



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

JULY 2024 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5784)

TBE Sisterhood 2024-2025 Membership

Bubbles & Brunch

Sunday, July 14, 2024 11:00 AM

at the restaurant at Picacho Hills Country Club

Come One! Come All! And join us for our gala affair!

Menu includes your choice of 1 of the following: *1/2 sandwich w/soup or salad

*Chicken Salad Platter with House Chips *Crunchy Apple Walnut Salad

*Turkey Avocado Green Chile on Ciabatta w/fries or house salad

Cost: \$25 for Brunch with Lemon Cake dessert (includes tax & tip)

\$36 for Membership --- Volunteer your Mind, your Heart and your Time for a greater TBE

RSVP to Lynn Zeemont mudjob@aol.com by July 9



*Your
Sisterhood is
pleased to host your
Mimosas!*

~~First Fridays~~ at TBELC

This month moves to **SECOND** Friday!

Come for Worship/Music/Torah

Stay for Oneg & Song Session

Starts this month: July 12

6:30pm



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.

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Kaila Brown	Steve Haydu
James Hyman	Mike Hyman
Rosemary Livigni	Mark Saltman
Sharon Tancredi-Katz	Kristina Milano

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

Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi-Katz
Bob and Monika Kimball

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, to admin@tbelc.org

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– Every other Tuesday at 11:30 am via Zoom

This is a discussion group led by former congregant Jim Rosenthal. Jim e-mails stories by Jewish authors to participants each week. To join, contact Jim at jar529@gmail.com.

Tanakh study –Wednesdays at 10:15 am via Zoom

Tanakh Study, led by TBE Rabbi Emeritus Larry Karol, is taking a brief summer break. Sessions will resume on Wednesdays at 10:15 am via Zoom beginning on Wednesday, August 14. Contact Rabbi Karol (rablpkarol@gmail.com) to join.

Jewish Literacy and Mussar are currently not being offered. A new set of classes will begin in the fall.

“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 \$ _____ [or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].”**

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

Yahrzeits– May 31, 2024– July 6, 2024

Listings include the name of the loved one on the yahrzeit list and (in parentheses) the name of the congregant or congregants remembering that loved one -asterisks indicate loved ones remembered with memorial plaques

Read on July 5 & 6, 2024

Richard Batkin* (Michael Batkin)
 Nathan Mandel (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Marian Turnbull (Joanne Turnbull)
 Steven R Pasternack*
 Bernard Cutler (Allen and Michele Blum)
 Kimberly Klein Segura (Debbie and Tom Levy)

Read on July 12 & 13, 2024

Max Taub*
 Henrietta Horowitz (Ellen and Fred Torres)
 Martin Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
 Leo Steinborn* (Jeff Steinborn and Vivian Steinborn)
 Sarah Meltzer Smalley* (Alison Mann)
 Roslyn Rice*
 Ruth Frank* (Renee and Lester Frank)
 Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)

Read on July 19 & 20, 2024

Efrem Violin (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Jennie Frank*
 Fouzieh Shahbazi (Daniel Azizian Gilan)
 Tracy Smith (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
 Milton Berkson, (Arthur and Rebecca Berkson, Ann Berkson)
 Dora Stern* (Arthur and Rebecca Berkson, Ann Berkson)
 Ella Gavzy (Lynn Zeemont)
 Dan Sirota (Rob Goldsteen and Anne Weinberg)
 Lisa Abramowitz (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Ludwig Paul Bergman (Nancy Bergman)
 Joseph Okin (Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff)

Read on July 26 & 27, 2024

Natalie E. Libby (Robert and Carla Libby)
 Dorothy Whitledge (Dee Cook)
 Josephine Glater (Leslie Glater)
 Diane Gutman (Allen and Eve Palanker)
 Dr. Michael Singer (Mark and Stefani Singer)

Jacob Krasner* (Jeff Marquez)
 Sylvia Kaufman (Joanne Kaufman)

Read on August 2 & 3, 2024

Jean Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen and Anne Weinberg)
 Kathryn Goldstein (Art and Wendee Lorbeer)
 Arnold M Heart (Nancy Bergman)
 David Williamson (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Elijah Lee Newman David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
 Bernard Singer (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Mariette Brown (Henri and Debra Brown)
 Anne H Bergman* (Nancy Bergman)
 Earnest Hightower (David and Jon Newman)
 Sherlee Seglin (Eric and Donna Popky)

Condolences to:

- The family of Natasha Conn. Natasha died in her home here in Las Cruces on May 6, at the age of 80. She will be missed by former husband Stephen Conn, and son Stephen Conn
- The family of Eileen Kramer Phinick, mother of Karen Currier, who passed away on June 8. Eileen passed while surrounded by her family at her home in Florida.
- The family of Ford Parkes-Perret who passed away on June 11, 2024. Ford was the long-time significant other of Ms. Frankie Lerner. Ford was 91 years old, and is survived by four children and numerous grandchildren.

May their 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 admin@tbelc.org or call the Temple office.

*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.

Shalom,

As you know, we recently experienced a hateful bomb threat. I want to thank Jeff Lewis and the Security team for the quick response. They alerted the Las Cruces Police Department who alerted the FBI. They acted quickly and kept Jeff and the Rabbi updated and let them know when it was safe to open the Temple.

That decision led to a very successful First Friday. Many members we have not seen in a long time were there to enjoy the Torah Service and song fest. It was a return to our familiar Friday Night Reform Service. This will be a monthly event that we all can look forward to attending. There was a Torah Service the following week as well. If you have favorite songs you would like to hear, let the Rabbi or me know. Contact a member of the Religious Practices Committee if you would like to participate in a service or commemorate a special event.

The post Pandemic years have been difficult for businesses, organizations, and families. Temple Beth-El has not been exempt from the financial difficulties that many have seen. For that reason (and the fact that dues have not been increased in the eleven years I have been a member), we find ourselves in a position that we must ask you to increase your commitment to TBE. Please read the article by our Treasurer, Joel Siegel. If you have questions, please contact me or Joel.

This has been a difficult year of loss for our Temple family. Let us not forget to reach out to those who may need a friendly word. We are a Caring Community.

Diane Fleishman, TBE Board President
fleishmandiane@gmail.com

Shalom, Sisterhood Members!

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching. That means membership is once again open to all women of Temple Beth-El and all Jewish women who would like to be a part of a strong, fun-loving, generous, and welcoming group of women.

Our Council consists of Lynn Zeemont, Dee Cook, Michele Blum, Diane Fleishman, Stefani Singer, Karen Currier, Shari Abramowitz and Lenore Hindin. We meet once a month on the second Thursday, sometimes at 4:30 and sometimes at 6 pm.

Many of these women have worked hard for the last several years bringing events to the temple, organizing special Onegs, the Break the Fast at Yom Kippur, and the Second Seder, to name a few.

Knowing these annually occurring events are pretty set, still needing organization and lots of work, we are now thinking hard about a wide array of fun and bonding activities for Sisterhood members and for the Temple Membership at large. We could use your ideas and suggestions for a broader range of activities, so please send us emails or texts, and try to attend a Council meeting and get directly involved in as much as works for your schedule.

Our upcoming Sisterhood event is Bubbles and Brunch on July 14. We had a well-attended Sunday last year, and Picacho Hills Country Club restaurant is again happy to serve a refreshing and tasty meal for the all-inclusive cost of \$25. Please join us as we kick off our 24-25 Sisterhood year. Bring your check for the combined lunch and membership fee of \$36... so, \$61 total.

Salud and Labriut!

Your Sisterhood Council

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024-2025

President-Diane Fleishman

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Martha Roditti Lynn Zeemont

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Dee Cook (Sisterhood)

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 August 2024 Adelante is July 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

Minutes from Temple Beth-El Annual Membership Meeting June 20, 2024

Invocation by Diane Fleishman, newly elected Board President.

President's Report: Diane Fleishman is researching how to rent the temple for extra income. The Social Action Committee has moved the potential invitation to speaker Noa Baum to either March or April; invitation will be possible if the committee can secure funding through the Community Foundation and Jewish Federation (TBD around September or later). The First Friday Shabbat program was very successful.

Rabbi's Report: Sadly, the Baudo family's home in Ruidoso was lost. Rabbi Evette Lutman asked for support for son Eli's Bar Mitzvah previously planned for the coming weeks. The Shavuot service and study went well. Adult Ed classes are on hiatus for the summer as many are away on vacation; participants will plan a Mini B'nai Mitzvah event in January. Religious Practices Committee will ask individuals to take on roles in services including aliyahs. Rabbi seeks to re-initiate a phone tree.

Treasurer's Report: Joel Siegel revisited the discussion of 2024-25 budget as presented at the Annual Meeting in May 2024. There is a projected deficit of about \$60,000. A 5% dues increase would generate about \$6,000. Joel made the motion to accept the budget with a line-item dues increase of 10% to increase income by \$12,000. Jeff Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussions about communication and potential for future increases ensued.

Infrastructure: Joel Siegel provided an update on the shade structure for the Biblical Garden. Funds have been secured and cost estimates are being researched. Soon, pledge donations will be taken from PayQuiq instead of PayPal to integrate with the Rakefet database system. Jeff Lewis and Joel Siegel will serve as the first line of contact for Mesilla Valley Alarm if triggered at the temple. Board gifts for the B'nai Mitzvot have been purchased.

Security: Jeff Lewis reflected that the actions taken after a threat was made to the temple in early June were correct. We need to take these incidents seriously in this climate and let the experts, i.e., Police and FBI lead in keeping our facility and membership safe. Mensch club members at Shabbat services have been asked to use the

two-way radios. The Rabbi voiced concerns about well-meaning congregants inviting the guards to have food from the Oneg while on duty. All felt that this is a nice thing to offer but they need to remain outside and on watch.

Strategic Planning: Diane relayed that we will implement all we can from the 2018 Strategic Plan. She will form a two-year Strategic Planning Committee to look at both financial needs and ways to better engage our membership.

Committee Reports were submitted by Religious School, Membership, Religious Practices, Library, Sisterhood, and Social Action. Membership and Religious School requested regular updates to the TBE website to attract new members and families. Social Action requested financing from Batkin and Kane Funds to help host speaker Noa Baum. The Library leadership looks forward to working to improve the library after Labor Day when they are back in town. Sisterhood is planning a brunch on July 14. The Religious Practices Committee asked the board to be present at services and call friends to encourage them to come as well. Thank you, Committee leaders!

Minutes taken by Donna Popky (Secretary 2023-2024) on behalf of Sheri Spiegall (Secretary 2024-2025)



Calling All Artists and
Crafters

SAVE THE DATE

ARTISANS MARKETPLACE
AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Sunday, December 8, 10 am - 4 pm

CONTACT:

Shari Abramowitz
akitchenmaven@yahoo.com

Donna Popky
dlpmsw@gmail.com



Donations through June 24, 2024

General Fund:

Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Dorothy Schlisman
 Selma Ryave, in memory of Isaac Podolsky
 Stephen Conn, in memory of Natasha Conn
 John and Barbara Sheen Busby, in memory of Marilyn Sheen
 Jack Greenspan, in memory of Roberta Sircus-Greenspan
 Daniel and Simy Allan, towards the Langer Special Appeal
 Daniel and Simy Allan, in memory of Irving Benowitz
 Dee Cook, in memory of Rebekah Edelstein and Esther Berlin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Cyrille Kane, in memory of Rabbi Gerald Kane

Social Action Fund:

Donna & Eric Popky, in memory of Eileen Kramer Phinick

Biblical Garden Fund:

Joanne Turnbull, in memory of Marian Turnbull
 Arlon and Brenda Parish, in memory of Jerry Gardner

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Allen and Eve Palanker, In memory of Norma Klein



The Mensch Club honors Dave Zeemont for everything he has done for Temple Beth-El.

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations (monthly acknowledgements are listed on the previous page) 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.

Ritual Items Fund— For repair and maintenance of ritual items used during services such as Torahs, Tallitot and the like.

***Bernice Langner Challenge:** Bernice Langner is pledging to match member and non-member donations dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 for donations received through December 31, 2024. *

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.

New Fiscal Year, New Increased Member Assessments

For the last 15 years by some accounts, Temple Beth-El has not requested a voluntary increase in pledge payments. Inflation has caught up with us, not to mention the cost of our part-time Administrative Assistant and regular security presence, and we need your increased support. Member statements going out after the new fiscal year beginning July will show a suggested ten percent increase in your assessment above the amount to which you currently commit.

Remember that we derive most of our income from membership and the rest from fundraisers. Unlike other congregations that have standard membership rates based on a demographic (single, married couple, student, family, retiree, etc.), our rates are based only on guidelines and an honor system. In that regard, please review the current guidelines. If you can bring your pledge up to the guideline, please do! If not, please consider increasing your pledge by what you can. And if you have any trouble with your new assessment, contact our Treasurer Joel Siegel at 575-302-3518 or joelcnm82@yahoo.com.

INCOME ANNUAL INCOME DUES

- Up to \$30,000 \$650
- \$30,000-\$40,000 \$650-\$800
- \$40,000-\$50,000 \$800-\$1000
- \$50,000-\$60,000 \$1000-\$1200
- \$60,000-\$70,000 \$1200-\$1400
- \$70,000-\$80,000 \$1400-\$1600
- \$80,000-\$90,000 \$1600-\$1800
- \$90,000-\$100,000 \$2000-\$2200
- \$100,000-\$120,000 \$2200-\$2400
- Greater than \$120,000 2% gross family income

This coming year, we are facing another fiscal challenge. Increased pledge revenue will not close the deficit but is a good start.

We all know the reason we're here: a beautiful place to worship, a full time Rabbi, celebrations of holidays and life cycle events, mutual support and friendship, special events, a religious school, educational opportunities, and community involvement, to name a few. But remember, pledges are a form of Tzedakah (sharing), as in the Tanakh (holy scriptures) Malachi, Chapter 3, verses 7-10 : "Turn back to Me and I will turn back to you – said the LORD of Hosts. But you ask 'How shall we turn back?' Ought man to defraud God? Yet `you are defrauding Me. And you ask 'How have we been defrauding you?' In tithe and contribution. You are suffering under a curse yet you go on defrauding Me – the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse and let there be food in My House, and thus put Me to the test – said the LORD of Hosts. I will surely open the floodgates of the sky for you and pour down blessings on you."

Thank you to Tom Levy

Many thanks to Tom Levy for answering my call for help on Thursday, June 13th, regarding the leaking water heater at the Temple. On Friday, June 14th, Tom "came out of retirement" (he had his own plumbing company for many years) donating his expertise and labor to replace the water heater at significant cost savings to Temple Beth-El. He completed the job expeditiously with hours to spare before Shabbat services that evening. Also, thanks to Sandra Ortiz, our cleaning lady, who noticed and reported the leak to us.



The Mensch enjoying an outing to Sunspot Observatory. Contact Jeff Lewis to join the Mensch Club.

Visit the Temple Beth-El Website—
www.tbelc.org

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

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-El/115816285166004>

(It is open for all to see!)

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our page, click “Like” and join us in
our Facebook community!

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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!




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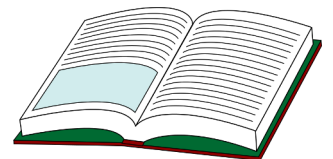
Erich Zameret, B.S., M.S., M.A.

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Hebrew- reading and conversational,
High School Math.

Privately or in small
group

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





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JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	3	4	5 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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