruces, New Mexico

SEPTEMBER 2023 (ELUL 5783-TISHREI 5784)

## ***High Holy Days Schedule for September, 2023 [5783-5784]***

Selichot: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, 7:30 pm  
Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, Sept. 15, 8:00 pm  
Rosh Hashanah, 1st day: Saturday morning, Sept. 16  
Family service: 9 am      Morning service: 10 am  
Tashlich: Saturday afternoon  
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day: Sunday, Sept. 17,  
Torah study and Shofar service. 10 am @ TBE  
10 am Family Service @U-Pick Apple orchard (details page 8)  
Shabbat Shuvah: Saturday morning, Sept. 23, 10 am Shabbos, singing & a story.  
Cemetery Service: Sept 24 morning, 10 am  
Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur: Sunday evening, Sept. 24, 8 pm  
Yom Kippur: Monday, Sept. 25  
Family service: 9 am      Morning service: 10 am  
Afternoon Congregational Sharing at 1 pm  
Text study at 2:30 pm  
Healing service 4:30 pm  
Yizkor and Neilah: 5:45 pm to 7:36 pm  
Havdallah & Break-the-Fast 7:36 pm  
Sukkot and Simchat Torah services and times will be announced closer to their dates

Your Religious Practices Committee would like to offer High Holy Days honors such as readings (in English), opening/closing the ark, reading/chanting from the torah scroll, hagbah (lifting torah scroll) g'lilah (dressing the torah scroll), and others. Your request for an honor should include when you would like to participate, e.g. "I would like a reading in English on erev Rosh haShanah" or "I would like to open the ark during Kol Nidrei".

If you are interested in any of these honors please email [admin@tbelc.org](mailto:admin@tbelc.org), BEFORE Monday, Sept. 4, 2023. Once requests are received, R. Evette and the RPC will assign specific roles and an RPC member will offer/confirm those honors via phone calls to individuals. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP.

### 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 will occasionally vary.  
See calendar for current schedule.***

### 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. Please send pictures in JPG and files in .doc format.

**The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October 2023 Adelante is September 20, 2023. Late items may not be included.** Please keep to that schedule to facilitate a timely completion of the Adelante! All content can be e-mailed to me, Beth Tierney at [cambrien73@gmail.com](mailto:cambrien73@gmail.com)

### 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.

**Pirkei Avot Study– Saturdays at 12:30 during Oneg**

**Short Story Group– Tuesdays at 1 pm via Zoom \*on break till fall\***

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](mailto: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](mailto:rablpkarol@gmail.com)) to join.

**Jewish Literacy- Wednesdays at 5:30- 7:00 PM \*on break till Sukkot\***

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 11 am  
\*on break till Sukkot\***  
Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.

## **Yahrzeits-September 1, 2023 to October 7, 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 September 1 & September 2, 2023**

Lulu Dimig (Tom & Deborah Levy)  
 Irving Dworsky\*  
 Millie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Philip Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Eve Holzman\*  
 Marcia Hudgins (Robert & Carla Libby)  
 Evelyn Jacobs (Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)  
 Ethel Krepps\*  
 Albert Petrowski\*  
 Vivian Rycus (Debra & Henri Brown)  
 Donald David Stern\*  
 Barnett Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)  
 Sidney Waldman\*

### **Read on September 8 and 9, 2023**

Sylvia Blumkin\*  
 Morris Feldman\*  
 Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)  
 Joseph Karol (Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol)  
 Samuel Smalley\* (Alison Mann)

### **Read on September 15 and 16, 2023**

Emily Cohen\* (Susan Brown, Marieka & Jeanne Brown)  
 Michael Eger\*  
 Elissa Klein  
 Ramon Marquez (Frima Marquez & Jeff Marquez)  
 Ida Seigel (Robert & Carla Libby)  
 Katherine Winkler

### **Read on September 22 and 23, 2023**

Shepley Backman (Bob & Judy Kirschner)  
 Robert Eger\*  
 Isadore Frank\*  
 Donald Gantert (Jacob & Susi Kolikant)  
 Thomas Gatkin\*  
 Ralph Holzman\*  
 Anna Lambert\*  
 Robert Leafer (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)  
 Ted Levy (Tom & Deborah Levy)  
 Richard Meltzer (Colette Meltzer)  
 Sidney Muffs\* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)  
 Nathan Siegel\*  
 Walter Sisson (Lester & Renee Frank)  
 Viki Slack (Mark & Stefani Singer)

### **Read on September 29 & September 30, 2023**

Fern Brown (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)  
 Bernice Deutcher (Mark & Stefani Singer)

Lillian (Sis) Druxman\* (Melvin & Rosie Klein)  
 Yetta Feldman\*  
 Samuel Freeman (Bernice Langner)  
 Benjamin Golden\*  
 Harriet Gorlick\*  
 Martin Greenfield\*  
 Marvin A. Gubin (Scott & Betsy Gubin)  
 Evelyn Hays (Luke & Beverly Duddridge)  
 Robert Krasner (Frima Marquez & Jeff Marquez)  
 Mary Krepps\*  
 Herman Limmer\*  
 Martin Muffs\* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)  
 Thomas Olson (Elizabeth Lewis-Olson)  
 Bill Quinn (Patrick & Susan Quinn)  
 Emily Schorr (Susan Michelson & Bill Stein)  
 Harry Schlusinger (Honey Devins)  
 Rose Sommers\* (Frances F. Williams)  
 Sam Sommers\* (Frances F. Williams)  
 Mabel Stern\*

### **Read on October 6 and 7, 2023**

Lillian Evelyn Bernstein (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)  
 Arnold Devins (Honey Devins)  
 Mary Lois Gardner (Brenda & Arlon Parish)  
 Phyllis Joseph (Susan C. Brown)  
 Esther Kershner (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)  
 Reba Kirschner\*  
 Esther Y. Podolsky (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Irving Leonard Podolsky (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
 Helene F. Rosenbaum (Joan Silar)

#### **Condolences to:**

Aggie Saltman and family on the death of Aggie's sister, Annabelle Hammer who lost her battle with cancer on August 11.

The family of Shirley Ipsen, friend to many and former, long time member of Temple Beth-El. Shirley passed away August 8 in Denver.

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.



## Musings for Rosh HaShanah 5784- -The Priestly Blessing and Mr. Spock

by Karen Shevet Dinah

The Eternal One spoke to Moses:  
Speak to Aaron and his sons:

Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them:  
The Eternal bless you and protect you!  
The Eternal deal kindly and graciously with you!  
The Eternal bestow divine favor upon you and grant  
you peace!

Thus they shall link My name with the people of Israel,  
and I will bless them.

(Numbers 6:22-27 as rendered by Ira S. Youdovin,  
ReformJudaism.org)

In Classical Reform Judaism, congregational rabbis often finished the Shabbat morning service with the Birkat Kohanim, i.e. the priestly blessing. It continues to be included in the weekday and Shabbat Amidah in the more traditional congregations, chanted by the service leader no differently than any other part of the liturgy, quite differently than the high drama of the High Holy Days and Festival Musaf in the Orthodox world. Known as *duchenen*, the Birkat Kohanim is performed in a highly ritualized manner as an re-enactment of Aaron and his sons blessing the Israelites. I have experienced this ritual, in Yiddish known as *duchenen*, in Conservative settings. It is a dramatic section of the Musaf Amidah when members who are descendants of a Kohen ascend the bimah and re-enact the ancient benediction. Based on archaeological finds, it is believed to be one of the oldest biblical texts.

The specific way the Kohanim must hold up their hands while chanting the Birkat Kohanim was borrowed by Leonard Nimoy for the Vulcan salute when he was cast as Spock in the Star Trek series. Nimoy detailed the origin of the Vulcan greeting in an 2013 interview he gave to the Yiddish Book Center. During the interview he reminisces about his bar mitzvah and attending High Holy Days services. Here's Nimoy's boyhood memory of the experience from beneath his father's tallit, in a tiny shul in Boston:

Five or six guys get up on the bimah and they're facing the congregation . . . their tallits over their heads and they start this chanting . . . and my father said to me, 'Don't look!' So everyone has their hands over their faces or . . . they turned away . . .

and I hear this strange sound coming from them . . . dissonant, discordant kind of wailing, all discordant and not together. And then the leader would shout out,

'yvarechaha' and the rest of them would respond, 'yvarechaha adonai v'yishm'reha'.

It was chilling . . . I thought, 'something major is happening here'. So I peeked and I saw them with their hands out . . . towards the congregation. Wow!

Something really got hold of me. I had no idea what was going on, but the sound of it and the look of it was magical. (Showing his hand)

This is the shape of a shin, a letter from the Hebrew alphabet . . . very interesting letter . . .

it's the first letter of the word Shaddai, first letter in the word shalom, first letter in the word Shechina which is the name of the feminine aspect of God, who was supposedly created to live amongst humans . . . why you're not suppose to look . . . the legend is that during that benediction . . . the Shechina comes into the sanctuary to bless the congregation and you don't want to see that because it's so powerful you could be seriously injured . . . or it could be fatal. That's why you protect yourself by hiding your eyes . . . I never dreamed I would do that one day, but sure enough . . . we were making this Star Trek series . . .

Nimoy then continues to describe the plot and why he suggested the hand salute he'd first seen during the *duchenen* ritual many years prior.

So what's the take-away from juxtaposing a Jewish ritual which probably pre-dates Biblical Judaism with a simple greeting exchanged between futuristic creatures from a television series? Perhaps that one can find blessing or comfort or joy or love or forgiveness in the oddest, most unexpected places or with the most unlikely of people. The High Holy Days liturgy is full of imagery of sternness and reminders of how we humans so often miss the mark. And yet the rabbis chose to include a beautifully reassuring ritual, a reminder that we are the recipients of divine blessings, no matter what.

Y'varechecha Adonai viyishmerecha

Ya'erAdonai panav eilecha vichunekha

Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v'yasem lecha shalom

Live long and prosper!





## The Days of Awe.

I always liked that expression describing the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. To me it gives a real spiritual framework for entering the new year season and elevates the importance of these

holidays above the other celebrations we observe during the year.

Helped in part by the addition of Rabbi Evette, Temple Beth-El has had a dynamic year. We have had new adult study classes, large participation at many events, several successful fundraisers, an active religious school with three students being confirmed, plus a steady influx of one or two new member family units each month.

The Rabbi has been actively involved with a number of community issues, and she is bringing more visibility to the synagogue and growing recognition of the Jewish presence in Las Cruces.

All this activity has reinforced the clear need for the synagogue to have much stronger administrative systems to manage our routine office tasks as well as support our outreach and programming efforts. By the time you read this, our new Administrative Assistant, Beryl Sierra, should be on the job helping us improve our operations by helping to keep us organized.

Another very fortunate recent development to help support our operations is the announcement of the High Holidays Challenge grant. Members Elizabeth Lewis and Joel Siegel have generously made a challenge of \$20,000, and they will match it dollar for dollar for every contribution made by the end of the calendar year.

We are looking at a budget shortfall this fiscal year, and meeting this challenge will improve our fiscal bottom line tremendously. We are very grateful to them for providing this opportunity, and encourage everyone to donate what you can so we can make this match!

Don't forget, we are also participating in the annual Tents to Rents fundraising effort by the Community of Hope to support housing needs in our community.

Even so, the Ways and Means committee is looking to develop some new and creative ideas to bring in additional income. Your thoughts and involvement in this committee would be most welcome.

You might be interested in something else- working with the Social Action committee on political issues, or

helping to bring a new program to the synagogue through the Adult Ed committee. Maybe you're more interested in working with Religious Practices on planning holiday services or Torah lessons. Or even volunteering with the religious school. Both the Sisterhood and the Mensch Club are always looking for new members.

We have a lot to look forward to this coming year, and we know the Temple will be busy. Supporting the synagogue with a financial donation will mean a lot. But contributing your time would be just as valuable. Thank you!

Shana Tovah,  
Nan Rubin  
[President.Tbelc@gmail.com](mailto:President.Tbelc@gmail.com)

## Save the date!

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7:00pm  
**Cuba's Forgotten Jewels + guest speakers**  
Dir: Judy Kreith & Robin Truesdale  
46 min  
Spanish, Hebrew w/ subtitles

The Fountain Theater is screening "Cuba's Forgotten Jewels", a documentary on Jews who fled Nazi Germany. The story contains personal accounts of refugees who recall their escape to Havana and the challenges they faced in an exotic and unfamiliar land.

Marion Finkels was fourteen when she and her family fled Nazi-occupied Europe and sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, finding safe haven in Cuba. Refugees who made it to Havana, including young Marion, found work to support themselves and their family members in a newly transported trade: diamond polishing. Firsthand survivor accounts take us back to 1940's Havana - an era at once tumultuous, heartbreaking, and intoxicating - to reveal an immigration success story.

*"Cuba's Forgotten Jewels is a fascinating look at a missing part of the Jewish refugee history – one that is surprisingly uplifting and optimistic, which sets it apart from other accounts."* – Oaxaca Film Festival

### Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2023

- Martha Roditti reported that the devastation in Maui is not exaggerated. The very well respected HawaiiPublicRadio.org is a good place to make direct contributions should individuals wish to help in this disaster. The Social Action Committee is following up on leads to helping the Jewish Congregations on Maui.
- Rabbi Evette reported that there has been a call out to our members for a congregational choir. This is a particularly opportune time to get involved and share your love of singing with the approach of the High Holidays. New choir member Jeanne Brown will be involved in leading members in song. The Rabbi also reported that we will be participating in Shofars Across Borders again this year.
- The Religious school Open House went well with some new families joining us.
- Three new member families were approved for membership and will be officially welcomed into our temple family.
- The draft of the letter that will be sent to the congregation this coming week regarding the new Challenge Grant opportunity was discussed with suggested revisions.
- There is still an empty board position. Suggested individuals will be contacted to gauge their interest.
- An Ad Hoc committee is forming with two board members with possible participation from the Religious Practices Committee to explore creative solutions to enhance participation in Shabbat Services.
- There will be a scheduled Active Shooter Drill before the High Holidays.
- A committee has been formed to perform an evaluation of Rabbi Evette's performance over her first year of employment. The congregation will be tapped for their input in this process.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna L. Popky, Secretary

## Celebrating our Simchas

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

Evan Hyman  
Patrick Quinn  
Sally Sicherman

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

Barbara and Michael Mandel  
Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff

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](mailto:LCDuddridge@hotmail.com).

Please note that we are not collecting dates, just the months.

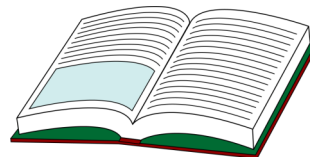
### Erich Zamaret, B.S., M.S., M.A.

Will tutor: Hebrew- reading and conversational,  
High School Math.

Privately or in small  
group

[ezmrt35@yahoo.com](mailto:ezmrt35@yahoo.com)

575-639-0785



*Gail Braverman is a Board Member at Temple Emanu-El in San Diego. Gail writes "Community Corner", for her synagogue's monthly newsletter and has graciously offered to share her columns with us. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist.*

## COMMUNITY CORNER- HOPE

Hope, in Hebrew is tikvah. It is part of our narrative as human beings. What is it, how do we find it, and how do we use it?

Strangely enough, hope often comes into play only when our circumstances are difficult or at least uncertain. Hope is not just a feeling of longing for something. It involves taking action to change things. Hope can be activated and cultivated.

Hope is what happens when we assess what we can do with a situation. Hope doesn't deny that a situation is happening, it asks the question: "Is there something I can do to make a change?" Hope is assessing the future and influencing it.

Hopefulness has several features that can be developed. No matter what has happened, we can resolve at any time to make tomorrow better.

Dan Tomasulo, Ph.D. in his book Learned Hopefulness: The Power of Positivity to Overcome Depression says hopefulness is a decision. According to Dr. Tomasulo, there are seven decisions that promote hopefulness. They give us direction and agency, something we can do that acts to produce a particular result.

These decisions are:

1. Seeing possibilities - Having a growth mindset leads to possibilities. Be open, curious, and willing to see other perspectives than your own.
2. Noticing beauty, benefits, and blessings - Look for the good, the positive, and see challenges as opportunities. Sometimes negative events in our lives have been the catalyst for something better to happen.
3. Cultivating positive feelings - The core difference between optimists and pessimists is how they think good and bad events will impact their future. People with high hope have been shown to have better psychological adjustment, physical health and wellness, coping skills for illness and loss, interpersonal relationships.
4. Focusing on Strengths - Your strengths are your superpower. Identify your strengths and put them into action.
5. Creating Challenging Goals - Start with small goals. Setting goals keeps us on track and moves us forward.
6. Finding Purpose - What are the three most important things to you?

Find a way to bring them into the world to be of service.

7. Cherishing Relationships - Invest in your relationships -Expand your connection to others and strangers. A "good morning," or complimenting someone on what they are wearing can open up connection and conversation.

Hope is happening.

**Reflection:** "They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for."

~ Tom Bodett

**Today's Practice:** Check in with yourself every day to make sure you are doing something toward intentional well-being.

Comments are welcomed: [gbrave3333@aol.com](mailto:gbrave3333@aol.com)

## WILDFIRES IN HAWAII

Temple Beth-El's Social Action Committee will be donating 20 x chai, or \$360 to the Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) newly launched Hawaii Wildfire Fund.

The tragic fire in Maui has touched many of us, including our Social Action Committee and Board of Trustees. In fact, one of our congregants is currently in Hawaii. She is on the big island visiting her family and is in no danger. She has sent us information about the devastating impact of the fire and a special request for a monetary donation from the Social Action Committee.

In addition to the request from our congregant in Hawaii, there have been several requests from other members of TBE to make a monetary donation to one of the relief agencies for those affected by the fires in Maui. The Social Action Committee has a fund set aside to donate money directly to causes and agencies falling within the guidelines of tikkun olam. This request clearly does that. The donation to the JFNA Hawaii Wildfire Fund will be used to provide evacuees toiletries, first-aid kits, non-perishable foods, baby supplies and other supplies. Incidentally, while doing our review of this issue we also learned that there are between 2,000 – 3,000 Jews that live on Maui. The JFNA website is listed below including their street address, should anyone care to make an additional donation beyond what the social action committee will donate on behalf of TBE.

<https://form.jotform.com/232215853058960>

## **SAVE THE DATE**



### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY NOV. 12 at NOON**

**RABBI EVETTE WILL BE  
DOING THE BLESSING OF  
THE ANIMALS FOR ALL WHO  
BRING THEIR PETS AND**

**ALL WHO COME TO  
OBSERVE THAT DAY  
ASKING FOR A DONATION  
OF CANNED CAT OR DOG  
FOOD TO BE GIVEN TO THE  
SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL  
SHELTER**

## **Attention Kids and Kids at Heart**



**Join the Religious School on  
Sunday, September 17th at  
10 AM for a short kid-friendly  
service and apple picking at  
the U-Pick Mesilla Valley  
Apple Orchard,  
2330 Shalem Colony Trail  
A picnic will at La Llorona  
Park, adjacent to the  
beautiful Rio Grande will  
follow.**

**Bring your own drinks and  
sides...**

**The school will provide pizza  
and dessert.**

**Add your names to a sign-up  
sheet available at the  
Religious School or in the  
temple office**





## HIGH HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The High Holidays are fast approaching, and Sisterhood is working to prepare and provide for our Erev Rosh Hashana event on September 15th and the Break the Fast on September 25th. We are asking our members to provide the following foodstuff for these events.

For Erev Rosh Hashana we are looking for desserts that will be brought plated with your name on the dish.

### BREAK THE FAST

Bagels

Cream Cheese

Whole Large Tomatoes

Red Onions

Gefilte Fish

Horseradish

Prepared Egg Salad

Prepared Tuna Fish

Fresh Fruit for Large Bowl

Desserts

10" Chinet Heavy Duty Plates

Pickled Herring, Lox, and Kugels are being provided by the Sisterhood.

Donations are always welcome to help offset the cost of these events. Checks should be made out to TBE Sisterhood, indicating Break the Fast and mailed to the temple.

Please respond to Lynn Zeemont at: [mudjob@aol.com](mailto:mudjob@aol.com) or 914-391-0903 with your offering by September 6th, 2023.



**CHEF/REBBETZIN  
SHARI'S  
ROSH HASHANAH  
HONEYCAKE  
FUNDRAISER**



**Order your moist, dairy-free, yummy honey loaf cakes (8.5") in time for the holidays.**

**\$14/each or 2/\$25.**

**For each cake you purchase, \$5 will benefit Temple Beth-El.**

**\*These freeze well.**

**Contact Shari to place your orders no later than 9/10/23.  
at 720-473-1118 or  
[akitchenmaven@yahoo.com](mailto:akitchenmaven@yahoo.com).**

**Pickup on September 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule a pickup time when placing your order.**

**Pick up address will be provided at the time of order.**

**Check made out to Shari Abramowitz, cash, Venmo or Cash App accepted.**



## Rosh Hashanah New Year Greetings

Send a New Year's Greeting to your fellow congregants

From:\_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$18.00

Check payable to TBE Sisterhood  
Mail to Lynn Zeemont  
1236 Regency Court  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Cut and return ASAP

## Order your Rosh Hashanah Challah Right Here, Right Now



Plain Round # \_\_\_\_\_



Raisin Round # \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$7.00 ea Total ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to TBE Sisterhood  
Mail to Lynn Zeemont  
1236 Regency Court  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Please return your order ASAP

## Donations through August 18, 2023

### Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Nancy Bergman, in memory of Ruth and Jerry Plas  
Barbara Berger, for the youth lounge in honor of Stefani Singer  
Corry McKissack  
Bob and Carla Libby, in memory of Natalie Libby

### Rabbi Gerald M. Kane Fund:

Lynn Zeemont, in memory of David Zeemont

### General Fund:

Henri and Debra Brown, in memory of Vivian Rycus  
Martino Widjaja  
Paul Feil, in memory of Gina Libo  
Johan and Barbara Busby, in memory of Lester Sheen  
Ned Rubin and Francine Feinberg

### Biblical Garden Fund:

Wendee and Art Lorbeer, in memory of Kathryn M. Goldstein

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Maxine Laplace

## 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-2023

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Sheri Spiegel, Deb Lendyke,  
Wendee Lorbeer  
Jeff Lewis (Mensch Club)  
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## Mensch Club Breakfast with Rabbi Evette on August 9...a great morning of Temple spirit and unity.



## Religious School Open House

The open house for our Religious School was held on Sunday, July 30. Both kids and adults had a great time and we welcomed three new students. Our co-Principals are Rebecca Berkson and Sheri Spiegel. They also teach our middle school students. Other faculty members are Diane Fleishman and Rabbi Evette Lutman (confirmation), Ruth Rubin (music), Stefani Singer (Wednesday Hebrew and specials), Josh Berkman (middle school), Beth Tierney and Morgan Tierney (lower Elementary).

We have a great year planned out including leading Family Shabbat, Field trips, art projects and more.

Know any kids who might like to join us? We are always happy to welcome new students to our family.





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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!



# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
3 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	4	5	6 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	7	8	9 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am Selichot 7:30 pm
10 Religious School 9:00 am	11	12	13 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	14 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	15 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 pm	16 Family Rosh Hashanah Service 9:00 am Morning service 10:00 am Taslich- follows morning service
17 Torah Study and Shofar Service @TBE 10:00 am Family Service @ U-Pick Orchard 10:00 am	18	19	20 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	21	22	23 Shabbat Shuvah Service 10:00 am
24 Cemetery Service 10:00 am Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur Service 8:00 pm	25 Family Service 9:00 am Morning Service 10:00 am See front page for full afternoon schedule Break the Fast 7:36	26	27 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	28	29 Erev Succot	30 Succot

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