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Communal Energy

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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Part of what I love about living in South Florida is how often new people move into our community. Because Boca Raton is a relatively young city, the vast majority of people in our community used to live somewhere else. And because Temple Beth El is constantly welcoming new people to our congregation, I frequently get to play my favorite game:

Jewish Geography.

“Oh — you’re from Washington, DC? Me too! Where did you live? Really? I have good friends who live there. Do you know So-and-So?”

Soon, the web of intersecting connections is revealed and yet again we realize the truth that we Jews often are separated by no more than two or three degrees.

The universe was born with a burst of cosmic energy. And some of that energy pulled matter together and formed our world. And so everything



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in our world radiates some of that energy.

From the moment of our beginnings, that energy is passed into us. It is the spark that brings life into being. It is the catalyst that triggers us to grow, not simply in body, but in mind and in spirit.

Judaism is a system that teaches us to harness that energy, to channel it into holiness and goodness. Like a magnet, we are drawn to connect to others. We draw our vigor and our vitality from the bonds of relationship we form through love.

The human soul is a powerful transmitter. When we open our spirits up to one another in love, we transmit that vital and dynamic energy that animates life. The connections we nurture with family, friends, and loved ones create currents of power that light up the essence of our very being. Jewish law and tradition guide us to foster as much loving energy as we can generate, and to eradicate the forces that interrupt the flow.

The disruption the pandemic has caused to the flow of communal energy has taken its toll on all of us. Many of us have missed being together

for essential occasions — births of children, bar/bat mitzvah, graduation, weddings, illnesses and deaths. We miss the joy of “bumping into people”, spending time with grandchildren or grandparents, simply gathering with friends for a party or a meal — a simple handshake or embrace. And as good as technology is in trying to bridge the chasms between us, it cannot fully replace the energy our relationships naturally inspire.

Temple Beth El has always been a spiritual generator for our community. Our mission has always been to bring people together to congregate in holiness — to celebrate holy days and life cycle events, to learn and to serve, to support and to comfort.

And now, Temple Beth El will create new generators of communal energy in the form of our Beth El Circles. These initiatives will bring members of our congregation together to form intimate circles of community around shared interests, hobbies, and passions. Whether your passion be for art, cooking, film, or community service, Beth El Circles will bring you together in small groups to share your interests, your passion, and your energy. Got an idea for a Circle? Let us know — new Circles will be forming all the time. See pages 4-7 for more information.

In the core of our being is implanted a kernel of God’s holy energy. Judaism teaches that God’s presence is revealed when we share that energy in community. We truly find God when we truly find each other.

*Feeling disconnected
from your Temple family
during the global pandemic?
Or just want to make friends
in the Beth El community?
Join a Beth El Circle or Chavurah!*



TOP Liliana Abramson
RIGHT Marci Kessler
BOTTOM Mike Singer
OPPOSITE Small Group Engagement Leadership Team (left to right)
Gina Shugar, VP Membership and Engagement
Julie Guzy, Engagement and Programming Coordinator
Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming
Rachael Rand, Engagement and Programming Senior Associate

Connections & INTERSECTIONS

Where people and interests intersect

We took a moment to speak with Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming, and Gina Shugar, Vice President of Membership and Engagement on the Temple's Board of Trustees, to learn about Beth El Circles and the Chavurah program - two major initiatives to build connections and lasting friendships among members of the Temple Beth El community.

Q: During the pandemic, the Temple's online programming has been wonderful, but many of us are still feeling alone and out of touch with our Temple community. We'd like to meet people with similar interests or hobbies, even if it means getting together on Zoom. What can we do?

A: Join a Beth El Circle. A Beth El Circle is a group of members who connect by doing an activity that they enjoy together. The activity can be anything – from paddle boarding to cooking to listening to the Grateful Dead. The sky is the limit. We just launched Circles within the last

month and they have already taken off. Active Circles that you can join at this moment include Circle of Life, Art & Artisans, Movie Time, Trivia Games, Tech Grandparents, Kachol Lavan (This circle connects temple members who are from Israel. The name of the circle is translated literally as blue and white to symbolize the colors of the Israeli flag.), Canyon Connection, DIY Decorating, Photography, Cooks' Corner, Runners and Cycling. Nothing look good? Don't worry you can start your own Circle!

Temple Beth El is serious about helping you connect, so we have a dedicated staff member waiting to help you get involved in a Circle. You will have help every step of the way.

To sign up call Julie Guzy at 561-314-2918 or email her at jguzy@tbeoca.org.

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BETH EL CIRCLE LEADERS

Art & Artisans

Judith Beiner
Richard Bluestein

Canyon Connection

Jessica Benedetto
Michelle Bonder-Trembley

Circle of Life

Liliana Abramson
Marci Kessler
Mike Singer

Cooks' Corner

Sonny Thal

Cycling

Michael Simon

DIY Decorating

Barry Friedman

Kachol Lavan*

Kira Melamed-Vainberg

LGBTQ+

Laura Geisenheimer
Steven Lazarus

Movie Time

Nancy Sinrod

Photography

Richard Bluestein
Naomi Gersh

Runners

Mark Platt
Federico Rochwerger

Tech Grandparents

Sonny Thal

Trivia Games

Chuck Distler
Linda Holtz
Gary Shiff

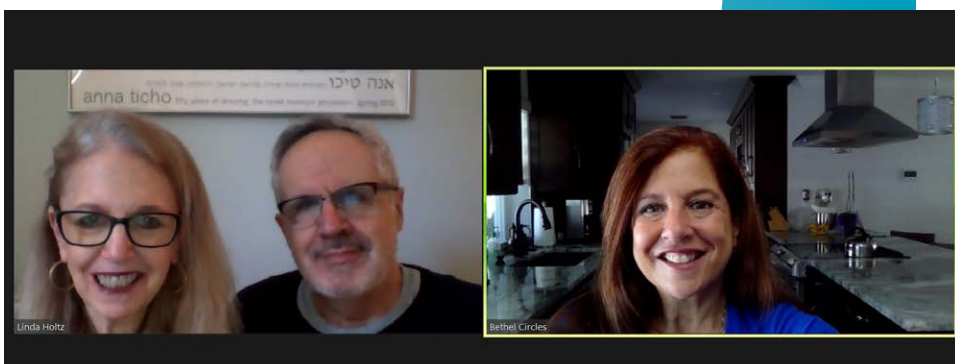
Walking

Barbara Margolin

*This circle connects temple members who are from Israel. The name of the circle is translated literally as blue and white to symbolize the colors of the Israeli flag.

TRIVIA NIGHT?

Linda Holtz and Chuck Distler's son Gabe is living and working in Boston, and they are all feeling the isolation from the pandemic. When Gabe told his parents that he and his friends play Trivia on Zoom, Linda and Chuck brought the idea to the temple. The timing was perfect to create a Trivia Circle!



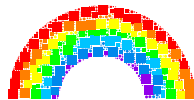
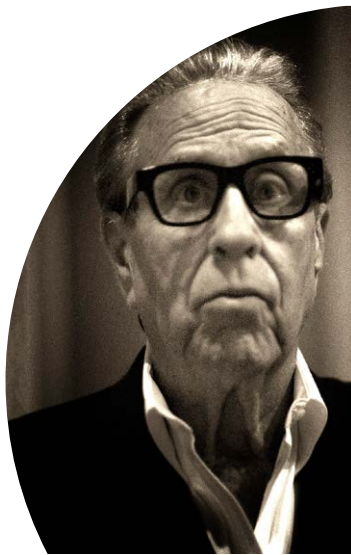
Planning the Trivia Games Circle with Julie Guzy



Some of our Shalom Chavurah families lighting Chanukah candles together

TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT
Richard Bluestein, Kira Melamed-Vainberg, Mark Platt

BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT
Naomi Gersh, Federico Rochwerger, Sonny Thal



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Q: What if I want to connect just with people who are my age or life stage?

A: Join a Chavurah. A Chavurah (Hebrew word for group of friends) is a group of members who gather regularly to hang out and socialize. It can be formed with families, couples or individuals. We offer New Member Chavurot (the plural of chavurah in Hebrew), where Temple staff place people into groups based on age and stage. Or, any member can start their own Chavurah and invite acquaintances to join. Our Temple Beth El community currently has 17 active Chavurot with over 300 members. Chavurot meet now by

Zoom or by doing outdoor activities at the members' discretion. Temple has a dedicated staff person to help with Chavurot: Rachael Rand can help you find your perfect fit. Call her at 561-391-8900 ext. 3178 or email her at rrand@tbeboca.org right now to put your name in for a Chavurah!

Q: Wow - sounds like a big commitment? What if I don't like it? Do I have to attend every meeting or promise to stay in a group for a certain amount of time?

A: No pressure, just try it! Join a group of your choice and see how it goes! No pressure to stay – you

can always try another group – or even start one – to get your perfect fit! Temple Beth El is committed to helping members connect – it furthers our mission of enhancing members' life, learning, community and spiritual growth through Judaism.

Q: Can I join more than one?

A: Absolutely! You can join as many as time permits. You may want to join Trivia Games and the Cooks Corner Circle. Or a DIY Decorating Circle and a Chavurah. Just let us know and we will help make it happen.



New and Returning Members

as of Dec. 9, 2020

For help getting involved, please contact Elinor Josephson,
Director of Engagement and Programming, at ejosephson@tbebo.ca.org or 561-314-2833.

Dr. George & Mrs. Grether Ackerman, and their children, Brooke, Joshua & Eli
Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Brooke Adelstein, and their child, Emma
Dr. Justin & Mrs. Stephanie Barack, and their children, Colton & Gianna
Dr. Saul Jay & Mrs. Jann Berman
Mr. Melvin & Mrs. Ellen Birnbaum
Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Suzanne Block
Mr. Michael & Mrs. Morgan Bove, and their child, Kyle
Mr. Andrew & Mrs. Jennifer Brown, and their children, Steven & Jacob
Mr. Brandon Bunker & Mrs. Lara Collazo, and their children, Adrian & Nicolas
Mr. Scott & Mrs. Brittney Burdt, and their child, Logan
Mrs. Sandra Busel
Ms. Nancy Chanan
Mrs. Shirley Chassen
Mr. David & Mrs. Rebecca Cohen, and their children, Ezra & Noah
Mr. William & Mrs. Lindsay Cole, and their child, Harper
Mr. Michael & Mrs. Jaclyn Corbiciero, and their child, Olivia
Mr. Jim & Mrs. Diane Duberstein
Drs. Mitchell & Gail Eisenberg
Mr. Scott & Mrs. Holli Feller, and their children, Sawyer & Sutton
Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Jordana Fileni, and their child, Isabella
Mr. Jeff & Mrs. Brooke Fina, and their children, Brandon & Jordana
Mrs. Eve Finley
Mr. Ed & Mrs. Abby Francolin, and their children, Jules & Luke
Mr. Jeff & Mrs. Traci Garfinkel, and their child, Bryson
Mr. Eric & Mrs. Stefanie Ginnis, and their children, Olivia, Jordyn & Brayden
Mr. Carl & Mrs. Lynn Gold
Mr. Joshua & Mrs. Paola Gold, and their child, Ari
Mr. Jason & Mrs. Amandah Goldsmith, and their child, Sean
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Bernice Gordon
Mr. Frank & Mrs. Allison Gozukizil, and their children, Zoey & Luke
Mr. Dustin & Mrs. Carrie Greenberg, and their children, Leo & Jaxon
Mr. Oren & Mrs. Alicia Gross, and their child, Jonah
Dr. Andrew & Dr. Heather Gupta, and their child, Avi
Mr. Martin Gutter & Mrs. Joan Baras
Mrs. Marzena Hamby, and their child, Jared
Mr. Lee & Mrs. Alexandra Hasson, and their children, Remy & Sadie
Mr. Corey Henig & Mrs. Maren Epstein, and their child, Ava
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Marla Hermanowski, and their children, Chaz & Cassidy

Mr. Steven & Mrs. Andee Holzman, and their children, Ellis & Hayes
Mr. Joshua & Mrs. Sara Hyman, and their children, Skylar & Aubrey
Mr. Neal Isanuk & Mrs. Allison Todres-Isanuk
Ms. Sharry Jacobson
Dr. Emery Jaffe, and their child, Rachael
Ms. Lynne Josephson
Mr. David Kaplan & Mrs. Melanie Freedman, and their children, Seth & Benjamin
Mr. Troy & Mrs. Dana Kaplan, and their child, Zachary
Mr. Ross & Mrs. Liza Kirsh, and their child, Max
Mr. Ian & Mrs. Camy Klein, and their children, Madison & Asher
Dr. Martin & Mrs. Joyce Kobak
Mr. Adam Kotkin & Mr. Stephane Mazade
Mr. Gerald & Mrs. Susan Kotkin
Ms. Ara Kourgantakis
Mr. Mark & Mrs. Irene Kra
Mr. Jerome & Mrs. Sondra Kransdorf
Mr. Alex Kudevitz & Mrs. Brittany Sheldon-Kudevitz
Mr. Hugo & Mrs. Elaine Kuntz
Mr. James & Mrs. Amy Kuntz, and their child, Alexandra
Mr. Sheldon & Mrs. Rita Kwiat
Ms. Brooke Berlin & Mr. Jerry Laurino, and their child, Franki
Ms. Audra Lazarus, and her children, Bianca & Grayson
Ms. Joan Leshnick
Mr. Joe & Mrs. Jeanine Levy
Mrs. Robin & Mr. Louis Litvin, and their children, Caleb & Halsey
Mr. Jonathan & Mrs. Alexis Lopez, and their children, Caleb & Halsey
Mr. Edward Lussi & Mrs. Lisa Cohen-Lussi, and their child, Logan
Mr. Adam Lusthaus & Mrs. Amy Lundy, and their children, Daryn, Alexandra & Jude
Dr. Moshe Machlev
Ms. Beth Marks
Mr. Shai & Mrs. Ane Mashiach, and their child, Dax
Ms. Taryn Matloff, and their child, Eli
Mr. Dan & Mrs. Maxine Mendelson
Dr. Seth Minsky & Mrs. Pamela Altman-Minsky, and their child, Jordan
Mr. Ryan & Mrs. Jennifer Oistacher, and their children, Jonah & Eliana
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Marlene Peiper, and their children, Kaitlyn & Julia
Mrs. Carolyn Pomeranz
Ms. Gail & Ms. Ronni Rattner
Mr. George & Mrs. Marilyn Rattner
Mr. Philip Revien & Ms. Samantha Klaus, and their children, Everett, Hunter & Lily
Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Jane Rich
Dr. Lawrence & Mrs. Marlene Rocks
Mr. Chris Rogers & Dr. Klarina Portnoy, and their child, Jacob
Mr. Gary & Mrs. Erica Romer, and their children, Brody & Lennox

Mr. Evan & Mrs. Hallie Rosenblatt, and their children, Eric & Zack
Mr. Ira & Ms. Diane Rubtchinsky
Mr. David Sacco & Dr. Tina Fabiano, and their child, Emerson
Mr. Joshua & Mrs. Samantha Saltz, and their child, Haeley
Mr. Gerald & Mrs. Linda Salzman
Mr. Brian & Mrs. Danielle Schachter
Ms. Natalie Semenovski
Mr. Brett Sheldon & Ms. Chelsea Schwartz
Mr. Rod & Mrs. Wendy Sheldon, and their child, Bryan
Dr. Roger & Mrs. Jaimie Shelling
Mr. Adam & Mrs. Joanna Siegel, and their child, Harrison
Mr. Andrew & Mrs. Nancy Siegel
Mr. Brandon & Mrs. Jennifer Silver, and their children, Emma & Dylan
Mr. Chad Silverman & Ms. Jaderlene Oliveira, and their children, Sean & Israel
Mr. Jay & Mrs. Heather Simon, and their child, Danielle
Mr. Ross Simon & Ms. Marissa Wollstein
Ms. Terri Sloane
Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Danielle Soffer, and their children, Skylar & Sammy
Mr. James & Mrs. Stephanie Sokolove
Mr. Michael Solomon & Ms. Mona Joffe
Dr. Robert & Mrs. Mimi Spitz
Mr. Adam & Mrs. Dara Squires, and their children, Blake & Parker
Mr. Norman & Mrs. Hilarie Stein
Ms. Andrea Stein
Mr. Jayson & Mrs. Julie Stern, and their child, Ella
Mr. Neil & Mrs. Jackie Sutton, and their children, Leigha & Logan
Mr. Alan & Mrs. Jill Swimmer, and their child, Noah
Mr. Armin & Mrs. Stefanie Taplinger
Mr. Richard & Mrs. Diane Templar
Mr. Antonino & Mrs. Diana Vento, and their children, Giulios & Romeo
Mr. Corey & Mrs. Shelley Warshaw
Mr. Monty & Mrs. Linda Warshaw
Ms. Sheila Weinstein
Dr. Richard & Mrs. Cheryl Weinstock, and their child, Allison
Mr. Jordan & Mrs. Vanessa Weiss, and their children, Konrad & Grayson
Dr. Elizabeth White
Mr. Scott & Mrs. Ryan Yaccarino, and their child, Kai
Mr. Joseph & Ms. Ilene Yashpeh
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Ellen Yerman
Mr. Mark & Mrs. Lisa Youngelson, and their children, Ryan & Alexa
Mr. Michael Yushuva & Mrs. Elina Kaziyeva, and their child, Elijah
Mr. Reid & Mrs. Camy Zachofsky, and their children, River & Zoe
Ms. Marlene Zinn
Mrs. Reni-zoe Zivin



New members stopped by to pick up their welcome gifts at our drive-through welcome event.

IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

**AND THAT
SOMEWHERE IS
TEMPLE BETH EL!**

**New Member
Virtual Happy Hour
Saturday, January 30, 5:00pm
OR
Sunday, January 31, 5:00pm
Register at
tbeboca.org/virtual**

New members are invited to join together virtually for cocktails and a “get to know you” happy hour with clergy, staff and lay leaders! Before the event, **pick up a “goody bag”** at the Schaefer Family Campus* on Monday, January 25 between 11am – 1pm, complete with an adult beverage you can enjoy during our virtual meet and greet.

This event is a true reflection of our richly diverse and welcoming Beth El community, open to all new and newly returned members. **RSVP by January 19** at tbeboca.org/virtual or contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement & Programming at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-314-2833. This wonderful experience is hosted by our Membership & Engagement Committee and generously underwritten by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

* 333 SW Fourth Avenue

Lonely or Hungry – It Feels the Same



BY
MARK SUNSHINE
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PRESIDENT
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Did you know that loneliness and hunger share the same part of the brain?

It's true.

According to *Medical News Today*, MIT researchers have learned that the same part of the brain lights up when you are lonely or hungry. The emotional pain felt from loneliness is the same as that felt by adults who suffer from chronic starvation.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many in our community have been living on a starvation diet of human interaction.

The pain is real, and the need for relationships and connections is authentic.

I meet lonely and vulnerable adults every day because of my work.

It tears my heart out when I see people who are physically alive but not really living life.

I believe that loneliness is a terminal illness

Beth El is doing its part to bring happiness to our congregants through the introduction of Beth El Circles – circles of friends who simply connect because of common interests.

that kills us a little bit every day. Fortunately, this is a reversible disease; it is never too late to cure your own loneliness or that of another.

The good news is when you help someone else, you help yourself as well. Everyone can make a telephone call to someone who is by themselves, get together in a park or other outdoor setting, or invite a friend to a Beth El virtual event.

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By participating in Beth El Circles, you will have fun, make meaningful and lasting friendships, and connect with others with similar hobbies.

Some of the Circles will be strictly social, sports-related, or consist of people who just like each other. There is no purpose to Beth El Circles other than for the participants to find and strengthen relationships through participation. What each of us does with this opportunity is up to us individually.

We already have several "Circles" that are active. We have wine clubs, poker groups, and book clubs. Beth El's social action groups make the world around us a little more just. We have groups of runners, walkers, and even crawlers (babies and parents who socialize together).

Most of what we are doing now is virtual. However, once COVID-19 isolation ends, I am confident Beth El Circles will convert to live and in person events and become a centerpiece in our congregation's social life – that is, for everyone who decides to participate.

Over the next few months you will receive additional information about Beth El Circles. You can join more than one Circle, or form a Circle yourself.

So, if you just want to have some fun, drink wine, play sports, compete at card games, or kibbitz with others, Beth El Circles is for you.

Temple members delivering food to fellow congregants in need during the pandemic.





This Financial Report Card is intended to provide a brief overview of the Temple's financial results for the 2019-2020 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2020. Financial transparency is very important to us. You are not only a member of Temple Beth El, you are an owner. As such, you deserve to know how your money is being spent. We hope this Report Card will give you the information you need to feel comfortable that your Temple is being managed prudently and remains on solid financial ground.

A WORD ABOUT THE PANDEMIC

As stated above, this Report Card only covers the prior fiscal year which concluded on June 30, 2020. The Temple shut its doors to in-person programs, worship and education on March 13, 2020. By that point in the fiscal year the majority of our revenues had already been earned, with the only significant exception being Early Learning Center (“ELC”) tuition. Consequently, the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Temple’s financial health was not reflected in last fiscal year’s final results.

The Temple did experience material revenue reductions in the final quarter of the fiscal year (April, May and June). But we also drastically cut spending in the same period so we finished the fiscal year in good shape.

The current fiscal year (2020-2021) is far more challenging because of Covid-19. But that is a topic for next year’s Financial Report Card, not this one.

In the meantime, you should take comfort in knowing that the Temple is taking all of the steps a well-run organization would take in uncertain times like these. Some examples of how we have responded to the current environment include:

- We cut operating costs dramatically.
- We decreased our staff headcount.
- We implemented across-the-board salary cuts for all staff at every level.

- We increased liquidity to ensure we have enough cash on hand to withstand a prolonged downturn.
- We refinanced our construction loan to take advantage of the historically low interest rate environment.
- We made investments in technology to improve our online production quality.
- We reassigned certain staff members to new jobs that did not exist before, but are now necessary to provide online experiences for learning, worship and life-cycle events.
- We made investments in commercial grade sanitization equipment and supplies to keep staff members, students and visitors as safe as reasonably possible.
- Perhaps most important of all, we are doing everything we possibly can to continue to provide access to the Temple through our Virtual Beth El platform via Livestream, Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube so our members can retain their connection to Beth El, even if they cannot be physically present in the building.

As a result of these measures and the generosity of our benefactors and supporters, the Temple is absolutely going to survive this ordeal.

A BALANCED BUDGET

We finished the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a balanced budget for the eighth year in a row. Revenues from operations actually exceeded operating expenses slightly which has been the case for the past several years. The excess funds from last year will be

transferred to an operating reserve which we anticipate needing to spend in the current fiscal year to help fill a material budget deficit this year caused by the fallout of the pandemic.

2019-20 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

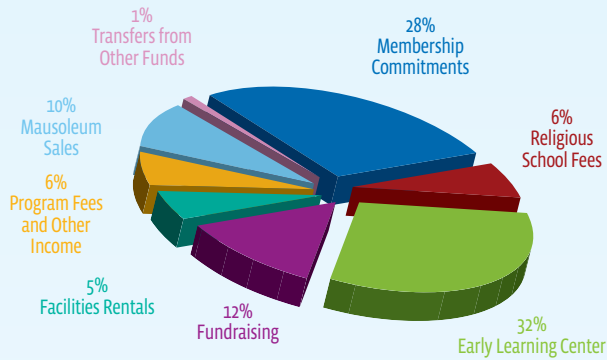
Membership Commitments	2,855,087	28%
Religious School Fees	598,853	6%
Early Learning Center	3,267,620	32%
Fundraising	1,210,036	12%
Facilities Rentals	489,702	5%
Program Fees & Other Income	591,994	6%
Mausoleum Sales	1,068,603	10%
Transfers from Other Funds	202,774	1%
Total Income	10,284,669	100%

EXPENSES

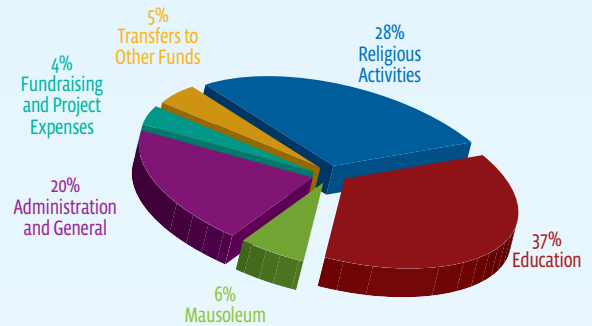
Religious Activities	2,926,605	28%
Education	3,787,916	37%
Mausoleum	626,869	6%
Administration and General	2,008,499	20%
Fundraising and Project Expenses	376,692	4%
Transfers to Other Funds	558,088	5%
Total Income	10,284,669	100%



REVENUE



EXPENSES



REVENUES

One area where Temple Beth El is different, in a good way, than other large Reform congregations is the percentage of overall operating revenues that come from Congregational Commitment (formerly known as “Membership Dues”). Our Congregational Commitment revenues make up 28% of total revenues, which is roughly half of the national average. In times like these when membership participation drops due to events beyond our control (like a severe economic recession or a global pandemic) it’s good to have diversified streams of revenue.

As you can see here, our largest source of revenue is actually the Early Learning Center. Last year (before we were forced to close in March because of Covid-19) we were able to continue to grow our ELC enrollment thanks to the six additional classrooms we added during the recent expansion of the Beck Family Campus.

Another unique source of revenue for the Temple is the Beth El Mausoleum. The only mausoleum in the United States built on temple grounds, the Beth El Mausoleum provides roughly 10% of our total operating revenue. The Mausoleum has proven itself to be not only an incredibly important part of our identity spiritually, but also an important source of financial stability that is more recession resistant than the voluntary contributions that most religious institutions rely on.

It is also worth mentioning here that fundraising donations are also a huge factor in our financial stability. We are blessed to have so many extraordinarily generous donors who answer the call when we need them most. We would certainly not be in the solid position we are without their support.

EXPENSES

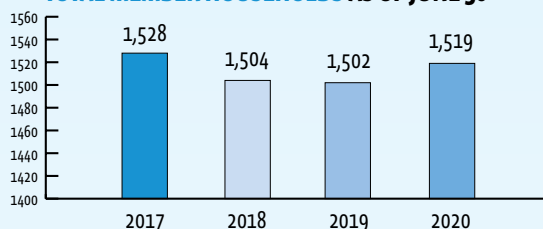
As a service organization, our largest expense is our people. Beginning in the month of April 2020, across the board salary cuts were put in place and they remain in place today. However, once we closed the books on the 2019-2020 fiscal year in October and it became clear that we did not finish last year as bad as we had initially predicted, the decision was made to make employees whole for that three-month period. As a result, in December 2020 all of the staff who still work at the Temple who were with us in April, May and June 2020 received a one-time payment to restore their pay to 100% up through June 30, 2020.

In April 2020 the Temple applied for, and was awarded, a \$992,000 Paycheck Protection Program Loan (“PPP Loan”) through the U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”). These SBA PPP Loans were part of the multi-trillion dollar Covid-19 relief package Congress passed in the Spring of 2020. This loan provided the Temple with sufficient cash on hand to sustain us during these uncertain times. We used all of the loan proceeds for salaries, which is consistent with the intent of the loan program. We recently applied to the SBA for loan forgiveness and are awaiting a determination on our application.

MEMBERSHIP

The Temple's overall membership in terms of number of households, has remained relatively flat for the past four years. We finished the fiscal year on June 30, 2020 with 1,519 member households, compared to 1,502 in 2019 and 1504 in 2018.

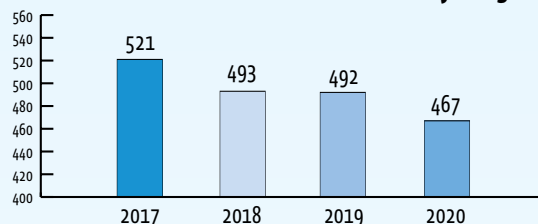
TOTAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS AS OF JUNE 30



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Religious School enrollment at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year stood at 467 students. For the past decade we have seen a consistent decline in year-over-year total student enrollment, most notably in the post bar/bat mitzvah age groups. Temple Beth El is working to reenvision Jewish education for our teenage students, to create a program that is relevant, challenging, and compelling.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30

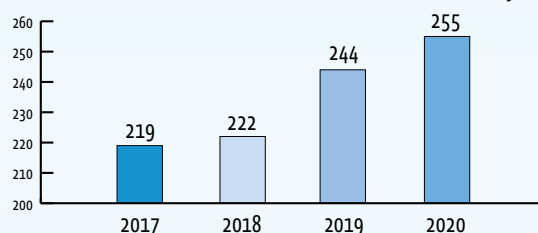


EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT

Early Learning Center ("ELC") enrollment at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year was 255 students, compared to 244 students at the same time in the prior year, representing a 4.5% increase year-over-year. The Beth El ELC has been growing steadily and consistently since it opened in 2009.

In March the ELC was closed due to Covid-19 and it remained closed throughout the summer. We were therefore unable to run our summer camp program this year. We did reopen the ELC in September 2020 but enrollment is down materially as many young families are choosing to keep their babies and toddlers at home this school year.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER ENROLLMENT AS OF JUNE 30





BETH EL MAUSOLEUM

The Beth El Mausoleum creates an eternal connection to the Temple for many of our members and for unaffiliated Jews in the broader local community. Gross sales revenue for the 2019-2020 fiscal year was \$1,074,777, compared to \$977,982 the year before. This represents a 10% increase year-over-year. We believe this increase was primarily due to the fact that the prior year's number was lower than the prior three years before it. In other words, the 2019-2020 results were more in line with what we would expect based on recent history whereas as the 2018-2019 results were lower than we would expect.

The good news is that the Beth El Mausoleum continues to perform well, even during a pandemic and an economic recession. The bad news is that it is doing so well that we are running out of inventory – especially inventory in desirable configurations

and locations. Most Mausoleum clients prefer a crypt that can accommodate two caskets (typically for a married couple) and they want to be able to touch the crypt front. If the crypt is too high up on the wall, it is beyond physical reach. We are nearly sold out of crypts that meet these two conditions.

Consequently, we have begun investigating the possibility of expanding the Beth El Mausoleum by building a new phase. Three phases have been built so far. This would be the fourth. It will take approximately one year to finalize the design and architectural plans for this new building, one year to obtain the permits and approvals from the City necessary to begin construction, and another year to actually construct the building. We are therefore at least three years away from completing this project.

FUNDRAISING AND CONSTRUCTION

In March of 2020 we completed construction activities at the Schaefer Family Campus. This marked the end of a multi-year project that included expansions and renovations at both campuses. Total project costs, not including financing costs, totaled approximately \$22 million. Because many of the large gifts we received for this campaign are paid out over an extended period of time, the Temple has a \$10.3 million loan in place with Wells Fargo Bank.

In the summer of 2020 we refinanced our loan with Wells Fargo with two main goals in mind: (a) take advantage of lower interest rates, and (b) lower our monthly payments to get us through the worst of the pandemic. We accomplished these goals. The loan interest rate was reduced to 3.75%, the maturity date was extended three additional years, and the first 12 months is now interest only, which helps reduce the monthly burden in the near term.

While we are pleased that we were able to restructure our debt to make it more manageable in the short term, the fact remains that we have \$10.3 million outstanding. Given the fixed interest

rate of 3.75%, that means we are paying \$386,000 this year in interest alone. Think about what we could do with \$386,000 this year if we were not spending it on loan interest. As soon as we get to the other side of this pandemic, we must remain focused on paying down this debt as quickly as possible.

Although we have funds and future commitments to pay for the two projects that we recently completed, there still remains about \$3.7 million of outstanding debt from the original construction of the Beck Family Campus in 2009. This figure is included in the \$10.3 million outstanding loan balance. We presently do not have the funds or future commitments to retire that portion of the debt.

As a result, we will continue the Fulfilling The Promise (FTP) campaign with a goal of raising approximately \$3.7 million of additional funds between now and the loan maturity date of August 2030. If we can do that, we will be completely debt free, including the original debt from the construction of the Beck Campus in 2009.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

We hope you find this financial report card informative. This is not intended to be a detailed financial statement, but rather a high level summary of our financial results from the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Financial transparency is very important to us. The Temple hires independent auditors from an outside accounting firm every year to audit our books and our financial controls. The results of the audit are presented to the Finance Committee and the Board

of Trustees. Undergoing a full third-party audit every year is both time consuming and costly. But we feel it is time and money well spent. We always want our members to feel comfortable that we are operating at the highest levels of financial integrity. Should any of our members want more information about the Temple's financial data, they are welcome to contact Cindy Chieffo (Chief Financial Officer) or Steve Kaufman (Executive Director) and we would be happy to answer your questions.

CONCLUSION

Thanks to the ongoing support of our members, the generosity of our benefactors, and the hard work of our incredible staff, Temple Beth El remains on solid financial footing despite the current challenges we are facing as a congregation and as a nation. We have pivoted to become a primarily virtual synagogue which has been a remarkable transition to witness. Most of the new technologies and platforms we are now using we were likely to have adopted in the coming years anyway. But the Covid-19 pandemic drastically accelerated their adoption out of necessity which is not always a bad thing. We are actually seeing greater participation now in some of our programs and services than we did pre-pandemic because people are able to participate without leaving the comfort of their homes. It is likely that in the future when we can reopen our doors, many of our events will be offered both in person and online so that people can choose which way they prefer to engage with the Temple.

We have also tried our best to be sensitive to the economic impact Covid-19 has had on our members' personal finances. For example, in the current fiscal year (2020-2021) we did not raise our membership rates for the first time that anyone can remem-

ber. We also dramatically lowered the cost of Religious School participation to only \$180, a fraction of what we would normally charge. At the Early Learning Center, we created an enrollment deferment option to allow returning families to have flexibility in deciding when they felt comfortable re-enrolling their children in our program at various points during the year. We have also maintained our long standing policy of never turning away an individual or family who want to be a part of our community but cannot afford to pay the full Congregational Commitment rates. All of these steps have been implemented with the overarching goal of keeping as many members as possible connected in a year where we need everyone's support more than ever.

Sadly there will probably be some synagogues that will not make it through to the other side of this pandemic. Temple Beth El will not be one of those organizations. While these are hard times for everyone to be sure, we will be okay. We are not going anywhere. And we cannot wait for the day when we can open the doors to our Welcome Center and wish everyone a Shabbat Shalom.

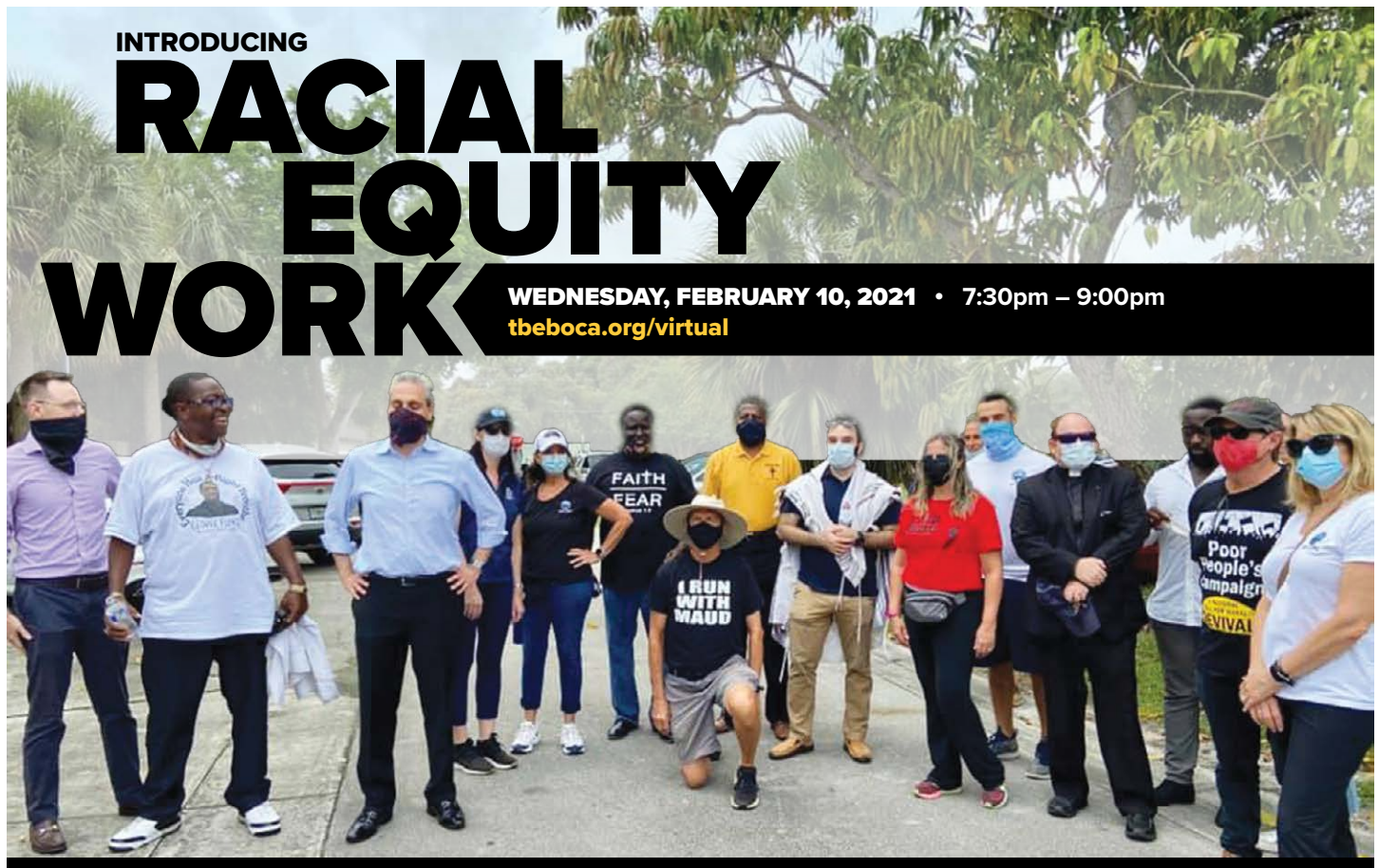


Steve Kaufman



Mark Sunshine

If you have any questions regarding the 2019-2020 Annual Report, please contact Executive Director Steve Kaufman at skaufman@tbeboca.org or Temple Beth El President Mark Sunshine at msunshine@masunshine.com



Our nation's ongoing struggle for racial equity reached a fever pitch in 2020, and many members of our community have been spurred into action. We walked in the Boca Raton Peace Walk with our neighboring communities of color, have engaged in study in our Social Justice Book Discussions, and have welcomed Black leaders to our congregation to hear their stories. It's time for us to take it to the next level.

To help Temple Beth El and its members better understand our nation's history of racial inequities, their impact on our community, and how we can learn to confront them in solidarity with communities of color, we are pleased to welcome Kristyn Cox and Sara Selznick

of the Thrive Collective to Temple Beth El. Thrive, based in Delray Beach, is a racial justice organization whose mission is to support marginalized communities and communities of color in building wealth and power. This spring we will be partnering with them for educational and community building opportunities, to equip us to better understand the racial issues we face and how we can be partners in positive change, and this event is the kickoff of that partnership.

You can learn more about Thrive at thrivecollective.com. RSVP at tbeboca.org/virtual, or for more information contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org

Gleaning

Sunday, February 21, 2021
8:30am – 11:30am
Delray Beach, Florida
Socially Distant!
Outdoors! In Person!

RSVP at
tbeboca.org/events
 or to Rabbi Greg Weisman
 at 561-391-8900.



Gleaning is helping to collect unharvested crops to be donated to help our community's hungry and poor. Join the Temple Beth El Social Action committee for this hands-on opportunity to support those in need. We are going to be out in the fields bending and lifting, so those who want to participate need to be able to do so comfortably, lifting as much as 30 pounds. Children ages 5 and up can participate in this mitzvah with their parents!

There are new, special protocols out in the field to maintain social distancing.

More information about the exact location will be shared with those who register.

INTERFAITH WEEKEND 2021 – JANUARY 22-24, 2021



Is The Grass Greener on the Other Side of the Street?

What Jews and Catholics Can Learn from One Another

Join Temple Beth El and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
for our first virtual Scholar-In-Residence

RABBI DR. JOSHUA GARROWAY

Professor of Early Christianity and Second Commonwealth Judaism
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles

Famed Swedish theologian Krister Stendahl coined the term “holy envy” to describe the admiration of another religion that often arises in interfaith dialogue. Despite a checkered past, Jews and Christians are now beginning to encounter one

another on more generous terms. Looking at our shared roots and interwoven histories, we will explore what inspiration Jews might find in Catholic tradition, and what inspiration Catholics can take from Judaism.

Via
Livestream
Youtube
or
Facebook

“All Israel Will Be Saved” Saint Paul and the Destiny of the Jewish People

Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 7:30pm

For centuries, the Catholic church tapped the teachings of Saint Paul when depicting Jews as a people rejected by God. As the church changed course in the 20th century, proclaiming at the Second Vatican Council that Jews “should not be presented as rejected or accursed,” again Saint Paul was invoked. Looking closely at the biblical books of Genesis and Romans, we will consider what Paul really said about the history and destiny of the Jewish people, and what it might mean for Jews and Catholics today.

tbeboca.org/live and YouTube.com/c/tbeboca and
Facebook.com/TempleBethElBocaRaton

What Can Jews Learn from Catholicism?

Friday, January 22, 2021 • 7:30pm
during Shabbat services

tbeboca.org/live and YouTube.com/c/tbeboca
and Facebook.com/TempleBethElBocaRaton

What can Catholics learn from Judaism?

Sunday Mass, January 24, 2021 • 12:15pm

Facebook.com/SaintJoanOfArcCatholicChurch



About our speaker:

Rabbi Joshua Garroway, Ph.D., serves as the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Professor of Judaeo-Christian Studies and Professor of Early Christianity and Second Commonwealth Judaism at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. Rabbi Garroway was ordained at the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR in 2003 and earned his doctorate from

Yale University in 2008. While his books and scholarly articles focus on the emergence of Christianity against the backdrop of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism, he has lectured widely on broader themes in Jewish history. Rabbi Garroway is a native of Rochester, New York, and currently lives in Pasadena with his wife, Professor Kristine Garroway, and their three school-aged boys.

Lunch & Learn

JANUARY 2021

Creation, Revelation, and Redemption: Understanding the Message of the Worship Service

with Rabbi Greg Weisman

Tuesday January 12, 19, 26

(no class Jan 5)

12:00 – 1:00pm – Zoom, Livestream, YouTube

Each day, we are reminded of the story of our ancestors- the Creation of the universe, the Redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the Revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai.

These reminders make up the core of our worship service, the prayers that we say before and after the Shema. Join Rabbi Greg Weisman for this exploration of those themes and how they continue to resonate today.

FEBRUARY 2021

Inside Israel with Israeli Minds

Tuesdays February 2, 9, 16, 23

12:00 – 1:00pm – Zoom, Livestream, YouTube

- **Feb. 2** Professor Eilat Shinar of Magen David Adom
- **Feb. 9** Avner Avraham, former Mossad Agent and founder of spylegends.com
- **Feb. 16** Gadi Ben-Dov, torah guide on graffiti in Israel
- **Feb. 23** Professor Steven Fassberg of the Hebrew Language Academy

We will speak with Israeli experts on a range of subjects from espionage to graffiti to language to medicine. We will learn about their work, and the impact Covid has had on Israeli society and



Adult B'nai Mitzvah

If Not Now, When?

Whether or not you became b'nai mitzvah before, this year of study and learning can be a powerful moment in your Jewish life

Over our year of study, we will examine our Jewish history, prayers, holidays and traditions. Simultaneous with our studies, we will teach Hebrew in order to prepare you to read from the Torah and lead our class-led Adult B'nai Mitzvah service in the spring of 2022.

Hebrew prep will be offered before the class begins, and we will continue Hebrew review throughout the year of study.

Cost is \$375

If interested, contact Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates at jmates@tbebova.org or 561-414-1005.

Tu B'Shvat Shabbat Walk

Saturday, January 30, 2021

staggered start times at

9:30am, 9:45am and 10:00am

Spanish River Library

1501 NW Spanish River Blvd.

RSVP required at

tbebova.org/virtual

Space is Limited

Must reserve spot

Don your mask and social distance with Temple Beth El as we spend time outdoors reflecting upon the Jewish New Year of Trees. We will take you on a guided walk that reflects the earth-loving nature of the holiday. RSVP at tbebova.org/virtual

Group sizes are limited and there will be staggered starts. Proper mask and footwear is necessary to participate. Bring your own water please. Please bring a working phone and headphones as we will be using them during the walk.

Celebrate Shabbat

Join us for Shabbat Evening Services

every Friday at 7:30pm, and Torah Study on Saturdays at 9:30am.

Visit tbeboca.org/virtual for details, and links to view on Livestream, Facebook or YouTube.

JANUARY 1 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Evening Service: New Year's Resolutions

Resolution, Re-solution: As we move from Genesis to Exodus we reflect on making meaningful transitions in a time of uncertainty.

JANUARY 8 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Evening Service: Shemot

The Book of Exodus begins by invoking the House of Jacob and the Children of Israel. They represent the two sides of our spiritual selves we need in our own life's journey.

JANUARY 15 • 7:30PM

MLK Shabbat

As we celebrate the legacy of Dr. King we will hear reflections and see images from our Temple family who went on our civil rights journey.

JANUARY 22 • 7:30PM

Interfaith Shabbat

Our annual Interfaith Weekend with St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church features scholar in residence Rabbi Dr. Josh Garroway, who studies the intersections of early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. See page 18 for details.

JANUARY 29 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Shira

**Honoring the Legacy of the great Jewish folk composer
Debbie Friedman z"l (of blessed memory) on her 10th Yahrzeit**

Join us for a musical celebration of Shabbat honoring the life and spirit of Debbie Friedman z"l. On Shabbat Shira we will chant the Song of the Sea – the story of our journey from slavery to freedom.

FEBRUARY 5 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service:

Commandments or Suggestions: Mitzvot in our Modern Times

Jews are bound by a covenant that commands the performance of ritual life, ethical practice and moral living. On this Shabbat as we read the Ten Commandments, we ask: in what ways do we feel bound by those commandments or is Jewish life simply a list of meaningful suggestions.

FEBRUARY 12 • 7:30PM

Sisterhood Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

As we celebrate Rosh Chodesh, the new Jewish month of Adar, we look to the dark sky and know that soon the light of the moon will reveal itself and brightness will come again. Temple Beth El Sisterhood will lead us in worship, and reflect on finding joy and meaning in this Shabbat that coincides with the new moon.

FEBRUARY 19 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Zachor – Why do we need to remember the dark times?

On this Shabbat before Purim, tradition teaches us to remember Amalek and those who rose to destroy the Jewish people in history. At the same time, the Torah tells us to blot out Amalek's memory from our consciousness. When is it important to remember our traumas, and when is it better simply to forget?

FEBRUARY 26 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service:

Jewish Disability Month

February is Jewish Disability Month. On this Shabbat when we celebrate our differences, we welcome Director of JARC (Jewish Association for Residential Care), Jeff Zirulnik to speak about what makes JARC such a vital resource for extraordinary people living ordinary lives. We also welcome the residents of JARC to usher in Shabbat with the lighting of the Shabbat candles in our service.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:30 PM

The internet may be weak but the connection to Purim is strong! Join us for a reimagined Purim celebration, "Zoom in the Time of Esther". Journey with us as we uncover the hidden meaning of Esther: is it just that her camera was off, or is there a deeper meaning? Find out the answers to this and so much more as we spotlight the Megillah and mute that Zoom-bomber Haman!

Purim

ZOOM IN THE TIME OF

Esther

Purim Esther
ZOOM IN THE TIME OF

Temple Beth El



It's More Than A School



BY **RONNI GRAF**
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A frequent question I am asked by prospective parents is, "There are so many great Jewish preschools in Boca. What makes yours different?" My answer is always the same, "In addition to our phenomenal teachers, gorgeous facility, and cutting edge philosophy of early childhood education, it is our incredible community." Our commitment to building community with our families is part of our very mission. When parents join our school, we want them to know that this is not only a place where they will drop off their children, but a place that they can make their home.

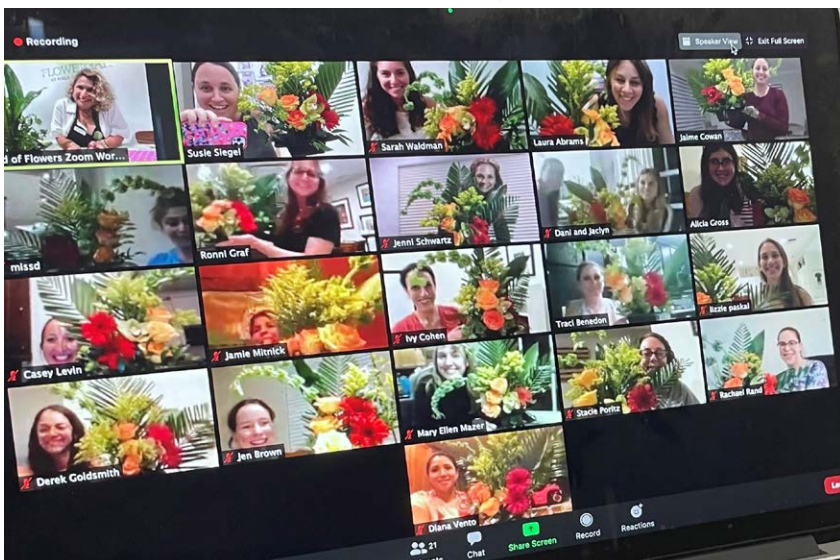
There are several ways that we strive to make these connections. Perhaps, most obvious is the inclusion of synagogue membership in Early Learning Center tuition. This means that all of our families are members of the congregation and are encouraged to be active participants in

work to support our school in any way they can, and also to forge connections. Through our room parent program, classroom families are able to communicate with each other both inside and outside of school. Parenthood has a very active social component that plans a variety of events for our parents providing

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them numerous opportunities to meet in casual settings. So often, the friends we make through our children, especially when they are young, are the ones we will have for a lifetime. The children grow up together and so do their parents. By providing these social opportunities for parents to connect with each other under the auspices of Temple Beth El, families make these connections to each other and to the community at large. Even now, in these very challenging times, our Parenthood Committee is more active than ever, planning unique ways to bring parents together. Already this school year they have put on very successful programs including Parents Night In, Moms Night In, and Dads Night In. They are continuing to use their creativity to plan other opportunities to bring parents and families together in these times when we must remain physically apart.

We are so blessed to have our incredible Parenthood volunteers. They transform our Early Learning Center from a school into a community.



Mom's Night Out,
Dad's Night Out
OPPOSITE
Parenthood on Zoom

the community at large. Our educational staff are also gifted Temple Beth El membership as a benefit to connect parents and teachers on another level.

I believe that the most successful way the Early Learning Center is able to build community is through the work of our incredible auxiliary, Parenthood. Parenthood is group of dedicated parent leaders who





Join us for a Drive Through Carnival with games, entertainment, food and more that can all be enjoyed from the comfort of your car.

9:00am-11:00am – Currently Enrolled Families

11:00am-1:00pm – Currently enrolled and New Families

RSVP is required. Please sign up for your desired time slot.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Information and registration is available at tbecoca.org/virtual



Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 5
Pajama Tot Shabbat – 6:30pm

important dates

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day – No School

Monday, January 4

School Resumes

Wednesday, January 13

Wear Your Pajamas to School Day

Friday, January 15

Virtual Grandparents Shabbat for our 2 and 4 year old classes

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

Saturday, January 23

Family Fun Day

Friday, January 29

Grandparents Shabbat for our 3 year old classes

Wednesday, February 10

Steve Brown z"l* Commemorative Bike Day

Friday, February 12

Staff Development Day – No School

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day – No School

Wednesday, February 17

PreK Graduation Portraits

Friday, February 26

Purim Celebration and Costume Parade

parenthood dates

Wednesday, January 13

Parenthood Meeting via Zoom – 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 17

Parenthood Meeting via Zoom – 7:30pm

Saturday, February 20

Parents Night Out

*z"l of blessed memory

Among Us. Minecraft. Roblox. Fortnite. Draw My Life.



HEATHER EREZ
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We have learned so much from our students this year! Always striving to create various points of entry and connections between our students, we have expanded what our traditional youth group gatherings have looked and felt like. However, as unrecognizable as they may seem, the outcomes remain the same, to foster meaningful relationships between our Temple Beth El youth.

Our BOFTY leaders have reinvented the way they reach out to members and provide programming. They kicked off the start of the year by safely delivering goodie bags to all members and have followed up with virtual social gatherings, meditation experiences, creative Shabbat events and

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informative programs including a Veteran's Day interview with one of our congregants. They continue to expand their offerings to better suit our youth as they overcome obstacles in a meaningful way.

Tribal Gatherings have also been a lot of fun so far. When we could, we were on campus in socially distanced programs such as backyard water fun, cake decorating, tie dye and game



playing. Sometimes we need to utilize online options and are participating in baking classes and games.

Regardless of the form our engagement programming takes, the creativity, flexibility and positivity are limitless. We are so proud of our leaders and students for continuing to reach out to each other, keeping the connections strong between our youth.



Kids connecting in person and virtually during Youth Group events





Kids connecting in person and virtually during Youth Group events



B'nai Mitzvah

Molly Bergner
Daughter of Michael and Annie Bergner
January 2, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

Jolie Bershad
Daughter of Adam and Jill Berhsad
January 30, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

Sean Goldsmith
Son of Jason and Amandah Goldsmith
February 6, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

Zachary Andrews
Son of Karl and Jennifer Andrews
February 13, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

Jakob Lusskin
Son of Ben and Lisa Lusskin
February 20, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

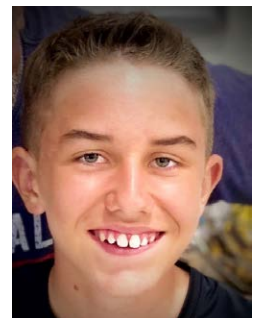
Aerin Ellsweig
Daughter of Erick and Kim Ellsweig
February 27, 2021 @ 5:00 PM



Molly Bergner



Jolie Bershad



Sean Goldsmith



Zachary Andrews



Jakob Lusskin



Aerin Ellsweig

SISTERHOOD



BY **KAREN SCHLOSS**
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Temple Beth El
SISTERHOOD

VIRTUAL
Beth El

Jewish Cooking Series

Just two Jewish classics with two awesome chefs. Learn about the origin of these two faves and how to make them at home.

PART 1

Knishes with Chef Deb Dickinson

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 | 4 pm

PART 2

Black & Whites with #thekosherbaker Paula Shoyer

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 | 4 pm

Cost includes both events

\$10 for Sisterhood Members | **\$25** for Non-Members

FREE for RS180 and Beth El Early Learning Center families

Register early, some advanced prep needed.

BROTHERHOOD



BY **CARLOS ROMERO**
BROTHERHOOD
PRESIDENT
info@tbebrotherhood.org

We made it to 2021! There is so many good things to look forward to after an exhausting 2020. Pandemics and elections be damned! As we enter this new year, we want to re-engage with our community. There were so many events that had to be rescheduled, re-planned, and done via zoom the past 12 months. Getting together in person is going to be something we all have to look forward to as we head into the back half of 2021. In the meantime, please reach out to us and get involved with the Brotherhood. We have been supporting families in need within our community, as well as supporting the institutions in our Boca Raton community that serve people in need. We feel so fortunate to be able to give back at a time like this.

We have some fun events lined up for January and February. We have a scheduled date with our friends at the Sisterhood for Jukebox Bingo on January 19th and another special evening with Jewish Baseball legend, Art Shamsky on February 11th. Art was on the 1969 Miracle Mets that won the World Series as heavy underdogs!

Be well, stay healthy and let's all look forward to getting together in 2021!

upcoming virtual events

Brotherhood/Sisterhood: Jukebox Bingo via Zoom

Tuesday, January 19

Brotherhood Board Meeting via Zoom (First Thursday of every month)*

Thursday, February 4

Brotherhood Speaker: Former NY Met Art Shamsky

Thursday, February 11, 7:30pm

*Join in on Brotherhood Board Meetings, (the first Thursday of every month at 7pm - via Zoom). Meet the board members, learn how you can get more involved, or just listen in as we discuss upcoming events. Check the Brotherhood email every Sunday morning for registration and details.

Dedications

October 1–November 30, 2020

Thank you to all those who donate to the synagogue in honor or memory of a loved one or on a special occasion. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Annual Giving 2020-2021

In appreciation of:

Aileen Spilka by Sondra Brucks
Cantor Lori & Kira's Hebrew class by Irene & Merrill Epstein
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High Holy Day services by Scott Scheinhaus
High Holy Day services by Judy Blitzer
Yom Kippur services by Lee & Vic Blumenthal
Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services by Barbara Felder
High Holy Day services by Eleanor Rose

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All my loved ones by Estelle Kominsky
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Arlene Dworkin by Dean Dworkin
Arlene Schuster by Barbara & Terry Bachow
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Jay Kanter by Fern Kanter
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Jeff Langley by Meryl & Ron Gallatin
Jeff Langley by Ronald Korn
Jeffrey Langley by Holly Alton & Steven Greenwald
Jeffrey Langley by Ellen & Ronald Hoffner
Jeffrey Langley by Larry & Shelley Rutherford
Jeffrey Langley by Doris Alderfer
Jerry Podolsky by Myra & Barry Cohen
Jerry Podolsky by Andrea & Mark Platt
Jerry Podolsky by Dale & David Pratt
Julie Gleeman by Lee Gleeman
Manfred Pepper by Martha Pepper
Marvin Wallach by Arlene Oppenheim
Marvin Wallach by Mollie Oppenheim
Marvin Wallach by Jill Oppenheim
Marvin Wallach by Dan & Natalia Wallach
Marvin Wallach by Jennifer & David Oppenheim
Mom, Dad, Sister by Nancy Blacker and Harold
Norman Levine by Lisa & Gary Hindin
Norman Levine by Eddie Elman
Norman Levine by Rebecca Elman, Andrew, Sydney, and Nate Levy
Norman Simon by Amy Simon
Norman Simon by Amy Simon
Richard Bogdanoff by Debra & Joshua Marcus
Richard Goodkin by Aline Fisher
Richard Goodkin, our beloved brother by Martha & David Goodkin
Rozzie Fischman by Aline Fisher
Ruth Berg by Cara & Joshua Gottlieb
Ruth Berg by Taryn Hoffman
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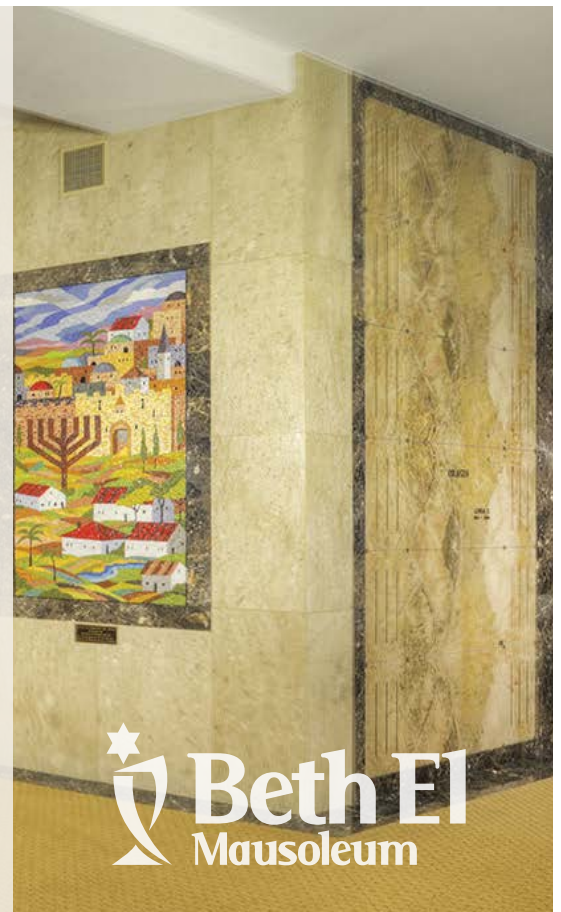
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