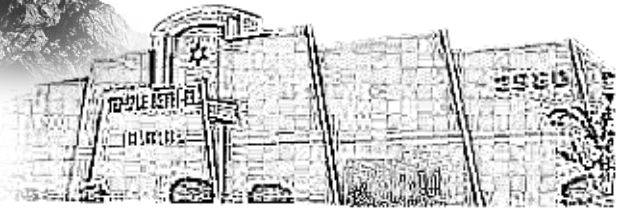




A Monthly Publication for Temple Beth-El,
Las Cruces, New Mexico



MAY 2025 (IYAR – SIVAN 5785)

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/>

Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

Friday, 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

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.

Weekly Torah Study –Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Rabbi Evette leads a weekly Torah study on the Book of Genesis/ B'reishit discussing midrashim (subtext/stories) along the way. Anyone can join - hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

**Annual Congregational
Meeting May 22nd
7:00 PM.**

An information packet will be mailed to all members prior to the meeting.

Yahrzeits– May 2— May 31, 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 May 2 & 3, 2025

Ida Bass* (Harry and Diane Bass)
 Henry Frank* (Lester and Renee Frank)
 Zachery Shporer (Terri Sugarman)
 Dora Cohen*
 Jacob Kellner*
 Sadie Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)
 Sheldon Breskow (Debbie and Steve Leyndyke)
 Max Greenfield*
 Saul Blum (Allen and Michele Blum)
 Shirley Greenberg (Cyrille S. Kane)
 I.A. Wechter*
 Jesse Horwitz (Ellen and Alfred (Fred) Torres)

Read on May 9 & 10, 2025

Harry Berkove*
 Irving (Sanford) Rubinstein*
 Morris Liebson*
 Rebecca Bleiberg (Rosalyn Richman and Selma Ryave)
 Lily Edwards* (Peter and Beth Edwards)
 Fanny Strauss*
 Milton Silverman*
 Zvi Zeitlin (Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin)
 Andrew Williamson (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Jay Daniels* (Ronald Pierce and Karen Ford-Pierce)
 Lew Kruger (Linda M. Kruger)
 Jack Kelter* (Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin)

Read on May 16 & 17, 2025

Rabbi Mordechai Langner (Bernice Langner)
 Tamara Entin* (Maxine and William Webber)
 Clarence Pettigrew Sr. (Nicole and Jermel Griffin)
 Dora Kirschner (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
 Bessie Rothschild*
 Hilda Deutschman (Ellen and Alfred (Fred) Torres)
 Ruth Karol (Rabbi Lawrence and Rhonda Karol)
 Stanley Kasten*
 Irving Kallman*
 Arline Siegel (Joel Siegel)
 Louis Rashall*
 Blanche Levine (Jeffrey P Marquez)
 Harold Kane (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Jerome Herman (Jeffrey and Avis Lewis)
 Mark Herman (Jeffrey and Avis Lewis)
 Meyer David Lieberman (Michael and Karen Lieberman)
 Harold Deutschman (Ellen and Alfred (Fred) Torres)
 Irving Benowitz* (Daniel and Simy Allan)
 Joel Goldsteen (Rob Goldsteen and Anne Weinberg)
 Mollie Segal (Allen and Michele Blum)

Nate Wagner*

Beverly Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)

Beverly Fein (Mark and Stefani Singer)

Jake Provencio (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)

Leland Trafton*

Harry Greenspan (Jack Greenspan)

Read on May 30 & 31, 2025

Alice Ross (Irwin and Barbara Ross)

Allan Joseph (Susan Brown, Marieka and Jeanne Brown)

Gertie Davison*

Marianne Zeitlin (Stuart Kelter and Leora Zeitlin)

Gussie Friedman (Mark and Stefani Singer)

Ben Silberman (Cyrille S. Kane)

Lillian Batte (Jill Kerr)

Eileen Phinick (Mike and Karen Currier)

Shirley Ruttenberg (Ellen and Alfred (Fred) Torres)

Rebekah Klempner Edelstein*

Rita Spingarn (Richard and Penny Spingarn)

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.

Donations through April 18, 2025

General Fund:

Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Jacob and Alice Mazer Valles
 Gabriel Lampert, in memory of Dee Cook
 Douglas and Tina Bailey, in honor of Rabbi Evette
 Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in memory of Norma Dorfman
 Marvin and Carol Bernstein, thank you for the Purim basket
 Dan and Simy Allan, in memory of Dee Cook
 Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Dee Cook
 Dee Cook, in memory of Clinton Cook

Biblical Garden Fund:

Julie Seton, in memory of Daniel Seton Barber
 Stacey Hyman, in memory of Dee Cook

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Cheryl and Dave Decker, in memory of Dee Cook
 Dan and Simy Allan, thank you for the Purim basket
 Jeff and Cherri Hudson-Brown, thank you for the Purim basket

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Sally Alkon, thank you to Lenore Hindin

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in honor of Michael Resnick

Sisterhood Fund:

Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in honor of Stefani and Mark Singer

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Allen and Michele Blum, in memory of Saul Blum and Blanche Blum

Mensch Club Fund:

Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in honor of Avis and Jeff Lewis

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

Bryan and Lisa McCuller, in memory of James McCuller

Social Action Fund:

Lenore Hindin, in memory of Michael Shikora

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.

"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.

Graduation Announcements



We are so proud of our Graduates. They have worked so hard to get to where they are and we can't wait to see how high they go.

Morgan Tierney is graduating with honors from Arrowhead Park Early College High School. She will also be receiving an Associate of Arts from Dona Ana Community College.

Morgan will be attending New Mexico State University and working towards a degree in Speech Disorders with a goal of becoming a Speech Language Pathologist.



Graduation Announcements continued from previous page

Congratulations to
Aaron Hyman on
graduating from NMSU
with a Mechanical
Engineering Degree



Kaylee Zeledon is graduating
from Organ Mountain High
School .

She plans to attend NMSU
after a stint at D.A.C.C.

“What a journey! I learned a
lot, made a lot of friends
and am looking forward to
my next experiences.”



Message from Sisterhood Council

Shalom, Treasured Friends,

It's May and we are nearly half way through 2025. Where has the time gone? We started with the Big Dance and Hot Soup and Cool Books and the re-imagination of Rosh Chodesh. We lost our dear, dear matriarch, Dee Cook. Thanks to those who helped out at the luncheon following the service at the Masonic Cemetery. A couple pics are on the next column in the Adelante to jog your memory. Then, just two days later, we enjoyed a most successful Second Seder with 80 in attendance. The Seder service was lovely and Cravings catered, and though there might have been a glitch here and there, the comments were very positive and we appreciate that. We had a lot of help getting everything ready for the Second Seder. Thanks to the ladies of the Council, the Mensch Club, and others who helped with setting up and bringing the Seder specialties.

Sooooo,... thank you thank you thank you! We can never do it without you!

Speaking of Rosh Chodesh.... another one is coming up in a minute! Rosh Chodesh Iyar begins on Tuesday, April 29. Meet Lenore Hindin at the temple Social Hall for another circle of inspirational readings, music and interaction. For more information, call, (don't text) Lenore at 575 888-4644 for details.

Temple Beth-El and the Sisterhood are pleased to welcome Kimmi Cravens and her husband, Tom. Kimmi jumped right into helping out with the Second Seder and has volunteered to join the Council. We are so happy to have you, Kimmi! Please introduce yourselves whenever you are amongst the congregation so everyone can get to know you.

The next council meeting will be on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 pm at the temple. Every woman is welcome to attend these meetings. We warmly invite you and your creativity and imagination and your suggestions and yes, even your criticism.

Be on the lookout for upcoming info and plans for Girls Night Out. Seems like we haven't done one in a long time.

Cheers and we won't laugh if we see you tip toe through the tulips!
Your Council

Memorial Luncheon for longtime congregant, past President and Sisterhood council member, Dee Cook, Friday, April 11, 2025. May her memory be a blessing and may we strive to follow in her footsteps.



A NIGHT OF COMEDY AND MUSIC

Saturday, April 5th the social hall was filled with fun and laughter. We were treated to the sounds of Singing Out Las Cruces. Over 20 singers along with their director and accompanist entertained the audience with several vocal selections. The audience responded with enthusiastic applause. Our own Shari Abramowitz is a member of the group. She was overwhelmed with the willingness of so many of the singers to come and perform for this temple fundraiser.

We were delighted to feature comedian Marci Goldschlack who flew in from Philadelphia for our event. She was astonished to hear that there are no comedy clubs in Las Cruces! She had us laughing and enjoying ourselves and wanting more.

The event was open to the community and was a wonderful way to spend an evening.

This fundraiser was coordinated by the Ways and Means Committee. Our thanks to its members - Shari Abramowitz, Sharon Ash Tancredi, Karen Currier, Betsy Gubin, Eliot Katz, Debbie Leyndyke, Donna Popky, and Wendee Lorbeer. Special thanks to Allen Blum, Mike Currier, Jeff Lewis, Art Lorbeer, Eric Popky, Linda Sweeney, and Sergio Trejo for all their help and support.



Community seder at Temple Beth-El, Sunday, April 13. Thank you to all who attended and to those who worked so hard to make it happen.



Board Meeting Summary April 21, 2025

- President Diane Fleishman's report: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, each member family will receive a packet with the following information to review- Meeting agenda, copy of the updated Temple Constitution, Yearly Treasurer's Report, Bios of congregants running for the Board of Directors, as well an Absentee ballot for those who cannot attend the meeting.
- Rabbi Lutman's report: Rabbi thanked Lynn Zeemont and Sisterhood for a well organized Second Seder. The attendance at Yiskor this year was "small but mighty." Adult Education is going well. She also announced that we will have a dinner at the temple before services on Friday, May 2nd, in celebration of Israel's Independence day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut.
- Treasurer's report-Stacey Hyman reported that donations are up year to date because of several very generous contributions. Our expenses have been down this year as well. A complete yearly report will be sent to members prior to our meeting.
- Linda Sweenie's focus groups were well attended. She will be sharing the results in the near future. Thank you to all who attended.
- Building and Grounds Chair, Mark Singer has consulted several companies and has received estimates to improve the state of the temple's entrance road and parking lot. We will move forward with this before the very hot weather begins.
- We have moved our website to a new server and are working on updating the content.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Leyndyke

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024-2025

President-Diane Fleishman

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Lynn Zeemont

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Mark Singer

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Celebrating our Simchas

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

Luke Dudridge
Derek Hyman
Rhonda Karol
Carla Libby
Eric Popky
Jacob Saltman
Fred Torres
Barbara Ross

Jane Grider
Rose Jacobs
Avis Lewis
Steven Milano
Cindie Shonk
Linda Sweenie
Selma Ryave

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

Karen and Mike Currier Mike and Stacey Hyman
Donna and Eric Popky Bob and Carla Libby

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



Look at what our Sunday morning crafters are up to!

Join us every Sunday at 10:00am!



New Member Spotlight

Every month we will introduce you to one of our new members/families of Temple Beth-El.



Kimmi and Tom Cravens are both originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and were introduced by a friend who clearly knew what she was doing—these two were meant to meet! They've been married for five and a half years.

Kimmi is a Pilates instructor with a background in nonprofit event planning and fundraising. Tom is a Certified

Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and currently serves as the Chief CRNA and Director of Anesthesia at MountainView Regional Medical Center. He's also working toward his Doctorate of Nursing Practice at NMSU, where he is an assistant professor and clinical practice coordinator.

They made the move to Las Cruces in January 2020 from the small town of Brush, Colorado, and are so happy to now call New Mexico home. Their two rescue dogs, Tucker and Sophie, keep life interesting and full of energy. Tom's son, also named Tom, and his wife, Emily, live back in St. Louis.

Kimmi and Tom are excited to be part of the Temple Beth El community and look forward to connecting with fellow members and celebrating holidays together.

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



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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www.tbcl.org
for in-depth information about Temple
and its programming and updates
on current Temple events**

Temple Beth-El is on Facebook!
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(It is open for all to see!)

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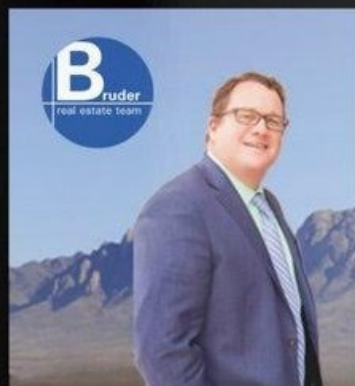


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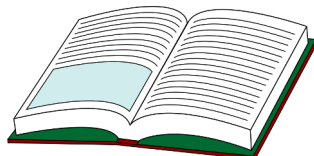
Hebrew- reading and
conversational,

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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.**



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 Alison
Mann, and she 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Yom HaAtzma'ut</i>	2 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm Yom HaAtzma'ut dinner before services	3 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
4 Religious/Hebrew School 10 am-1pm Crafting Group 10:00 am	5	6	7 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	8	9 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	10 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
11	12	13 Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom Torah Study 2:00 pm	14 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	15 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	17 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
18 Religious/Hebrew School—Last Day 10 am-1pm Crafting Group 10:00 am	19	20 Torah Study 2:00 pm	21 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	22 Annual Congregational meeting 7:00 pm	23 Simchat Shabbat 6:30 pm	24 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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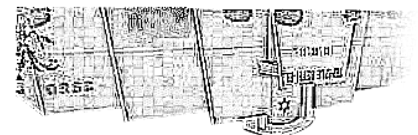
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