



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

MARCH 2024 (ADAR I-ADAR II 5784)

**Temple Beth El Presents**  
**“The Ginormous Yard Sale”**  
**Sunday March 10, 7am-1pm**  
**Congregation First Crack at the Sale**  
**Saturday March 9, 7pm-8pm**

**Bring the Items You’ve  
Been Saving to the Temple**

Drop off March 3, 10am- 3pm  
March 4 and 5, 10am -2pm (note  
the change in drop off hours)  
Ask your friends and neighbors if  
they have items for us!



Give us a call or email if you need assistance  
moving larger, heavier items

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### 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 April 2024 Adelante is March 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](mailto:cambrien73@gmail.com)**

### Study Opportunities

*In person and by Zoom except when otherwise specified. Links sent weekly.*

**Talmud Study– Saturdays at 9:00 AM**

Lay led by Bryan McCuller.

**Short Story Group– 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](mailto:jar529@gmail.com).

**Tanakh study –Wednesdays at 10:15 am via Zoom**

Led by Rabbi Larry Karol (TBE Rabbi Emeritus). Contact Rabbi Karol ([rablpcarol@gmail.com](mailto:rablpcarol@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

**Yahrzeits– March 1 –April 6, 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 March 1 & 2, 2024**

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

**Read on March 8 & 9, 2024**

Sidney Berger\* (Barbara Berger)  
 Joel Ziegler (Lila Ziegler)

**Read on March 16 & 17, 2024**

Doris Waters (Beth Waters)  
 Katherine A. Lathrop (Jane Grider)  
 Johanna Larson (Nancy Bergman)  
 Rita Herman, (Jeff and Avis Lewis)  
 Dolly Zabin (Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown)  
 Stuart Fleishman\* (Diane Fleishman)  
 Patricia Collier Ehlers (Brian and Lisa McCuller)  
 Tessie Rose Bergman (Nancy Bergman)  
 Itzhak Kolikant (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)  
 Muriel R. Newman (David Bairnsfather and Jon Newman)  
 Mary Sirota (Rob Goldsteen and Anne Weinberg)  
 Phyllis Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)  
 Alma Ruth Feil (Paul Feil)

**Read on March 22 & 23, 2024**

Beatrice Gibbs (Terri Sugarman)  
 Joshua Mordechai Batkin\* (Michael Batkin)  
 Bertha All Remley (David Bairnsfather and Jon Newman)  
 Louis Schwartz (Rabbi Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)  
 Elaine Silberman (Cyrille Kane)  
 Louis Bass\* (Harry and Diane Bass)

**Read on March 29 & 30, 2024**

Gayle Saeks (Jerry and Shelly Silverman)  
 Bertram Marks (Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol)  
 Rabbi Allan Langner (Bernice Langner)  
 Aryll Edna Levy (Gary and Terry Levy)  
 Abigail S. Weiner (Stephen Weiner)  
 Edith Steinberg\* (Ron and Pearie Bruder)  
 Faye Berkson (Burt and Ann Berkson, Arthur and Rebecca Berkson)  
 Lillian Cooper (Terri Sugarman)  
 Vena Burnsed Newman (David Bairnsfather and Jon Newman)  
 Ralph Alkon (Philip and Sally Alkon)  
 Samuel Chapman (Diane Fleishman)  
 Harriet Krasner Silver (Jeff Marquez, Frima Marquez)  
 Betty Brankman (Philip and Sally Alkon)

**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)

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](mailto: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.



At the end of February, Atlantic magazine published an article called New American Judaism by Shira Telushkin. You might recognize the name, because her father is Rabbi Joseph Telushkin an esteemed Jewish author and scholar.

Her article examined a number of disparate factors describing current state of non-Orthodox Judaism: the long established Jewish rabbinical seminaries were attracting fewer and fewer students; with options for other types of Jewish study, the seminaries were graduating fewer and fewer rabbis; of these, many graduates were choosing to not become pulpit rabbis but making use of their Jewish education in other careers; these institutions were expensive to attend; and without increasing their students the schools were selling off some of their properties.

At the same time, she looked at the other side of declining population of ordained rabbis and described the impact on congregations around the country, especially in rural areas. Congregations were unable to attract new rabbis to serve them; they were merging with other local congregations or sharing rabbis between them. Without a rabbi to provide spiritual focus, Congregational membership was facing a sharp decline.

Yet she found a vibrant Jewish life in newer organizations. Non-denominational rabbinical programs along with social activist groups and service organizations were attracting a flourishing membership of young Jews. At the same time, a growing number of congregations were willing to look outside the traditional sources of rabbis to find suitable candidates.

Does this sound familiar? Her description matched exactly our experience here at Temple Beth-El in recruiting / attracting, Rabbi Evette. Not only that, with our diverse membership of Jews from many backgrounds and reflecting many different aspects of Jewish experience and family life, we could have been the poster child for her in-depth descriptions!

Her conclusions were sobering. " There is a new center of gravity emerging in Jewish life far removed from the centralized institutions of the 20th century." Unless they are able to seriously realign their programs, our centuries-old Jewish institutions of traditional learning are at the risk of being lost.

The younger generations of Jews looking for spiritual satisfaction are creating new structures to find it elsewhere. This is especially important because most younger Jews have not grown up with a Jewish Sunday school education. Their experience with Judaism is rooted in a sense of social justice, culture, and participatory holidays like Passover, not sitting in a synagogue and listening to a Rabbi emote.

She quoted Rabbi Gary Glickstein, "Jews stopped thinking denominationally a long time ago. But rabbis and institutions still do." The institutions created with those divisions are no longer relevant and their survival depends on a radical shift in their priorities.

She closed with this thought, " for centuries, the synagogue and the congregational rabbi stood at the center of Jewish life. They allowed Jews of all sorts to come together to pray, worship, celebrate, argue, and mourn. If they disappear, they will be hard to replace."

Even so, with new institutions springing up to provide a non-denominational Jewish voice and a greater diversity among the Jewish communities, our expectations of who can be a rabbi and what they will do have already been altered. We are truly fortunate that TBE is a vibrant congregation that already reflects many of these changes.

On a different note, with many mixed feelings I have informed the board that I will be leaving Las Cruces sometime in the next few months. I will be moving to the Boston Home, a nursing home facility in Boston that caters to people with MS in motorized wheelchairs, and where I will be closer to my family. My exact moving schedule is not yet in place, so stay tuned for details.

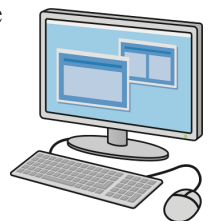
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Nan Rubin, TBE board president  
[president.tbcl@gmail.com](mailto:president.tbcl@gmail.com)

## 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@tbcl.org](mailto:admin@tbcl.org) if interested.





## Musings on the Inevitable-- Paradigm Shift

Karen Shevet Dinah

The adage “history repeats itself” appears to be true especially when we consider how often humans have been at war with one another. At the

same time human history evolves and provides beneficial changes to human society and its subcultures: The industrial revolution, the technological revolution, the civil rights movement, women’s suffrage, etc. Judaism and Jewish culture, too, has experienced major changes and shifts. Indeed, the early stories in Genesis are a record of major change in the biblical archetypes every ten generations, i.e. ten generations between Adam and Noach, then the Flood and ten generations between Noach and Abram, then Abram heeds the divine call and becomes Abraham. And of course, there are other examples in our texts.

We also know from our personal experiences that major shifts in society and institutions can result in discomfort, dissonance and prolonged disagreement. Our own timeline includes several such historical moments for Jews, Judaism and Jewish culture.

The late Second Temple period was filled with tumult and groups vying for power to determine the direction of Judaism. Once the Temple was destroyed there was an obvious need for replacement of rituals centered around the Temple. Archaeological evidence indicates that the precursor to the synagogue had already begun to take hold outside of Jerusalem and in the Diaspora prior to the Temple’s destruction.\* The descendants of the Pharisees, one of those groups seeking power during the Biblical (Temple) period, became the rabbis who precipitated the shift to Rabbinic Judaism, the term used to refer to today’s Judaism since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

One of the Sefat Emet’s commentaries on the Torah portion *Terumah* (which we read in early February) quotes a midrash that includes a story about two merchants, one who has silk and the other has peppers. Once they exchange their goods with one another, each is once again deprived of what the other has. But if there are two scholars, one who has mastered one tractate of Talmud, the other having mastered a different tractate and they teach each other, then each has access to both tractates. “The point is that each of Israel has a particular portion within Torah, yet it is also Torah that joins all our souls.” comments the Sefat Emet (aka Alter of Ger). \* R. Arthur Green interprets the Sefat Emet as making a call for Jewish unity when the Alter of Ger observed divisiveness among the Jewish people during the late 1800’s. R. Green writes, “But his message is . . .

the way to achieve unity is through everyone holding on to his or her own distinctive viewpoint while sharing with all others in a context that fully accepts the infinite variety of minds and opinions, all of them making up a single divine whole.”\*\* (p. 122)

During the same period that the Sefat Emet is concerned about disagreements among Jews in Europe, Mordecai Kaplan is born (1881) into an Orthodox family in Lithuania. The family emigrated to America a few years later, and eventually Mordecai Kaplan would follow in his father’s footsteps as a rabbinic leader in New York’s Orthodox community while also continuing his father’s radical, unorthodox thinking. Mordecai was sent both to *yeshiva* and secular public schools. And in March 1922, his daughter, Judith, would become the first bat mitzvah in America. Although Kaplan grew intellectually as a respected rabbinic voice and leader among modern Orthodox Jews, his writings, interpretations of texts and creation of ritual (*The New Haggadah* 1941) eventually caused condemnation by his modern Orthodox colleagues. He was critical of both Orthodox and Reform Judaism. Yet Kaplan saw his ideology as a “school of thought” rather than a separate denomination and resisted pressure to turn it into one. Like the Sefat Emet, a generation earlier, Kaplan feared and did not want to further fragmentation among Jewish groups. Rather he hoped his ideas could be applied to all denominations.

In the late 1960’s and early 1970’s a young Lubavitcher (Chabad) rabbi, Zalman Schacter-Shalomi, OBM, began introducing ideas outside not only Chabad practices but the norms of mainstream Judaism across North America. By the mid 1970’s, Reb Zalman had left Chabad and his Jewish Renewal was developing and growing. Again, not a denominational form of Judaism, Jewish Renewal has influenced all sects of Judaism outside Orthodoxy with its free-form style of prayer and joyous celebration of Judaism. Reb Zalman introduced the idea of the post-denominational or trans-denominational Jew as he spoke and wrote about a paradigm shift in contemporary Judaism and a concern about the increasingly irreparable ruptures among the various denominations. \*\*\*

A few weeks ago, Nan Rubin sent an email containing an article from a recent issue of *The Atlantic*. The article is by Shira Telushkin, daughter R. Joseph Telushkin, a contemporary renowned rabbi. Although its focus is on the decline in congregational rabbis and the dropping enrollment in mainstream rabbinic seminaries, it is an informative description of what’s happening to North American Judaism today, the very paradigm shift that Reb Zalman foresaw. Ms. Telushkin points out, “. . . centralized Judaism of the 20th century is giving way to a series of independent organizations . . . Even as the rabbi shortage has worsened, new institutions of Jewish learning, social activism, and lay leadership have flourished, largely thanks to the growing engagement of younger Jews.

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Very little of this renaissance, however, is affiliated with large, established synagogues or the seminaries that supply them with rabbis. Almost none of it is tied to the denominations . . . Great Jewish minds can also be found in a set of schools that have emerged in recent decades to offer new models of learning and Jewish identity. The traditional but egalitarian Yeshivat Hadar recently ordained eight students in a four-year program focused on mastery of Jewish law. The Shalom Hartman Institute, a hub of Jewish thought and leadership, is launching a program for Jews pursuing the rabbinate as a second career. The nondenominational Hebrew College outside Boston and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College near Philadelphia are the rare examples of established schools that aren't shrinking, in part because . . . they welcome students who don't fit into typical denominational categories." In July 2017, The Atlantic published another article, *We're Headed Toward One of the Greatest Divisions in the History of the Jewish People*, an even earlier harbinger of the paradigm shift of our time.

The destruction of the Second Temple forced Jews to redesign and create new ways of relating to haShem. Mordecai Kaplan and Reconstructionist Judaism coined the phrase, "The past has a vote but not a veto" as it also re-defined Jewish ritual practice. Reb Zalman's Jewish Renewal guided its followers to experiment with Jewish practice in welcoming and all-embracing ways beyond denominational boundaries. The Sefat Emet taught the importance of diversity and difference glued together by our unity as a people. Perhaps the time is now for congregations that wish to survive the major shifts currently occurring in Judaism and Jewish culture to accept that change happens, often when change is needed. The open-minded and creative are those who benefit and whose legacy survives until the next paradigm shift emerges.

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\*Biblical Archaeological Society Library May-June 2015 publication

\*\*The Language of Truth, The Torah Commentary of the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehudah Leib Alter of Ger. Translated and Interpreted by

Arthur Green. (R. Green is considered a leading scholar of Chasidism and modern Jewish theology)

\*\*\* Ellen Singer, ed. (1993). Paradigm Shift: From the Jewish Renewal Teachings of Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Jason Aronson.

### Welcome to our New Administrative Assistant

Temple Beth-El welcomes Kathy Naegele-Delgado as our part-time administrative assistant. Kathy is a 14-year resident of Las Cruces, having moved here with her family from Pennsylvania. She is the mother of two adult children, Jonathan, 26, and Alejandra, 24. Her husband, Anselmo Delgado-Martinez, is retired from the US Army and splits his time between Las Cruces and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.



Kathy has quite a few years of administrative experience in the business world, higher education, and most recently at Morning Star Church as their Administrator. She retired from full-time work last year and is happy to now put her skills to use in a part-time position. She looks forward to meeting many of you and serving our congregation.

We're glad you're here!

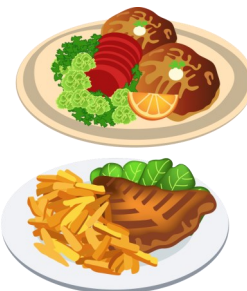
-Joel Seigel, Treasurer and interim administrative assistant

### The Mensch Club Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on March 19, at Red Hawk Golf Club

Music, Dancing, Triva, Fun time for all. Meals will include a Salad, soft drinks, coffee, teas, and cake

Choice of items below

- 1) Pasta with meat sauce, topped with cheese - \$20.00
- 2) Baked chicken breast with bruschetta and grilled asparagus - \$24.00
- 3) Grilled salmon with red pepper glaze, roasted baby bakers & grilled asparagus - \$29.
- 4) Flat iron steak, roasted baby bakers & grilled asparagus - \$32.
- 5) Vegan dinner - \$24



Please RSVP by March 10

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Elliot Katz @ [Elliotk@Att.net](mailto:Elliotk@Att.net)

## Temple Beth El Board of Directors Meeting, February 15, 2024

Invocation by Rabbi Evette Lutman commenting on the current week's Torah portion referring to engaging with each other, not separating ourselves from community. She complimented this board with putting in our "sweat equity" and working together for the good of the temple.

- Treasurer's report: Joel Seigel indicated that pledges are ahead but not out of line with projections. If there is any surplus in cash at the end of the fiscal year it can be rolled over into other accounts.
- Kathy Naegele-Delgado, having 6 years of Administrative experience, was offered and accepted the position as the new Temple Administrator. She will start the week of February 19 and will work 2-3 days a week.
- Religious School: Highlights from teacher's meeting in January - a revision of the daily schedule to include more "All School" time especially for the younger children to have more group interaction. In the early planning stages is a visit from Ray Cohen, ED from the NM Holocaust Museum in ABQ to visit with the students on April 29. Alyssa from Jewish Federation of EP and LC came to speak with parents and students about a teen philanthropy program. 7 students are interested. Remember to SAVE THE DATE for Shabbat Under the Stars at White Sands. Invites have gone to Chabad, Temple Sinai, El Paso Day School Cherry Hill and Federation to hopefully have more youth participation and interaction between local Jewish groups. Rebecca Berkson, Sheri Spiegel and Rabbi Evette Lutman expressed concerns at dwindling numbers of religious school students. President Nan Rubin said she would be working on marketing and outreach ideas.
- Social Action/Adult Education committee: An exciting and important focus of the committee is their exploration of bringing Noa Baum, a story teller, to the temple for an Artist-in-residence weekend most likely in January of next year. A grant from the Jewish Federation will be pursued to help cover costs. The committee is also pursuing having an attorney speak to the congregation on estate planning with a focus on living wills, advanced directives, wills and trusts. The committee also has begun discussing organization of the political forums for the fall.
- Rabbi Evette Lutman is concerned about the cluttered state of the library. Rabbi envisions it as a multi-use space for small meetings and a resource center. Our librarian, Linda Kruger has been unable to do the organizational work due to illness. A working group of volunteers will be formed to start the process.
- A nominating committee will be created and led by Joel Seigel and Mark Singer. They will ask several members to serve as well. There are a number of board members whose term of office is expiring. The Board of Directors agreed that a Board orientation for new members is needed. Nan Rubin, Elizabeth Lewis-Olson and Sheri Spiegel will work on this and report back at next month's meeting.

- Elizabeth Lewis-Olson reported following up with the Security Concepts supervisor about the Sunday guards. If there is no improvement, other options will be explored. A reminder to every one of the scheduled Active Threat Response trainings on Sunday February 18 at 3 pm and Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30. The facility security assessment by Homeland Security is scheduled for March 1 at 9 am and will be attended by Mark Saltman, Joel Seigel, Elizabeth Lewis-Olson, the Rabbi and any other board members who wish to attend.
- Membership Co Chairs Debbie Leyndyke and Diane Fleishman shared the Membership checklist for new members. They have met with some potential new members. A new member Shabbat is a priority and will be scheduled. This will be included in the membership checklist. A small budget was approved to have Board member name tags and well as member name tags made.
- Sisterhood will be giving two of our youth scholarships for the Teen Philanthropy program sponsored by Federation.
- Ways and Means continues to organize for the upcoming Afternoon at the Auction on February 25. The "Ginormous Yard Sale" committee continues to organize for that event on March 10. Intake days are March 3 from 10-3pm and March 4 and 5 from 10-2pm.
- Mensch Club: biweekly breakfasts continue with good attendance. At the last one, Marla Cohen from Federation addressed the group. They spent two days painting school classrooms. They also purchased an additional gift to present to Dave Decker.
- Joel Siegel announced the annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16. He gave a short update on the Biblical Garden. A former member has offered an unencumbered donation to help fund the cost of designing and installing an awning over the garden. Alison Mann is working on getting quotes. She will present these to the board.
- The board approved the request from Religious Practices Committee about the formation of a permanent new temple fund for making donations specific to ritual objects such as the repairing of Torah crowns, dry cleaning of tallitot and Torah covers.
- President's report: From previous board discussion it was decided not to sign on to the New Mexico Jewish Coalition pending more information. The Rabbi performance review committee is completing the process of collating all the responses. They will review these with the Rabbi with recommendations. Nan Rubin advised us she will be relocating to Massachusetts soon to be closer to family and be able to receive better support. No exact date was given but it may be as early as April. She reported that she can work remotely until the actual end of her term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna L. Popky, Secretary

**Donations through February 24, 2024**

**General Fund:**

Jean Thomas, in memory of Ruth Rubin  
 Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Dee Cook, in memory of Clinton Cook  
 Julie Seton, in memory of Dee Seton Barber  
 Jacob and Susi Kolikant, in memory of Margaret Gantert  
 Jack Greenspan, in memory of Bessie Greenspan and Karen Woolever-Greenspan  
 Wendee Lorbeer, for the rummage sale  
 Leslie Glater, in honor of Jeff and Avis Lewis for their continued support of TBE, and Happy birthday to Monika Kimball  
 Daniel Azizian  
 Burt and Ann Berkson, in memory of Arthur Stern  
 Martino Widjaja  
 Elliott Katz and Sharon Tancredi, for administrative assistant

**Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of David Lewis  
 Frances Williams, in memory of Yetta Resnick  
 Leslie Glater, in honor of Allen Blum’s birthday  
 Debbie Levy, in memory of Ruth Rubin

**Biblical Garden Fund:**

The Mensch Club, in honor of Dave and Cheryl Decker  
 Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Leslie Glater, in memory of Irving/Josephine Glater and Margo/Michael Glater  
 Stacey Hyman, in memory of Jean and Pauline Lemelin  
 Alison Mann, in memory of Charlotte Mann  
 Leslie Glater, in honor of Bob Kimball for the many contributions to TBE and in recognition of Michele Blum in running the TBE Judaica shop

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Debbie Levy, in memory of Charles Klein and Warren Klein

**Frances Williams Library Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker

**Temple Beth-El Youth Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Mike and Karen Currier, in memory of Alvin Phinick

**Sisterhood Fund:**

Leslie Glater, in honor of Lynn Zeemont and Debbie Levy  
 Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker

**Social Action Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Lenore Hindin, in memory of Martin Hindin

**Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker  
 Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Evelyn Roselinsky

**Mensch Club Fund:**

Mike and Stacey Hyman thru The Institute for Philosophical and Future Studies in Marketing, in memory of Becky Luker

**“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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_***



**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.

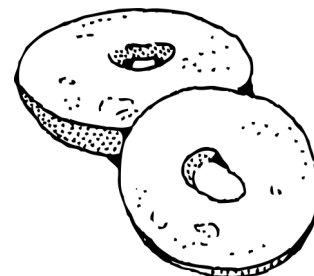
Periodically the temple may list short-term projects or needs. Contributions that do not specify a project or fund will be added to the General Operating Fund. If you have a question or wish to contribute to a project not listed here, please contact our Temple Beth-El Treasurer, Joel Seigel.

The Religious Practices Committee has proposed, and the Board of Trustees has approved an additional Temple Fund to which congregants and others may make donations to support Temple's activities. The new fund will be known as the Ritual Items Fund. It's purpose will be to defray expenses such as silversmith repairs to ritual articles like the Torah crowns, maintenance and repair of our Torah scrolls, tallitot and other items used during services. Next time you are making a donation in honor of a simcha or in memory of a beloved we hope you will consider earmarking it for the Ritual Items Fund.

**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](mailto:arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com) 716-908-7885

February 21 Mary Kay Shannon, New Mexico History 101

March 13 Clifford Kinnear Jr, Natural Grocers -Being Able to Do the Things You Love in Later Years

March 27 Aaron Goldfarb, "What I do as a Lawyer"

April 17 Lorraine from Mesilla Valley Hospice "Hospice 101"

**Menu**

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

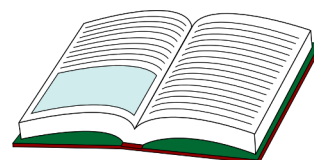
**Erich Zameret, B.S., M.S., M.A.**

Will tutor: Hebrew- reading and conversational,  
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Time to search the closets for those Purim costumes and dust off the graggers for TBE's marking of Purim on Erev Purim, March 23rd beginning at 5 pm. There will be a festive meal and fun-filled carnival organized by TBE's youth group. And as is our annual tradition, you can look forward to a hilarious purim schpiel authored and produced by Stuart Kelter.

Watch for temple e-blasts for more details.



**Celebrating our Simchas**

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

Gillian Baudo

Marieka Brown

Michelle Cowen

Bev Duddridge

Gerie Muchnikoff

Terri Sugarman

Joanne Turnbull

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Irwin Ross

Lindsay Tierney

Mac Wipson

Erich Zameret

Alison Mann

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

Karen & Ron Pierce

Beth & Jamie Tierney

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](mailto:admin@tbelc.org)

**Save The Date!**

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

Brunch, gather with friends and learn about Passover traditions.

Bring your Seder plate and tell us how you received it.

Was it passed down to you or did you purchase it?

Our Rabbi will lead us in traditions new and old.

Eat some fried matzo and have fun.

RSVP:

Art Lorbeer [Arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com](mailto:Arthurlorbeer@yahoo.com)

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**Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway**

Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of your own or a loved one. Call Dee Cook or Alison Mann, and they will send you the form and even help you design the brick, if you wish. And take a few minutes to sit in the meditation area of the walkway...it's a lovely spot!



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





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