

Las Cruces, New Mexico

APRIL 2024 (ADAR II-NISSAN 5784))



TRIO SEFARDI

MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION OF

"LA NONA KANTA: THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF FLORY JAGODA"

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 3:00 PM TEMPLE BETH EL

For tickets, go to www.jfedeplc.org/events/triosefardi or scan the QR code

3980 Sonoma Springs Ave Las Cruces, NM 8801







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.

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 May 2024 Adelante is April 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 cambrien 73@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– 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

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.

Mussar: Jewish ethics, led by Rabbi Evette.

Intermediate Mussar -Thursdays at 2:00 PM

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 <u>Arthur-lorbeer@yahoo.com</u>
Elliot Katz Elliotk@att.net



Yahrzeits- April 5 -May 4, 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 April 5 & 6, 2024

Warren E. Dudleston (Scott and Betsy Gubin) George Brown (Henri and Debra Brown)

Abigail Palanker (Allen and Eve Palanker) Marvin Siegel (Robert and Carla Libby)

Harold Mann (Alison Mann)

Richard Palanker (Allen and Eve Palanker)

Read on April 12 & 13, 2024

Bertha Maness (Mark and Stefani Singer)

Claire Gornstein Krasner (Jeff Marquez)

Sima Tashlik (Allen and Michele Blum)

Eleanor Williamson (Michael and Barbara Mandel)

Estelle Berger, (Barbara Berger)

Joseph Seglin (Eric and Donna Popky)

Read on 19 & 20, 2024

Norris Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen and Anne Weinberg) Diane Schwartz (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)

Terry Petty* (Brenda and Arlon Parish)

Dvorah Alkon (Philip and Sally Alkon)

Estella Levy-Dean (Debbie and Tom Levy)

Rufus Griffin (Nicole and Jermel Griffin)

Abe Rayblatt (Rose Jacobs)

Read on 26 & 27, 2024

Samuel Schwartz (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)

Michael Resnick*, (Frances Williams)

Maxine Markson (Linda Kruger)

Hannah Hoda Lutman (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz

Leonard Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)

Albert Orel (Sheri and John Spiegal)

Geraldine Lutman (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)

Sallie Mae Pettigrew (Nicole and Jermel Griffin)

Daniel Seton Barber (Bob and Julie Seton)

James McCuller (Brian and Lisa McCuller)

Michael P. Shikora (Lenore Hindin)

Margaret Smith (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)

Read on May 3 & 4, 2024

Shirley Muffs* (Marvin and Carol Bernstein) Sadie Sugarman (Terri Sugarman) Sheldon Breskow (Debbie and Steve Leyndyke) Blanche Blum (Allen and Michele Blum)

Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)

Beverly Wipson (Mieg Dickson and Max Wipson)

Jacob Mazer* (Norm and Sue Mazer)

Alice Mazer* (Norm and Sue Mazer)

Rebecca Bleiberg (Roslyn Richman and Selma Ryave)

Condolences to:

- The family of congregant Burt Berkson, husband of Anne Berkson. Burt passed away at home on March 4, 2024.
- The family of congregant Frima Marquez, mother of Jeff Marquez. Frima passed away on March 5, 2024 at the age of 89.

May their memories be for a blessing.

"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.

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 <u>following</u> 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.



Shalom, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

After 10 challenging and wonderful years living in Las Cruces, It is tremendously difficult for me to think about leaving.

By now, you know that I am picking up stakes and moving to Boston. I don't really want to leave, but my physical condition because of my MS continues to decline, and in Boston there are services and doctors much better equipped to deal with me than here.

I grew up right outside of Boston, and my sisters and other relatives still live there. They cannot wait for me to come! And actually, I will also be very close to Ned and Francine when they are visiting with the grandkids. So, I expect to see them fairly often.

I cannot express how important Temple Beth-El has been to me. Ned, Francine and I came to the temple as soon as we arrived in Las Cruces, and we immediately found a community that welcomed us and provided a spiritual home. In addition, the synagogue was a center for our social life, some of our political activities, and many local events.

For me, it has been one of the most important local institutions in the city. At times, serving on the board has been a real challenge. But the last 3 years in particular, serving as the President, has been deeply rewarding.

During Covid, the congregation stayed involved and unified. Searching for a new rabbi, we made some important decisions and found a leader who is was what we need. And after a difficult search, we finally have hired an administrative assistant to support our office and management needs.

Now that Rabbi Evette has been here for a while, the whole congregation appears to be inspired, developing new programming and creating new ways to support the Temple.

The entire membership deserves credit for bringing this new energy to our community. I am happy to be leaving the board in such good hands, and the membership in such good spirits.

I have a tremendous feeling of gratitude for everything the Temple has provided for me, and I want to express a huge THANK YOU to everyone for showing me such warmth and affection. I am especially grateful to the Executive

Committee of the Board- Treasurer Joel Siegel, Secretary Donna Popky, and Vice President Elizabeth Lewis - who have made this transition much easier for me.

I also want to thank the entire Board for helping us move forward in our security planning and procedures; all of our very hard working committees, including Religious Practices; Ways and Means; Social Action/Adult Ed; the Library; the Religious School; and our very active Mensch Club and Sisterhood, who are so reliable in overseeing social activities, meals and gatherings, and keeping the building attractive; also Beth Tierney for publishing the Adelante.

I am glad to have been part of this congregation at this particular moment, and you may see me popping in from time to time. The next few years will continue to hold challenges as well as promise, so I wish the membership all the best, mazel tov! May Temple Beth-El find itself always under its lucky stars!

Shalom, Nan Rubin, TBE board president president.tbelc@gmail.com

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 website 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.



A Bit of TBE History— Marriage of Cheryl Williams and Thomas Kirby. First wedding performed in Temple Beth-El, 1970

My husband made the chuppah for this wedding which continued to be used for other weddings. We did not have a Rabbi but we found a traveling Rabbi, Rabbi Abraham Schindling who performed the ceremony. Cheryl's maid of honor was Barbara Camunez, whose dad was Mayor of Las Cruces. I had planned a big wedding for my daughter, and even had her wedding dress made in Juarez, but she wanted a small wedding with just family and friends. I had planned for about 150 members which had to be cancelled. Cheryl was not a person who wanted any sort of spotlight, even though she later became an actress and made several television movies and commercials. -Frances F. Williams



Temple Beth El Setting For Kirby-Williams Rite

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G. Secker.
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a short white velvet Empire-mode gown designed with long sleeves and velvet ruffles at the neckline and

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST 2024

A Social and Educational event

TBE Social Hall Open to all

Breakfast 8:30 AM with Speaker to follow 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

RSVP Required 2 days before breakfast to arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com 716-908-7885

April 17- Lorraine from Mesilla Valley Hospice "Hospice 101"

Menu

Bagels Cream Cheese Peanut Butter Jelly Butter
Cheese Plate Egg Salad Coffee Tea

\$5/ Person CASH ONLY

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

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

Privately or in small group ezmrt35@yahoo.com

575-639-0785





Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing

You might have noticed in the recent Adelante that the Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing gave tributes to various accounts within Temple Beth-El. You might wonder about this organization and its mission.

Several years ago, Mike and I created this non-profit entity as a forum for debate among current and future business scholars and practitioners. Eventually, we wanted the Institute to sponsor conferences, subsidize research, and house relevant writing on the topic. With Dr. Grant Aguirre-Luker's help, we were able to secure the initial endowment.

On February 1, 2024, Dr. Aguirre-Luker's mother, Becky Luker, passed away from cancer. Becky was more than the owner of The White Peacock Inn and Stone Lion Inn (famous for the Houghton family ghost story) in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She was a tremendous friend to our family and a wonderful mother to Dr. Aguirre-Luker. We could think of no better way to honor her memory than to contribute in her name via our non-profit.

By the way, the Institute sponsors 'seed money' research grants. Please contact me for more information.
-Stacey Hyman

staceyahyman88011@yahoo.com

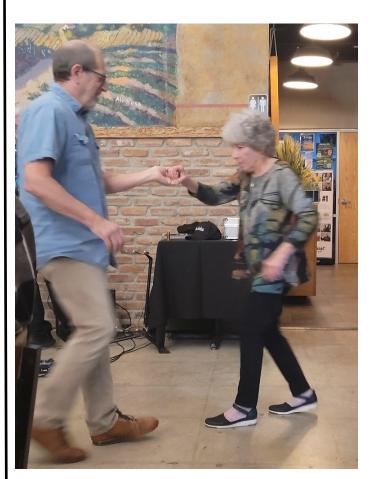
Thank You

Elizabeth Lewis and Ned Rubin want to say thank you to many people for the help they provided for the good luck party for Nan. We particularly want to acknowledge the support of both the Sisterhood and the Mensch Club for their material as well as labor support. We also had help from several others with the set-up, cleanup, delivery and serving of the food and drink for the party.

We want to thank Rabbi Evette for lending her spiritual and emotional support to this event. A special thanks to all members for being welcoming and gracious hosts to the many folks who joined us as special invitees of Nan who were not members of TBE. This gave Nan a chance to see and say goodbye to all the people she knows in Las Cruces.

All of you contributed to making this celebration a great success. It was exactly as Nan had hoped and she had a wonderful time.

Scenes from the Mensch Club Dinner



Mark Singer and Shelly Silverman cut a rug



Joel Siegel telling a few jokes to entertain the crowd.

☐ At that time, he will review his report with board

Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024

Special report from the Strategic Planning Committee presented by guests Scott Gubin and Elliott Katz. Based on their detailed analysis of temple operations and future needs they recommended forming a Financial Advisory Committee to assist with the budgetary process. This committee should consist of the treasurer and two or three other congregational members. Results were shared of the demographic study of age and interest trends of our current membership with some projection for future. Treasurer's report:
☐ Expenses and income are tracking as expected ☐ The auction raised \$1,000 more than budgeted ☐ The yard sale brought in over \$4,000 President's report
☐ The Rabbi performance assessment is nearly complete. A written report will be completed after the Rabbi has completed her self-assessment. Two individuals from that committee will meet with her shortly to review the results. Rabbi's Report
☐ There have been several recent deaths in the congregation. On a positive note, Rabbi Barry Schmuckler of Chabad shared the task with Rabbi Evette of officiating at the Shiva Minyans.
☐ Rabbi is working closely with our new administrative assistant Kathy Naegele-Delgado. Sisterhood Report
☐ Preparations are underway for the Community Seder Ways and Means
☐ The auction was very successful, grossing \$9,815, not including credit card sales which were not determined as of this report. Thank you to all the donors and bidders. A BIG thank you to all the helpers on the day of the event:
Dave Decker, Art Lorbeer, Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi, Norm and Sue Mazer, Elizabeth Lewis, Michael Mandel, Allen Blum, Scott Gubin and of course our very
own auctioneer Lynn Zeemont. The hard work of the committee, Wendee Lorbeer, Debbie Leyndyke, Shari Abramowitz, Cheryl Decker, Betsy Gubin and Dee Cook made success possible.
The Ginormous Yard Sale ☐ The success of this fundraiser was the work of many
people (see article in this issue of Adelante) Nominating Committee Report
☐ The slate of new board positions has been put together and a hard mailing will go out to the congregation with all the bios to review before the annual meeting
Security Assessment Update A follow up meeting with Shawn from DHS will be held

on March 27 at 5pm.

members with all the recommendations he is making for
upgrades to our systems.
☐ A Big thank you to Scott and Betsy Gubin for their
donation of the purchase of a set of walkie talkies to be
used at all services and events. This will enable two-way
communication between a Mensch club member and the
guard in the event of an emergency situation of any kind.
☐ There is now security scheduled for all services,
religious school and events at the temple.

Membership update:

☐ The committee is working on purchasing name tags for all members to be worn in temple.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Popky, Secretary

The Ginormous Yard Sale Recap

By Debbie Leyndyke and Donna Popky, co-chairs

As they say, "It takes a village". The success of the Ginormous Yard Sale fundraiser was due to all hands-on deck from the three days of intake to the day of the sale on March 10.



We had help from many Mensch Club guys, the religious school kids, and of course. many members. Advertising was done through social media, Next Door Neighbor, the Bulletin classified and calendar listings, flyers distributed by members of the committee Debbie Leyndyke, Donna Popky, and Terry Levy, and of course word of mouth.

The following people need a HUGE round of applause for all their hard work:

Mensch Club: Henry Brown, Dave Decker, Scott Gubin, Jeff Lewis, Gary Levy, Steve Leyndyke, Glenn Phillips, Eric Popky, Joel Siegel, Mark Singer and Sergio Trego.

Members who helped with intake and on the day of the sale: Shari Abramowitz, Mia Berkson, Allen and Michelle Blum, Liana Brown, Karen Currier, Jane Grider, Susi Kolikant, Paula Kramer, Debbie Levy, Terry Levy, Elizabeth Lewis, Wendee Lorbeer, Martha Roditti, Marjorie Siegel, Penny and Richard Spingarn, Beth Tierney and her daughters Lindsay and Morgan.

And of course, thank you to all our members who donated so many great items for the sale. We packed the social hall and playground to overflowing!

All items unsold were donated to Safe Haven Thrift and the books went to the Thomas Branigan Library.

We raised over \$4,000!! Thank You, Thank You All!!

Donations through March 24, 2024

General Fund:

Ann and Burt Berkson, in memory of Faye Berkson Henri and Debra Brown, in memory of George T. Brown

Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Dolly Zabin

Joyce Davidoff and Michael White, in memory of Bea Klein

Karen Shevet Dinah, in honor of Gerie Muchnikoff's 80th birthday

Paul Feil, in memory of Alma Feil

Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of Warren Dudleston

Martino Widjaja

Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi, for administrative assistant

Selma Ryave, in memory of Norman Green, Chama Podolsky, Samuel Ryave and Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz

Karen Shevet Dinah, in honor of Nan Rubin for her service to the community

Jeffrey and Avis Lewis, in memory of Rita Herman Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Minnie Levicoff Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi, toward administrative assistant costs

Harry Bass, in memory of Louis and Ida Bass and Abraham Pomerantz

Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Itzhak Kolikant

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Stephen Weiner, in memory of Abigail Weiner

Biblical Garden Fund:

Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving, Josephine and Margo Glater

Bryan and Lisa Ehlers McCuller, in memory of Patricia Collier Ehlers

Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving Glater

Alison Mann, in memory of Harold Mann and Burt Berkson

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Frima Marquez, in memory of family

Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:

Gerald & Gail Hebert, in memory of Ruth Rubin

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.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023-2024

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Gail Braverman is a Board Member at Temple Emanu-El in San Diego. Gail writes "Community Corner", for her synagogue's monthly newsletter and has graciously offered to share her columns with us. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist.

A THREE-DIMENSIONAL LIFE Gail L. Braverman, LMFT

I recently found an art piece my mother made I had tucked away in a cupboard. It is a form of art where you cut out and build up prints to make three-dimensional art.

My mother Ruth's favorite artist was a Dutch painter, Anton Pieck. The very fine details in his prints inspired her to spend hours cutting out and gluing small images on top of each other until they popped right off the page to her satisfaction.

Ruth had an edge of defensiveness to her. While she loved fiercely, deeply, and committedly, she was also filled with anger, self-pity and resentment.

My mother taught me we are not all one thing, we human beings. We have both the good and bad angels riding on our shoulders and they struggle to see who will win. Sometimes the good angel takes the lead and sometimes the bad angel wins by a nose.

About two years before my mother died, she announced to me she wanted to be kind. I just listened and then over the next several months I watched her do just that.

My mom did three-dimensional art and she lived a three-dimensional life. She wasn't all bad or all good. She was just who she was. She wasn't out to prove anything, or make excuses or make empty promises. She said what she meant and meant what she said. She taught me we all have multiple layers to our personalities, and that was ok. She left our family the gifts of grit, guts, chutzpah, resiliency and enduring love.

I, too, wrestle with the good and bad angels just like my mom. I look at my hands that are aging just like my mom's. I, too, have multiple dimensions to myself, just like my mom. And if I am very lucky, I will end up being kind, just like my mom.

Her memory will forever be a blessing.

Reflection: Sometimes we connect more with people through our shortcomings than our accomplishments.

Today's Practice: Can I accept myself with both my good and not so good angels?

I welcome your comments: gbrave3333@aol.com





The Mensch Club Presents:

Lunch at Sparkys in Hatch

Join us April 21(Sun)2024@ 12:30ish

Open to all members, family and friends for lunch.

Check out the menu on line. Call ahead, about 20 minutes to avoid waiting in line. 575-267-4222

Music inside, eat inside or out

Questions? Text Art 716-908-7885 or Elliot 617-759-1887





Celebrating our Simchas

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

Wendee Lorbeer

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

None Listed

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



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM GOING ONS





The Great Hamantaschen Bake! 170 hamantaschen (plus a few delicious fails) were made over two hours!





Filling Mishloach Manot bags. These were delivered to our most senior and/or those who may not be able get out to us as much. Age has its privileges!







Playing "Sushan Showdown" a Purim themed challenge game courtesy of ISJL.

Purim Celebration





















Afternoon at the Auction Report and Thank Yous.

The Ways and Means committee would like to thank all donors and bidders for making this Auction a success. We grossed \$9800.00 in total revenue. Thank you to Sharon Tancredi and Elliot Katz and Deb Leyndyke for coordinating and running the sweet table. Thanks also to Dave Decker and Art Lorbeer for set up. Our wine pourers were Michael Mandel and Allen Blum. Our greeters were Sue and Norm Mazer, and Liz Olson. Our auctioneer was our very own Lynn Zeemont whose humor and knowledge of who our members are made for a very entertaining event.

Last but not least, Scott Gubin who sent out all of our invoices to the winners.

Thank you all for coming together as a community and contributing to a fun afternoon.

Wendee Lorbeer, Shari Abramowitz, Cheryl Decker, Betsy Gubin, Deb Leyndyke and Dee Cook











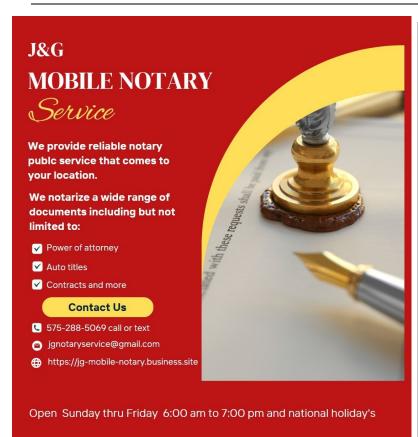












Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

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
	Adar II 22 1	Adar II 23 2 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Adar II 24 3 Tanakh Study 10:15am via Zoom Jewish Literacy 6:00 pm	Adar II 25 4 Intermediate Mussar 2:00 pm	Adar II 26 5 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Adar II 27 6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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