



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

SEPTEMBER (ELUL 5785 - TISHREI 5786)

Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces High Holy Days 5786

Selichot	Sat. 9-13	6:30pm
<i>(Havdalah & Healing Service)</i>		

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Mon. 9-22	7:30pm
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Rosh Hashanah	Tues. 9-23	10:00am
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Family Tashlich/Shofar Service (location TBD)

	Tues. 9-23	4:30pm
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Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Wed. 9-24	10:00am
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Kever Avot at Masonic Cemetery (TBELC Section)

	Sun. 9-28	10:30am
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Kol Nidre	Wed. 10-1	7:30pm
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Yom Kippur AM	Thurs. 10-2	10:00am
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Study Session		1:30pm
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Mincha		3:00pm
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Yizkor		5:00pm
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Neilah (followed by Break Fast)		6:30pm
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Worship Schedule

Can't come in person? Then join us on Zoom or 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.

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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.

“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 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)

Read on September 12 & 13, 2025

Helen McKeown (Barry Leff and Susan Lutz)
Evelyn Jacobs (Evette Lutman and Shari Abramowitz)
Libbie Ryave (Rosalyn Richman)
Barnie Sugarman (Terri Sugarman)
Paul Deutschman (Ellen and Fred Torres)
Ida Siegel (Robert M. and Carla Libby)
Morris Goldberg (Cyrille S. Kane)

Read on September 19 & 20, 2025

Carrie Swartz (Ari Swartz)
William D. Newman (David Newman and Jon Bairnsfather)
Frank Yale Askinazy (Linda Matorin Sweenie and Glenn Philips)
Joseph Karol (Rhonda Karol)
Ramon Marquez (Jeffrey P Marquez)
Donald Gantert (Jacob and Susi Kolikant)
Walter Sisson (Renee Frank)

Read on September 26 & 27, 2025

Maria Leff (Barry Leff and Susan Lutz)
Emily Cohen* (Marieka and Jeanne Brown, Susan Brown)
Shepley Backman (Bob and Judy Kirschner)
Albert Ryave (Rosalyn Richman)
Patrick Quinn (Susan Quinn)
Samuel Smalley* (Alison Mann)
Richard Meltzer (Colette Meltzer)
Audrey Meltzer (Alison Mann)

Read on October 3 & 4, 2025

Viki Slack (Mark and Stefani Singer)
Evelyn Hays (Luke and Bev Duddridge)
Sidney Muffs* (Marvin and Carol Bernstein)
Ted Levy (Tom and Deborah Levy)
Lillian (Sis) Druxman* (Melvin "Sonny" and Rosie Klein)
Martin Muffs* (Marvin and Carol Bernstein)
Samuel Freeman (Bernice Langer)
Sam Sommers* (Frances F. Williams)
Rose Sommers* (Frances F. Williams)
Marvin A Gubin (Scott and Betsy Gubin)
Emily Schorr (Susan Michelson and Bill Stein)
Irving Leonard Podolsky (Rosalyn Richman)

Condolences to the families of:

Eve Palanker, wife of Allen and long-time Temple Beth-El member who passed away on Tuesday, August 12. Per Eve's wishes, there was no memorial service or Shiva.

Selma Ryaye, mother of Rosalyn Richman who passed away peacefully on Monday, August 25 having reached the age of 98. Selma's funeral will take place August 29 at Temple Sinai in Pittsburgh

May their memory be a blessing

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

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

*Asterisks indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the Temple sanctuary. If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, contact the Temple office. Current TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$360. Non TBE members may purchase a plaque for \$600.

Editor's Corner



When my daughter, Morgan became Bat Mitzvah she wore a tallit that we had designed and created together, as I had done with my mother for my Bat Mitzvah. In fact, her tallit used the Atarah from that tallit. In the years that

followed, I thought about making myself a new one, rather than wearing the store bought one that I had bought in Jerusalem during college. While that one is beautiful, it no longer felt as personally significant to me. This year, I finally got around to making the one pictured above. The fabric I found blooms boldly with multicolored flowers and is decorated with an Atarah that I embroidered using a design I found on the website "Sew Jewish". It reads in Hebrew "Olam Kesed Yiboneh", and in English, a translation "We will build this world with Love." The tzitzit have the strand of blue and are tied, as is the tradition, with a series of wrappings that signify the name of G-d. Everything about it expresses who I strive to be and brings me the joy that I want to feel when I pray. As we prepare to enter the new year, consider who you are, who you want to be. Do you have a tallit that expresses that? Would you like to? I would be honored to help you create one that is as unique and special as you. I offer this free of charge (excepting the cost of any materials) as a personal mitzvah.

I would like to close this article with some somewhat related thoughts. Recently, I was behind a man who wore a shirt that read "Fear G-d, not man". While I understand the message conveyed, it was rather in opposition to my own thoughts. I reject the notion that our actions should be guided by fear of the Almighty but rather should be guided by gratitude for the world that G-d has created for us and the desire to continue the work of positive creation. Build this world with love so that we may not fear mankind. It is not an easy ask and I struggle daily.

From my heart to yours,

Beth Tierney

Farewell, Rabbi Larry Karol

It was the summer of 2011. I didn't know you yet, but you had recently joined Temple Beth-El Las Cruces as the new Rabbi. I had arrived in Las Cruces from the San Francisco Bay Area to be with my father and brother and to meet with you because my mother had just passed away on August 8. You helped us plan the funeral. During that same week, I also met Alfred (Fred) Torres. Little did I know where that meeting would lead me.

As I got to know Fred during 2011-2012, he asked me to marry him, and I accepted. We had decided that I would move to Las Cruces at the end of the 2012 school year, and we planned for an August wedding. On another one of my frequent visits, we attended a Friday night service and talked with you afterwards about marrying us. You agreed, and we met with you to plan the wedding ceremony. I told you that I wanted to walk down the aisle to the song "Marry Me" by the band Train, and you said that you would learn it and play it live. I didn't realize what a talented musician and singer you were and was so pleased with your performance at the wedding. It was beautiful. In the summer of 2013, we moved into our new home and asked you to give a blessing at our open house. You also blessed the mezuzah. A few months later, in December 2013, my father passed away. Again, you were there for us, helping us plan his funeral, burial, and Shiva minyan. After Fred and I joined the temple, my involvement led me to the Adult Education Committee, the Jewish Food & Folk Festival team, Nominating Committee, Temple Board, Board Secretary, and President. You helped guide me along the way, providing support and friendship. We also worked on grants together with a team of dedicated temple members, bringing in great Jewish speakers, performers, musicians, scholars, and a chef. Our grant team also collaborated with the drama department at NMSU to write a play that portrayed the history of the Las Cruces Jewish community and the beginnings of Temple Beth-El. The production was performed live in the NMSU theater to a full house. You were extremely instrumental in the success of this production and even participated musically on stage. Overall, you helped to hone my leadership skills as my Rabbi and as my friend.

You also showed a lot of empathy and support for Fred during his various surgeries and times of recovery. You took your role as Rabbi seriously and cared about everyone with whom you came in contact.

You will be remembered for your talents, scholarship, musicianship, social activism, humanitarianism, and friendship, leaving a void in the heart of this community. You left this earth too soon and will be sincerely missed.

Ellen & Fred Torres

Donations through August 22, 2025

General Fund:

Norm and Sue Mazer, in memory of Eve Palanker
 Tai Chi Participants, in honor of Steve Haydu
 Mark and Aggie Saltman
 John and Barbara Busby, in memory of Lester Sheen
 Stacey Hyman, in honor of Joel Siegel for work as
 Treasurer
 Tai Chi participants, in honor of Steve Haydu
 Bob and Sandra Cantor Cook, in memory of Dee Cook

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Philip Abrams
 Susan Fitzgerald, in memory Jane Abrams Hurwitz

Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol Campership Fund:

Susan Fitzgerald, in memory of Rabbi Larry Karol
 Jerry and Shelly Silverman, in memory of Rabbi Larry
 Karol

TEMPLE FUNDS

Donations 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.

A message from our Board President

Shalom,

September brings a new season. It is a time for reflection, celebration and change. This is especially true as we look at the coming Jewish holidays, our Congregation, and me personally.

Judaism requires us to reflect on our actions and ask forgiveness of those whom we have wronged. I am sure that I have offended some of you and for that I ask that you forgive me. You may let me know how I can be better. I hope to practice “radical kindness” but do not always meet that goal. This is one of the blessings of being Jewish. Once we accept our responsibility to others we can ask God for forgiveness and for a good year to come.

We go from the seriousness of the High Holidays to the celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. To me, both of these holidays celebrate the survival of the Jewish people. We recognize the importance of shelter and harvest. (Please help with this in our community by donating to Tents to Rents!) Our Torah is ongoing. We then have the ending and ongoing beginning of the Torah. I see this as symbolic of our history. We always start again. The Torah gives us strength and a moral compass.

The coming year will bring change to our Congregation. While we are extremely fortunate to have Cantor Linda Sweeney as our interim Spiritual Leader, the search committee for a long-term leader is active and will keep you advised as to its progress.

This brings me to me. As much as I love the Temple and Las Cruces, the time has come for me to return to Pennsylvania. It was difficult decision as I have made so many wonderful memories here. However, grandkids grow up so fast and other family and friends are not getting younger.

I will probably move in November. This will leave the presidency and one Board seat vacant. After much discussion Jeff Lewis, VP, has decided to remain in that position so that he can remain President of the Mensch Club. The Board will elect an interim President and appoint a new Board member. I plan to continue to serve you as long as it is beneficial to TBE. I won't start saying goodbye yet. It was hard enough to tell the Board.

May you all be written for a healthy, New Year.

L'Shona Tova.

Diane

Cantor's Notes

As you read this, we are in the Jewish month of Elul, the runup to High Holy Days. This is a month of deep introspection as we consider our relationships with friends, family and our greater community – a time when we ask forgiveness of others and offer forgiveness to those by whom we've felt mistreated. This is the month where Jewish people are obligated to make things right with each other, so that they are ready to then make themselves right with the Eternal during the ten Days of Awe between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Many of you know the theme I've adopted as I've begun my tenure as Interim Spiritual Leader is "radical kindness." It is a practice that I'm asking us all to consider as we move our community forward this year. And there's no better time than the month of Elul and the subsequent High Holy Days to examine the way we treat others, and the ways in which we can improve. So as you move through this most holy of seasons, you may want to ask yourself two important questions:

- 1.) When I see a new person enter our Jewish community, am I making the effort to reach out and make them feel welcomed?
 - 2.) Am I thinking before I speak to others, or about others, framing my personal interactions in positivity?
- I look forward to seeing you all soon to personally wish you l'shana tovah u'metukah – a good and sweet year.

B'shalom,
Linda Sweenie

Security

During the past few months we have noticed the front door being left open prior to Temple events. With the daily violence in our nation, this cannot happen. On all Temple events, we ask the front door and ALL doors remain closed. We also ask that somebody from that event be appointed to guard the door and allow entrance into the Temple.

That person should be at the door for 10 minutes after the event has started and lock the door. The person should wear the panic button device during the event.

The cost of providing security for the Temple is mounting. For those times we don't provide security, we ask our congregation to take security very seriously.

We are thankful to live in an accepting and empathetic area. Yet to assume a tragic situation cannot occur here is incorrect. Let's all take security seriously and to continue to enjoy our lives, family, and friends.

Thank you,
Jeff Lewis

Celebrating our Simchas

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

Evan Hyman

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

Stan and Gerie Muchnikoff

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 (This is especially relevant as I have lost the file which had the updates for the past two years –Beth)

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

Chaverim,

You are dear friends and your support when my brother died is deeply appreciated. I am so grateful to be part of this Congregation.

Love to you all,
Joanne Turnbull

Best Kept Secret

Temple Beth El's best kept secret was the Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop, located in the tiny alcove just past the temple office. Folks came and went, not giving that little space a second look, much less a first one.

In July, things began to change for the little lost Gift Shop, when Stefani Singer, Fern Forman, Karen Currier and Kimmi Cravens arrived to help empty the cases for their grand move into the Social Hall. The inventory was quickly and efficiently loaded into bins and brought to a secret destination awaiting the arrival of the huge cases. What a group of women!

Then, on July 22nd, on a rainy, stormy, windy evening, Debbie Levy, her husband Tom and two strong young men, Brogan Munda and Ayden Cox showed up with ladders and hand trucks to begin the arduous task of moving the five huge, heavy cases into the Social Hall. Although the weather had cooled down, they worked up a sweat moving those wooden behemoths. Heavy work, but they accomplished the job like the champions they were! Once the display cases were in place, Glenn Philips arrived to help hang the new backdrops and assisted in washing the windows. (It helps to be a tall guy.) Glenn also assembled the new display case that sits in the hall next to the temple office. And he hung the needlepointed "6 days of Creation" on the wall in the sanctuary where they can actually be seen and admired. His help was invaluable!

After the white backdrops were in place all we needed was the merchandise. Stef, Debbie Levy and Beth Tierney graciously came by and helped unload the heavy bins so the displays could be assembled. Shelf by shelf, cabinet by cabinet, the cases came to life showing off the beautiful Judaica gifts and merchandise that needed to be seen, purchased, find a loving home and enhance the Jewish traditions of our ancestors. These women worked hard and are very much appreciated!

So, the stage was set! On Sunday, August 17th a "Blowout Sale" was conducted in our new Judaica Shop location. Prices were slashed ridiculously, tempting buyer after buyer. Many items were sold and many were given as a "free gift" with purchase. Stef was on hand to lend her support and to keep the donations coming in! Go Stef!

Next item on the agenda is to replenish our stock and purchase new and exciting items for the upcoming holidays. We will have lovely new things for Rosh Hashanah and for Chanukah. Watch the cases and be surprised.

Without the help and encouragement of the many people listed here, this task could not have materialized. I want to thank each and every one of you for performing the Mitzvah of "re-birthing the TBE Sisterhood Judaica Giftshop." Your efforts were indeed an act of love and service to our congregation! It takes a Village and you came forward to prove that. Thank you all so much!

Lenore Hindin

Board of Trustees's Meeting August 21, 2025

The August Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm on August 21, 2025. A quorum was in attendance for voting.

Javier Diaz of Las Cruces Investigations and Security, and Brad, the new Director of Operations, provided a report and a new contract for 2025-2026. Cost is similar to 2024-2025. They offered a self-defense and security best practices class for the congregation (warrior mindset and stop the bleed). The board voted to approve and fund the class, and will alert the congregation about dates/times and suggested donation.

In her President's Report, Diane Fleishman relayed that she will move to Pennsylvania to be closer to family, likely in November 2025. Nominations for her replacement will take place in executive session at a future meeting. Jeff Lewis, VP, will remain chair of the Mensch Club to continue leading their critical work for the temple.

Linda Sweenie reported on good attendance at Shabbat services, forthcoming plans for High Holy Days, progress on updating all pages of the website, and streamlining administrative operations.

Mark Singer, Treasurer, reported progress on outstanding dues from 2024-2025. A discussion ensued on whether major gifts can or should be anticipated and integrated into earning projections. The Ways and Means Committee has volunteers to run events. New business included pursuing a grant from FEMA for security, the future of the TBE website, and updates on buildings and grounds. After an executive session, the board voted affirmatively on membership applications for 2 applicants.

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

A Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Miracle

Frances F. Williams

The Temple Beth-El Sisterhood was started in about 1954. The first President was Ethel Krepps who was a porcelain painter and artist, and a member of the Klein family. Our first meeting was probably at someone's house since there was no Temple. There was a lot of interest in the sisterhood and if I can remember we were very active starting projects to assist the Temple and also doing work in the community. If you have any records of the Sisterhood, I would like to have them to archive them at the New Mexico State University Library where I have starting archiving Temple Beth-El's history.

This is a story of one of the projects that the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood undertook, that has probably long been forgotten. I worked for White Sands Missile Range for 37 years and had several different jobs there during that time. At one point I became a Logistician (this is someone that takes care of equipment and supplies and ensures that they get to the right place). I had a very non traditional job for a woman. I managed aircraft and automotive supplies and that included inventories of major items (i.e., commercial, tactical vehicles and Army Aircraft). At that time, women were not doing this so I came under a lot of examination by higher level Army and Navy officers concerning my performance. I received many awards including the Secretary of the Army's award for outstanding performance.

On a Sunday afternoon I received a call from the Pentagon, requesting that I go to Vietnam, because they were having a lot of problems with a contractor who was not meeting the requirements of the contract. There were three people in the Personnel records who had the experience and expertise in this area. Supplies were not getting out to the soldiers in the field, and there were a lot of complaints from the Commanders. At first, I said, "Is this a joke?" and I was assured this was serious government business. I told the caller that I did not think I would take this job, but he insisted that I give it some thought. My husband, a 25 year Navy guy, asked who had called. When I told him, he said "that is the dumbest thing I ever heard of." I reminded him of his service around the world, while I in essence was taking care of home and children. The next day I called the person from the Pentagon, and accepted the assignment.

I got to Vietnam on a plane with 109 men and me. I landed at Tonsonute Air Base in Vietnam at 3:00 AM and called my contact, a Colonel who was very upset and did not know if I was a man or woman since my orders always spelled my name as Francis F. Williams, which suggested I would be a man. The

spelling "Frances" is for a woman. I reported to duty at Long Binh Vietnam, assigned to a group of five men and me and started our work. This was in November of 1967. Three weeks later the TET Offensive broke out with the North Vietnam Army attacking the South. I was waiting for my bus to go to Long Binh from Saigon, and while waiting I heard shots being fired at me from a Catholic Church by two North Vietnam solders. An Officer ran out of the BOQ, grabbed my hand and we went into the building. I told my rescuer that they must have known I was Jewish.

I traveled to Long Binh, 25 kilometers away from Saigon, and on that base was the 24th Evacuation Hospital. Being bored after working about 10 hours a day, I went to the hospital where the wounded were being brought in from the field. I asked if I could do something and they gave me an assignment as a letter writer and a gofer. One day, someone brought cookies into the ward I was working on, and the soldiers just loved them. I wrote to the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood and asked if they could send cookies to me for distribution to the wounded soldiers. They responded immediately, and there was even a story about this in the Sun News (This story with pictures of Sisterhood making the cookies appeared in the Sun News and at the Exhibit at the Library in Las Cruces) The first cookies arrived but had not been packaged well and they were crumbled. After I reported this to the Sisterhood they were wrapped separately and were great. Almost every week, I got packages from the Sisterhood with the cookies, and as I distributed them, these wounded soldiers were so grateful for the gift and I always told them where they came from and some stories about the Sisterhood. I became known as the Cookie Lady, and even though the patients were transferred to Japan for stabilization of their wounds the new patients were always so grateful for this gift. Yes, this was a Mitzvah of the Sisterhood. One that has never been told before, except when it was shown at the Branigan Library (the old one) and the picture of those making the cookies. There are so many stories to tell about the Sisterhood from past years, and as I come across them in my papers which I am donating to the Rio Grande Collection at the NMSU Library, I will keep you posted. G-d bless you my Jewish Sisters.

Frances



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CHAI NOTES CHOIR FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

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

For more information, contact Linda Sweenie (Lmsweenie@aol.com)



Tai Chi

**Tuesday
mornings at 10:00**

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



Spice up Shabbat at Temple Beth-El

**First Fiesta Fridays
September 5th**

5:45pm Kosher-Style Taco Bar

*Thank you to this month's Dinner Sponsors
Eric and Donna Popky*

6:30pm Musical Worship





Dear Lovely Ladies of Labor and Leisure,

It was a joy to see so many of you at our annual Membership Brunch. See a few photos below!

In spite of a few hiccups regarding serving, everyone enjoyed the day with good food and friendly conversation. Thanks for coming and joining your Sisterhood. If you have not paid your \$36 dues, please send a check to Lynn Zeemont at 1236 Regency Court, Las Cruces 88007. Lynn Zeemont, you are an absolute GEM for organizing the brunch and we wouldn't know what to do without you!

Sisterhood and Temple Beth-El extends a loving and warm thank you to Michele Blum, who has stepped down from the Council and managing the Gift Shop. Michele has been a vital component of Sisterhood leadership for at least 12 years and taken loving care of the Gift Shop with its beautiful items for you to purchase. Please note the new location in the far end of the Social Hall, and feel free to contact Lenore Hindin if there is anything you are looking for and don't find for now.

Our second iteration of the successful Winter Hot Soups and Cool Books took place on August 17, with a Summer version known as Hot Books and Cool Salads. We had about 15 in attendance, and a variety of salads to tempt your taste buds. After lunch and conversation, we each gave a short description of our book to trade and everyone selected a book to take home. See a few photos around here somewhere!! Thanks again to Lenore Hindin for the wonderful activity suggestion and to Stefani Singer for helping to organize and set up/clean up.

The Gift Shop Blowout Sale resulted in about \$436 in sales and Lenore now has a good baseline of funds to order new and beautiful Judaica for you! Thanks to those of you who stopped by and purchased.

With the High Holidays quickly approaching, much is to be done to prepare. If you have not volunteered to bring a dish to share at the Break Fast, please contact Lynn Zeemont by phone or text 914.391.0903. Lynn has a long list and a few items still to be spoken for. Look for your order forms for Holiday Challot and to include your personal New Year Message in the Rosh Hashanah booklet!

Finally, your Council is in process of preparing a Survey, to be completed and returned anonymously, so we can get some much needed feedback regarding what you enjoy, dislike or look for in your Sisterhood. Keep an eye out and please send it in... completely anonymous. Please consider donating to your Sisterhood when honoring or remembering a friend or loved one.

The Council (me specifically... Stefani) would like to thank Paula Simonson for attending Council meetings and volunteering to help out when she can. Paula, you are a dynamo! Loads of energy and enthusiasm, and we love having you a part of the Council. Keep coming.

If you have not joined Sisterhood and have just been putting it off, please make one of your new year promises to get that done. We have a lot to do and it's all hands on deck sometimes. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 11 at 5:30.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Your Council!





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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and its programming and updates
on current Temple events**

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(It is open for all to see!)

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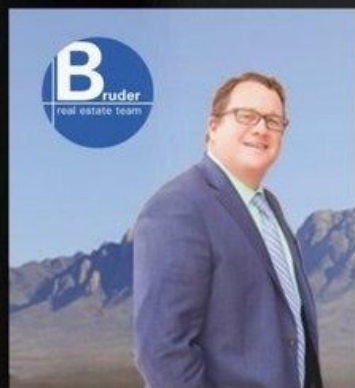


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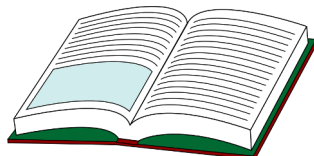
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**Honor the memory of
loved ones with a memorial
plaque and mark
celebrations and mile-
stones (and also the
memory of
friends and
family) by
adding leaves to
our Tree of Life.**



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!



SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tai Chi 10:00 am	3	4	5 First Fiesta Friday: 5:45 pm Taco Bar 6:30 pm Musical Worship	6 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
7 Religious School 10:00 am-12:00 pm Adult Biblical Hebrew 2:00 pm	8	9 Tai Chi 10:00 am	10 Youth Hebrew Class 4:45-6:00 pm	11	12 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	13 Talmud Study 9:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Selichot (Havdalah & Healing service) 6:30 pm
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28 Reverse Tashlich (river cleanup) 10:00 am Kever Avot @masonic Cemetery 10:30 am	29	30 Tai Chi 10:00 am				

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