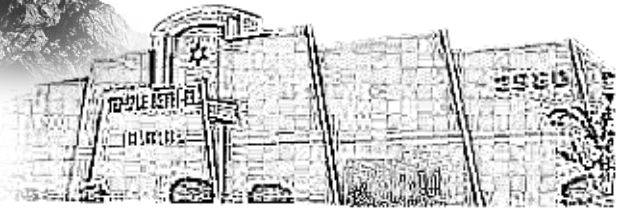


Adelante!

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



AUGUST (AV-ELUL 5785)



Spice up Shabbat at Temple Beth-El



First Fiesta Fridays
August 1st

5:45pm Kosher-Style Taco Bar

Thank you to this month's Dinner Sponsors
Debbie and Tom Levy



6:30pm Musical Worship



Tisha B'av at Temple Beth-El

Sunday, August 3, 4:00pm

By the waters of Babylon...

**A musical journey
through the
Book of Lamentations**



Worship Schedule

Services are in person but will also be available by Zoom and Facebook live.

You can watch on Facebook using this link:

<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

Times will occasionally vary.

See calendar for current schedule.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025-2026

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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 (on break till September)

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.

“Have you considered a bequest to Temple Beth-El?”

An important part of our future is represented by bequests made by members.

Thoughtful bequests enable Temple Beth-El to retain a future of Jewish life for generations to come.

From funding our Rabbi to scholarships at our religious school, your generous gift maintains our financial health.

A simple codicil can be added to your existing will, if you wish to make a bequest, such as:

“I give and bequest to Temple Beth-El, located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the sum of \$_____ [or _____ percentage of my estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes].

A will or codicil should be prepared by an attorney.

Please call the Temple office at (575) 524-3380 to discuss including Temple Beth-El in your estate.

Yahrzeits– August 1 through September 6, 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 August 1 & 2, 2025

Thomas Brankman (Sally Alkon)
 Jean Weinberg (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
 David Steffen (Jill Kerr)
 Scott Klein (Sonny & Rosie Klein, Sam Klein)
 Magda Farkas* (Yosef Lapid)
 Herzel Nezer (Yael & Jordan Lavender-Smith)
 Florence Batts (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Dottie Davis (Sam Klein)
 Dorothy Rashal*
 Carmen Freudenthal*
 Leonard Pritikin*
 Esther Seidman*

Read on August 8 & 9, 2025

Anne Bergman* (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Rei Bienstock (Gerie Muchnikoff)
 Lillian Krasner* (Jeffrey Marquez)
 Solomon Levy (Gary & Terry Levy)
 Jay Dean Smith (David Newman & Jon Bairnsfather)
 Ellie Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Howard Siegel (Joel Siegel)
 Patrick Fitzgerald (Susan Fitzgerald)
 Sky Mullins (Martha Roditti)
 Chana Sarah Langner (Bernice Langner, Stuart Kelter & Leora Zeitlin)
 Marion Deutschman* (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Tillie Brandt (Lila Ziegler)

Read on August 15 & 16, 2025

Jay Druxman (Melvin "Sonny" & Rosie Klein)
 Gary Kenoff (Robert & Carla Libby)
 Gloria Hudson (Jeff Brown & Cherri Hudson-Brown)
 David Zeemont* (Lynn Zeemont)
 Lester Sheen (Barbara Sheen & John Busby)
 Edward Palanker (Allen & Eve Palanker)
 Milton Kirschner (Bob & Judy Kirschner)
 Thelma Goldberg (Richard & Darlene Goldberg)
 Howard McKinley Dizard (Nicole & Jermel Griffin)

Read on August 22 & 23, 2025

Laural (Batkin) Cahn* (Mike Batkin)
 Jan Alkon Olson (Sally Alkon)
 LaVerne Perry (Nicole & Jermel Griffin)
 Eva Rayblatt (Rose Jacobs)
 Gina Libo* (Paul Feil)
 Esther Orel (Sheri Spiegel & John Ragosta)
 Howard Klein* (Melvin "Sonny" & Rosie Klein)
 Dorothy Quinn (Susan Quinn)

Marilyn Horwitz (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Lulu Dimig (Tom & Deborah Levy)

Read on August 29 & 30, 2025

Gail Bergman (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Ruth Plas (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Marc Brian Spivak (Bernice Langner)
 Lena May Perkins Hightower (David Newman & Jon Bairnsfather)
 Morton Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Rose Kruger (Linda Kruger)
 Jennie Wagman Freeman (Bernice Langner)
 Morris Bernstein* (Marvin & Carol Bernstein)
 Cheryl S. Ryave Radov (Rosalyn Richman & Selma Ryave)
 Eula Mae Williams Meyers (Frances Williams)
 Sol Brandt (Lila Ziegler)
 Morty Horwitz (Ellen & Fred Torres)
 Philip Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Rose Lieberman Hodess (Michael & Karen Lieberman)
 Bebe Jacobs (Rabbi Evette Lutman & Shari Abramowitz)
 Jane Abrams Hurwitz (Susan Fitzgerald)
 Bella Goldberg (Cyrille Kane)

Read on September 5 & 6, 2025

Wolfie Jacobs (Rose Jacobs)
 Joseph Epstein (Marlene Benz)
 Irving Batkin* (Mike Batkin)
 Jack Morton Siegel (Marjorie Siegel)
 John William Lauler III (Rain Simons)
 Cherrie Forman (Fern Forman)
 Millie Greenberg (Cyrille Kane)
 Zarah Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Betty Dudleston (Scott & Betsy Gubin)
 Philip Abrams (Susan Fitzgerald)
 Marjorie Blumenthal (Harry & Diane Bass)
 Vivian Rycus (Debra & Henri Brown)

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.

Editor's Corner



This has been a hard month for us. It started with the sudden loss of our past Rabbi and dear friend, Larry Karol. It continued with the passing of Rabbi Howard Laibson, who was our Spiritual leader from 1984-1989. Finally, this Shabbat was our last service led by Rabbi Evette Lutman.

We have been blessed for the last three years to have the leadership of Rabbi Evette. The decision not to renew her contract was a difficult and painful one. She and Shari have enriched our congregation with their knowledge, leadership, and warmth. The energy that they brought to our temple will continue to live in our halls. I wish them the very best as they return home to Denver and look forward to the day when our paths cross again.

When Rabbi Larry retired a few years ago, it was a great loss for our community. The music at our temple did not stop entirely but we lost the constant presence of his voice and guitar. And also his presence in the Las Cruces community at large wherever a bit of Tikkun Olam was needed. But he came back for a few simchas and continued to be a presence in the personal lives of many and to help behind the scenes. In fact, one of the reasons that I have been so late in putting this issue together is because I was struck by the knowledge that I will not be able to send it off to him for edits when I finish. He was my best and most consistent copyeditor throughout my years to date as editor of this newsletter. But it is not just his edits that came to me each month. We used the editing process as a time to connect each month. Sometimes it was just a couple of sentences. What the kids were doing, the many projects that he had thrown himself into, our thoughts on current events. It is still hard to process that this will no longer happen. The last communication that I had from him was that it was an eight-day countdown to his long awaited back surgery and that his brother and sister-in-law were due in a few days and that they were hoping to get to a baseball game the coming weekend. This should have been a new beginning for him. I should have been hearing about his rehab and which events he was going to when he was healed enough. I will miss his friendship greatly. I will never not hear his voice when we read or sing "May we Gain Wisdom" during services. May his memory be forever for a blessing.

Beth Tierney

Remembrances of Rabbi Larry Karol:

Rabbi Larry was an important and loved part of my family's lives while he was at TBE. I have so many fond memories with him, but those that come to front of mind are when he prepared my kids for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs (and me and Mark too!), his great support and collaboration when I co-chaired TBE's Jewish Food and Folk Festival, running into him at Albertsons and letting the kids help him choose snacks for religious school, and when he and Rhonda came to our house to watch the All-Star game, and he sang "Wherever You Go (There's Always Someone Jewish)" with us (including the kids) in our living room. We are so fortunate to have had him in our lives as our Rabbi!. He served with dedication, enthusiasm, warmth, musical talent, and intellect, and is greatly missed.

-Aggie Saltman

I got to know Rabbi Larry Karol from working closely with him via the Mensch Club, the Board and the Religious practices committee.

Avis and I greatly admired Rabbi Larry for his passion, talent, love of family and for his honor and integrity.

We loved his commitment to social justice and for his work within the Las Cruces community

We will miss Rabbi Larry, and may his memory be for blessing.

-Jeff Lewis

We joined TBE shortly after moving to Las Cruces, pleased there was a Reform congregation. I was especially pleased to meet Larry, because it was a wonderful surprise to find a singing Rabbi who filled the worship services with his own liturgical music and singing participants. Apart from his obvious musical talents as a performer and composer, Larry was a serious scholar and teacher, and deeply committed to the community. His sermons and commentaries were always deeply researched based on Jewish texts, and I had the pleasure of working with him on several presentations about American Jewish demographics and practices, where he was equally well informed. He left a huge impact, We will miss him greatly.

-Nan Rubin

Many more congregants and friends have already expressed their thoughts directly to Rhonda, on social media and at the memorial service held at our temple. That said, If you have any remembrances that you would like to share here that you did not yet, feel free to send them to me at cambrien73@gmail.com and I will publish them next month.

-Beth Tierney

Donations through July 25, 2025

General Fund:

Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Tom Turnbull
 Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Dave Zeemont
 Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Lillian Krasner
 Jeff Brown and Cherri Hudson-Brown, in memory of Gloria Hayden
 Bernice Langner, in memory of Chana Sarah Langner, Mark Brian Spivak, and Jennie Wagman Freeman
 Henri and Debra Brown, in memory of Vivian Spivak
 Bill Stein and Susan Michelson, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Mark and Aggie Saltman
 Tai Chi members, in honor of Steve Haydu
 Bob and Carla Libby, in memory of Natalie Libby
 Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Dan and Simi Allan, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Dan and Simi Allan, in memory of Sara Allan
 Norine Dresser, in memory of Joanne Turnbull's brother Tom Turnbull
 Henri and Debra Brown, in honor of Mariette Brown
 Cherri Hudson-Brown and Jeff Brown, in memory of Logan Pearson
 Norman and Sue Mazer, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Norman and Sue Mazer, in memory of Doroty Schlisman
 Jeff Marquez, in memory of Jacob Krasner
 Lenore Hindin, for temple security
 Dee Benedict, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Elliott Katz and Sharon Tancredi, for the admin position
 Tai Chi Members, in honor of Steve Haydu
 Dan and Simy Allan, in recognition of Lilah Berkson and Liana Brown's confirmations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Joanne Turnbull, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Joanne Turnbull, in honor of Linda Sweenie

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol

Social Action Fund:

Joanne Turnbull, in honor of Terri Sugarman
 Joanne Turnbull, in honor of the congregation
 Joanne Turnbull, in memory of Marian Turnbull

Frances Williams Library Fund:

Frances Williams, in memory of Eula Marie (Williams) Meyers

Biblical Garden Fund:

Stan Muchnikoff, in memory of Rea Bienstock
 Jeffrey Marquez, in memory of Lillian Krasner
 Wendee and Art Lorbeer, in memory of Kathryn Goldstein

Alison Mann, in memory of Sarah Meltzer Smalley

Sisterhood Fund:

Barbara Berger, in honor of Stefani Singer

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Ann Berkson, in memory of Dora Stern and Milton Berkson
 Dee Cook's Mahjong group (Ann Berkson, Karen Currier, Debbie Levy and Paula Kramer)

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, Mark Singer.

Cantor's Notes

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Some of you may recognize this quote from the 1998 pop song Closing Time by the band Semisonic. While the song itself has nothing to do with Judaism, the cyclical nature of life represented in this phrase is core to the Jewish experience. This month at the temple will be a new beginning. But we move forward always mindful of what came before. We stand on the shoulders of those who built this community, and past leaders who helped nurture it. I am excited to begin an interim leadership position that continues to move our community forward.

I ask you all for your patience as I step into this new role. We will be putting new communications protocols in place, working to update the information on our website, and doing a whole lot of behind the scenes work to update and streamline the way we do things. Thank you so much to those of you who have already stepped up to help. Want to volunteer or have a particular interest or opportunity you'd like to explore? Please call or email me – or better yet, stop by the temple. Unless I have a meeting outside the building, my office hours will be Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00am-6:00pm, Friday from 10:00am-3:00pm...and of course I'll be there for worship Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, plus Sundays for Religious School (starts September 7) and afternoon Adult Education classes (announcements about these soon!)

There's so much going on beginning August 1; please keep reading Adelante and your emails so we can all celebrate our wonderful community together!

B'shalom,
Linda Sweenie

Adelante Submissions:

I need your help! 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, commentary, 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

Board Meeting Summary July 17, 2025

The July 2025 meeting of the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:08 pm by President Diane Fleishman.

Rabbi Evette Lutman provided an invocation on the transfer of leadership.

Diane reported on several temple events over the past month. Rabbi Evette shared additional opportunities for social action, which she included in her weekly email newsletter.

The BOT approved the Annual Meeting minutes from May 2025, as well as new officers elected for 2025-2026: President - Diane Fleishman; VP - Jeff Lewis; Secretary - Sheri Spiegel; Treasurer - Mark Singer.

Bookkeeper Stacey Hyman reported that TBE broke even in 2024-2025, and would have made a profit had parking lot repairs been paid in 2025-2026. The projected deficit of \$60,000 was calculated from known expenses and income from dues and other predictable line items; "extraordinary" donations closed the deficit. A TBE Development Team was discussed to better understand and predict timing of planned donations (for which the board is extremely grateful!). Processes for turning major gifts into challenge grants was also discussed. About \$8500 in dues pledges from 2024-2025 have not yet been paid; the temple treasurer will make contact. The policy handbook will be digitized.

In committee reports, the following was reported: the Religious Practices Committee plans to publicize High Holiday plans a month in advance; Sisterhood will host Bubbles and Brunch and Cool Salads and Hot Books; Mensch Club held a successful museum event, will donate \$100 in honor of Rabbi Karol to his local synagogue, and is sustaining Casa de Peregrinos donations; Religious School will begin on September 7 with projected enrollment of 16 students; Youth Group will hold three activities this fall; Ways and Means is reorganizing and planning an auction. TBE received a discount for the work on the parking lot. Security contact will continue in 2025-2026. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Sisterhood Notes

Shalom! Shalom!

With Summer half over, we have much to share with all of you ladies here at Temple Beth El. As usual, the little Elves of the Sisterhood Council are busy, busy, working on projects to delight, inspire and feed the soul as well as the belly. Thanks to all who attended the Shalom Shabbat for Rabbi Evette. Thanks to Lenore Hindin for organizing the catering from the Culinary Kitchen of El Paso.

The next time you come to the temple, have a look at the new display case right next to the office door. Lenore Hindin purchased it, Glenn Philips assembled it, and it is filled with lovely samples of our gift shop merchandise. Speaking of the Gift Shop, it has been moved to the far end of the Social Hall for all to see. Lenore is cleaning the cabinets and redecorating the interiors to better showcase all the wonderful Judaica merch. Then, keep an eye out for a big blowout sale this month... our historic "BROWSE, BARGAIN and BUY" will return to offer huge discounts on items that have languished for several years. And loads of new merch will fill the cabinets just in time for Chanukah and all the holidays of 2026, plus weekly Shabbat needs and Judaica in general. If you have an item in mind, please contact Lenore Hindin to add to her growing shopping list. Our sincere thanks to Glen Phillips for your help with the beautiful glass cabinet!

Next, we look forward to seeing all you ladies at our annual Girls Night Out, which will again be a lovely Brunch at the Picacho Hills Country Club, on AUGUST 10th at 11:00 AM. The flyer has been e-blasted for your convenience. Call or text Lynn Zeemont or just clip and send in the RSVP portion of the flyer with your check(s) for membership (\$36) and brunch (\$30). As we did last year, the Mimosas will be flowing. We can't wait!!

Keeping the ball rolling, and due to the success of our first Hot Soup/Cool Books event last January, we are initiating Hot Books/Cool Salads coming right up on the following SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th at 12 NOON. The idea is to bring your favorite cold salad (no meat please) and a gently used book to trade. We will sample all the salads with breads/crackers, drinks and dessert and browse the books and kibitz! This fun lunch is free. Just bring a salad and a book. Call or email Lenore Hindin, or call or text Stefani Singer to sign up with your salad or just let us know at the Brunch!

Be thinking about how you can help at High Holidays by bringing a dessert for Rosh Hashana and/or a dish for Break the Fast, and lending a hand for set up or clean up. Sign up sheets will be available at the Membership Brunch so we can get an early start.

If you have ideas for Sisterhood get-togethers, please join us at our upcoming Council meeting on Thursday, August 14th at 5:30 PM. We need your brain!!

Amalia Zeitlin-Kelter Presentation



Temple Beth-El was treated to a special presentation this week, from our own Amalia Zeitlin, who spent a year in Israel as a fellow with the Dorot Foundation. Amalia spent last year living in Jerusalem where she participated in self-directed learning and activities. Amalia shared photos and videos from her time in Jerusalem, and spoke about her many inspiring experiences. A talented musician, Amalia also performed some of her original songs, and let us sing along with her too! Amalia plans to return to Israel for continued work with the Dorot fellowship.

Below are some of the links she shared for meaningful donations. More can be found in the TBE weekly e-mail:

In Israel, Jews and Arabs live in separation, fear and violence. HAND IN HAND is on a mission to change that! Starting with only 50 children in 1998, Hand in Hand now operates six campuses, serving thousands of Jewish and Arab students. As Israel's fastest-growing, integrated social movement, our work reaches thousands of people every day, proving that we can live together as Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians.

<https://www.handinhandk12.org/donate/>

Yad LaKashish: Lifeline for the Old a Jerusalem-based non-profit at the forefront of social and financial advocacy for the elderly. Yad LaKashish seeks to empower needy elderly to be active, contributing citizens; and to advance positive attitudes in the community at large about the elderly and their place in society.

[Yad LaKashish | Home](#)

[The Galilee Circus](#) includes 80 kids of ages 6-18, Arab and Jewish, from the towns and villages around Karmiel in the heart of the Galilee. Rehearsals are held after school in a community center gym, and they perform all over the region for schools, festivals, businesses, etc. The circus has an active parents' committee that helps out at performances, and organizes occasional social activities for the circus kids and their families.

Tents To Rents

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.” Rabbi Tarfon, Pirkei Avot

It’s August, and time for the annual “Tents to Rents” campaign at the Community of Hope. This program was created in 2016 with the goal of improving and maintaining the facilities at Camp Hope and ultimately moving Camp Hope residents out of tents and into their own apartments.

In that first year, \$13,000 was raised; last year, 2024, the goal was \$130,000 and a total of \$138,555 was raised. This year’s goal is the same as last year’s. Over those eight years, the cost of moving a person from a tent into an apartment has increased. Moving a person into housing includes security deposits, utility deposits, the first month’s rent, and any arrears from the last fiscal year. Average rent is up to approximately \$900. Last year 39 people were helped to move into apartments.

Temple Beth El has been a part of this fundraising effort for just two years and in that time, the congregation has donated over \$10,000.00. Add this to the hundreds of pounds of food we deliver to Casa de Peregrinos and our annual Christmas Day Breakfast at Camp Hope and you can see that the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope is a major beneficiary of our congregation’s commitment to doing our part in completing the work of alleviating the world’s grief. The Social Action Committee thanks you for supporting this work.

Once the campaign begins on August 18th, you’ll get weekly emails highlighting a person who has been a beneficiary of Tents to Rents. Please contact me if you would like to attend the Kick Off event for this year’s Tents to Rents Campaign on the 18th.

If you have more questions, please plan on attending Shabbat Services on Friday, August 15th to hear Nicole Martinez, the Executive Director of Camp Hope speak about Camp Hope and about this campaign.

Susan Fitzgerald
575-405-1739
susanfitzgerald@hotmail.com



New Mexico Jewish
Historical Society Presents

MOVING BEYOND THE STEREOTYPES

JEWISH WOMEN AND MEN ON
THE SANTA FE TRAIL

DR FRANCES LEVINE

September 8, 7pm MDT via Zoom



The literature of the Santa Fe Trail spans more than two centuries of Western history. Jewish men were early traders in the commerce and were sometimes portrayed as unusual participants on the Trail. When joined by their families, women served as community builders creating the diverse landscape of the American West. Dr. Levine will survey the literature examining the stereotypes and the role of Jewish women, men, and their families on the Santa Fe Trail.

REGISTER AT
[BIT.LY/NMJHS-FL](https://bit.ly/nmjhs-fl)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



TBE Obituary for Rabbi Howard Laibson

Rabbi Howard O. Laibson passed away on July 16 in California. He was Rabbi at Temple Beth-El from July 1984 to June 1989 and remembered as a true mensch by those who were members at that time. Rabbi Laibson was a classmate of Rabbi Larry Karol. His funeral was scheduled to be held on July 21 at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Goldsmith and family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Rabbi Laibson Camp Fund through Jewish Long Beach.



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CHAI NOTES CHOIR FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

FIRST REHEARSAL: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 AT 4:00PM

For more information, contact Linda Sweeney (Lmsweeney@aol.com)



Tai Chi

**Tuesday
mornings at 10:00**

Led by Steve Haydu
Donations to the
Temple accepted as
payment for classes.

TBE Sisterhood Presents:

hot **BOOKS** & *cool* **SALADS**

dressing up our summer reading

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Noon

Temple Beth El Social Hall

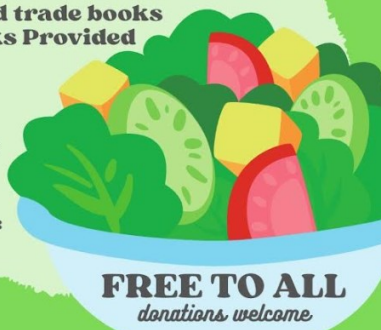
Bring your favorite meatless salad to share
with copies of the recipe (optional)
and one or two copies of your favorite,
gently used books

We will sample salads and trade books
Bread, Dessert and Drinks Provided

RSVP by August 13

Call or Email Lenore Hindin:
575-888-4644
lenore@cruzio.com

Call or Text Stephani Singer:
402-394-1868



FREE TO ALL
donations welcome



Judaica Gift Shop Sale



2:00 –5:00 pm

August 17th

**Deep discounts on
all merchandise AND
"Free Giveaways!"**



Group Aliyah picture, Saturday, July 26 honoring “New Beginnings” for Rabbi Evette as she begins the next chapter of her life in Denver and for the congregation as we navigate to TBE’s new path forward.

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Tom Levy

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

Avis and Jeff Lewis

Karen and Michael Lieberman

Ellen and Fred Torres

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

Shalom To Rabbi Evette

Our wide world is a narrow bridge
 Moving ere forward with courage
 And as you taught us while we prayed
 Hand in hand, be not afraid
 In sorrow’s hush and joy’s embrace
 Your open heart, your gentle grace
 Sustained us all these last three years
 Through happy times or misty tears
 With mitzvot, kindness, laughs and song
 You’ve kept our congregation strong
 Leading us with T’fillah
 Emet, Chesed, Ahava
 So, l’hitraot, not just goodbye
 With handshakes, hugs and spirits high
 May peace and light go where you roam
 And settle again in your new home
Stefani Singer, July, 2025



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!

#CitizensChoiceRoadsideAssistance #RoadsideAssistance

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

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(It is open for all to see!)

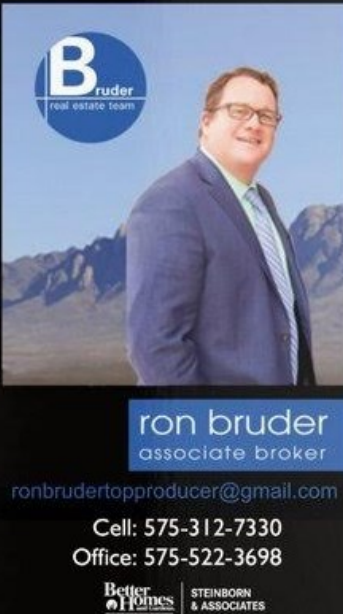
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Will tutor:

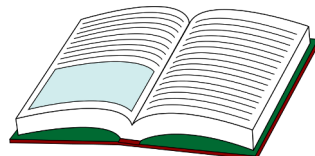
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**Honor the memory of
loved ones with a memorial
plaque and mark
celebrations and mile-
stones (and also the
memory of
friends and
family) by
adding leaves to
our Tree of Life.**



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!



AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Fiesta Friday: 5:45 pm Taco Bar 6:30 pm Musical Worship	2 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
3 Bubbles and Brunch 11:00 am @ Picacho Hills country Club Chai Notes Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm	4	5 Tai Chi 10:00 am	6	7	8 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	9 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
10	11	12 Tai Chi 10:00 am	13	14 Sisterhood Council Meeting 5:30 pm	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	16 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
17 Hot Books &Cool Salads 12:00 pm Judaica Gift shop Sale 2:00-5:00 pm	18	19 Tai Chi 10:00 am	20	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	23 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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