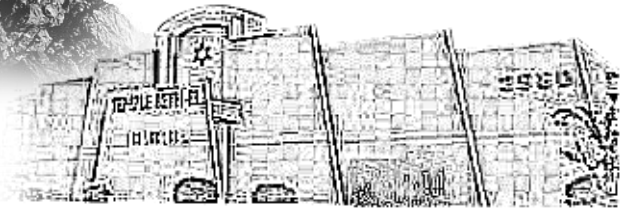


Adelante!

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



FEBRUARY 2025 (SH'VAT 6785)

AFTERNOON AT THE AUCTION

March 23, 2025
1:30PM- 4:00PM

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW CONGREGANTS
FOR FUN AND BIDDING. COME ENJOY OUR SILENT
AND LIVE AUCTIONS AND WIN WONDERFUL RAFFLE
ITEMS WHILE ENJOYING WINE AND SWEETS.
BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE FUN!

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$5

CHILDREN

UNDER 12 ARE FREE

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.*

Study Opportunities

Talmud Study– Saturdays at 9:00 am

Lay led by Bryan McCuller.

Short Story Group– Every other Tuesday at 11:30 am via Zoom *In Person Feb 25th*

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.

Online Classes through URJ:

Learn to Read Hebrew, Ten weekly sessions starting Sunday, February 2. Morning and evening classes available.

Becoming Jewish, a free, no-commitment online information session to learn more about the journey, find helpful resources, and get your questions answered! Sunday, February 9, 8 pm ET

From Anxiety to Action: Torah for Climate Justice

Register for a free, one hour “study break” on Jewish social justice. Monday, February 10, 3 pm ET

Pursuing Justice: Explore foundational Jewish teachings about “justice”, and what “justice” means to you. Thursday, February 13, 8 pm ET

A Taste of Judaism® Join our signature three-session class, designed for “beginners” from any background, explores the foundations of Jewish values. Mondays, February 23, March 2, & March 9, 8 pm ET.

Introduction to Judaism Online Explore a modern take on Jewish life in our online class community! Classes meet for twenty 90-minute sessions starting the week of March 2.

Yahrzeits— January 32 –March 1, 2025

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 January 31 & February 1, 2025

Barbara Breskow (Debbie and Steve Leyndyke)
 Jeanette Marks (Rabbi Lawrence and Rhonda Karol)
 Jose Garcia-Bryce (Inigo Garcia-Bryce)
 Richard Stern (Ann Berkson)
 Barbara Yalkut*
 Katrina Ray (Meig Dickson and Max Wipson)
 Leonardo Oczon (Mark and Aggie Saltman)
 Pearl Greenfield Higgins*
 Shmuel Farkas* (Yosef Lapid)
 Evelyn Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)
 Joseph Tashlik (Allen and Michele Blum)
 Morris Goldstein (Wendee G Lorbeer)
 Phyllis Orner Chonoles* (Ralph Orner)
 Miriam Cutler (Allen and Michele Blum)
 Pauline Lemelin (Michael and Stacey Hyman)

Read on February 7 & 8, 2024

Alvin Phinick (Mike and Karen Currier)
 Elaine Brown*(Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 Irene Neidich*
 Irene Zimmerman (Tom and Deborah Levy)
 Ruth Ginsburg, 2/5/2025, Martha Roditti
 Leah Williamson (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Richard Garner (Ari Swartz)
 Stanley Skigen*
 Edward Schoenbrun*
 Jesse J Muchnikoff (Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff)
 Clarence Pettigrew, Jr. (Nicole and Jermel Griffin)

Read on February 14 & 15, 2025

Hortense Heart (Nancy Bergman and Greg Artman)
 Isaac Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)
 Bernard Spingarn (Richard and Penny Spingarn)
 Clinton Cook* (Dee Cook)
 Hesh Langner (Bernice Langner)
 Margret Leverett*
 Arthur Stern* (Ann Berkson, Arthur and Rebecca Berkson)
 Susan Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 William Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 William Stein (Bill Stein)
 Edward F Resnick* (Frances F. Williams)
 Ethel Paul*
 Neysa Pritikin*
 David Kloss*
 Janet Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Charlotte Ray Mann (Alison Mann)
 Jennie Davison*
 David Lewis (Jeffrey and Avis Lewis)
 Lola Davis*
 Sylvia Gubin (Scott and Betsy Gubin)

Read on February 21 & 22, 2025

Benjamin Lampert*
 Dr Edward Weiss* (Harry and Diane Bass)
 Norman Green (Rosalyn Richman and Selma Ryave)
 Samuel Klein* (Melvin “Sonny” and Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz (Rosalyn Richman and Selma Ryave)
 Lillie Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Alexander Edwards*
 Christine Radcliff*
 Joni Levy (Tom and Deborah Levy)
 Marion Brown (Marieka and Jeanne Brown, Susan Brown)
 Patricia Flanagan (Luke and Bev Duddridge)
 Wade W Gardner (Brenda and Arlon Parish)

Read on February 28 & March 1, 2025

Samuel Ryave (Rosalyn Richman and Selma Ryave)
 Bessie Greenspan (Jack Greenspan)
 Dee Seton Barber* (Julie Seton and Bob Sanderson)
 George Cohen* (Marieka and Jeanne Brown, Susan Brown)
 Henrietta Bruder* (Murray and Evelyn Bruder, Pearie and Ron Bruder)
 Louis Druxman*
 Shirley Backman (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
 Yetta Resnick* (Frances F. Williams)
 Jean Lemelin (Michael and Stacey Hyman)
 Shimshon Alkon (Sally Alkon)
 Martin Hindin (Lenore Hindin)
 Reba Tapper (Dan Tapper and Judy Long)
 Roxy Violin (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Bella Krushen*
 Betty Collins Siegel (Marjorie Siegel)

We offer condolences on the passing of:

- Jerold (Jerry) Nachison, Husband of Jodi Nachison on January 18. Jerry was 81 years old.
 - Paul Joseph Bergman, brother of Nancy Bergman on January 16th. Paul was 70 years old.
 - Vipin Gupta, husband of Susannah Gupta, father to Ari and Maya,
- May their memories be for a blessing.

In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be recited during services, we have instituted the following practices:

- The Hebrew dates for each week’s Yahrzeits are listed in each Adelante.
- Names are read on the Shabbat **following** the Yahrzeit, or on the day, if it falls on that Shabbat.
- Hebrew vs. conventional (Gregorian) calendar: The temple’s tradition is to base the Yahrzeits list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the conventional (Gregorian) calendar date are asked to please email 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.

An Important Message from our President

Shalom,
 Thanks to those of you who attended the Congregational meeting and supported the Board's recommendation to cap compensation of our Spiritual Leader at \$85,000. We hope that this will help us move forward with both spiritual leadership and financial stability.

We will continue to offer spiritual, educational and communal events. Please read the emails about the coming holiday intergenerational celebrations, our annual auction, cooking classes, and knitting group. Your Board of Trustees is moving forward by voting to establishing a contract/job description committee and a search committee that will start researching recruiting options. Both committees will be made up of Board members and congregation members. We have had contacts with the Central Committee of American Rabbis.

While we cannot afford most of their recruits, we were given viable alternatives to explore. At this point that is all the Board is able to accomplish. Our primary goal now is to make sure we have interim pulpit leadership if needed. As we move forward, we will keep the Congregation apprised of our progress.

There will be opportunities for all of you to determine what our priorities should be as we move forward. Please participate! Your voice is very important.

As you try to stay warm, enjoy the warmth of our congregational family.

-Diane Fleishman

Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025

Attendees: Diane Fleishman, Mark Singer, Deb Leyndyke, Lynn Zeemont, Wendee Lorbeer, Sheri Spiegel, Joel Siegel, Dee Cook, Debbie Levy, Jeff Lewis, Bill Stein. Via Zoom: Martha Roditti

Call to order at 6:09. Invocation by Diane Fleishman

- **President's report:** Several people have requested that Simchat Shabbat be moved back to first Friday or at least be held on the same Friday each month so prospective attendees can remember the day and plan ahead (it was recently changed from first Fridays to accommodate art events on first Fridays); Religious Practices will revisit, perhaps considering "Second Friday". Approximately 90 families increased their dues since the increase was requested by the board. Also see Message From our President on previous column.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The monthly graphs is moving in a favorable way, mostly thanks to extraordinary donations. Debbie Levy: if the HVAC breaks, we can likely fix incrementally instead of one huge price tag at once.
- **New business:** Vision for TBE as a community center. Administration office and Sisterhood will be the point people for fees and use rules. Diane will ask Terri Sugarman to help coordinate.
- **Mensch Club:** The front doors can be damaged when moving large items in and out; We plan to install hooks to front doors to hold a protective blanket when moving large items.
- **Ways and Means:** An Afternoon at the Auction will be on March 23rd. The organizers will send request for the donations. The committee appreciates the interest and willingness to help with this. This is a Temple community event but we are all encouraged to bring a friend. April 5th will be a night of comedy and entertainment with a comedian from Philadelphia. \$25/head.
- **Membership:** Request to set up a "buddy system" or "mentor system" with new members – text or call to keep them in the loop. Request to feature one committee per Adelante. Membership will contact Beth Tierney and start the feature. Sheri Spiegel to ask in committee report forms if committee leads want to contribute to "Committee Corner".

Executive Session.

Adjourn 8:35 pm

-Sheri Spiegel

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024-2025

President-Diane Fleishman

Vice-President-Jeff Lewis

Secretary- Sheri Spiegel

Treasurer- Joel Seigel

Martha Roditti

Lynn Zeemont Donna Popky

Mark Singer Deb Leyndyke

Wendee Lorbeer Debbie Levy

Bill Stein (Mensch Club)

Dee Cook (Sisterhood)

Pictures from "A Decade of Dance"





Let us know
you're coming
by January 29th

Let's
Celebrate

**GROUNDHOG
DAY**

February 2, 2025

12:30 - 3:00

with

"HOT SOUP & COOL BOOKS"

Presented by TBE Sisterhood

Bring a pot of your favorite meatless soup
with copies of the recipe (optional)
and one or two of your favorite,
gently used books

We will sample soups and trade books
Bread, Salad and Drinks provided

Eat, Drink, Read

FREE TO ALL

donations welcome

Call or text
Stefani Singer
Lenore Hindin

Call or email
402 394 1868
575 888 4644



Donations through January 20, 2025

General Fund:

Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Evelyn Roselinsky
 Sonny Klein, in memory of Howard and Bea Klein
 Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of Phil Alkon, Laine Metzger
 Diane Bass, in memory of Sylvia & Dr. Edward Weiss
 Erich Zameret, in memory of Tova Zameret

Biblical Garden Fund:

Joel Siegel, in memory of Phil Alkon, Patrick Quinn, Rita Polsky

Sisterhood Fund:

Barbara Berger, in honor of Stefani Singer
 Sally Alkon

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Michele Blum, in memory of Miriam Cutler, Joseph Tashlik

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.

NMJHS PRESENTS
THE HISTORY OF FLAMENCO
 February 11, 2025
 7:00 p.m. MST by Zoom

Nicolasa Chavez,
 Deputy State Historian

Register for Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/873640837417>
 pwd=MalT0JaaGiWTgaGgN8nYZ2brOBxYsY1

www.nmjhs.org Call 505-348-4471 for more information.

Program courtesy of the New Mexico Humanities Council.

“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.

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Jeanne Brown, Alexandra Goldsteen, Elizabeth Goldsteen, Monika Kimball, Arthur Lorbeer, Susan Mazer, Rabbi Evette Lutman, Karen Ford-Pierce, Marjorie Siegel, Jurnee Smith, Sam Lavender-Smith, Morgan Tierney, Ann Berkson, Judy Long, Stan Muchnikoff, Nancy Salars, Robert Zeemont

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

Beverly & Luke Duddridge
Debbie & Tom Levy
Wendee & Art Lorbeer
Elaine & Erich Zameret

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

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 is the 20th of each month (unless otherwise stated). 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

Sisterhood Update

Shalom y'all

Well, one month down and 11 to go. Rolling along into February. But first! January 11th, we had the Big Dance, the Sock Hop, the big Do-Whacka-Do! We had loads of great music up and down the 20th Century and into the 21st Century. About 35 people were in attendance. We had Nostalgic snacks and drinks and prizes and several rounds of "Name that Theme Song", complete with funky buzzers. The social hall was decked out with signs and banners with all sorts of pictures reminiscent of the 50s and 60s. We had a lot of fun. Thanks so much to Shari Abramowitz, who was DJ SUPREME, as she blared out all of our favorite songs. Thanks to Stefani Singer, who ordered all the decorations, snacks, drinks and prizes. Thanks to Lenore Hindin for the idea and showing up early to help set up. Thanks to Lynn Zeemont for coming early and making everything GREAT. Thanks also to Mark Singer, who not only helped decorate and put up with all of Stef's meshugas, he gave his all including taking a big spill near the front door carrying boxes of chazerai for the dance. If you helped and your name isn't here, we thank you too!! Seems like the event was a raging success and everyone agreed we should have another Dance sometime and even a Karaoke Night. So, we will.

Our next event is Hot Soup and Cool Books on February 2nd... Come celebrate Groundhog Day with Sisterhood!! Whether we have six more weeks of Winter, or Spring is just around the corner, nothing is better than a comfy-cozy bowl of hot soup along with a good book and a fluffy blanket. Contact Stefani Singer at 402 394 1868... or Lenore Hindin at 575 888 4644 if you plan to come and if you would like to bring some soup. Please make sure your soup is meatless. Salad, bread, drinks and dessert will be provided. Everyone who likes to eat soup and read books is welcome. Don't forget to bring one or two gently loved books to trade.

See you soon.

Your Sisterhood Council



Call (575) 288-5069 now.

Hello to all our friends in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Anthony, Chaparral, Sunland Park, Hatch, Deming, and El Paso, TX! Dealing with car troubles on the road? No need to stress – we've got your back!

Citizens Choice Roadside Assistance is here for you during any roadside emergency. Whether it's a flat tire or your car won't start, just give us a call.

Visit our website at <https://citizensroadside.com/> to learn more.

Drive safely out there!

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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!

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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.



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

Will tutor:

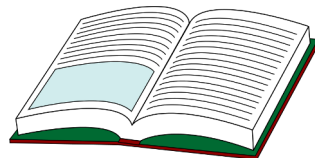
Hebrew- reading and conversational,

High School Math.

Privately or in small group

ezmrt35@yahoo.com

575-639-0785



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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FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Sh'vat 3 1 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Sh'vat 4 2 Religious/Hebrew School 10 am-1pm	Sh'vat 5 3	Sh'vat 6 4	Sh'vat 7 5 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	Sh'vat 8 6	Sh'vat 9 7 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Sh'vat 10 8 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Sh'vat 11 9 Religious/Hebrew School *12:00-1:30pm* Intergenerational Tu B'Shvat Seder 1:30-3 pm	Sh'vat 12 10	Sh'vat 13 11 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom	Sh'vat 14 12 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	Sh'vat 15 13	Sh'vat 16 14 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Sh'vat 17 15 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Sh'vat 18 16 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Sh'vat 19 17	Sh'vat 20 18	Sh'vat 21 19 NO TANAKH STUDY	Sh'vat 22 20 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	Sh'vat 23 21 Simchat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	Sh'vat 24 22 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Sh'vat 25 23 Religious/Hebrew School 10 am-1pm	Sh'vat 26 24	Sh'vat 27 25 Short Story Group 11:30 am *In Social Hall*	Sh'vat 28 26 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	Sh'vat 29 27	Sh'vat 30 28 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	

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