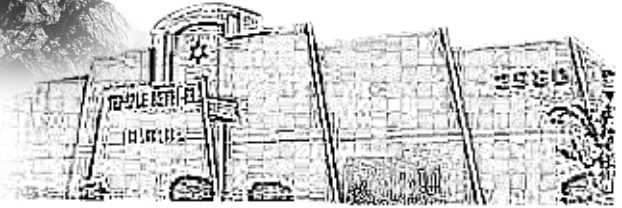




A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,

Las Cruces, New Mexico



OCTOBER 2023 (TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5784)

Cuba's Forgotten Jewels

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7:00pm

+ 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

Political Forums

TBE has forums planned for two consecutive Wednesday evenings: Wednesday, 10/11 and Wednesday, 10/18. Both are from 6:30pm - 8:30pm with opportunity for casual conversation with candidates after the actual forum.

On Wednesday, 10/11, we've invited the 7 candidates for Mayor of the City of Las Cruces for the first hour. For the second hour, for the first time for Temple Beth-El, we've invited the 9 candidates for LCPS School Board from Districts 1, 4 and 5. For the second Wednesday, 10/18, we've invited the candidates for Las Cruces City Council. The first hour we'll host the 5 candidates for District 1. The second hour, we've invited the 6 candidates for Districts 2 and 4. Our format will be a bit different than past forums because there are so many candidates and, as usual, the forums will be open to the entire community.

Simchat Torah

Oct. 7 @ 6pm

Pizza dinner,
Havdalah &
Simchat Torah
service, rolling
and dancing with the
scrolls!



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 November 2023 Adelante is October 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

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.

Tanakh study –Wednesdays at 10:15 am via Zoom

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

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

Read on October 13 & 14, 2023

Robert Baudo (Nathan & Gillian Baudo)
 Debra Ecker (Marlene Benz)
 Benjamin Geller (Ruth Rubin)
 Barnet Katz*
 Frank Kozeliski*
 Harold Krasner (Frima & Jeff Marquez)
 Charlotte Loudon (Cheryl & David Decker)
 Judith Ray Mann (Alison Mann)
 Ruth Terman (Cyrille Kane)

Read on October 20 & 21, 2023

Mary Lou Bairnsfather (Jon Bairnsfather & David Newman)
 Marlene Daniels* (Karen Ford-Pierce & Ronald Pierce)
 Meyer Davison*
 Tillie Frank*
 Perry Kohn (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 James Quinn (Patrick & Susan Quinn)
 Mel Taylor*
 Lenore Weinberg (Anne Weinberg & Rob Goldstein)

Read on October 27 & 28, 2023

Susan Bronstein*
 Harold Brown* (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 Nathan Edelstein* (Dee Cook)
 Benjamin Galatzan*
 Beverly Lewis (Jeff & Avis Lewis)
 Herman Lewis (Jeff & Avis Lewis)
 Meir Lutman (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Gary Metzger (Bryan & Lisa McCuller)
 Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin*
 Marlene Deanne Saltman (Mark & Aggie Saltman)
 Olga Szucs*
 Darlene Taylor*

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 Rogosta)
 Kenneth Williamson (Barbara & Michael Mandel)
 Erwin Willman*

Condolences:

- Betty S. Dudleston, mother of Betsy Gubin on August 27th. Betty was laid to rest on September 11, 2023.
- Carrie Swartz, wife of Ari Swartz on Thursday, September 7. Carrie was 59 years old. A private funeral was held on September 11

May their memories 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.



THE AWE AFTER THE DAYS OF AWE

Yamim Nora'im and Related Musings

By Karen Shevet Dinah

The day after Rosh haShanah I took an elevator up to the fourth floor of a

huge medical complex with a stranger, a pleasant looking woman. As usual I was disoriented despite the fact my appointment was merely routine. She was completely centered even though hers was a much more serious follow-up appointment, I would later learn. She seemed to pick up on my sense of being lost and intimidated, confidently and kindly directing me to where I needed to go. We chatted about how difficult and frightening life can be in today's world and how reassuring it is when others are friendly and share kind words. Fear that was front and center when we got on the elevator had dissipated into the background as we exited, each towards our separate appointments. We did not exchange names and neither of us expected to see each other again. But later that morning there she was with her wide grin entering the grocery store I was leaving! Both of us were astonished at meeting again, as we stood chatting, now slightly more intimately about our personal lives.

The ten days from Rosh haShanah through Yom Kippur are often referred to as the Days of Awe, the *yamim nora'im*, in Hebrew. *Nora'im* or awe, as it is translated, comes from the Hebrew root letters yod, resh, aleph. According to Brown-Drivers-Briggs Hebrew/English Lexicon, words formed by yod, resh, aleph have a broad range of meaning from fear to awe and astonishment, hence, the term Days of Awe.

Those attending second day Rosh haShanah services were reminded of an often-mentioned passage from Torah where Jacob has a fearfilled, yet awesome encounter with something Divine. "Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is present in this place, and I did not know it!' Shaken, he said, "how awesome is this place!" (Gen. 28: 16-17) This English translation from the JPS chumash employs *shaken* and *awesome* to express the Hebrew *nora* (from the yod-resh-aleph root) which is all-encompassing of Jacob's fear of the Divine as well as his sense of awe which in the later verses turns into deep respect/reverence, perhaps love, as he builds an altar at that place and names it Beth El. Certainly, my experience the day after Rosh haShanah with the kind stranger in the elevator was not nearly as intense as the text conveys Jacob's experience at Beth El. But both of us likely felt some underlying fear about our medical appointments and found relief in our mutually kind words. Perhaps she continued with her errands without further thoughts of our encounter. But

later in the day, I realized there was a kind of divine comfort in those moments of encounter with a complete stranger. Like Jacob, I could've easily uttered, "There is divine presence in this place, and I, I did not know!" And so the Awesomeness of the Days of Awe continue beyond the High Holy Days into the new year 5784. And with that thought I leave you with words from one of my favorite theologians, Trudy the Bag Lady and her space chums:

"... we stopped to look at the stars. And as usual, I felt in awe. And then I felt even deeper in awe at this capacity we have to be in awe about something. And then I became even more awestruck at the thought that I was, in some small way, a part of that which I was in awe about. And this feeling went on ... and on ... and on

My space chums got a word for it: 'awe infinitum.' Because at the point you can comprehend how incomprehensible it all is. You're about as smart as you need to be.

Suddenly I burst into song: 'Awe, sweet mystery of life, at last I've found thee!' And I felt so good inside, and my heart felt so full, I decided I would set time aside each day to do awe-robics. Because at the moment you are most in awe of all there is about life that you don't understand, you are closer to understanding it all than at any other time.

(Written by Jane Wagner, for her life and professional partner, Lily Tomlin {and Trudy the Bag Lady} as they appeared in *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*)

May it be a good and sweet and health-filled year for all of us.

Biblical Garden Bricks– A special story

Cherri Hudson Brown and Jeff Brown met me at the Biblical Garden to select the spot for their brick which celebrated their 41st anniversary.

When I asked how they met, Jeff started the story.

"We were part of a group from the University of Northern Iowa attending a baseball game, and Cherri, whom I had only briefly met before, sat next to me. I was busy keeping a scorecard of the game and not paying too much attention to the people near me, but Cherri began talking and I realized she was a lot more interesting than the stats!"

The Browns chose a spot near the fountain for their brick, and I encourage you to take a look at it. In just a few words, it speaks volumes for their view of this long relationship.

By the way, a brick in the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway is a great way to celebrate an occasion, remember a loved one, or thank someone. It helps the Temple and adds to the beauty of the Temple's landscape. Call Dee Cook or me for details.

Alison Mann



BARBENHEIMER!

When I first started thinking about what message I wanted to share for Yom Kippur, the subject of anti-Semitism came up right away.

Even though Las Cruces seems somewhat removed from alarming national trends, we are not immune to feeling the impact of hateful rhetoric and murderous threats to our families, our friends and our communities. But the resurgence of anti-Semitism is too discouraging, so here is something cheerier to start the new year- Barbenheimer! Yes, Barbie and Oppenheimer!

Both of these films have powerful Jewish characters responsible for their stories. The Robert Oppenheimer biopic is obvious, we will get to him shortly.

The Jewish story behind Barbie is not quite as well known. The Barbie doll was created by Ruth Handler, the 10th child of Ida and Jacob Moskowitz, refugees from the anti-Semitism of Poland.

Ruth married her high school sweetheart Elliot Handler, and together they established the Mattel Toy Company in their garage in 1949. She was named president of the company.

Ruth rejected the concept that girls only wanted to play with baby dolls. Her instinct told her that girls would play with dolls that could let them imagine what they might be when they grew up. Her breakthrough idea was inspired by a doll she saw in Europe, and she worked for 3 years to design an adult doll that would be independent, sexy and glamorous. Not only that, OMG! The doll had breasts! Ruth named the doll Barbie after her own daughter Barbara.

Barbie hit the toy markets in 1959. The men who merchandised toys were horrified, and the doll had a slow start. But after Mattel began advertising it on the Mickey Mouse Club as a doll to help girls dream, Barbie took off. Since then, with a few ups and downs, the doll has been an international blockbuster. Billions have been sold.

Barbie has been everything from an astronaut to a zookeeper, and by all accounts, she has truly met Ruth Handler's vision by inspiring girls all around the world to strive for and accomplish their own personal and professional independence.

The woman behind this phenomenon was a bold iconoclast and visionary, and as President of the Mattel Toy Company, Ruth Handler was a tough executive and an uncompromising figure in a field with virtually no women. She was a disruptive force who transformed popular culture and inspired the lives of countless Jewish girls. Her Jewish spirit stands behind every Barbie doll.

J. Robert Oppenheimer was another forceful personality who transformed the world. Also the son of Jewish immigrants, he was raised in a secular Jewish household. Although he seemed indifferent to Judaism, he could not escape his Jewish identity.

His brilliance as a physicist is undisputed, and his leadership of the Manhattan project to produce the first atomic bomb is revered. However, despite his many accomplishments, his Jewish background made him an easy target for overt hostility and very public anti-Semitism.

Even so, it was in part his Jewish ethics which led him to believe it was not enough merely to repair the world. No, for him it was his obligation literally to save the world from destruction by his own terrible gadget. It was these Jewish morals that eventually led to his downfall.

Deborah Lipstadt, famous for challenging Holocaust deniers, says that fighting anti-Semitism requires a shift in perspective. "Instead of giving power to the haters, it should come from a positive place."

She goes on to say, "Yom Kippur gives us a moment to renew our spirit and embrace our Jewish identity, motivated by the joy embedded in Jewish traditions."

One of our most important traditions to strengthen our community is giving Tzedakah. This year in particular, we have an important opportunity to support Temple Beth-El by contributing towards our matching fund.

As you know, Joel Siegel and Elizabeth Lewis have offered to match all gifts to the synagogue between now and the end of the calendar year dollar for dollar up to \$20,000. It's an exciting challenge that I know we can meet, and as I write this, we are already a little over halfway there!

Thank you for the contributions you've already made, and if you have not done so, please contribute as much as you are able. Your generous contribution now will help support and expand temple activities throughout the year, and it will be a tremendous accomplishment for all of us to meet this goal together.

Regardless of their flaws, Ruth Handler and Robert Oppenheimer were both transformative individuals formed by their own unique Jewish identities. To fight anti-Semitism (and maybe also change the world), each of us can also strive to do the same.

L' Shalom,

Nan Rubin, President

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces

President.Tbelc@gmail.com

Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2023

- Introductions and welcome to new board member Elizabeth Lewis-Olson and our new administrative assistant Beryl Sierra.
- Our treasurer reported that so far, the Challenge Grant has done quite well. We are half way to our goal. Another reminder about this unique opportunity will be sent out to the congregation in the coming weeks. Nan will also advise people by letter about the correct method of making contributions from funds where the only identification about the donation is from the bank with no tie to an individual.
- The Social Action/Adult Education committee has been planning political forums. There will be two forums; one will be on October 11 featuring Mayoral and School Board candidates. The other one will be October 18 and will feature City Council candidates. Promotion will be by radio and The Bulletin.
- The Religious School has 12 students. The Apple Orchard event for Rosh Hashanah second day was much fun and well attended by about 40 people. There is also a plan for a monthly family Shabbat service preceded by a preneg dinner. It will be an opportunity for student and family participation in the service.
- An active shooter/safety training with the older religious school students and teachers was conducted. Another training including use of the defibrillator will be planned for the congregation.
- Nan sat in on a briefing for religious groups with input from the FBI and other law enforcement groups on security for congregations. Marla Cohen of Jewish El Paso/Las Cruces Federation will assist in connecting us with the FBI in our jurisdiction for their help with security issues.
- Ways and Means will continue to be the clearing house for new and ongoing fundraisers. They will be the committee to vet new ideas, schedule the events on the temple calendar and assist where needed.
- Ideas to enhance participation in Shabbat services including some special event once per month will be explored. Some these include committee participation (Sisterhood, Mensch Club, Social Action, etc.) the choir, a different venue such as the Memorial Garden, Veterans Memorial Park, a Preneg wine and cheese followed by an earlier service are all ideas that could be incorporated. Input from RPC would be welcome.

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:

Mike Currier Martha Roditti
Ruth Rubin Frances Williams
Rabbi Larry Karol

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.

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

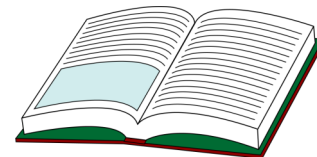
Erich Zamaret, B.S., M.S., M.A.

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

Privately or in small
group

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Gail Braverman is a Board Member at Temple Emanuel 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.

CHANGE

Gail L. Braverman, LMFT

Change, even if we initiate it ourselves, is not easy. It requires us to be in an empty space for a while. A space that is both full of uncertainty, and potential, between what we have known and making room for something new.

Change competes with our desire for predictability, and at the same time calls us to adventure, possibility and surprise.

Status quo is comfortable, it's familiar but it is like a body of water that has no current or flow and is dull and sluggish.

The ending of one thing is also the beginning of another. We all experience many endings and many beginnings of things we could not have imagined last week, last year, or ten years ago.

During a time of change it is important to remember you are durable, adaptable, and resilient. You have gone through changes before and undoubtedly learned a great deal.

Here are straightforward approaches you can take through change:

1. Change is a work in progress. It will take time to adjust to the new.
2. Increase your understanding of change. What is it, what needs to happen, what will come of the change?
3. It is likely not everything is changing. Looking at the things that aren't changing can be very reassuring.
4. Find things you can control. Exercise as many choices as possible during change. It can reduce fear and discontent.
5. Find support. Get consistent support throughout any change.
6. Clarify and reinforce your priorities. Ask yourself what makes the change worthwhile?

Fear and hesitation around change are normal. Control what you can, be open to new outcomes, and replace old

ideas with new ones that no longer work for you.

There have been times in my life when I just got sick and tired of old behaviors and old habits and that in itself was a move toward changing them. There is more to life than increasing its speed so it is okay not to race into change.

Reflection: "When we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change." Wayne Dyer

Today's Practice: Live a life that is driven more by curiosity than by fear.

I welcome your comments: gbrave3333@aol.com



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Scott Melton
Dr. Justin Terry-Smith
Jill Anthony

SAVE THE DATE!

October 21 - 22, 2023

And much more!



SAVE THE DATE



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.

Editor's Corner



Recently, during Shabbat services, we read Ki Tavo. In this Parshat, the Israelites were given the list of things that should happen when we enter the promised land. Part of this is detailed instructions on how to proclaim the blessings and the curses on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival. The Chumash mentions that the curses greatly outnumber the blessings just as the negative (thou shall not) outnumber the positive (thou shall) commandments. This strikes me as being a major problem for several reasons. First, the obvious, telling people “do this or else!” is a good way to promote fear, but not love. Also, it does not tend to tap into extrinsic motivation. This is to say that the best way to motivate someone to do something is to help them see how it will make their lives better. Fear and threats must be continuously applied to work and even then, they lose power.

Another reason that negative commandments are problematic is that our brains are bad at seeing the negative. For example, telling a child “don’t run” doesn’t tell them what to do. It is much more effective to give a positive instruction: “please walk”. So, in terms of commandments, the commandment “thou shalt not steal”, while a good idea, in my opinion, is not really powerful. It tends to just make people feel like either God expects people to steal or just gives them a useless baseline: “okay, I’m not stealing, I’m doing good”. By contrast, the commandment to leave a portion of one’s field unharvested that it might feed the poor, gives an action which can actively make the world better.

“Welcome the stranger”, and “visit the sick” these are all things that take effort on our part and that can make us feel good about ourselves, our community, and our religion. I think that this is something that the Reform movement does well. While we may (or may not) refrain from eating pork, this is ultimately not something that is central to the message of the movement. What is central, are things like helping the less fortunate, being together in times of celebration and in sorrow, and fighting for social justice.

By the time that you read this, we will be past Yom Kippur when we ask forgiveness for the things that we have done wrong or have failed to do and will probably be entering Succot, a time of bringing the fruits of our harvest as a sacrifice to give thanks to God. May we also bring the best of ourselves and a commitment to doing good into the new year.

L’Shana Tova!,

Beth Tierney

THE ALEPH, BET, GIMMEL FOR THE TBE KITCHEN

L'Shana Tova TBE Mishbucha!

As the new year begins at our growing, thriving temple, The Sisterhood, which manages the kitchen, would like to review, and renew for all congregants the “rules of the road” that will help keep our kitchen beautiful. Communally, it is up to all of us to keep our Temple Beth-El (House of God) kitchen in good order for use during all of our Onegs, holidays, events, classes, and other activities throughout the year.

As community users we need to be proactive, caring, and vigilant as we care for this valuable temple asset.

☐ While not a strictly Kosher kitchen, as a diverse, welcoming congregation, it is of vital importance to be respectful of religious observances, including Kashruth, on temple premises.

No pork products allowed at any time.

No mixing of meat and dairy products at any time.

☐ Cleanliness is a top priority for the kitchen and pantry areas.

It is your responsibility to clean the kitchen after every use to help ensure a clean, and healthy environment for all of us.

Wash all items and return them to their “homes”.

If using the dishwasher, regardless of size of load, run the dishwasher after loading.

Sweep and/or vacuum kitchen and social hall floors.

Brooms, vacuum, and other clearing supplies are in the janitor's closet next to the kitchen.

Clean all table surfaces in the social hall.

If paper/plastic tablecloths are dirty and beyond use, throw them away.

If tablecloths are dirty put them in the laundry basket in the kitchen for washing.

If fresh flowers are beyond their life span, throw them away, clean/put away the vase(s).

Put dirty towels, and potholders in the laundry basket in the kitchen for washing.

Remove used trash bags and replace them with new ones at the end of each event.

Dispose of the trash in the dumpster located at the back of the TBE parking lot.

☐ Kitchen and pantry supplies are to be stored in their “homes” after each use.

Cabinets, drawers, pantry shelves are labeled for identification and convenience.

Kitchen layout is posted for reference.

If the kitchen is running low on an item, please add what it needed to the supply board located on the pantry door.

☐ Report any facility items, such as cabinets, drawers, appliances etc., that need to be repaired/replaced, to Debbie Levy or Terri Sugarman

☐ Sign in/out on the log located on the counter for each event in case contact is needed after the event.

☐ Please label personal serving plates, etc. and take them home after each event.

Items left behind will be donated to the yearly Rummage Sale inventory.

☐ Contact Debbie Levy, 575-650-7799 or Terri Sugarman, 805-231-5413, with any questions, needs, comments, etc.

Todah Rabah to our TBE community, for the mitzvah of keeping our kitchen clean and available for the congregation to use throughout the year!!

Donations through September 22, 2023

General Fund:

Bill Stein and Susan Michelson, in memory of Emily Schorr
Selma Ryave, in memory of Libby Ryave
Michael and Stacey Hyman, special appeal
Alison Mann, special appeal
Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, special appeal
Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol, special appeal
Gillian Baudo, special appeal
Selma Ryave, in memory of Cheryl S. Ryave Rado
Mark and Stefani Singer, special appeal
Lynn Zeemont, special appeal
Allen and Michele Blum, special appeal
Susan Fitzgerald, special appeal
Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Donald Gantert
Bob and Carla Libby, in memory of Ida Siegel
Barbara Berger, in memory of Carrie Swartz

Biblical Garden Fund:

Frima Marquez, in memory of Drs. Robert Krasner and
Ramon Marquez
Alison Mann, in memory of Samuel Smalley
Mike and Stacey Hyman, in memory of Carrie Swartz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Brenda Parish, in memory of Mary Lois Gardner
Bernice Langner, in memory of Jennie Wagman Freeman and
Samuel Freeman

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Fern Brown
Frances Williams, in memory of Eula Marie Meyers
Frances Williams, in memory of Sam Sommers
Frances Williams, in memory of Rose Sommers

Social Action Fund:

Lenore Hindin, Tents for Rent
Karen Shevet Dinah, Tents for Rent
Barbara Berger, Tents for Rent

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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.

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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.

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2nd Day Rosh Hashanah at Apple Orchard and La Llorona Park

Due to the holiday falling over the weekend, the Temple Beth-El Religious school was able to offer a fun, family friendly morning of worship and apple picking. Several religious school families were in attendance as well as a few other congregants including our board president, Nan Rubin. The day started at U-Pick Apple Orchard with a short service complete with stories, singing and shofar blowing. Afterwards, we all spent time picking apples. We left the orchard and traveled a short distance to La Llorona Park for lunch and tashlich.

We owe many thanks to the people who made this possible: Stefani Singer for putting together and leading both the service at the orchard and a tashlich service at the park; Rabbi Evette for pre-purchasing a half peck of apples for all students in attendance as well as Shofars for all students (Thanks again to Stefani for her wonderful idea to obtain the shofars); Mark Singer for being our Scale of Good and Not-so-good during the family service, Esther, of U-Pick Apple Orchard for a beautiful shaded area for our service; our new admin, Beryl Sierra for attending and bringing folding chairs from the temple so that all had a place to sit for the service; Rebecca Berkson for ordering and picking up the pizza for lunch; Diane Fleishman and Nancy Salars for making sure we had loads of birdseed for tashlich; and Diorre Smith for leading the blowing of the Shofar. And thank you to everyone who was there for coming to help make this a wonderful event.



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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!



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tishrei 16 1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LCPS Fall Break	Tishrei 17 2	Tishrei 18 3	Tishrei 19 4 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Tishrei 20 5	Tishrei 21 6 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Tishrei 22 7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am Simchat Torah Celebration 6:00
Tishrei 23 8 Religious School 9:00 am Cuba's Forgotten Jewels 7:00 pm @Fountain Theatre	Tishrei 24 9	Tishrei 25 10	Tishrei 26 11 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Mayoral and School Board Candidate forum 6:30-8:30 pm	Tishrei 27 12 Sisterhood Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Tishrei 28 13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Tishrei 29 14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
Tishrei 30 15 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 1 16	Cheshvan 2 17	Cheshvan 3 18 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom City Council Candidate Forum 6:30-8:30 pm	Cheshvan 4 19 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	Cheshvan 5 20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 6 21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10:30 am
Cheshvan 7 22 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 8 23	Cheshvan 9 24	Cheshvan 10 25 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom	Cheshvan 11 26	Cheshvan 12 27 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Cheshvan 13 28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 am
Cheshvan 14 29 Religious School 9:00 am	Cheshvan 15 30	Cheshvan 16 31				

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