



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



JUNE 2025 (SIVAN-TAMMUZ 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 (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!

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

Yahrzeits– June 6 through July 5, 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 June 6 & 7, 2025

Ford Parkes-Perret (Frances Lerner)
 Hilda Bortnick (Allen and Eve Palanker)
 Martin Forman (Fern Forman)
 Simmie Greenfield*
 Harriet Mandel* (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Hyman Capin (Sam Klein)
 Sheri Dobres Hamburg * (Sharon and Peter Dorfman)
 Charlie Roselinsky (Lynn Zeemont)
 Isaac Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman and Selma Ryave)
 Jennie Greenfield*
 Rabbi Gerald M. Kane* (Cyrille S. Kane)

Read on June 13 & 14, 2025

Dorothy Schlisman* (Norman and Suzanne Mazer)
 Jerry Gardner (Brenda and Arlon Parish)
 Luba Klaitman* (Rita Polsky)
 Rita Berger (Lila Ziegler)
 Roberta Sircus-Greenspan (Jack Greenspan)
 Howard Kanefield (Susan and Howard Weissman)
 Doris Kirschner* (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
 Michael Bruder* (Murray and Evelyn Bruder)
 Michael Max Cohen (Richard and Darlene Goldberg)
 Vera Brook (Mark and Stefani Singer)
 Sarah Eskin (Linda M. Kruger)
 Quinn Charlotte Sitcler (Cheryl and David Decker)
 Esther Edelstein Berlin*
 Marilyn Sheen (Barbara Sheen and John Busby)

Read on June 20 & 21, 2025

Aaron Hyman* (Michael and Stacey Hyman)
 Christina Griffasi (Deborah Lee Thuman and James Jaworski)
 Leilah Kerr Steffen (Jill Kerr)
 Jerome Batkin* (Mike Batkin)
 Miriam Kuznekoff*
 Ruben Kasten*
 Annabel Stein (Susan Michelson and Bill Stein)
 Lisa Silverman (Elliot Katz and Sharon Tancredi)
 Richard Batkin* (Mike Batkin)

Read on June 27 & 28, 2025

Marian Turnbull (Joanne Turnbull)
 Nathan Mandel* (Michael and Barbara Mandel)
 Steven R Pasternack*
 Bernard Cutler (Allen and Michele Blum)
 Pearl Weisman (Cyrille S. Kane)
 Maria Kosaly (Steven Haydu)
 Ingeborg Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
 Kimberly Klein Segura (Tom and Deborah Levy)
 Max Taub*

Read on July 4 & 5, 2025

Martin Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
 Leo Steinborn* (Jeff 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)

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 May 23 2025

General Fund:

Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of George Brown, brother of Henri Brown

Scott and Betsy Gubin, in memory of Dee Cook

Jack Greenspan, in memory of Harry Greenspan

Selma Ryave, in memory of Rebecca Bleiberg

Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Jerome Herman

Jeff and Avis Lewis, in memory of Mark Herman

Selma Ryave, in memory of Lawrence Lipsitz

Biblical Garden Fund:

Brenda Petty-Parish, in memory of Terry Petty

Wendee and Art Lorbeer, in memory of Dee Cook

Temple Beth-El Religious School Fund:

Diane and Harry Bass, in honor of Luke Duddridge

Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Charles Roselinsky

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.

"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.

Sisterhood Council Minutes

Stefani Singer is still out of town but the Sisterhood Council forged ahead, discussing events for the summer, making plans and keeping things relevant.

Present were, Lynn Zeemont, Gerie Muchnikoff, Karen Currier, Paula Simonson, Lenore Hindin and Michele Blum. Also present were newcomers to the Council, Fern Forman and Kimmi Cravens, both stepping up into their respective roles.

Fern has undertaken the job previously held by Shari Abramowitz, keeper of the Friday night Oneg list, signing up volunteers to bring goodies. She's doing a great job and has thus far filled the calendar until November! Fern did request, however, that folks contact her since there are opportunities to shop, set up and clean up for people who are unable to undertake those tasks. Onegs that people have signed up for and need help with are a Mitzvah opportunity. Attention men, this is a call to you as well. Please contact Fern at 575-650-4041. She would appreciate hearing from you.

Kimmi Cravens has a background in Event Planning and is eager to start getting busy with our next "Girl's Brunch Out," most likely at Picacho Hills Golf Club on a Sunday during the summer. Also, we discussed a Sisterhood Shabbat and she will consult with Cantor Linda Sweenie regarding details. Watch for more about these events. We are looking forward to working with Kimmi in the future. Welcome to our two new members!

Lynn gave a treasurer's report and informed us about Dee Cook's Memorial. Contributions towards the food, dinnerware and drinks were made by the Board and several of Dee's friends. Lynn wrote thank you cards to friends and family.

A request went out for people to come and pick up your plates and utensils from the kitchen, post-Passover seder. Lynn reported that the matzoh, gefilte fish and horseradish were all donated. We extended a thank you to Jane Grider for the fresh flower arrangements.

Sisterhood donates to scholarships for campers and scholars. Grant applications are available, just contact any member of the Sisterhood Council for more information.

Gerie suggested a possible craft event on a Sunday, "let's decorate a bird house!" Sounds like a great idea!

Our next major temple event will be the Break the Fast dinner on Yom Kippur. We await further discussion.

The next Sisterhood Council meeting is on Thursday, June 12th at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lenore Hindin

Results of Your Voice – Our Future Congregational Meetings

During the month of April, seventy-six members of our congregation attended one of five meetings and followed a discussion process designed to determine congregational values we could translate into search criteria to help us find a permanent Spiritual Leader for Temple Beth-El. The following is a summary of the results of those meetings, which I reported at our Annual Meeting on May 22.

Discussions centered around responses to the following three questions:

1. What brings you/would bring you to Shabbat worship?
2. What aspects of Judaism/Jewish life do you value the most?
3. Why do you belong to a temple/synagogue?

Participants ranked their responses as "Most Important," "Important," and "Less Important." I then compiled responses from all five meetings and produced the following recommendations for search criteria – the attributes of the ideal candidate:

- **A Community Builder with Strong Interpersonal Skills:** able to relate to all demographics, committed to outreach and growing the congregation, able to create engaging intergenerational programs, experienced in pastoral care.

- **Committed to Lifelong Learning:** engaging teaching style for all demographics, deep knowledge of Jewish History, Torah/Talmud, liturgy, strong Hebrew skills.

- **Engaging Pulpit Presence:** encourages participation in singing and prayer, musical ability and familiarity with the breadth of Jewish music.

- **Strong Communications Skills:** – Written and Verbal: able to create and deliver timely, thoughtful d'verei Torah and sermons, committed to timely and transparent communications with congregants.

- **Committed to Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World):** eager to represent the congregation in the greater community as a champion of social justice.

Using this information, the Board will put together a search committee and soon begin the process of finding and recruiting a permanent Spiritual Leader. I want to thank everyone who participated in our April meetings, and I look forward to working with all of you when I assume my interim leadership position on August 1.

B'shalom,

Linda Matorin Sweenie

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Luke Dudridge
Derek Hyman
Cindie Shonk

Jane Grider
Carla Libby

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

Barbara and Irwin Ross
Howard and Susan Weissman
Rosemary Livigni and Thomas Saiers

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

Please join us for Shabbat morning services on
Saturday, June 14th at 10:30

as we celebrate the Religious School Confirmation of:
Lilah Berkson
and
Liana Brown.

These two young ladies made the commitment to continuing religious education and we couldn't be prouder of them.

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

New Class:

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.

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

Drive safely out there!

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www.tbcl.org
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and its programming and updates
on current Temple events**

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(It is open for all to see!)

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our page, click “Like” and join us in
our Facebook community!**

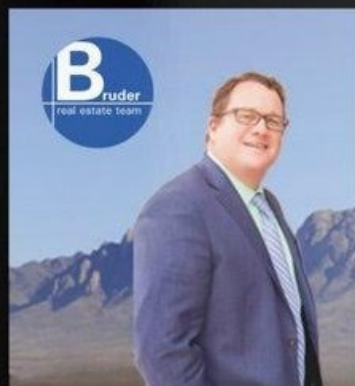


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M.S., M.A.**

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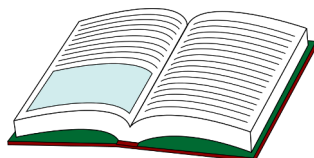
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Privately or in small group

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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 Shavuot Celebration 6:30 pm	2 Shavuot Service 11:00 am	3 Tai Chi 10:00 am Torah Study 2:00 pm	4 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	5	6 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	7 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
8	9	10 Tai Chi 10:00 am Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom Torah Study 2:00 pm	11 Tanakh study 10:15 am via Zoom	12 Sisterhood Council Meeting 4:30 pm	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	14 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service with Religious School Confirmation 10:30 am
15	16	17 Tai Chi 10:00 am Torah Study 2:00 pm	18 No Tanakh Study	19 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	21 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
22	23	24 Tai Chi 10:00 am Short Story Group 11:30 am via Zoom Torah Study 2:00 pm	25 No Tanakh study	26	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	28 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
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