



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

FEBRUARY 2024 (SHEVAT-ADAR 5784)

Come one, come all
to our annual



“An Afternoon at the Auction”

Join your friends and fellow
congregants for fun and bidding,
wine and sweets.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Cost \$5.00

children under 12, free



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 March 2024 Adelante is February 20, 2024. 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

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 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.

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 6:00PM *

Jewish prayer and liturgy. We will be studying Jewish liturgy/prayers, using our Reform siddur (Jewish prayer book) Mishkan T'filah (Shabbat) as a reference. No Hebrew necessary. If you are unable to join us in person, please Zoom in, Meeting ID: 840 9314 3394 Passcode: Learning. Rabbi is making a bulk-order purchase of siddurim, but of course you are always welcome to borrow a TBELC copy while you are here.

Mussar: Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.

Intermediate Mussar –Thursdays at 2:00 PM

Yahrzeits– February 2– March 2, 2024

(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 February 2 & 3, 2024

Marion Brown (Marieka & Jeanne Brown)
 Alexander Edwards*
 Charles Ellison (Nicole & Jermel Griffin)
 Lillie Friedman (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Wade W. Gardner (Brenda & Arlon Parish)
 Vernella Griffin-Ross (Nicole & Jermel Griffin)
 Samuel Klein* (Melvin “Sonny” & Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Benjamin Lampert*
 Pauline Lemelin (Michael & Stacey Hyman)
 Leonardo Oczon (Aggie & Mark Saltman)
 Alvin Phinick (Karen & Mike Currier)
 Christine Radcliff*
 Dr. Edward Weiss* (Harry & Diane Bass)

Read on February 9 & 10, 2024

Paul David Burgauer, (Scott and Monica Burgauer)
 George Cohen* (Marieka and Jeanne Brown)
 George Cohen* (Susan Brown)
 Henrietta Bruder* (Murray and Evelyn Bruder)
 Bessie Greenspan (Jack Greenspan)
 Dee Seton Barber* (Bob and Julie Seton)
 Shirley Backman (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
 Yetta Resnick* (Frances Williams)
 Louis Druxman*
 Shimshon Alkon (Philip and Sally Alkon)
 Roxy Violin (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Reba Tapper (Dan Tapper and Judy Long)
 Hortense Heart (Nancy Bergman)
 Margaret Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
 Betty Collins Siegel (Marjorie Siegel)
 Bella Krushen*
 Joseph Jacobs (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)
 Sonia Seigel*
 Norman Green (Roslyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
 Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz (Roslyn Richman, Selma Ryave)

Read on February 16 & 17, 2024

Ruth N. Brooks* (Sharon and Peter Dorfman)
 Karen Woolever-Greenspan (Jack Greenspan)
 Frances Klein* (Sonny and Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Charlotte Ray Mann (Alison Mann)

Read on February 23 & 24, 2024

Patricia Flanagan (Luke and Bev Duddridge)
 Minne Levicoff (Norm and Sue Mazer)
 Rifton Batts (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)
 Samuel Ryave, (Roslyn Richman, Selma Ryave)
 Chana Podolsky (Roslyn Richman, Selma Ryave)

Read on March 1 & 2, 2024

Mollie Bruder* (Ron and Pearie Bruder)
 Jean Lemelin, (Michael & Stacey Hyman)
 Martin Hindin (Lenore Hindin)
 Lawrence Friedman (Teddy Weinglass)
 Harold W. Loudon (Cheryl and David Decker)

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 admin@tbelc.org 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: Chochmah and Celebrating Wisdom

by Karen Shevet Dinah

Recently while streaming a favorite media outlet a particular phrase caught my attention. "Wisdom is not learned. It is shared." Until the first shabbat morning in January, I incessantly pondered that view thinking to myself, "no, not so!" Then during our shabbat morning services on January 6th some thirty congregants and I experienced wisdom shared, first-hand.

חכמה i.e. *chochmah* appears frequently in the Hebrew Bible, particularly, and not surprisingly, in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, both part of the wisdom literature. For example, in Exodus 35:25, during the construction of the *mishkan*, women's spinning skills are לִבְחֻמָּהּ *wisdom of the heart*. In Proverbs 18:13 "The ears of the wise seek out knowledge". The wise are the חכמים *the chochmim*. On Shabbat morning, January 6, 2024 TBE's own Jill Kerr and her friend Linda Steinhardt from Congregation Beth Shalom, Providence, Rhode Island, marked their transition from "age-ing to sage-ing" by sharing part of their simchat chochmah ritual with us. We heard them read from the *sefer torah* and share their personal, yet universally significant comments on parashat *shemot*, the first weekly reading from the book of Exodus which details the birth of Moses. Linda and Jill wisely led us to an understanding that miracles don't just happen. They are realized through human action, in the case of the birth of Moses, the actions of the midwives. Heroism that lies as much in the commitment and actions of the ordinary person as it does in the minds of those who make the headlines.

This modern ritual, *simchat chochmah* is thought to have originated in the mid-1980's when Jewish women, members of the baby boomer generation, began aging. We realized that just as we mark birth, death, marriage and moving into young adulthood, so too, marking the transition to elderhood and our aging would be meaningful and should be celebrated. There is no prescribed format for the ritual. It is a unique and deeply personal one.

Jewish mysticism teaches that *chochmah* is one of the divine emanations in this world and it is often associated with our "right brain" activity implying that each of us has wisdom to share. On Shabbat morning, Jan. 6th, we experienced a beautiful sharing of wisdom from two midwives and sages in our midst. I invite you, as one of TBE's sages, to share your *chochmah* with us as a congregation. Create your own *simchat chochmah*, read from the Torah as an adult bar or bat mitzvah or as a

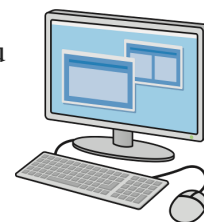
second bar or bat mitzvah celebration, often done when one turns 83. Share your words from the bimah when we read a torah portion that feels particularly significant to you. You do not have to be a temple board member, a committee member or someone in a leadership role. Just someone willing to share. We are here to support you as a sage among us.

Volunteer Opportunity - Technology

Temple Beth-El is seeking a volunteer to grow our presence on Facebook, potentially extending to social media such as Instagram. The initial task is to invite current members to follow and "like" Temple Beth-El. The hope is that friends of our members plus friends of their friends are better informed about the Temple, pushing information rather than having to use the web site to find out about us and our events.

The associated maintenance function will be to post news and coming events, or past event summaries with photos as requested to create a vibrant image of Temple Beth-El and encourage all followers (including our own!) to participate.

The maintenance should require no more than a few hours per month. If you are tech savvy or have a promotional mindset, we'd love to hear from you. Please e-mail admin@tbelc.org if interested.



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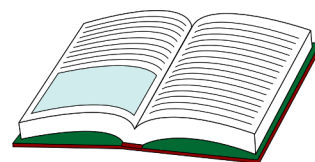
Erich Zamaret, B.S., M.S., M.A.

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

Privately or in small group

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On Civil Rights and Equality

The holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was just observed in January, and February celebrates

Black History month. Taking to heart the lessons of Passover when we as a people were liberated from slavery, the prominent involvement of Jews in the Civil Rights movement was a high mark demonstrating an ongoing moral commitment supporting equal justice and civil rights.

Growing up outside Boston, I was reminded of this often by my mother Barbara. She herself was very active in the local NAACP, and she was especially proud of the Jewish role that helped found the organization. My mother was inspired by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who carried a Torah while marching right next to Dr. King in Selma, and she urged our temple rabbi to join him (he declined).

It was the turbulent 60s, and Boston itself was embroiled in a bitter fight over school desegregation led by Louise Day Hicks, a Boston School board member and fervent segregationist. There were constant picket lines in front of the school board offices, and my mother drove us back and forth from demonstrations to “freedom schools” in the black churches downtown.

It was during this period, that college students from around the country flocked to help Black citizens register to vote during Mississippi Freedom Summer. Half of those students were Jewish, sadly reflected when the three “civil rights workers” - James Chaney, a local black student, along with Mickey Schwerner and Andy Goodman, two Jewish boys from up north - were murdered. This was a galvanizing moment that eventually supported passage of the Voting Rights Act signed by LBJ in 1965.

Although I was too young to attend the 1963 March on Washington or go to Freedom Summer, I did become passionate about fighting racism and building racial justice. After college, I worked with Carolyn Goodman on the Foundation she set up in honor of her son Andy, and Steve Schwerner, Mickey’s brother, became a good friend.

In 1990, I was a founding member of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) created in part to welcome Nelson Mandela to New York City when he was released from prison. Over 1,000 people attended our welcoming Shabbat, and it was thrilling. The organization is still very active today.

But this relationship is ancient history. Much has happened over the past 60 years, and the political climate has changed radically. Despite eight years of President Obama, institutionalized racism persists in such overt

efforts as voter suppression and police brutality against black people which ignited the Black Lives Matter movement. And in a stunning development, in places like Florida and Arkansas, teaching about slavery in schools has all but become criminalized.

At the same time, we are facing a rising wave of anti-Semitism threatening our own community.

Last month, Rabbi Evette gave the invocation at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast here in Las Cruces. Sponsored by the Dona Ana county chapter of the NAACP, the breakfast has become an annual gathering of city officials, University administrators, county staff, and several hundred other attendees from various local business and non-profit organizations. Many members of Temple Beth-El were there, some of us sitting at the table that the rabbi had generously sponsored, and many others scattered around the room sitting at tables with their colleagues from work or friends from other groups. Throughout the morning, clusters of people were chatting, and the comradery and positive spirit supporting this event were evident throughout the room.

The African American population of Dona Ana county is statistically very small, around 2%. The Jewish population of the county is also estimated to be around 2%. Here in New Mexico, the civil rights movement that roiled the deep South and many urban areas around the country was superimposed by the Chicano Movement, reflecting local aspirations for racial equality and cultural identity.

Even so, it was very clear that the room was filled with people who were there to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and recognize his legacy against hatred and bigotry of all kinds. Dr. King said “we may have come a long way, but there is still an uphill climb and a far way to go.” The battle against racism continues, and the battle against anti-Semitism has never ended. As much as Jews stood with Dr. King, he would certainly be standing with us now.

L’ Shalom,
Nan Rubin, President
Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces
President.Tbelc@gmail.com

January 12, 2024

The Sisterhood of TBE, in conjunction with the Mensch Club and the Board of Directors put together a Shabbat evening celebration in honor of a couple who has gone above and beyond in their service to the Synagogue.

David and Cheryl Decker. Brought together by friends, they have been married for 33 years, and have a blended family of two sons and two daughters, who have blessed them with eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. They are a tight-knit family, in touch regularly, enjoy spending time together and are currently planning a family trip to Greece. Until arriving in Las Cruces, they grew up, met and lived in the cold winter climes of Indiana and Ohio. They chose New Mexico after a heart surgery that forced David to retire early, and because one of their sons was living in Albuquerque, they felt very familiar with the state. They have enjoyed mountain hikes, horseback riding, snow and water skiing and agree that "New Mexico has it all".

Together, David and Cheryl have always loved the Friday night tradition of candle lighting. Cheryl enjoys making matzah ball soup, kugel and challah. She has been an active and contributing member of Sisterhood and we just couldn't "do it" without her. David enjoys gardening and working outside. He has also made himself available to help congregants with "honey-do" projects and this has kept him quite busy as well!

David has been part of Building and Grounds services at Temple Beth-El. He can be found at the synagogue several times a week repairing, replacing and cleaning throughout the building. Always a smile on his face, always ready to help out and truly an all-around Mensch. Cheryl stepped up when we didn't have an office secretary and offered to help out a few days a week in the office. Cheryl too, is a sweet, friendly and welcoming face in the building. Two or more days a week, you can find her taking care of all the details of phones, helping out the rabbi, mailings, whatever is required to keep the office humming.

With a light dinner, a special Shabbat service and a sweet Oneg dessert, we honored David and Cheryl Decker for their service and commitment to the congregation, presented them with a brick in our Biblical Garden, a relaxing Spa Weekend in Santa Fe, and wish them many happy years together as they embark on a new chapter of life, half time in the Midwest and half time here in Las Cruces.

These kinds of events would never happen without the hard work and behind-the-scenes planning, purchasing, picking up, setting up, cleaning up, cooking, baking, and teamwork of the Sisterhood and the Mensch Club. Many thanks and deep gratitude to all of them. It is no small feat to put together these celebrations.

In particular, we thank the constant leadership of the Sisterhood including Lynn Zeemont, Debbie Levy, Dee Cook, Michele Blum, Karen Currier, Diane Fleishman, Shari Abramowitz, and Stefani Singer. Thanks to the Mensch Club for providing the libations including Jeff Lewis, Gary Levy, Mark Singer, Michael Mandel and a slew of others who helped with moving tables and chairs. We could never do these things without your help and support.

Pictures from Event honoring David and Cheryl Decker



The Deckers, David and Cheryl want to say thank you to the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees, Sisterhood, the Mensch Club and Rabbi Evette for the amazing Dinner Event and Shabbat held for us on January 12th.

We gratefully thank all of you who planned the event, from the delicious food, elegant table settings, the celebratory drinks, dessert and gifts.

But most of all we would like to thank you, our TBE Congregation friends. Your presence, well wishes, hugs and dear friendship are what we will always remember and cherish.

Thank you all.
David & Cheryl

Scenes from Temple Beth-El's 2024 Tu B'Shvat Seder



On a rainy, chilly Sunday afternoon, forty TBE members experienced Tu B'Shvat through a meaningful Haggadah created by Religious Practices Committee member Linda Sweeney who co-led the seder with Rabbi Evette. Participants moved through the Kabbalistic Four Worlds as we savored symbolic nuts and fruits of the vine and drank red and white grape juice and took in the aroma of fresh rosemary and cinnamon. We enjoyed learning and singing together seated at tables adorned with pecan tree branches and rosemary from Debbie Levy's own garden and land, as well as trees crafted by our youngest religious school students and their teachers. The seder was followed by opportunities for singing with retired cantor Linda, text study with Rabbi, or an art project with Geri Muchnikoff. The energetic participation and faces beaming with smiles seemed to indicate that participants spanning three generations enjoyed this chance to socialize, learn, sing and create together. We look forward to continuing this annual event. The Religious Practices Committee extends gratitude to Rabbi Evette, Linda Sweeney, Geri Muchnikoff, Debbie Levy and Jill Kerr for their efforts and donations. We also thank TBE Religious School students and teachers for joining in. -Karen Shevat Dinah

Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting, January 18, 2024

In lieu of an Invocation, comments were shared about the well planned and executed celebration of the work of Cheryl and David Decker which took place the previous Shabbat.

The board unanimously welcomed new members Aaron and Rebecca Goldfarb as new members.

Treasurer Joel Siegel's report indicated that expenses are tracking well. Since an anticipated hire has not yet taken place, with the special appeal, and two large unexpected donations, we are doing well. New janitorial staff has been hired. An additional cost saving measure involves the Mensch Club offering to paint classrooms and shampoo carpeting.

Vice president Elizabeth Lewis-Olson reported there will be a security assessment and training conducted by NSIC and Homeland Security. This vital information will help us determine our needs. There will also be a choice of two Active Shooter presentations for congregants to attend coming at the end of February.

Applications for the Administrative position continue to be expected.

Sheri Spiegel and Martha Roditti will take on the responsibility of purchasing gifts for those celebrating B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation.

The Rabbi reported she is working with Bob Kimball on updating her part of the website. Tu b'Shvat will be celebrated Sunday, January 21 with a Seder led by Linda Sweenie and Rabbi Evette along with breakout sessions with Gerie Muchnikoff doing crafts, Linda doing a song session, and the Rabbi leading a study session. A new class on Jewish Prayer and Liturgy will begin on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. Hebrew in a Day Marathon, otherwise known as Hebrew Boot Camp, will be held on Sunday, January 28. Registration is required. The Rabbi gave the Invocation at the MLK Breakfast at the Convention Center and was well received.

President Nan Rubin reported the progress with the Rabbi Evaluation process. Surveys are still coming in and limited interviews will take place soon. The New Mexico Jewish Community Relations Coalition for the Support of Israel has requested our endorsement. Nan will send their mission statement to the board members for review.

The Religious Practices Committee will be requesting funds to cover dry cleaning expenses for tallitot, reading

table cover, torah mantles and the repairing of sterling silver torah crowns. In addition, they recommended that torah scrolls be insured for a minimum of \$200,000. Steve Haydu and Linda Sweenie are working on a request to purchase the technology necessary to improve our accessibility for those congregants streaming or Zooming from home.

The Ways and Means Committee report indicated that many donations for An Afternoon at the Auction have been received but more are needed. The date is February 25. The Ginormous Rummage Sale will be March 10 and everyone should look for something to donate. A future event will be held December 7, 2024 when comedienne Marci Goldshlack (sister of Shari Abramowitz) will be headlining a fun event.

The Religious School Committee held a Parent Teacher meeting and among other things discussed The "Israel Corner" held by Rabbi Evette to facilitate student sharing about the impact of the current events in Israel on them. A brick for the garden will be purchased in memory of Ruth Rubin. Upcoming Family Shabbat services include Shabbat and Game Night on February 9 and Shabbat Under the Stars at White Sands on May 17. The Religious School students will also be assisting at the Ginormous Yard Sale on March 10. Discussions regarding possible connections to NIFTY, the youth group arm of the URJ, are being looked into.

The Sisterhood report included that a lovely Shabbat evening coordinated by Lynn Zeemont to honor Dave and Cheryl Decker with dinner provided by Sisterhood and beverages provided by the Mensch Club took place the previous Shabbat. The next major event will be the Second Night Seder catered by Cravings.

The Mensch Club assisted with the Camp Hope Breakfast on Christmas day as well as the get together at The Asian Buffet. They continue to hold biweekly breakfasts at area restaurants which draw about 24 people. As co-sponsors of the Shabbat to honor the Deckers, the club provided beverages as well as helped with the set up and tear down.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendee Lorbeer for Secretary Donna Popky

MLK, Jr. Breakfast

We want to thank Rabbi Lutman for an outstanding public invocation at the recent MLK, Jr. breakfast.

On Monday, January 15, 2024, about a dozen members of Temple Beth-El attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Rabbi Lutman was invited to give the invocation to a room of more than 200 people. Echoing King's theme of justice, she used Psalm 118 for her inspiration in what seemed to me to be an interracial, interfaith and intergenerational d'var Torah.

The Rabbi spoke about opening the gates of justice for us. She went on to talk about the builders referred to in this psalm. In selecting stones to construct a solid foundation, they rejected a stone they perceived as cracked or imperfect. Yet, the psalm continues, this very stone becomes the chief cornerstone, foundation, and support upon which the entire building rests. The rabbi concluded that each of us can and must depend on the support of each other with acceptance of each other as neither flawed nor cracked.

Along with many attendees who came up to Rabbi Lutman after the program, the Social Action committee also wants to add an expression of our pride and our sincere thanks for being a wonderful public expression and representative of Temple Beth-El in our community.

Ned Rubin, Social Action committee



Rabbi Evette giving the invocation with Dr. Bobbie Green, President Dona Ana chapter NAACP.

Treasurer's Update

Many have asked to see the current year budget. As of December 31 we are halfway through our fiscal year and this article provides a progress update.

There was a \$8,759 deficit budget entering this year even after accounting for a then yet-to-be-determined \$25,000 "Special Assessment or Appeal" as projected income, meaning that it was up to the Board of Directors to determine how to implement the Assessment or Appeal. Without it, the Temple's budgeted deficit would have been \$33,759.

Fortunately, due to generous General Fund donations from all of you, an October 2023 donation of \$10,000 by Jean Pritchard of Mesilla NM, a December 2023 anonymous donation of \$8,000, and \$41,000 of funds (\$21,000 donated plus \$20,000 match) from what became the Special Appeal, the Temple's end-of year projection is now in the black by about \$30,000. The full budget report is attached with this month's Adelante.

Please contact Joel Siegel if you'd like to learn more.

Temple Beth El Presents:

"The Ginormous Yard Sale"

**Sunday March 10,
8am-2pm**



We need your items...Save them for us!

Drop off at temple March 4-5 time TBD

Tell your friends and neighbors!

Some of the items wanted:

- Clothing and Accessories for Men, Women and Children
- Housewares, Books, Furniture, Sporting Goods
- Working Appliances and Electronics
- Flat Screen TVs only (with all controls)
- Children's toys and games

We need any hangers you have and wardrobes or clothes racks.

For more information and to help out, contact:

Debbie Leyndyke 317-908-2755

Donna Popky 717-979-2799

Donations through January 22, 2024**General Fund:**

Karen Shevet Dinah, in honor of Jill Kerr and Linda Steinhardt's Simchat Chochmah
 Leslie Glater, in honor of Alison Mann for her help, love and support of Ruth Rubin
 Marieka and Jeanne Brown, in memory of Ruth Rubin and Marion Brown
 Stan Muchnikoff, building maintenance in memory of Jesse Muchnikoff
 Janet Stevens
 Rebecca Martinez, in honor of Dave and Cheryl Decker
 Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of Sylvia Gubin for the Building Fund
 Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi
 Martino Widjaja
 Richard and Darlene Goldberg, special appeal
 Jack Greenspan, in memory of Peggy Cook-Greenspan
 Cyrille Kane, in memory of Janet Kane
 Robert Libby, in memory of Harris S Libby
 Sue Brown, in honor of Dave and Cheryl Decker
 Janet Stevens

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Michele Blum, in memory of Miriam Cutler

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Barbara Berger, thanks to Stefani Singer

Biblical Garden Fund:

Leslie Glater, in honor of Jane Grider's support of Temple Beth-El and in memory of Ruth Rubin
 Art and Wendee Lorebeer, in memory of Morris Goldstein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Mark Hurwitz, thanks for letting us join services while visiting Las Cruces
 Bernice Langner, In memory of Hesh Langner
 Linda Steinhardt, in honor of Jill Kerr's Simchat Chochmah

Camp Hope Fund:

Gerie Muchnikoff
 Eric and Donna Popky
 Art and Wendee Lorbeer
 Irwin and Barbara Ross
 Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin
 Marvin and Carol Bernstein
 Sue Brown

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Edward Resnick

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Elaine Brown

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 \$ _____



**"I want to ride
my bicycle..."**

Queen

**Are you interested in joining a regular
group bicycle ride with other likeminded
folks? Please contact Ned Rubin so we can
talk about a**

BICYCLE CHAVURAH

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Active Threat Response Training

The Temple Board of Directors would like to stress the importance of membership safety and knowledge in these times. For this reason, we have scheduled Active Threat Response Trainings for our membership conducted by the Las Cruces Police Department.

Trainings will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 3PM and Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 PM. Training will be approximately 1 hour. Members should plan on attending *one* of these important training sessions.

Mark your calendars.
See you there!

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Jeanne Brown, Alexandra Goldsteen, Elizabeth Goldsteen, Monika Kimball, Arthur Lorbeer, Susan Mazer, Rabbi Evette Lutman, Karen Ford-Pierce, Marjorie Siegel, Jurnee Smith, Sam Lavender-Smith, Morgan Tierney, Ann Berkson, Judy Long, Stan Muchnikoff, Nancy Salars, Robert Zeemont

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

Beverly & Luke Duddridge
Debbie & Tom Levy
Wendee & Art Lorbeer
Elaine & Erich Zameret

We would love to have more names in these lists. If you would like to have us acknowledge your occasion in the future please send birth month, and anniversary month, and the year you joined the temple to admin@tbelc.org

Save The Date!

**Sunday, April 14
11:00 am-1:30
pm**

**Brunch, gather with
friends and learn
about Passover
traditions.**



**Bring your Seder
plate and tell us how you received it.
Was it passed down to you or did you
purchase it?**

**Our Rabbi will lead us in traditions new
and old.**

Eat some fried matzo and have fun.

RSVP:

Art Lorbeer Arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com

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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!



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
				Shevat 22 1 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm	Shevat 23 2 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Shevat 24 3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Shevat 25 4 Religious School 9:00 am	Shevat 26 5	Shevat 27 6 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Shevat 28 7 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Hebrew School 4:30 pm Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Shevat 29 8 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm Sisterhood Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Shevat 30 9 Family Shabbat: potluck dinner 5:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm Games 7:00 pm	Adar 1 10 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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