

Dear Prospective Member,

We are delighted that you have an interest in joining our Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces (TBECL) community. You've probably heard something about us already, but here's some information that might be new to you.

### **Temple Beth-El Mission Statement**

- Temple Beth-El is dedicated to creating and maintaining an intimate and involved Jewish community.
- We strive to be a place where spiritual growth, tradition and ritual provide meaning and comfort to every person who comes through our doors.
- Temple Beth-El encourages its members to learn, celebrate, serve, and grow together, so that each person will have the fullest opportunity to share the beauty of Jewish expression.

TBECL is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) which is the national organization for Reform Judaism. However, our members bring many different spiritual experiences with them, each adding to the richness of our services and programs.

**Eligible applicants** must be of the Jewish faith and age 18 or older. A Jewish person is defined as one who has at least one Jewish parent or who has officially converted to Judaism. The family is the unit of membership. A family can be a single Jewish person age 18 or older with or without dependents; a couple of at least one Jewish partner with or without dependents. We welcome interfaith families.

### **Programs**

There is always something happening at TBECL. We would like to be your center for Judaism. We offer in-person Shabbat and holiday worship, with ZOOM and FaceBook Live options for those who wish to attend virtually. We also offer:

- Talmud and Torah study
- An active religious school o Bar and Bat Mitzvah training o Confirmation classes
- Jewish Short Story Reading Group meets regularly and discusses short stories.
- Our Sisterhood invites TBE members to participate in women's study and social events and sponsors a gift shop of Judaica items.
- The Mensch Club offers a breakfast and lecture series that covers the gamut of topics of local, national and international interest.
- The Mitzvah group also offers members assistance when they have personal needs.
- Other special events include a yearly Auction, Book Sales, art and Israeli fairs, and other community and fundraising events.

**Questions and Membership** As TBELC's Membership Chair, I am always available to answer questions and assist you. To apply for membership, please click on our Application for Membership, complete it and return it to me. We look forward to having you join us as part of our special Temple Beth El, Las Cruces community.

Todah Rabah,

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