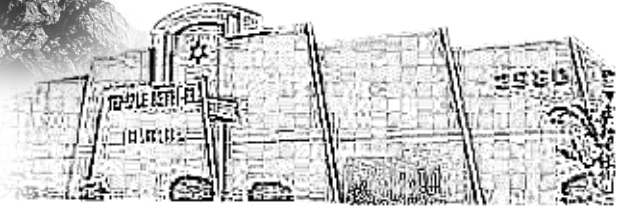




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Las Cruces, New Mexico



JULY 2025 (TAMUZ – AV 5785)

Shalom Shabbat **Friday, July 11, 5:00 pm**

The Temple Board, Mensch Club, and Sisterhood invite you to a Shalom Shabbat service. Shalom to Rabbi Evette and Shari, and Todah for three years of leading our congregation! The evening will begin at 5:00 with a light dinner, followed by a service and dessert oneg. Please join TBE in wishing Rabbi Evette and Shari good luck as they return to Denver.

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.

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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

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 (no Tanakh study last 2 weeks of June or July. Resumes in August)

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!

Yahrzeits– July 5 through August 2, 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 July 4 & 5, 2025

Martin Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
 Leo Steinborn* (Jeff Steinborn, Vivian Steinborn)
 Roslyn Rice*
 Ruth Frank* (Lester and Renee Frank)
 Cecile Elfant (Rose Jacobs)
 Robert Stein (Susan Michelson and Bill Stein)
 Efrem Violin (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Jennie Frank*
 Fouzieh Shabazi (Daniel Azizian Gilan)
 Tracy Smith (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)

Read on July 11 & 12, 2025

Milton Berkson* (Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)
 Dora Stern* (Ann Berkson, Arthur & Rebecca Berkson)
 Ella Gavzy (Lynn Zeemont)
 Lisa Abramowitz (Shari Abramowitz & Rabbi Evette Lutman)
 Sarah Meltzer Smalley* (Alison Mann)
 Henrietta Horwitz (Ellen & Fred Torres)

Read on July 18 & 19, 2025

Ludwig Paul Bergman* (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Arnold M. Heart (Nancy Bergman & Greg Artman)
 Dan Sirota (Rob Goldsteen & Anne Weinberg)
 Kathryn Goldstein (Wendee & Art Lorbeer)
 Diane Gutman (Allan & Eve Palanker)
 Dr. Michael Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Jacob Krasner* (Jeff Marquez)

Read on July 25 & 26, 2025

Sarah Allan (Daniel & Simy Allan)
 Mariette Brown (Henri & Debra Brown)
 Logan Pearson (Cheri Hudson-Brown & Jeff Brown)
 Bernard Singer (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Sam Maness (Mark & Stefani Singer)
 Natalie Libby (Bob & Carla Libby)
 David Williamson (Michael & Barbara Mandel)
 Elijah Lee Newman (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
 Ernest Hightower (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
 Shirley Popky (Eric & Donna Popky)
 Sherlee Seglin (Eric & Donna Popky)
 Manny Blumkin *

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*

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.

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

Donations through June 20 2025

General Fund:

Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi, for the admin position
 Bill Stein and Susan Michelson, in memory of Robert Stein
 Bill Stein and Susan Michelson, in memory of Annabel Stein
 Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in memory of Shari Dobres Hamburg
 Jack Greenspan, in memory of Roberta Sircus-Greenspan
 Susan Quinn, in honor of Steve Haydu's Tai Chi class
 Jacob and Susie Kolikant, in memory of Martin Gantert
 Jacob and Susie Kolikant, in memory of Ingeborg Gantert
 Steve Haydu, in memory of Maria Kosaly
 Tai Chi Members, in honor of Steve Haydu
 Daniel Azian-Gilan, in memory of Fouziah Shabazi
 Selma Ryave, in memory of Isaac Podolsky

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

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

Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Allan and Michel Blum, in memory of Miriam Cutler

Social Action Fund:

Susan Fitzgerald, in honor of Jane and Leonard Hurwitz

“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.

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.

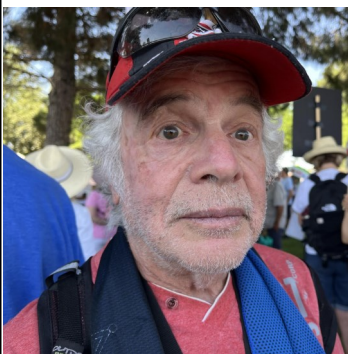
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Used to meet a variety of philanthropic requests as well as to supplement TBE programs.

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.

New Member Spotlight

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



Rob Zeemont was born in Patterson, New Jersey and grew up in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. He moved to Las Cruces eight years ago, to get away from the Jersey winters and to be closer to his brother Dave, who was an integral part of Temple Beth-El, and passed away in 2022.

Rob's passions are hiking in the mountains and cycling. He is a member of a local hiking group, the Ocotillo Hikers, and hikes 2-3 times a week.

The featured photo is one of Rob hiking with his group across Spain; the famous Camino De Santiago hike. He also bikes several times a week from his home in Picacho Hills to Mesilla Valley center.

Rob had joined TBE when he first arrived in town and re-joined this past year. He would like to become more active in the Mensch Club. You may run into Rob at a Friday Shabbat service- be sure to say hello!

Trouble Finding Doctors?

Join us on July 20, 2025, from 2 to 4 PM at Temple Beth-El to learn about New Mexico's healthcare crisis and how you can help improve access to quality medical care.

This informative training session is sponsored by the Social Action Committee and presented by Patients Primero.

The goals of Patients Primero---a nonpartisan citizens group that grew out of the Listening Sessions presented by the Doña Ana County Medical Society---are to:

- ☐ Educate voters about what's driving the shortage of medical providers.
- ☐ Create partnerships to advocate for improved access to quality health care, and
- ☐ Collaborate with legislators to enact comprehensive, sustainable legislation that will attract and retain healthcare professionals.

Come learn about Patients Primero and the factors driving New Mexico's provider shortage. You'll also learn about legislative actions that can improve recruitment and retention, and how you can get involved to advocate for change when the State Legislative Health and Human Services Committee comes to Las Cruces in September.

A Message from our President

The heat is on! A hot as it is outside, your Board seeks to keep cool heads. Our biggest challenge is to balance the budget. We were unable to do that before the end of fiscal 24/25. We were, however, able to cut the deficit significantly, after looking at each line item. This is an ongoing challenge as we want TBE to exist for the long term.

We have new members on our Ways and means Committee, Glen Philips and Kimmie Cravens. We have done a lot of brainstorming on new and old fundraisers. We welcome your suggestions. We will be posting upcoming events so that you can sign up for those that use your skills or interests. We cannot rely on the same old, same old events or volunteers.

On a brighter note we have our slate of officers who are dedicated workers. Diane Fleishman, President; Jeff Lewis, Vice President; Mark Singer, Treasurer and Sheri Spiegel, Secretary. Also, we have Ellen Torres as our new administrator. Stop in to say "hello" when you are at the Temple.

We are fortunate that Amalia Zeitlin has offered to share her experience in Israel and new music she composed while there. Refreshments will be provided. Watch for specifics on date and time. Let's all welcome her home!

On a sadder note, we will be saying goodbye to Rabbi Evette and Shari. Before they return to Denver there will be a dinner and oneg in their honor on July 11th .

Please plan to attend.

Shalom,
Diane

June Board Meeting Minutes

No TBE board meeting was held in June due to a lack of a quorum. The July meeting minutes, as well as the minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting, will be shared in the August issue of the Adelante

Sisterhood Council

Shalom! Summer is in full swing here in the Borderland. We have hot weather and some scary regional fires to worry about. But, here in Las Cruces, your Sisterhood is working and planning and putting together a few terrific opportunities for socializing.

To begin with keep Friday, July 11 open. Along with the Board and the Mensch Club, Sisterhood is helping put together a lovely Shalom Shabbat service. Shalom to Rabbi Evette and Shari and Todah for 3 years of leading our congregation! The evening will begin at 5:00 with a light dinner, followed by a service and dessert oneg. Please join TBE in wishing the rabbi and Shari good luck as they return to Denver and follow their dreams once again.

“Girls’ Night Out” plans are in the works for late August. Watch for a splendid invitation coming soon. “Girls’ Night Out” will be a brunch where we will enjoy good food, good conversation and sign up for the coming year of Sisterhood plotting and planning. Watch your email and your August Adelante for more details.

Sisterhood is thrilled to thank Fern Forman, who picked up the Oneg mantle for us. She is working hard getting Oneg hosts and we thank all of you who answered her call and signed up. Fern is a great addition to the Council and her determination and success with the Oneg calendar is coming to be known as the “Fern Effect”. Way to go, Fern!!

Watch for changes in the Gift Shop cabinets in the hall next to the office. Lenore has taken over responsibility for updating and freshening up the look of the cabinets. She is going to host a big sale and then find new and exciting merch for you to peruse and purchase! The Gift Shop is not always front and center for most of us, but there has always been a wide variety of Judaica available and if there is something you don't see, contact Lenore and ask for it! Many thanks to Michele Blum for her years of running the Gift Shop and welcome to Lenore.

Our newest Council member is Kimmi Cravens. A former event planner, Kimmi has stepped right up with suggestions and ideas for upcoming events. Her input and help are going to be invaluable in the coming months and years! Kimmi is busy making phone calls and inquiries and being creative. We are ecstatic to welcome Kimmi to the Council.

Some ladies on the Council have been doing some travelling this Spring. Find Karen Currier and ask her about her family trip to Iceland, and find Gerie Muchnikoff when she returns from her amazing adventures with her daughter, Jamie, in Egypt, Morocco and who knows where else in Northern Africa! Maybe they will share pics!

Stay cool.
Your Sisterhood Council

“When We Sing, We Pray Twice”

This quote is usually attributed to St. Augustine, who understood that adding melody to our prayers elevates them by imbuing our words with beautiful sound that compels us to join our voices together communally. From June 8th-12th I was able to live these words in the presence of my professional community, the Women Cantors’ Network, at our yearly conference which was held this year in Louisville, KY. The WCN was established 43 years ago by the then handful of female cantors serving congregations here in the United States. In a decidedly male dominated field, these women were made to feel unwelcome at professional conferences and meetings, so turned to each other for support and guidance. Over the years, the organization has grown as more and more women pursue careers as Jewish music professionals. It has expanded to include members from the three major North American movements (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist), and today, though we still have the word “Women” in our title because of its historical significance, we maintain a gender-diverse membership of nearly 300 from around the world. Like every year, I returned from the conference, my head filled with new music, new worship approaches, creative teaching techniques and so much more. I am excited to begin sharing all of this with you when I begin my interim position on August 1st. By continuing to join our voices together in prayer and song, we will all do our part to strengthen our community as we move forward in our search for a permanent Spiritual Leader.

B’shalom,
Linda Sweenie

Fair Share Pledges

Please look for your annual fair share pledge invoice via email from treasurer@tbelc.org in the early part of July. Even though this invoice says “Due upon Receipt”, it is payable in any portion, regular or periodic, from now through June 30, 2026. If you want to set-up automatic payments, please get in touch with Mark Singer or Stacey Hyman. If you do not receive an email by July 15th, please email or call Stacey.

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Kaila Brown	Steve Haydu
James Hyman	Mike Hyman
Rosemary Livigni	Mark Saltman
Sharon Tancredi-Katz	Kristina Milano
Glenn Philips	

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

Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi-Katz
Bob and Monika Kimball

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

HELP WANTED

We are looking for pictures of activities at TBE as we update our webpage. Please send them to Derek Hyman at thenameisaretaken@gmail.com

Judaica Shop

After many years of running the Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop in service to the temple, Michele Blum is stepping out of that position.

Lenore Hindin has volunteered to take over the Gift Shop and will be working on it during the summer, purchasing fresh merchandise, getting it ready for the upcoming Holidays in the fall and, of course, Chanukah! Watch your email for special sales with some items discounted for quick turnover.

For added security, Lenore has already revamped the entire locking system. She hired Patricia and Amanda of Valdez Lock and Key, a local woman-owned business, to update the locks and reduce the number of keys. These two women worked quickly and efficiently, getting the job done in only a couple of hours. The cabinets, from ceiling to floor, have been completely re-done. If you need a locksmith, for lock-outs or whatever your needs, we recommend calling Patricia and Amanda at Valdez Lock and Key. You'll be happy you did.

Should you need anything from the gift shop over the summer just call Lenore at 575-888-4644 and set up an appointment to come in and browse or shop early for the Holidays.

We thank Michele Blum for her years of service to the Temple Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop and wish her a happy summer!

Tai Chi

Tuesday mornings at
10:00

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



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.

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Drive safely out there!

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and its programming and updates
on current Temple events**

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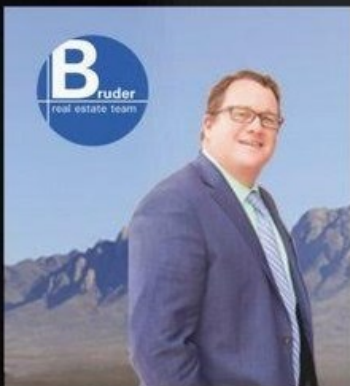
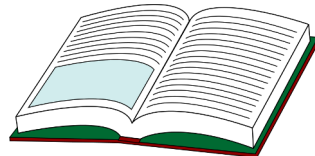
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Bricks for the Biblical Garden and Brick Walkway

Please consider ordering one to mark that special occasion of your own or a loved one. Call 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!



**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.**





JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tai Chi 10:00 am Torah Study 2:00 pm	2	3	4 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	5 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
6	7	8 Tai Chi 10:00 am Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom Torah Study 2:00 pm	9	10	11 Shalom Shabbat Services and Dinner 5:00 pm	12 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
13	14	15 Tai Chi 10:00 am Torah Study 2:00 pm	16	17 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	18 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	19 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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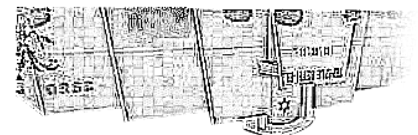
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