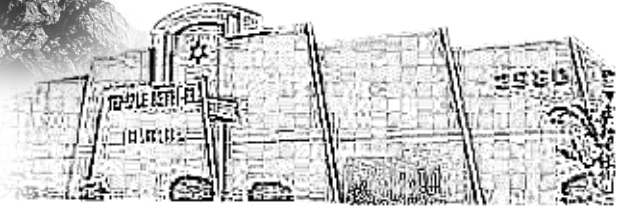


# Adelante!

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



NOVEMBER 2023 (CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5784)

## Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday Nov. 12, Temple Beth-El will celebrate the important role that both household and farm animals play in our lives. This is based on an ancient ritual, Rosh Hashanah laBehemah, that dates to the time of the Temple.

In 2009, the modern tradition was begun at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in Litchfield, Massachusetts. Since then, this event has had the goal of raising the awareness of the conditions for domesticated animals in Jewish society.

We invite all congregants (and their neighbors) to bring their household pets and any farm animals to the Temple for Blessing at 12:30 pm

We ask that pet owners bring canned pet food to be given to the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary who will be at the event.

## Chanukah Boutique

Hello TBE members  
and friends!

Tis the season, which  
means that the Sister-  
hood Judaica shop will  
be having our

Chanukah boutique sale on November  
19th between 9 and 12. This is before  
Thanksgiving, so we can shop for all  
occasions!

I would like to make people aware that I  
have always ordered some Israeli items,  
which are unique with their own designs.  
Sometimes the items are more expensive  
than Walmart, but quality products often  
are.

With the recent war that Israel is  
currently in, the artists in residence are  
struggling. By buying items such as  
Chanukah candles and menorahs we are  
helping them.

If the Sisterhood can sell enough items,  
we can send a donation to help artists and  
citizens of Israel.

Just a reminder, cash and checks only.

Thank you in advance,  
Michele Blum



### 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 December 2023 Adelante is November 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**

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 6:00PM \***

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: Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.**

Intermediate Mussar –Thursdays at 2:00 PM

Beginning Mussar-Tuesdays at 5:30 (start date TBD)

## **Yahrzeits-November 3, 2023 to December 2, 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 November 3 & 4, 2023**

Evelyn Benowitz\* (Simy & Daniel Allan)  
David Edelstein\* (Dee Cook)  
Arlene Metzger Jerome\* (Bryan & Lisa McCuller)  
Fanny Levy\* (Sam Klein)  
Joseph Popky (Eric & Donna Popky)  
Isadore Rosenfeld\*  
Rev. David Beryl Ryave (Selma Ryave & Rosalyn Richman)  
Freda Schoenbrun\*  
Arnold Spiegel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)  
Kenneth Williamson (Barbara & Michael Mandel)  
Erwin Willman\*

### **Read on November 10 & 11, 2023**

Allen M. Brooks\*  
Elsa Galatzan\*  
Sheldon J. Harris (Cyrille Kane)  
Gustave Heart (Nancy Bergman)  
Etta Phyllis Hindin (Lenore Hindin)  
Colman Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)  
Esther Kloss\*  
Erwin Michelson\* (Susan Michelson)  
Richard Rycus (Debra & Henri Brown)  
Herschel Schrier\*  
Sanford M. Siegel\*  
Ruth Ann Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)  
Israel Isaac Taslitt\*  
Herman Weinberg (Ann Weinberg & Rob Goldsteen)  
Ausvel L. Williams\* (Frances F. Williams)  
Dov Zameret (Erich & Elaine Zameret)

### **Read on November 17 & 18, 2023**

Leroy Bibo\*  
Isadore Blumkin\*  
Phillipe Bond\*  
George Brankman (Sally & Phillip Alkon)  
Adele Kimmel\* (Pearie & Ron Bruder)  
Charles Kruger (Linda Kruger)  
Dr. Clarence A. Latrop\* (Jane Grider)  
Hunter Lewis\*  
Ira Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)  
Esther Rosenfeld\*  
Mac Singer\*  
David Steinborn\* (Vivian Steinborn)  
Rebecca Wechter\*  
Hershel Zohn\*

### **Read on November 24 & 25, 2023**

Lucy Miller Atkins\*  
Leo Bienstock (Gerie & Stan Muchnikoff)  
Murray Gould\*  
Victor Hartman\*  
Lionel Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)  
Mel Kirschner\* (Bob & Judy Kirschner, Lila Ziegler)  
Stanley Matorin (Linda Sweenie & Glenn Philips)  
Edith Pliner (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)  
Dr. Michael Polsky\* (Rita Polsky )  
Benjamin Shane (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)  
Bertha Shane (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman )  
David Silverman (Jerald & Rochelle Silverman)  
Roslyn Sugarman (Stan & Gerie Muchnikoff)

### **Read on December 1 & 2, 2023**

Stanley Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)  
Bernard Buchalter\*  
Daisy Chapman (Diane Fleishman)  
Ivy Dessaur\*  
Ida Weinstein Epstein (Marlene Benz)  
Samuel Goldman (Jerald & Rochelle Silverman)  
Sam Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)  
Irvin Kershner (Shari Abramowitz & Rabbi Evette Lutman)  
Dave Levy\* (Sam Klein)  
Bernie Lieberman\*  
Sam Shickler\*  
Samuel Spiegel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)

### **Condolences:**

- Beverly Ellen, wife of Norman Ellen, z'l, mother of Jonathan and Mark Ellen. Beverly passed away October 8 at the age of 95.

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.





## Musings on Torah's First Creation Myth

by Karen Shevet Dinah

Amidst the first days of the Hamas invasion of southern Israel, I am wondering if writing about

something other than the horror, sadness and grief is right. But honestly, I do not know how to write about, let alone comprehend, such a violation against Israelis and the Jewish people world-wide. So I distract myself with a long-time companion, the *parashat ha-shuva*, i.e. the weekly torah portion, specifically the first chapter of Genesis.

During those first days of invasion and attack, we were reading *parashat b'reisit*, our creation myth with all its beauty and contradictions. I have long contended that this section of *b'reshit*, the first version of creation, are foundational to Judaism; its theme being that of *badal* (בדל bet, dalet, lamed), to make separate, to divide, as in the ritual of *havdalah* at the end of *shabbat* and *yom tov*, marking the distinction between the holiness of *shabbat* or *yom tov* and ordinary times in our calendar.

The *shoresh* or three letter root of *havdalah* is repeated five times during the six days of creation, followed by "And God saw . . . that it was good". It is all good: light and dark, day and night, the heavens and the earth, the waters and the dry land, the beasts and the creeping crawling things! All differentiated in the creative process, yet all equally good. The story reads as if haShem were creating diversity and celebrating it in accordance with a modern-day bumper sticker.

On day six, when the humans are made the Creator sees all the work as one, without separation. None of the wording is extracted from the Hebrew root bet, dalet, lamed. "And God saw all that God had made and found it very good" The Creator sees all, as if harmoniously complete in preparation for the seventh day, *shabbat*.

On the seventh day, "God finished the work . . . and ceased . . . And blessed the seventh day and declared it holy . . . ;" *kadesh* (קדש kof, dalet, shin). The seventh day, then, is the culmination of the paradox between making distinctions, marking boundaries and not. All has been created and is a peacefully co-existing whole as haShem kicks back in haShem's recliner and looks it over. It has all come together to haShem's great satisfaction. And yet there is a major demarcation made through the use of the Hebrew *kadesh*, meaning or at least implying apartness, distinctive. Unlike the first six days, the seventh day is separated out by being blessed and by being declared holy.

We know that coming together, allowing separations to fall away through kindness and compassion, is the essence of being a Jew. Maimonides taught that we are commanded to have mercy and compassion, to be charitable and kind as stated in Torah, "You shall love your fellow as yourself."; And the tradition has long encouraged appropriate intimate relations on *shabbat*.

So the first two chapters of *b'reisit* are possibly a lesson in boundaries and their fluidity. Separations, making distinctions are necessary and good, according to the text. And yet, the most significant of separation, i.e. *shabbat*, is the one time we are commanded to let boundaries fall away as part of partaking in the joy of *shabbat*, and it is the one day deemed *kadesh*, holy.

This first creation tale presents important questions regarding how we come together and how we make distinctions. How we set others apart. How we separate from others. And how we do not. It is a tale of paradox and enigma closing with a solution that is not easy to comprehend nor achieve. In completing whatever we do, whatever we say, however we act, we must ask, did my crossing a boundary contribute holiness to the world or did my creating a demarcation make for a more holy moment? For this situation to become sacred, should distinctions be more definite or less so? Is what I've done or said worthy of blessing? Does it have the innocence of those first days of creation when all the separations are declared good and then when they meld together as a whole they are declared holy?

The Sefat Emet's\* commentary on *b'reisit* teaches that it is for this reason the humans were created immediately before *shabbat* -- so that they could easily witness the great care with which differentiations and wholeness were simultaneously accomplished as part of the seventh day. Food for thought when humankind is yet again torn apart, surrounded and confronted by extremely violent separations.

\**The Sefat Emet*, a Torah commentary by R. Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter of Ger (b. 1847, d. 1905), one of the Hassidic rebbes among Polish Jewry.

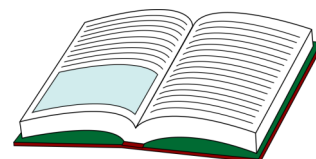
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### “Our Grief Is Not A Cry For War.”

For weeks now, we have been watching the horrifying reports coming out of Israel, and along with Jews around the world, we have been stunned.

The unimaginable acts of terror, brutal massacres and violent hostage taking, have been excruciating to the Israeli families and communities who have been experiencing it firsthand. We are hearing the sounds of their anguish and anger, and we, too, are heartbroken over the depths of their trauma and pain.

We grieve for the senseless loss of thousands of innocent lives on both sides of the border, and in this version of the conflict, we can only watch in horror at the displacements and devastation that is the start of a looming, protracted war.

This was the clear and heart-wrenching sentiment that I heard repeatedly at our Share-the-Grief Gathering, held at Temple Beth-El on the evening of October 12th.

More than 60 members of the Las Cruces community gathered at the synagogue to show support for Israel and share their feelings about the horrific events as they have been unfolding.

Many of the people who spoke were Israeli, or had lived in Israel. Members of other faiths were also present, most notably Pastor Chuck Wahlstrom and members of Sonoma Springs Covenant Church, the next door neighbor to Temple Beth-El.

Regardless of whether the speaker was Jewish or not, each spoke movingly of their strong ties to the country, and their deep sadness for and solidarity with the people of Israel.

At the same time, they all shared an urgent plea not for revenge or retribution, but for an immediate end to the violence, especially against innocent civilians.

They mentioned the long-standing efforts by many Israelis and Palestinians from both sides of the border who have worked together towards a peaceful solution to coexistence, and without exception, they displayed a fervent desire to re-establish these personal and professional connections.

The conflict between Palestinians and Israelis has been in existence long before the state of Israel was established in 1948. For decades before and since, open battle has broken out periodically between the two groups over possession of the land.

In the 1967 War, Israel seized the Gaza strip from Egypt and the West Bank from Jordan, and the country has controlled these Palestinian-based territories

continuously since then.

Despite many political obstacles from both sides, there have been many longstanding and genuine peace-building relationships dedicated to equity and justice that have been nurtured over the years between private citizens and nonprofit organizations across borders. Even recently, before the current conflict, pairs of Israeli and Palestinian parents were traveling together to speak about the grief they've each shared in losing their own children.

There have also been scores of voluntary Israeli-Palestinian working groups that have modeled how peaceful coexistence could work. These have looked at everything from summer camp programs and dual language classes in schools, to logistics for water-sharing projects and joint economic development activities- each one planned to directly benefit both Israelis and Palestinians.

I heard our speakers also sharing the sense of mourning they feel for these lost opportunities and for their counterparts on the other side of the border, friends, relatives, children and families who also are victims of circumstance but have no other desire than to live in security and peace.

At the gathering, members of the community expressed their deepest fears, and in this dark and perilous moment, with so much anger and uncertainty, it has been difficult to not feel despair.

Yet I also heard the other message- not only to support the end of needless bloodshed and suffering, but to not extinguish the hope for peace.

Today, it will certainly be much more difficult. But I believe we must double our efforts to support creating a viable and equitable environment that can provide safety and peace to both populations. To me, this is the only true solution to bring greater security to the Israeli people.

L' Shalom,

Nan Rubin, President

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces

[President.tbcl@gmail.com](mailto:President.tbcl@gmail.com)

*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.*

## DECLUTTERING:

### RELEASING EXCESS BAGGAGE

Clutter is the excess stuff we tend to accumulate over the years in our homes, heads, hearts and our schedules.

The obvious clutter is **physical clutter** and being burdened by the sheer presence of too many things - too much furniture, too many dishes, too many plastic containers without lids. Then there is the not-so-obvious **mental** or **head clutter**. The brain is overloaded with the number of decisions we have to make in a day, the different roles we play, and the burden of responsibilities that come with all of those roles. **Emotional clutter** is about holding onto things that represent unresolved issues. Schedule clutter is when we find day after day we only get two or three of the things on our list or on our calendar done.

Here are some ideas when dealing with clutter:

**Physical clutter** can be too many dishes, magazines, clothes, or too many projects you meant to do but never started. It is also can be piles and piles of papers! You can start with the simplest. Throw away that extra sock with no mate, the half knitted sweater, or give to charity some of the piles of books you had every good intention of reading.

What **mental clutter** is draining your energy? What are you holding on to because you want to be right, or validated or because you are waiting for someone to say they're sorry? I have heard it said: "resentment is like taking poison and expecting 'them' to die!" Is there a resentment that you can let go of in order to free yourself from negativity, rumination and obsessional thoughts which serve no purpose other than to bring you down.

Confronting emotional clutter requires a lot of letting go. Letting go of old feelings of anger, fear, and the guilt in order to find peace of mind.

**Schedule clutter.** Time can be your friend or your enemy. Time can be your friend if you learn to do one thing at a time, fully and with presence. Use your time and energy well. Slowing down can bring integrity to each moment. It is like practicing Yoga. When the pace increases, chaos enters the scene. When you slow down practicing Yoga, playing tennis, or walking you will feel yourself being a little stronger, more graceful, bringing more definition to each moment. That is the best recipe I know for successfully confronting your **schedule clutter**.

**Reflection:** "The question of what you want to own is actually the question of how you want to live your life." Marie Kondo, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*.

**Today's Practice:** Remember decluttering is a process so do your best to be kind and encouraging to yourself every step of the way.

## Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting October 19, 2023

\* Rabbi Evette Lutman reported that the three adult education classes have been well received; Beginning Mussar, Intermediate Mussar, and Jewish Literacy. Hebrew School is also going well, and the Rabbi is working with Lilah Berkson to prepare for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

\* Rabbi Evette was asked to speak at an Interfaith Service for Peace, to be held at Young Park on October 24. Information was sent to the congregation about this service. She also reported that we have had ongoing support from the Las Cruces Community regarding the situation in Israel. TBE hosted over 100 guests on Thursday, October 12th, for our "Share the Grief" service. Members and nonmembers of TBE shared their words of love and support.

\* Treasurer, Joel Siegel reported that we are doing well with income for the year. The High Holiday General Appeal has brought in much of this and we will continue to ask for donations in the next several weeks. We are very close to raising the amount needed to receive our match grant.

\* Membership Report- Martha Roditti will be stepping down as chair of this committee. Diane Fleishman and Deb Leyndyke will take over the responsibilities. We are also recruiting new members- please contact Diane or Deb if interested in joining.

\* Sheri Spiegel asked that the item of Temple Publicity be a regular item on the Board's agenda. At present, we are planning to update our website and place articles/ advertisements in local papers and on social media in order to gain new members and to keep the general community informed of events at TBE. President Nan Rubin suggested that we allocate a budget to implement these needs.

\* The Technology Committee has several choices in mind for upgrading software. Demos will be provided by the tech vendors and the committee will make their decision, depending on efficiency and cost.

\* The Security Committee is planning an Active Shooter Drill/meeting for our entire community. Congregants will also receive an email with TBE safety protocol. The Board unanimously approved a motion to hire a security company to be present at all Friday and Saturday services. Jeff Lewis said that the Mensch Club could provide extra security for the students during religious school. (EDIT: security provided for Friday night and Sunday during religious school. Greeters will serve as security Saturday morning) We plan to have all of this in place within a few weeks.

\* Sunday School reported that they are taking 15 minutes each session to discuss the events in Israel with the older students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Leyndyke  
(reporting for Secretary, Donna Popky)

## Editor's Corner



Let me tell you a story. This is not a “Once upon a time” story. Rather, it is the often better “No lie, there I was” kind.

No lie, there I was, 50 plus feet up in a pine tree located on an island in the middle of a lake in Maine. Up above me were my two daughters, aged 8 and 10. It was that perfect combination of circumstances that led to this. We had gone out in our fishing boat for the day and stopped on one of the islands for lunch. There on the island was a tree with perfectly spaced branches from bottom to top. My children have always been tree climbers. They could often be found nestled in “Old Brown”, our side yard tree. So, I was not surprised when they started inching up this one. I could have stopped them or at least admonished “not too high” but that has never been my style. You see, I am also a tree climber. So, up the tree I went after them at times showing them how to get to the next branch, or sometimes asking them to wait for me. At the end we had a memorable day, complete with pictures that terrified their grandmother.

This is how I try to parent. I encourage my children to take risks, but I am always around to help them if they get stuck.

It is the way I think society should work. We should take risks if the payoff is worth it. This is much easier to do if there are people who we can count on to climb with us, help us get farther and catch us if we fall. Easier said than done and I myself do not always make the climb. But the view from the top is amazing.

L'hitraot,  
Beth Tierney

## Celebrating our Simchas

[The Temple Beth-El Mitzvah Team sends best wishes to these members celebrating birthdays this month:](#)

Marlene Benz	Michael Bruder	Stacey Hyman
Debbie Leyndyke	Frima Marquez	Susan Michelson
Jodie Nachinson	Susan Quinn	Bill Stein

[The Temple Beth-El Mitzvah Team sends best wishes to these members celebrating anniversaries this month:](#)

No known Anniversaries

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).

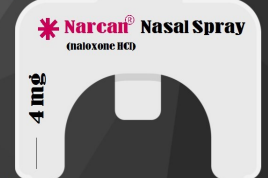
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October 5, 2023

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Jewish Federations of North America [JFNA], we thank Temple Beth-EL for your generous donation of \$360.00, to the Hawaii Wildfire Fund\* which was received on 08/29/2023.

JFNA's Emergency Relief Fund has allocated funds to the Jewish Community Services of Hawaii to provide immediate humanitarian needs arising from the wildfires on the island of Maui. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need in the region and to the organizations that support them.

What a powerful way to make a difference!

You have our profound appreciation for thinking of the Jewish Federations at this time. Each gift has an impact and together our Federations will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Abrams*

Wendy Abrams

Chair, JFNA Emergency Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elana Broitman".

Elana Broitman

Senior Vice President for Public Affairs

\*Your donation will be combined with the gifts of your neighbors and friends and will help provide urgently needed assistance. JFNA retains discretion and control over all contributions to this fund. Any unspent charitable contributions may be used for similar future emergency circumstances.

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Nancy Oretskin, thank you for the Yom Kippur Service

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**Biblical Garden Fund**—To provide the infrastructure for biblical plants and trees, and bricks in the fountain meditation area and on the brick walkway.

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**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.

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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.

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### **“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”**

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_***



On September 10, 2023, the Temple successfully had its 10<sup>th</sup> Matzo Ball Open at the Picacho Hills Country Club.

This event was enjoyed by 60 golfers from the area who endured a rather warm day on the golf course. At the conclusion of the tournament, we all enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch/dinner and we doled out the winner's prizes for the longest drive and closest to pin on a par 3 for both men and women. In addition, raffle prizes were distributed along with a live auction.

The event was a financial success with a net profit back to TBE in the excess of \$6.0 K plus we shared (Tzedakah) a portion of the net profit with the New Mexico State University's PGA Management Program which will be utilized for educational scholarships.

A special thanks to the MBO Committee, consisting of Lynn Zeemont, Deb Leyndyke, Liz Lewis, Joel Siegel, Arthur Berkson, Michael Mandel and Allen Blum – MBO Chairman, for a job well done.

Without a volunteer network, we could not have had a successful event.

The picture below shows Joel Siegel and Lynn Zeemont presenting TBE's check to Pat Gavin, Director of the PGA Management Program.

-Allen Blum



## Wine, Cheese, and Havdalah in the Sukkah, September 30





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## 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!





# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Cheshvan 17 1 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Hebrew School 4:30 pm Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 18 2 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm	Cheshvan 19 3 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 20 4 Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Berkson 10:30 am
Cheshvan 21 5 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 22 6	Cheshvan 23 7 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Cheshvan 24 8 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Hebrew School 4:30 pm Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 25 9 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm Sisterhood Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 26 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 27 11 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Cheshvan 28 12 Religious School 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals 12:30 pm	Cheshvan 29 13	Kislev 1 14 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Kislev 2 15 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Hebrew School 4:30 pm Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Kislev 3 16 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	Kislev 4 17 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Kislev 5 18 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Kislev 6 19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL -LCPS Thanksgiving Break	Kislev 7 20	Kislev 8 21 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Kislev 9 22 NO TANAKH STUDY NO HEBREW SCHOOL Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Kislev 10 23 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm	Kislev 11 24 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Kislev 12 25 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
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