

“I looked after you in the desert...” Hosea 13:5

## ¡Adelante! Temple Beth-El Newsletter

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Temple Beth-El

### Without you we are one woman short!

Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood needs you. Sisterhood needs your ideas. Sisterhood needs your involvement. Sisterhood needs your support

Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood is an organization of women of all ages who come together in friendship to serve the congregation. As a member of Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood you will have the opportunity to participate in programs designed to benefit the Temple and the community. You will have opportunity to study and learn. Guaranteed you will meet other wonderful, interesting, involved women. Of course, you can just have fun by attending the many social activities Sisterhood offers over the course of the year. Joining Sisterhood is a great way to show your support for the work that we do and to become connected.

Our membership dues along with funds raised through our various programs and activities, as well as the addition to some very generous donations from our Temple members goes to support Sisterhood's service to the community. If you've enjoyed an Oneg Shabbat or noshed at a Temple event then likely Sisterhood had something to do with it. Sisterhood also supports the Temple in many ways, including the very important religious school and the training wheels programs. In addition we are proud to send a yearly donation to a home for orphan youth in Israel - Beit She'an.

If you are already a member of Sisterhood, consider this a reminder that dues are \$30.00 per year. This amount covers national and regional WRJ dues, leaving TBE Sisterhood \$13 per member to support community programs. The more members, the more we are able contribute our talents, and energy to the well being of the TBE community. So, please join us today! If you are a new member of Temple Beth-El you receive a one year free membership in Sisterhood. If you are not a sisterhood member then please come on out to meet us and get to know what we do to benefit the Temple Beth-El Congregation.

Please send or deliver your dues or donation to either Susan Michaelson, Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Treasurer or to Stefani Singer, Temple Office Administrator

Thanking you in advance for your support!  
Roni Spetalnick, Vice President of Sisterhood

#### **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.*

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## Message from Rabbi Citrin:

Dear Friends:

Temple Beth-El does a pretty adequate job in creating a vibrant congregational life. We have a cozy, student-affirming religious school blessed with devoted, talented teachers. We offer a rich variety of adult education courses through the Jewish Academy. In this area, we truly are the envy of larger congregations who do not provide such an expansive program. TBE also has a moderate amount of volunteers to keep our community functioning. Sisterhood and Mensch Club play a crucial role in this regard. We are proud of our teen programs—BETY and Machon post—bnai mitzvah study program.

Even with the foregoing inventory of which we may be proud, it is useful to ask ourselves: is what we do enough? Can we do better? What are we not doing that we ought to do to enrich our communal life?

Asking such questions can lead to a renewal and revitalization of our synagogue. Rather than simply functioning, doing some visioning, thinking about our future and planning to shape it are steps toward institutional health and vibrancy.

This year, we will begin a future planning process at TBE under the chairmanship of Jay Spetalnick. There will be a committee to organize and guide this effort. Future planning bears fruit when we honestly and thoroughly evaluate our synagogue as it is. It also brings powerful self-renewal when as many members as possible participate in the areas of evaluation and visioning the future. Every voice must be heard, and each congregant needs to be in this partnership for renewal. When the committee contacts you for your input, please do all you can to join the discussion.

The blessing of a congregation of our relatively small size is that we can become a caring community of learners, celebrants and activists. The alternative is to remain a loose association of people who only seek a few limited aspects of synagogue life. We have an opportunity before us to grow personally as Jews and to build our community. I look forward to joining with you in the process of becoming a self-renewing congregation of bold vision and innovative planning.

Shalom,

Rabbi Paul J Citrin

## President's Message: State of the Temple

This month we will be reporting on the "State of Temple Beth-El" and areas where we anticipate still needing help. Bear in mind that this is being written in early October after only three full months of the new fiscal year (July 2009-June 2010) so this is only a snapshot in time.

Budget Deficit: You may recall our anticipated budget deficit as announced in the May congregational meeting was \$59,000. Through the efforts of committee budget tightening, deficit relief fund income, new members, old non-paying members paying their dues and a few of you willing to increase your dues we anticipate that we are now at about a \$32,000 deficit. The Ways and Means committee has a target of \$30,000 in fundraising (more on that topic shortly) so we could in fact be about budget neutral in the current fiscal year. We appreciate everyone's continued efforts on this front and while this is good news remember that this is only three months into the new fiscal year, at this writing we've held none of the fund-raisers and even if we have the good fortune to end up budget neutral in 2009-2010 we will encounter a similar problem next year. This problem only gets resolved through your hard work and new membership.

Dues Paid: We are slightly ahead of where we were a year ago. We've collected 37% of dues owed or \$67,000 through October 1<sup>st</sup> (we were at 33% this time last year). Of our approximately 163 member families, 11 have not responded to dues requests at all thus far.

Ways and Means: The W&M Committee has a number of very creative fund-raising events scheduled for this fiscal year including the October dinner, a number of art-related events and a golf outing next spring. The list is nearly final and will be communicated to the congregation when it's ready but as previously mentioned, their target is to raise at least \$30,000.

Membership: We recently reported and paid dues on 163 member families to the Union of Reform Judaism at the end of June. Our membership will be reduced by about five families which represents people that have moved, indicated they no longer wish to affiliate with TBE or have paid no dues for at least 12 months and would not respond to multiple attempts to discuss the topic. This count includes 18 new members from fiscal year 2008-2009 and is offset by eight new members thus far in the current fiscal year. The net of this is that by the time you read this we will be approximately 165 members.

Religious School: We have 22 students enrolled in the current year, down from 25 last year.

### Academy:

Academic Classes, Four 6-week periods

Talmud study, Saturday mornings

Workshops, monthly

Yoga, on-going weekly

Meditation, on-going weekly

Journeys, three tri-msters

Breakfast Discussion Group, speakers, on-going

Torah Class, on-going weekly

Anyone interested in teaching should contact Harvey Hilbert.

## *Religious School News*

With the advent of November, we have completed our extensive holiday celebrations of *Succot* and *Simchat Torah*. We get to experience a lot of singing and dancing for both holidays. Many students were able to have class in the succah and to eat within the dwelling. Rabbi Citrin led the students in the traditional prayers with the *lulav* and *etrog*. The first blessing commands us *lay-shev ba-succah* (to dwell in the succah) and the other commands us to take the *lulav* (*al netilat lulav*). Then many students were able to hold the *etrog* (citron) and *lulav* (palm branches). They waved them in the six directions (east, south west, north, upwards and downwards) with the *hadas* (myrtle branch) and *arava* (willow branch). We want to thank the Mensch club volunteers for setting up our succah or temporary dwelling. On *Simchat Torah* we danced with flags and students were able to view the torah scroll. For November we now are settling down for our regular curriculum activities in the classroom.

We had a very exciting Family Education Day in September with many activities for our students, including *shofar* blowing and cooking activities. Stefani Singer led us in singing the special High Holy versions of our traditional songs. With all the excitement in October, we decided to postpone our next Family Education Day until November 8.

As always, you may contact me by phone or email with any comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding our religious school.

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## *President's Message* (continued from p. 2)

**Rabbi:** We will have an internationally noteworthy scholar in residence in Professor David Ruderman on the weekend of Feb 12-13. He is the Director of the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Social Action:** During the next year we anticipate continuing to focus on the major national issues of health care, the environment, energy and immigration. There is also interest in a more visible and active support of Israel. At the state level we will be active in the domestic partnership issue. We shall try to organize forums to inform the congregation on these issues and will develop Actions where appropriate. We will pursue green activities at the Temple.

Our orientation is the application of Jewish values to social issues.

### **Where we need your help**

We still need a lot of help on the following fronts:

✦ For those of you that paid only partial dues in the past we need you to pay in full or speak to the dues committee about a dues abatement. This constitutes over 30% of our membership. The reason for this request beyond the obvious (we need the money) is that we build our budget based on dues pledges we send out. If they are not correct we need your help in correcting them.

Our various committees need your help. Do you have a few hours a month to give? Contact the committee chairs for more information.

Finally, I would like to propose a periodic column called "Ask the President". If you have a question you think the congregation would like to hear answered either email me at [Steinborn@aol.com](mailto:Steinborn@aol.com) or write a letter to "President" in care of TBE if you wish to remain anonymous. If there is sufficient interest in coming months we will move forward on this idea.

In mid-November Temple Beth-El expects the arrival of 125 new chairs for our sanctuary. The Temple Beth-El Board wishes to thank the following people for this generous donation to our Temple:

- Frances Williams
- Dell Zuckerman
- Clark Williams (Frances' grandson)
- All the "Chair fund" donors from Frances' Bat Mitzvah

Thank you,

Mark Steinborn and the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees

## *Sisterhood Notes*

Fall has been a busy time for Sisterhood. Thanks to Dee Cook, Ann Berkson, Paula Kramer, and Debbie Levy for the lovely Yom Kippur break fast. Our next event is fast approaching. On Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 P.M. TBE Sisterhood and Hadassah will have a joint meeting. We are coming together for a tour of Israel courtesy of Geri Munchnikoff, and Susan Michaelson of Sisterhood and Diane Bass of Hadassah. They will be sharing first hand their experiences from the recent TBE trip to Israel. Future activities include a Chanukah party, Book Fair, and Deli Dinner.

Please don't let these events pass you by! It is fun and rewarding to be an active part of Sisterhood. Contact me, Stefani in the office or any other Sisterhood member to become involved.

Thank you!

Terri Sugarman

TBE Sisterhood President



## A Message from the Outgoing *Adelante* Editor

It has been about six years since David Steinborn approached Andrea Orzoff and me and asked us whether we might be interested in taking on the project of editing the Temple newsletter (he is capable of being very persuasive). It was an immensely complicated, but rewarding, project that awaited us: the invention of a computer template, learning a new desktop publishing platform, and finding editorial material to publish every month.

Within two years, as Andrea's schedule got more complicated, the editing job became a solo project and reliably ate up many of my hours in a life overstretched by parenting a young child and fulltime work. Still, I enjoyed keeping in touch with everything that was going on in the Temple, and feeling as though my participation made a difference. I would particularly like to thank those who made editing the *Adelante* so enjoyable: my copy editors Rabbi Jerry Kane, Jim Rosenthal, and Stefani Singer—who deserves extra kudos for sending me so much copy every month, in ready-to-go condition. I'd like to thank all the congregants who have sent me their writings for inclusion in the Temple newsletter over the years. A special thanks to Paul Feil, who as Temple president was always incredibly gracious with his recognition of the time it takes to edit the newsletter and the fact that it is, in fact, a volunteer effort.

I hear pretty often these days that “no one reads the newsletter anyway—” and if that's the case, and we transition to some kind of online calendar format, I feel privileged to have continued to produce a quality product right up until we switched over. Good luck to the purveyors of the “next generation” of Temple informational updates: may your job be just as rewarding as mine was, and may you be thanked for your efforts as often as I was.

Best wishes,

Jamie Bronstein

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## November Yahrzeits

### Read on November 6 Cheshvan 14—20

- \*Evelyn Benowitz, mother of Simy Allan
- Sylvia Hackman Lazar, cousin of Tana Hemingway
- \*Freda Schoenbrun
- \*Erwin Willman, father of Elliott Willman
- George Bissonette, brother of Lynn Berkeley
- \*David Edelstein, father of Dee Cook
- Kenneth Williamson, brother of Barbara Mandel
- Anna Jacobs, mother-in-law of Win Jacobs
- \*Fanny Levy, mother of Bea Klein
- \*Isadore Rosenfeld, great uncle of Ann Hansen

### Read on November 13 Cheshvan 21—27

- \*Elsa Galatzan
- \*Herschel Schreier
- \*Ausvel L Williams, husband of Frances Williams
- Sheldon J Harris, cousin of Cyrille Kane
- Gustave Heart, grandfather of Nancy Bergman
- Erwin Michelson, father of Susan Michelson
- \*Israel Isaac Taslitt, father of Nina Rothman
- \*Esther Kloss
- \*Sanford M Siegel, husband of Barbara Siegel
- Doris Lovick, cousin of Michael Lieberman
- Dov Zameret, father of Erich Zameret
- \*Hunter Lewis
- \*Yetta Lipschutz, sister of Abe Pomerantz
- Howard Winton, father of Bonny Winton
- \*Allen M Brooks
- Sol Lieberman, father of Bernie Lieberman

### Read on November 20 Cheshvan 28—Kislev 4

- \*Isadore Blumkin
- \*Phillip Bond
- Louis Goldin, grandfather of Robin Cohen
- \*Adele Kimmel, relative of Murray Bruder
- Katherine Ries, mother of Miriam Ries
- \*Esther Rosenfeld, great grandmother of Ann Hansen
- Nathan Zucker, father of David Zucker
- \*Mac Singer, father of Judd Singer
- \*Leroy Bibo
- George Brankman, father of Sally Alkon
- \*Rebecca Wechter
- Ruth L Evans, grandmother of Dia Taylor
- Isaac Geisinger, father of Ruth Ann Sugarman

In order to ensure that the name of your loved one will be recited at a Friday night Shabbat service, we have instituted the following practices:

- The Hebrew dates for each week's yartseyt are listed in each Newsletter.
- Hebrew vs. conventional calendar: The temple's tradition is to base the yartseyt list on the Hebrew calendar. Those who wish to have a name read on a Friday night close to the non-Hebrew calendar date are asked to please email or call Stefani Singer a few days prior to the service.

Asterisks at left 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 Stefani Singer at the Temple.

### Read on November 27 Kislev 5—11

- \*Herschel Zohn
- \*Victor Hartman
- Oscar Leeser, father of Helen Raphael
- Benjamin and Bertha Shane, uncle and aunt of Nancy Bergman
- Leo Bienstock, father of Gerie Muchnikoff
- Sam Greenberg, uncle of Cyrille Kane





## *Hadassah Happenings*

Thanks to all who braved a weather alert and attended the last meeting where we saw some of the impact of Hadassah on people's lives. Our next meeting will be a joint one with Sisterhood at the Temple on Sunday, November 15 in the afternoon. Geri Muchnikoff will share some of the many photo's she took while on the trip we took with Rabbi to Israel in May. Susan Michelson and I took many notes so we could share some of the information and experiences we had Hadassah is a big supporter of Israel and a pass-through for JNF funds which build some of the infrastructure of Israel. The two Hadassah hospitals and Hadassah College in Jerusalem make Hadassah one of the larger employers in the city. Through so many people's efforts, Israel is the only country to end the 20th century with more trees than it started.

Hadassah is also having an important Stimulus Package for membership. The stimulus just recently announced is a cost rollback to \$25, \$250, and \$200 for annual membership, life membership and Associate (male members) enrollment respectively. The stimulus ends on December 31, 2009 and all payments must be received NO LATER the December 31, 2009 at national. On new life and upgrade to life payment must be made in full. To become a new annual member the dues are \$25 a year. All annual members can now prepay three years in advance even though your dues are current. If you are a current member and are current on your dues and would like to upgrade to life, your payment would be \$214.00 (\$250 less your annual payment of \$36). Associate enrollment is \$200. The money from the men's dues goes into research in men's health issues and as an associate you receive the great Hadassah Magazine. This is a great time to gift to your self, your wife, daughter, husband or son or other loved ones a membership. I just made my daughter and her two daughters life members but paid the regular price. As of January 1, 2010 all prices revert back to \$36 for annual membership, \$360 for life membership and \$300 for Associate enrollment. For more membership information contact me or Lisa Willman.

## The Break Fast Committee Thanks You!

We would like to thank everyone who donated food, products, money and time for our community Break Fast. We appreciate your participation in helping to make the occasion successful and hope you all enjoyed your meal.

Thank you to the following people: Jeanne Abkes, Sally Alkon, Simy Allan, Kathi Barit, Diane Bass, Barbara Berger, Nancy Bergman, Lynn Berkeley, Rebecca Berkson, Michelle Blum, Cherri Hudson Brown, Marieka Brown, Evelyn Bruder, Pearie Bruder, Barbara Chonoles, Susie Citrin, Emily Cohen, Robin Cohen, Karen Currier, Maggie Feil, Andrea Fisher, Amy Fiszbein, Susan Fitzgerald, Joan Glickler, Jane Grider, Ann Hansen, Tana Hemingway, Judy Hilbert, Win Jacobs, Judy Kirschner, Bea Klein, Susi Kolikant, James Kramer, Linda Kruger, Susan Lapid, Debbie Levy, Buzzie Lieberman, Judy Long, Michael & Barbara Mandel, Alison Mann, Frima Marquez, Corry Mc Kissack, Susan Michelson, Ron Mora, Gerie Muchnikoff, Eve Palanker, Brenda Parish, William Pass, Elissa Poel, Rita Polsky, Abe Pomerantz, Susan Quinn, David & Marcia Rabinovich, Martha Roditti, Marianne Panzini-Rosenthal, Betty Rosse, Christi Rubin, Nancy Rushforth, Laurie Savitt, Joan Silar, Stefani Singer, Roni Spetalnik, Sharon Steinborn, Rachel Stevens, Ruth Ann Sugarman, Terry Sugarman, Dia Taylor, Diane Weeks, Frances Williams, Lisa Willman, Chris & Bob Wohl, Erich Zameret, Leora Zeitlin, Dell Zuckerman.

Ann Berkson, Dee Cook, Paula Kramer, Break Fast Committee.



## Member Q&A: Frances F. Williams

### 1. Where did you live and what did you do before moving to Las Cruces?

I lived in Gulfport, Mississippi before coming to New Mexico. I am however, originally from Brooklyn, New York. My formative years were spent in the Israel Orphan Asylum located on the East Side of New York City. I worked for the Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi and then transferred to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico after my husband's assignment there. He was in the U. S. Navy. In Mississippi, I also got involved in the Civil Rights Movement.

When my husband told me he was going to be stationed at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and I asked him where it was, he said it was near Las Cruces. I looked on the map and couldn't find Las Cruces, New Mexico, but did find El Paso, Texas. Coming into Las Cruces in 1952, there was a big billboard which said "Welcome to Las Cruces, New Mexico the home of 18,000 friendly folks and a few old soreheads." My husband had purchased one of the first Dale Bellamah homes built in Las Cruces which was part of the Bellamah subdivision. The streets were not paved and in front of my house was a large sand dune. I cried and asked him "What have you brought me to?"

The changes to Las Cruces have been phenomenal since 1952, with increases in population, increases at the University, NASA coming to this area, large housing developments going up, Main Street becoming the Downtown Mall, and soon to revert back to Main Street again, the expansion of the city and the expansion of many City and County Services, new office buildings going up, all things that go along with the increase in growth and population of a city.

### 2. What has your life been like here and what changes have you observed?

I like to work, and have a great business which keeps me traveling throughout the United States and overseas. I love my work as a Civil Rights Officer Mediator, Trainor and Investigator, handling only Employment discrimination issues. So I work in an area which has been my passion most of my life. I retired from White Sands Missile Range in 1987, having held a series of positions, which I found very rewarding, as a Logistician (which took me to Vietnam in 1967-1968), Administrative Division Chief of the Instrumentation Directorate, and the last seventeen years of my career for the Army was as the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, where I had oversight of both the Civilian and Military Equal Opportunity Programs.

I have served on many Temple committees and hold the distinction in Temple Beth-El of having been the principal of the Sunday School (which I helped to found), President of the Sisterhood, and President of Temple Beth-El. I love my community and Temple, and the people who are here. I am also involved in New Mexico politics, and have had several appointments to various committees and commissions over the years since I have lived here. I have had a close relationship to most of the Governor's here since 1987, as well as the elected county and city officials. I ran for Mayor of Las Cruces in 2004 against four men, and didn't win. I have been a United Nations delegate to the International Women's Year conferences in Mexico City and Beijing, and was a proponent for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment for New Mexico, which passed in this state.

### 3. Tell us about your family.

My children are products of the Las Cruces Public School system and Temple Beth-El. They both graduated from Sunday School. My son was the first to become a Bar Mitzvah in Temple Beth-El and his Bar Mitzvah was held at the Branigan Library.



## Member Q&A (continued from p. 10)

My daughter was the third girl to become a Bat Mitzvah in Temple Beth-El. The first girl was Charna Teitelbaum (her father, Sam Teitelbaum was one of the founders of Temple Beth-El), and the second girl was Joyce Golding who had her Bat Mitzvah at the same time my son Melvin. It was a double ceremony, and then there was my daughter Cheryl who became a Bat Mitzvah, and also Cheryl was the first one to get married in Temple Beth-El. Her father, my husband Ausvel L. Williams, built the Chupa for their wedding, which was used many times after that. My daughter was an actress and singer, however, she is back in Mesa, Arizona and is a realtor. She and her husband Tom have four children and is now a grandmother (making me a great grandmother of seven. My son Melvin is the Regional Sales Manager for Boise Cascade in Phoenix, Arizona. He and his wife Kathy have three boys, two married and one to be married in May 2010. They have two grandchildren, making me a great grandmother of nine.) So you see life is good, and my kids are great and so are my grandkids, all doing very well with their lives.

What do you think about Las Cruces?

I love our community, both the City, County and State and our Temple members. We are a vibrant, diverse community, and I love it because we keep discovering and growing. I wish I had more time for Temple activities, but alas my work keeps me pretty busy and as I said I am always traveling and working.

*This is one in a series of ongoing profiles of temple members, who are invited to send their questionnaire responses to Jim Rosenthal at [jar529@gmail.com](mailto:jar529@gmail.com).*



## November Shabbat Schedule

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

5:45 P.M. Family Service  
6:30 P.M. Pot Luck Dairy Dinner

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M. Talmud Study  
10:15 A.M. Service  
Torah: Vayera Genesis 18:1—22:24  
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1—37

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 P.M. Service  
Rabbi Citrin will teach

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M. Talmud Study  
10:15 A.M. Service  
12:45 P.M. Social Action Program "Our Energy Future"  
Torah: Chayei Sarah Genesis 23:1—25:18  
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1—31

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

5:45 P.M. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>


9:00 A.M. Talmud Study  
10:15 A.M. Service  
Torah: Toldot Genesis 25:19—28:9  
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1—27

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 P.M. Service

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M. Talmud Study  
10:15 A.M. Service  
Torah: Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10—32:3  
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13—14:10



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### **Temple Relief Fund    Amount Raised to Date: \$7,462**

From Al and Sherry Woods  
 From Joan Glickler  
 From Bernie and Buzzie Lieberman

### **Library Fund**

From David and Lynn Zeemont, in memory of Jessie Schindler and Beth Lawrence  
 From Frances Williams, in memory of Sam and Rose Sommers

### **Capital Campaign Fund 2004**

From Sharon and Peter Dorfman, in honor of Sharon's mom, Ruth Brooks's 80th birthday on September 6, and in memory of Sharon's father, Allen M. Brooks  
 From Ann and Burt Berkson, good wishes for a healthy year to David Steinborn, Barney Sugarman, Bernie Lieberman and Sherry Woods  
 From Dee Cook, in memory of Nathan and David Edelstein-  
 From Dee Cook, wishing a speedy recovery to David Steinborn  
 From Dee Cook, in honor of Burt and Ann Berkson's 50 Anniversary...Mazel Tov!  
 From Debbie and Tom Levy, in memory of Theodore M Levy  
 From Gabriel Lampert, in memory of Anna Lampert and Reba Kirschner  
 From Leonard Pritikin, in memory of Geneva Pritikin, on her first yearzeit  
 From Irv and Nina Rothman, in memory of Gary David Liston  
 From Michael and Karen Currier, in honor of Burt and Ann Berkson's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 From Mel and Lila Kirschner, with congratulations to Ari Gupta on his Bar Mitzvah, to Jane Grider on her conversion to Judaism, and on the super job done at the Yom Kippur service by Stuart Kelter, Leora and Amalia Zeitlin and Lior Lapid

#### *From the Treasurer*

Donations are gratefully accepted for the following:

*General Operating Fund*  
 for the Temple's day-to-day operation

*Fund 2004*  
 for upkeep and mortgage on our new building

*Community Service Fund*  
 for various projects that benefit both our community and Las Cruces/Southern New Mexico

*Send a Kid to Israel Program (S.K.I.P. Fund)*  
 to send Temple youth to Israel

*Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund*  
 to provide a Jewish education for our children: earnings from this fund are used mainly to offset the cost of operating our Religious School

*Frances Williams Library Fund*  
 To provide books and infrastructure for the Temple library.

*Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*  
 Periodically, the temple may list other 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 for a project not listed here, please contact Treasurer Paul Feil.

### **Rabbi Discretionary Fund**

From Michael and Stacey Hyman and big brothers, Aaron and Derek for the birth and baby naming of Evan Jules Hyman  
 From Dee Cook, in appreciation of the cemetery service conducted at Yom Kippur  
 From Leonard Pritikin, IMO Geneva Pritikin, on her first yearzeit

### **BETY Youth Fund**

From Mark and Stefani Singer, in honor of Susi Kolikant, mazel tov on your conversion! You are an inspiration in so many ways.



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### General Fund

From Bea Klein, in honor of the 90th birthday of Abe Pomerantz, and the 50th anniversary of Ann and Burt Berkson: way to go!!

From Grace Hammesfahr, in honor of Nina and Irv Rothman

From Julius and Minerva Siegel, in honor of the High Holy Days

From Dee Cook, in honor of Gabriel Lampert, thank you for all the years of service given to Temple Beth-El

From James and Lauri Greis

From the Swartz family, in honor of Ezekiel, Carrie and Ari

From Henry and Lore Deutsch, in memory of Hilde and Martin Goldberg, Irma and

Leopold Deutsch, Fritz Deutsch and Renate Gill

From Selda Steckler, in honor of Bea Klein, who is a beautiful human being

From Estelle Berger, in memory of Sam Matlin

From Larry and Cindy Brooks

From Dee Cook, with thanks for the meaningful High Holy Days services

From Barbara Sheen Busby, for the High Holy Days

From Bea Klein, in memory of Arthur Winard

From Jacob and Susi Kolikant, to help with Shabbat Family Night clean-up

From Willie Pass, in memory of Charles Pass and in thanks for the honor of being called to the Bimah at the High Holy Days

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### Religious School Batkin Fund

From Selda Steckler, in honor of Susi Kolikant, mazel tov on your conversion

The congregation honors Gabriel Lampert for his many years of service and dedication to Temple Beth-El with a Leaf on our Tree of Life in the social hall. Gabriel's new contact information is available at the temple office and is included in the upcoming supplemental pages of the temple directory.

The congregation at Temple Beth-El warmly welcomes new members, Dr. Barry Fisher and Andrea Dresser Fisher, and Lucien Baltuch. We look forward to getting to know you and your families.

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## ***ONGOING EVENTS***

**TEMPLE BREAKFAST**—Weekly breakfast meetings and discussions of Jewish interest will be held at the Temple at 9AM on Wednesdays, with bagels and coffee provided.

**MENSCH CLUB**— “Discovering Judaism Through Film” is a year-round, once-monthly film series for all Temple Beth-El members and their guests sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Mensch Club. Films pertaining to a wide range of Jewish-related topics are shown on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Temple. The movies are free, but donations for sodas and snacks are welcome. Anyone with a film they wish to share with the community are encouraged to contact Phil Alkon, Mensch Club Film Chair, at 524-6945 or [palkon@aol.com](mailto:palkon@aol.com). Regular Mensch Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Temple. For additional Club information, please contact Ford Parkes-Perret, Mensch Club President, at 373-0334 or [Fordparkesperret@comcast.net](mailto:Fordparkesperret@comcast.net).

**TALMUD STUDY**—Talmud study meets every Saturday in the Social Hall before the new Saturday morning services. Prospective students are welcome and may contact Erich Zameret or Tana Hemingway for more information.

## **NOVEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 3: DISCOVERING JUDAISM THROUGH FILM** – The November Mensch Club movie is “I have Never Forgotten You“. It will be shown on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, at 7:30 PM in the Temple Beth-El Social Hall. Soft drinks and snacks will be available.

**I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life & Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal** (2006) PG-13. Oscar winner Nicole Kidman narrates this fascinating Tribeca Film Festival selection from documentarian Richard

Trank, the story of architect turned Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal. After losing nearly 90 family members in the Holocaust and surviving a German death camp, Wiesenthal volunteered to help the American War Crimes Unit track down war criminals on the lam and went on to find more than 1,000.

### **NOVEMBER 14: PANEL DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY—MEETING OUR ENERGY CHALLENGES: PANEL AND PUBLIC FORUM**

The Social Action Committee will host a panel discussion and public forum on “Meeting Our Energy Challenges” at Temple Beth-El on Saturday, November 14th. This event will follow our regular Shabbat service and lunch, and will take place in the Sanctuary beginning at 12:45 p.m. A panel of five experts will address the following questions: 1) What is the present energy crisis all about? 2) What are the economic implications of various energy alternatives? 3) What are the environmental tradeoffs of alternative energy futures? 4) What is the shape of new federal energy policy?, and 5) How can faith communities like Temple Beth-El help to meet our energy challenges? The panelists are: Phil Alkon (Temple Beth-El), Sister Joan Brown (New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light), Dara Parker (Aide to U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman), Prof. Jim Peach (Economist, NMSU), and Prof. Steve Loring (Energy resource specialist, NMSU). Following the panel presentations, the floor will open to public comments and questions. We hope that you will attend and participate, and that you will invite interested family and friends.

**NOVEMBER 15: HADASSAH MEETING**—The meeting will be held at the Temple at 3PM. Contact Diane Bass for details.

**NOVEMBER 17: MENSCH CLUB**—At 7:30 P.M.: Jay Sharpe, who spoke to a packed hall 2 years ago on Native Americans of the Southwest, will speak on the connection between the Reconquista in Spain (driving out the Moors, expelling Jews) and the settlement of the American Southwest (including the role of Crypto-Jews).

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