

Adelante!

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

(SEPTEMBER 2024 (AV-ELUL 5784))



First Fridays at TBELC

Come for Worship/Music/Torah
Stay for Oneg & Song Session

September 6, 6:30pm

(Note: Cantor Sweenie will lead worship on
Friday night and Shabbat morning)



FundRaiser

Temple Beth El, Las Cruces
presents

Friend Raiser

Shir Balev

in concert

For over 20 years, Linda Sweenie, Glenn Philips, Randy Deutch & James Rovick
have shared their unique combination of Jewish music and good old-fashioned
ROCK 'N ROLL with communities around the country!

Saturday, November 9th at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$25 per person (kids under 13 FREE)

Listen to Shir Balev at soundcloud.com/oneeyedoxie

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:](#)

Evan Hyman
Sally Sicherman
Patrick Quinn

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

Gerie and Stan Muchnikoff

We would love to have more names in these lists. If you would like to have us acknowledge your occasion in the future please send birth month, 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. 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 after the High Holidays.

“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– September 6, 2024– October 5, 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 September 6 & 7, 2024

Lulu Dimig (Tom and Deborah Levy)
Millie Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Laszlo Szucs*
Jacqueline Hegman (Elizabeth Lewis-Olson)
Lena May Perkins Hightower (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
Morton Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
Rose Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)
Eula Mae Williams Meyers (Frances F. Williams)
Jennie Wagman Freeman (Bernice Langner)
Mary Jacobs*
Morris Bernstein (Marvin and Carol Bernstein)
Libbie Ryave (Rosalynd Richman and Selma Ryave)
Sol Brandt (Lila Ziegler)

Read on September 13 & 14, 2024

Bebe Jacobs (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)
Bella Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
Jane Abrams Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)
Rose Lieberman Hodess (Michael and Karen Lieberman)
Geneva Pritikin*
Irving Batkin* (Mike Batkin)
Jack Morton Siegel (Marjorie Siegel)
Joseph Epstein (Marlene Benz)
Paul Deutschman (Ellen and Fred Torres)
Wolfie Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
Ida Siegel (Robert M. and Carla Libby)
John Lauer III (Rain Simons)
Martin Steinman*
Samuel Rice*
Zarah Williamson (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
Betty Dudleston (Scott and Betsy Gubin)
Eve Holzman*
Sidney Waldman*

Read on September 20 & 21, 2024

Irving Dworsky*
Ethel Krepps*
Vivian Rycus (Debra and Henri Brown)
Donald Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
Evelyn Jacobs (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)
Walter Sisson (Lester and Renee Frank)
Barnett (Barnie) Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)
Marcia Hudgins (Robert M. and Carla Libby)
Morris Feldman*
Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Read on September 27 & 28, 2024

Theodore (Ted) Levy (Tom and Deborah Levy)
Albert Ryave (Rosalynd Richman and Selma Ryave)
Carrie Swartz (Ari Swartz)
William D. Newman (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
Samuel Smalley* (Alison Mann)
Sylvia Blumkin*
Joseph Karol (Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol)
Ramon Marquez (Jeffrey P Marquez)
Zellie Capin (Sam Klein)

Read on October 4 & 5, 2024

Evelyn Hays (Luke and Bev Duddridge)
Emily Cohen* (Marieka and Jeanne Brown, Susan C Brown)
Arthur Winard (Sam Klein)
Irving Leonard Podolsky (Rosalynd Richman and Selma Ryave)
Isadore Frank*,
Shepley Backman (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
Nathan Siegel*

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 \$360. Non TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$600.

Casa de Peregrenos food shelter in Las Cruces has issued a warning that they are running critically low of food supplies to distribute to the Las Cruces Community. As part our mission statement at Temple Beth is to help serve our community, we are asking for your help. While the Temple youth will still have their annual High Holiday drive, the need is urgent now, There are baskets near the front entrance of the Temple where you can bring donations to be delivered when you are at the temple or you may also drop them off directly. Checks can also be mailed to :

Casa De Peregrinos
999 W. Amador Ave,
Las Cruces, N.M 88005

Thank you for your act of Tikkun Olam.

Training Wheels?

Temple Beth El Religious school has not had a Training Wheels/Pre-K program for a few years. We are currently assessing whether there is an opportunity to reinstate this program. If you have a pre-k age child and would be interested in having them in a fun Jewish environment for an hour or two on a Sunday morning, please contact:

Rebbeca Berkson
becca.berkson@gmail.com
or Sheri Spiegal
sherispiegal@gmail.com



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HELP WANTED

We are looking for pictures of activities at TBE as we update our webpage. Please send them to Aggie Saltman at

mzaggieo@gmail.com

Minutes from Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees Meeting August 15, 2024

Board President Diane Fleishman called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Rabbi Evette Lutman provided an invocation related to the Haftarat of Consolation. Tisha B'Av was a mournful day for the Jewish people, now we turn to comforting parashiyot and haftarot until Rosh Hashanah.

In her President's Report, Diane Fleishman discussed progress and plans for the temple library, reinstating Hillel on the NMSU campus, communications with URJ for TBE's short- and long-term planning, the beauty of the Bat Mitzvah of Ariel Lavender-Smith, and the need for new bimah microphones. Diane is looking for the Hillel charter and researching the number of Jewish students at NMSU.

Rabbi Evette Lutman reported on the heavy burden of sickness and death. The difficult issue of membership and cemetery burial was raised. Youth classes are ramping up; adult classes will begin after the High Holidays. The last B'Mitzvah did great, looking forward to another one November 2. First Fridays have increased attendance, with special praise and thanks to Linda Sweenie, Glenn Philips and Aaron Goldfarb. She asked us to mark calendars for events to commemorate October 7: Anti-Defamation League event at El Paso Holocaust Museum, and a local event at TBE. A group of pastors is forming to address concerns and lend support for the unhoused. Tents to Rents fundraising started this week.

Joel Siegel, Treasurer, thanked board members who are clearing out the Resource Room (supply room across from the Judaica store). Dues collection falls short of predictions for this point in time, but most who have paid dues have paid the increase of 10%. Thank you.

Membership Chair Debbie Leyndyke introduced the application of a prospective new member (see next column). Membership Committee will provide name tags for all who attend services and events to encourage mixing. The process of outreach to new members was reviewed.

Sheri Spiegel, co-principal of Religious School (and board Secretary) described the next phase of the Youth Committee that supports Beth-El Temple Youth (BETY) and Beth-El Middle School Youth (BEMY). Many thanks to Leora Zeitlin for leading the charge for years. We have about 10 teens this year. Sheri and Leora will meet with Josh Berkman, new Youth Director replacing Amalia Zeitlin who is leaving for Israel. Sheri and Rebecca Berkson will serve on the Youth Committee; parents are invited to join. Exciting prospects are on the horizon for interaction with

youth groups in El Paso and the Winter Kallah at URJ Greene Family Camp.

Sheri Spiegel suggested recruiting a TBE Program Point Person, especially for major holiday gatherings (Chanukah, Purim, Passover), to avoid redundancy. Joel Siegel volunteered to coordinate Sukkot and to write an article about the need for a point person at Chanukah and Purim.

Joel Siegel and Deb Leyndyke announced an Open House for member recruitment, September 15th at 2-4 pm after Taschlich at Rio Grande with Religious School and Rabbi Evette. An ad will be placed in the Bulletin, NMSU news, our webpage, and our Facebook page.

Regarding temple infrastructure, Jeff Lewis plans to seek a quote from a different security company. Discussion about volunteer assignments for Friday lock-up after services led to Jeff volunteering to ask the Mensch Club about extending their greeter duties. Joel Siegel will send a new sign-up form for board presence per service.

Revisiting Old business: Diane Fleishman to continue to lead the efforts to rejuvenate the website in partnership with Aggie Saltman.

New Business:

1. Mark your calendar for a fundraising concert by Shir Balev, featuring Linda Sweenie and Glenn Phillips's band on November 9, 2024.
2. Memorial plaques cost will rise to \$360.
3. Pulpit reminder to switch on the memorial lights on Friday nights.
4. Art market open to the public on December 8 at 10-4. Ways and Means Committee will provide a registration form for all temple artists and their artist networks. Artists will pay for table space then have the chance to sell their goods. They will be asked to donate one piece for a fundraising auction. Success to be measured by people involved and getting people to the temple.
5. Beautiful quilt donated by Peggy Spingarn hanging in the Religious School hallway.

Short Executive Committee session followed by a vote in favor of the new member Charles Kuznekoff, put forth by Deb Leyndyke.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Minutes by Sheri Spiegel with help from Dee Cook

Donations through August 28, 2024

General Fund:

Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Gloria Hudson and in honor of the wonderful music/fellowship of our temple community
Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Lillian Krasner
Sherry Gara, Langner Challenger Grant
Robert and Carla Libby, in memory of Natalie E Libby
Selma Ryave, in memory of Cheryl S. Ryave-Rado
Andrew and Irene Engel, with gratitude for a wonderful visit at TBE
Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Jacob Krasner
Hera Reines, Langer Challenge as a member of the Short Story Group
Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, Tent to Rents
Gary and Terry Levy, Langner Challenge in memory of Solomon Levy
Joanne Turnbull, Langner Challenge
Miriam Netzer, in memory of Hertzal Netzer on the occasion of Ariel Lavender-Smith's Bat Mitzvah
Susan C. Brown, in memory of Allan Joseph
John Busby and Barbara Sheen in memory of Lester Sheen

Biblical Garden Fund:

Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Donald Gantert

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Dave and Cheryl Decker, in memory of Jane Chapman
Joanne Kaufman, in memory of Sylvia Kaufman
Mark and Aggie Saltman

Social Action Fund:

Jeff Hudson and Cherri Brown-Hudson, in memory of Logan Pearson

Sisterhood Fund:

Barbara Berger, in honor of Stefanie Singer

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Leslie Glater, in memory of Josephine Glater
Stan and Gerie Muchnik off, in memory of Rea Bienstock

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Bob and Monika Kimball, in honor of Linda Sweenie

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 both 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.

**TEMPLE BETH EL PRESENTS:
The ARTISAN MARKETPLACE**

ARTISANS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

10AM- 4 PM

3980 SONOMA SPRINGS AVENUE

LAS CRUCES, NM

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE AND SELL YOUR WORK
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO THE LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY

DETAILS:

EACH ARTISAN WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN 8' LINEAR SPACE.

FEE: \$40 (SPACE CAN BE SHARED BY MORE THAN ONE ARTISAN)

**WE ASK THAT EACH ARTISAN DONATE A PIECE OF THEIR ORIGINAL
WORK TO BE RAFFLED.**

**LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS (TABLE, ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY, ANY
OTHER NEEDS.)**

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND REMIT
YOUR FEE BY CHECK BY **SEPTEMBER 30** TO SECURE YOUR SPACE**

**SEND TO: TEMPLE BETH EL C/O ARTISAN MARKETPLACE 3980 SONOMA
SPRINGS AVENUE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011**

NAME: _____

MEDIUM: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE : _____

NEEDS: _____

**ITEM FOR DONATION: DESCRIPTION INCLUDING TITLE AND
VALUE** _____

FOR QUESTIONS: DONNA POPKY, dlpmsw@gmail.com 717-979-2799

OR SHARI ABRAMOWITZ, akitchenmaven@yahoo.com 720-473-1118

**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!)
**If you are on Facebook already, find
our page, click “Like” and join us in
our Facebook community!**

**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.**



Adelante Submissions:

As we continue another busy year, I need your help more than ever. This newsletter is so much better when it has many voices (that and I am horrible at remembering to take pictures). Send me your pictures of family Shabbat or Temple events, book recommendations, recipes, illustrations, etc. I will share as many as space allows in each month’s Adelante. Please send pictures in JPG and files in .doc format.

The deadline for turning in articles, items and photos for the October 2024 Adelante is September 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

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Sharon (774) 249-5698- Call or Text
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Las Cruces & Surrounding Areas

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High School Math.
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Real Estate

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	5 “Forgive for Good” 10 am-12 pm	6 “First Friday” Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
8 Religious/Hebrew School 10 am-1pm	9	10 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	11 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	12 Sisterhood Council Meeting time TBA	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
15 Religious School to Apple Orchard and Tashlich at Rio Grand 10 am-1pm Membership Open House 2-4 PM	16	17	18 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	19 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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Temple Beth-El Las Cruces**

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