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Different Paths

When I was younger, my parents would take us on vacation to Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah mountains in Virginia. Over the years, we would find that certain hikes became our favorites. We looked forward to hiking the familiar trails and to revisiting the rewarding views from the summit.

One time, we decided to take a different path to a favorite summit. This trail was longer and more challenging. Some of us wanted to take the familiar path, and others wanted to take the more challenging trail. So we compromised. “We’ll meet you at the top,” we said, and we each took our separate paths.

God.” Even though they disagreed, there was holiness and truth to be found in their separate wisdom.

But the law, the Talmud teaches, follows Beit Hillel. Why? Was he smarter? Did he understand God’s will better? No, the reason why we follow Beit Hillel is because “they were kindly and modest, they studied their own rulings and those of Beit Shammai, and were even so [humble] as to mention the actions of Beit Shammai before theirs…”

I love when I get to spend time with members of our congregation and learn about their individual journeys. I find that I grow so much from seeing alternate paths are not just different, but wrong. We refuse to venture off our familiar trails and begin to suspect the motives, intentions, or beliefs of those who see the world differently than we do. The fractures we see in our society, and the divisiveness we experience threaten to drive wedges that can literally tear us and our people apart.

Temple Beth El needs to be a place safe enough for us to explore our differences. For thousands of years, the rabbis believed in the holy value of engaging in debate and discussion, especially with those with whom we disagreed. The Talmud teaches in Pirke Avot 5:17 that “any argument that is for the sake of heaven, the wisdom it gleans will endure.” An example? The arguments between Hillel and Shammai.

I invite you to join me in a project to begin to heal our divides, to help us better understand each other, and to grow from the different perspectives and wisdom we all possess. For the last year, a wonderful task-force has been creating a process for us to practice Civil Discourse in our congregation.

Together we will learn the practice of reflective dialogue and create safe structures to explore the issues of our day. See page 8 for more details.

Perhaps we might learn from Robert Frost’s famous wisdom: “Two roads diverged in a wood and I — I took the road less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.”
A MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

What is a Jewish Life Well Lived?

BY MARK SUNSHINE
TEMPLE BETH EL PRESIDENT
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In November at Shabbat services, Rabbi Brockman talked about Judah Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin was a famous 19th century lawyer and, during the Civil War, Attorney General for the Confederate States.

He was also a Jew and perhaps the most engaged and connected American Jewish lawyer of the time.

Even though he fought for the Confederacy, Mr. Benjamin knew that slaves were human beings, made of flesh and blood and had human emotions and souls.

In an 1842 court filing Mr. Benjamin wrote: “What is a slave? He is a human being. He has feelings and passion and intellect. His heart, like the heart of the white man, swells with love, burns with jealousy, aches with sorrow, pines under restraint and discomfort, boils with revenge, and ever cherishes the desire for liberty.”

Ironically, despite his clear words and understanding of Jewish values, Mr. Benjamin was himself a slave owner.

After the Civil War, rather than face criminal charges, Mr. Benjamin fled to London where he continued his legal career becoming a leading British barrister and member of the British aristocracy. In London, Mr. Benjamin continued to be engaged in the local community and was one of the most well-known English Jews.

Even so, Mr. Benjamin is now little remembered and as an advocate of human slavery most often considered an embarrassment to our people.

Mr. Benjamin is not an example of how or why, as Jews, we are supposed to be actively engaged in our society, religion and culture.

By turning his back on the most basic of all Jewish teachings, the story of Passover and how we were once slaves and fought to be free, Mr. Benjamin proved that all engagement is not good engagement and the moral lessons from thousands of years ago are still relevant to modern times.

Today we debate moral and social issues which are frequently painted as political questions. But many of the questions of today aren’t any more political than the question of slavery was more than 150 years ago.

I believe that one of the advantages of being Jewish is that our culture and traditions discern right from wrong and good from bad.

Mr. Benjamin, for all his legal accolades, did not make a positive difference to his community. He turned his back on Judaism and enslaved his fellow man despite knowing it was wrong. The lesson to be learned from Mr. Benjamin is that when we examine today’s issues, we need to consider whether they are economic or moral, and if moral, keep faith with Jewish tradition and morality.

Engagement inconsistent with Judaism is worse than no engagement at all.

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Jessica on her marriage to Mitch Mates!

Rabbi Jessica will now be known as Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates. Please email her a mazel tov at jmates@tbeboca.org
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**$50,000 Diamond Benefactor**
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For more information, go to tbeboca.org/Beth-El-Bash or call Leslie Viselman, Director of Development at 561-314-2836 or LViselman@tbeboca.org.
All members new to Temple Beth El in the past year are invited to attend an open house at the clubhouse of Rabbi Dan and Aimee Levin.

Enjoy afternoon snacks and beverages while getting to know clergy, staff and other new members in our Temple Beth El family. This event welcomes singles, couples and families with children of all ages, and is a true reflection of our richly diverse and welcoming Beth El community. RSVP online at tbeboca.org/special-events or contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement & Programming at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.

The New Member Meet & Greet is hosted by our Membership Committee and generously underwritten by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

Welcome NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

For help getting involved, please contact Elinor Josephson, Director of Engagement and Programming, at ejosephson@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.

Dikla and Hagai Altman and their children Emma and Noam
Rita Verbin and Joel Benjamin
Lorrie and Lloyd Berkowitz and their children Rachel, Aaron and Michael
Gaby and Edward Brill
Marian Unger-Davis and Stanford Davis
Chelsea Pickholtz and Jeremy Dicker
Joan Ehrlich
Esther Fingerman
Rachael Fushan
Julie and Lee Gleeman
Hedy and Arthur Goldberg
Rebecca and Seth Harlem and their son Elijah

Arthur Healy
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Kathleen and Jeffrey Kassover
Hermine and Herbert Kolsby
Joanne and Gerald Kowitt
Charlotte and Jerry New
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Diane Rocklin and her daughters Adina and Julia
Wendy Rogers and her sons Dylan and Shane
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Rachel and Benjamin Shaul
Alicia Gittleman and Yoel Silber and their son Liam
Christine and Michael Silveri and their children Giuliana and Luca
Shari Sternbach
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Lois and Gary Weinstein
CANTOR LORI SHAPIRO & FRIENDS IN CONCERT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
3:00 PM
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

Enjoy our cantor’s favorite Jewish pop composers — Carole King, Carly Simon, Paul Simon, Burt Bacharach and more! With guest singers including composer/performer, Dennis Lambert and Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen. Sing along to your favorite hits of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s to today. Meet today’s grooviest Jewish composer, Misha Lambert!

Purchase tickets at tbeboca.org/special-events or call 561-391-8900.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Cantor Lori Shapiro at lshapiro@tbeboca.org

Reserved Benefactor Seats $100
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There are some guests that make their presence known. The house feels different, life is more interesting when they are in town and when they leave, they are sorely missed. Temple Beth El is rolling out the welcome mat for some very special guests January 9-January 16, 2019. We will welcome a group of 20 Veteran Israeli Soldiers through a program called PEACE OF MIND (POM). There is a special Shabbat celebration to meet and get to know these soldiers. They will also have time to be alone together in therapy with the two therapists that travel with them from Israel.

Why are these therapists with them? The participants of this group are former combat soldiers from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Golani brigade who faced intense combat experiences during their military service.

POM intervention provides time and space for these young men to process their combat experiences in a supportive environment. The participants of this group are former combat soldiers from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Golani brigade who faced intense combat experiences during their military service.

**ISRAELI SOLDIER SHABBAT DINNER**

Friday, January 11, 2019
6:00pm
Kosher Shabbat dinner
7:30pm Shabbat services
$36/per person,
$18/per child (4-10)
RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events
by Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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interfaith weekend with
st. joan of arc catholic church
*of blessed memory

veterans emerge from the program healthier emotionally and mentally, with most showing significant post-traumatic growth following their participation in the program.

An equally important element is the gratitude and warmth we give, which gives veterans a sense of love, support and added purpose in defending Israel. For our host families, this is an opportunity to get to know Israelis in an intimate and authentic setting, and to create personal relationships and memories that will impact us all.

An added layer is our collaboration on POM with Boca Raton Synagogue, an Orthodox synagogue that has a strong relationship with Temple Beth El. Rabbi Mates and Temple Board member, Ilyne Mendelson have worked with Rabbi Philip Moskowitz and Glen Golish from Boca Raton Synagogue, along with a devoted committee that has worked to provide programming for the soldiers, a beautiful therapy space, delicious meals and outstanding excursions that will give them a true taste of South Florida.

Our Friday night Shabbat service on January 11th will be a celebration of the POM soldiers time with us, and a beautiful way to come together as a community. Am Yisrael Chai.

—Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates

**Shabbat Service followed by Italian Dinner**
Friday, March 1, 2019
6:00pm Shabbat Service
7:15pm Italian Dinner
Temple Beth El
Schaefer Family Campus
Adults $15 (after February 25, $17)
Children ages 4-10 $10
(after February 25, $12)

**Sunday Mass**
Sunday, March 3, 2019
12:15pm Sunday Mass
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

**Hunger**
how our faith traditions compel us to help the needy

We welcome Msgr. Michael McGraw and our friends at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on Friday March 1 at 6:00pm, followed by a festive Italian dinner. We invite everyone from Temple Beth El to participate in Mass at St. Joan of Arc on March 3 at 12:15pm

Bring a donation of canned food to help solve the hunger problem in our community.

RSVP for dinner at tbeboca.org/special-events or to Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org

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HUC-JIR, the four-campus international institution of higher learning and seminary for Reform Judaism provides the academic and professional training programs for the Reform Movement’s rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit management professionals, and offers graduate programs for scholars of all faiths. HUC-JIR’s 4,000 active alumni serve the Reform Movement’s 1.5 million members and nearly 900 congregations, representing the largest Jewish denomination in North America.

Temple Beth El’s ties to the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion are strong. Patty Beck serves on the HUC-JIR Board of Governors and our rabbis, Cantor Shapiro and Director of Education Heather Erez are all alumni of the rabbinic, cantorial and education program. Who we are at Temple Beth El was shaped by the professors we had at the Hebrew Union College. Come meet them and learn with us in two outstanding weekend programs.

**The Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l Memorial Lecture and Weekend with Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PhD**
Sponsored by Patty and Louis Beck
Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16

Rabbi Andrea Weiss is the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost and Associate Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She is co-editor of “American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters” and associate editor of “The Torah: A Women’s Commentary.” She has written numerous articles on biblical poetry, metaphor, and other topics.

**SHABBAT DINNER & TALK**
**HEALING DIVISION THROUGH DIALOGUE**
*Lessons Learned from American Values and Religious Voices*
Friday, February 15, 2019  |  6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Dinner $20/per person
RSVP at tbeboca.org/adult-programming

Rabbi Weiss will reflect on the lessons learned from the 100 letters sent to our leaders in Washington during the first 100 days of the Trump administration. Recently published as a book, the letters offer wisdom, inspiration, and hope—a sorely needed antidote to the acrimony and discord that pervade politics today.

**SHABBAT SERVICES & LECTURE**
**RAISING 100 VOICES**
*The Creation of American Values and Religious Voices*
Friday, February 15, 2019  |  7:30pm

Presidents Day Weekend inspires Rabbi Weiss to recount how a nonpartisan, multi-faith letter writing campaign came about following the 2016 presidential election with the support of Rabbi Aaron Panken, z”l. Exemplifying the notion of “thought leadership” that was the hallmark of Rabbi Panken’s presidency of HUC-JIR, the project enabled 100 scholars of religion across the country to do what the prophet Isaiah charges: “Raise your voice with power” (Isaiah 40:9) and contribute to the common good through a conversation about American values rooted in our diverse religious traditions. Rabbi Panken’s letter was the 50th letter.
February’s program will be dedicated to **Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, PhD, z”l** (of blessed memory) President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute (HUC-JIR), who died tragically in a plane crash on May 5, 2018, at the age of 53.

**Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l** was a distinguished rabbi and scholar, dedicated teacher, and exemplary leader of the Reform Movement for nearly three decades. As a product of the Reform Movement’s camps, youth movement, and seminary, his passionate commitment to Reform Judaism, to the State of Israel, and to the Jewish people worldwide inspired his efforts to ensure HUC-JIR’s academic excellence in fulfilling its sacred mission.

**Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rabbi Dr. Michael Marmur**

**Associate Professor of Jewish Theology**

*at the Jerusalem Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

**Shabbat Services & Lecture**
Friday, March 22, 2019
7:30pm

**Rafts and Rhapsodies: The Prospects for the Israel-Diaspora Relationship**

Using a metaphor taken from a Biblical verse, in this session we will look at the vexed question of the relationship between the State of Israel and Jewish communities around the world. Is this the end of the road, or the beginning of a beautiful friendship?

**Breakfast and Teaching**
Saturday, March 23
9:00am Breakfast
9:30am Reading the Weekly Portion With Heschel

We will be introduced to one of the most influential thinkers and activists of the twentieth century, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and we will have an opportunity to look at some verses in the weekly portion through his eyes. Most particularly, we will read a short chapter entitled The Unity of the Torah, which includes verses from the section of Exodus being read this week.

**10:30am Why Jews Quote**

I have become interested in the phenomenon of Jewish quotation. How does it come to expression, and is it different from the ways everyone quotes?

Dr. Michael Marmur is Associate Professor of Jewish Theology at the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. From 2009-2018, he served as the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Previously, he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. In recent years he has taught courses in Theology, Homiletics, and Pluralistic Jewish Education. Born and raised in England, Rabbi Marmur completed a BA Degree in Modern History at the University of Oxford before moving to Israel in 1984. For some six years following his ordination he served as congregational rabbi, high school teacher and member of the executive board at the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa.
Jewish Meditation
WITH AMY GROSSBLATT PESSION
January 23, March 13, April 17
7:30 PM
Schaefer Family Campus
This winter and spring, we’ll continue to practice meditation in a Jewish context, engaging body, breath, and spirit to calm the mind. Each session will focus on a distinct tactic, using music, chanting, movement, or prayer. This popular ongoing series has been led at Temple Beth El by local educator Amy Grossblatt Pessah, who has received a Master’s degree in Jewish education and training as a spiritual director, and is now completing ordination as a rabbi with ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal.

Russia on the Rocks
DISTILLERY TOUR, RUSSIA TALK AND REGIONAL DINNER
Saturday, January 26, 2019
6:30PM departure from Beck Family Campus
10:30PM return to Beck Family Campus
$75/per person, including round trip transportation from the Beck Family Campus
Join us for a unique experience learning about Russia and Russian relations with FAU Professors, David and Miriam Dalin. Meet up with visiting local Vodka distillers Summer and Nathan Piep at their West Palm Beach Lost Harbour Spirits, followed by dinner at local gem, The Regional Kitchen & Public House in CityPlace. A unique and special night not to be missed!
RSVP at tbeboca.org/adult-programming.
Contact Aileen Spilka in the clergy office for questions or more information aspilka@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.

EVENING OF MEDITATION, MUSIC AND CHANTING
With Israeli musician Netanel Goldberg and performer Nimrod Nal
Monday, February 25, 2019 | 7:30 pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Netanel Goldberg is an Israeli vocal artist and musician who leads circles of prayer, meditation, and healing. Goldberg and his performance partner Nimrod Nal will visit Temple Beth El for a one-night-only, free, special event.
“River of Light” is an evening of chant and meditation, in which Goldberg and Nal will engage participants in using song to connect the individual’s heart to the Divine. In Netanel Goldberg’s own words, “Singing has a tremendous power to connect worlds, every song / prayer has a secret that seeks to be revealed. Let’s create together a space through which we can empower, heal, and give healing.”
No charge, but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events or to Suzanne Bring in the clergy office at sbring at tbeboca.org.
FOUR NEW BUILDINGS
Construction at the Beck Family Campus is nearly complete. We are planning to open two new classroom buildings in January 2019. These new buildings, which contain a total of six classrooms, will be used for both Early Learning Center and Religious School students. The Beth El Early Learning Center is currently at full capacity with a waiting list, and the new rooms will allow us to welcome more families with young children into our community. The Religious School classrooms will be furnished with innovative and age-appropriate furniture to create an engaging learning environment for teens and young adults, which is not something that exists presently at the Beck Family Campus.

In March 2019, we plan to open the two other new buildings at the Beck Family Campus which will house the teen/staff lounge and the new Kehillah (“Community”) Center. An additional playground is also under construction in the big back yard next to the basketball court.

We are planning a ribbon cutting event and celebration of the 10-Year Anniversary of the opening of the Beck Family Campus on Sunday, April 7, 2019. We hope you can join us.

WE COULDN’T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU
The Beck Family Campus expansion project would not have been possible without the dedication of two very special Beth El members – Robert Brand and Barry Podolsky. Robert Brand, a past Executive Vice President of the Temple’s Board of Trustees, has an extensive construction background and has been instrumental in assisting us in our weekly construction meetings with Kaufman Lynn Construction, the General Contractor. Barry Podolsky, the Temple’s Immediate Past President is the chairman of the construction committee for this project. Barry has donated hundreds of hours to this project and has been instrumental in ensuring that every detail is attended to. Barry has also been a critical leader in our fundraising efforts that have enabled us to convert our dreams to a reality at the Beck Family Campus. Barry, and his wife Susan, are the honorees for the 2019 Beth El Bash which will be held on Saturday April 6, 2019 at the Beck Family Campus.

We will celebrate the completion of construction with two major events at the Beck Family Campus in one weekend! Join us at the Beth El Bash on Saturday April 6, 2019, and for a ribbon cutting and family-friendly celebration on Sunday morning, April 7, 2019.
**JUNE 2019**

**Temple Beth El**

**Travel to Israel**

“One does not travel to Jerusalem, one returns”

Fall in love all over again as you travel around Israel this summer with Rabbi Dan Levin and other members of Temple Beth El. Explore, learn, pray, connect, kayak, climb, hike, tour, taste, sing, dance, shop, relax – all this and more during this two week trip of a lifetime. Registration is ongoing and space is limited.

June 3 – 16, 2019
Eilat-Petra Extension June 16-19, 2019

For information, please contact Suzanne Bring in the clergy office at 561-391-8900 or sbring@tbeboca.org.

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**Healing Division through Dialogue**

**LESSONS LEARNED FROM AMERICAN VALUES, RELIGIOUS VOICES: SHABBAT DINNER & TALK**

**RABBI ANDREA L. WEISS, PHD**

Friday, February 15, 2019 | 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

See page 10 for details. Dinner $20/per person

RSVP at tbeboca.org/senior-circle or to Aileen Spilka at 561-391-8900 or aspilka@tbeboca.org

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**Weathering Life**

**MY CAREER, MY FAMILY AND MY JOURNEY OF THE HEART**

with Meteorologist and new Temple Beth El Member Frank Field

Sunday, March 3, 2019 | 1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

No fee/No RSVP

You may know him from his years on-air as the incredibly popular meteorologist on the local NBC and CBS stations in New York, his friendship with Johnny Carson, his brilliant science background or the life-saving work he did in making millions aware of fire safety and the Heimlich maneuver. His parents immigrated to America in 1909 and his extended family that remained in Europe perished during the Holocaust. Field returned on assignment from WCBS to search for remnants of his family and produced a one-hour special documentary, “Journey of the Heart,” which included an emotional interview with Elie Wiesel. We will see the documentary and hear from Dr. Field about the impact the documentary had on him and on those who viewed it.
Lunch & Learn

Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided.

JANUARY

TO BE CONTINUED: RABBI BEN HOLLANDER AND HIS TEACHINGS ON PARASHAT HASHAVUA
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates
Tuesdays, January 8 and 15, 2019 | 12:00-1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Join Rabbi Mates in the study of the writings of Rabbi Ben Hollander of the HUC-JIR Jerusalem Campus, gathered together after his passing in 2008. To Be Continued is a compilation of his weekly Torah commentaries broadcast in Israel in the 1990’s.

GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNING IN ISRAEL AND AMERICA
Professors Drs. David and Miriam Dalin
Tuesdays, January 22 and 29, 2019 | 12:00-1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Two eminent scholars in our community will reflect on the intersection of politics, society and history in the United States and the Holy Land, and the role of Judaism in both places. Dr. David Dalin, Senior Research Fellow at Brandeis University, is an ordained rabbi and widely published scholar of American Jewish history. Dr. Miriam Sanua-Dalin specializes in Jewish history with an emphasis on the United States. She also teaches courses on the history of the modern state of Israel, and the history and culture of the Sephardic Jews.

FEBRUARY

LILITH — THE REAL FIRST LADY
Rabbi Greg Weisman
Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2019
12:00-1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Three’s Company with Adam, Eve, and the real first lady, Lilith. This mythical character has appeared throughout the Jewish tradition, causing fear and confusion, and has resurfaced in modern times as a symbol of feminism. Rabbi Greg Weisman will lead an exploration of her literary and religious episodes, using the original source texts.

SACRED AGING
There’s No Place Like Home?
Sunday, January 20, 2019
10:00am
Schaefer Family Campus
As we age, our housing needs may change. But deciding between the various options— independent living, assisted living, memory care, hospice care or staying at home with home health care— can be daunting. Each has its own upsides and challenges, and they can be challenging to compare.

At this event, a respected representative from an independent living, assisted living, and memory care facility, along with someone from JFS at Home, the home health care agency run by our local Jewish community, will be there to describe each living situation and answer questions.

Whether you are preparing to make this decision for yourself or for a loved one, this discussion will be most helpful. A light breakfast will be served.

Thank you to the Temple Beth El Brotherhood, Sisterhood/WRJ, and Beth El Mausoleum for their sponsorship of this event.

For questions or more information, go to tbeboca.org/special-events or contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.
JANUARY 4 EARLY SERVICE
6:00pm Shabbat at Six!
Schaefer Family Campus
Our one-hour casual “service for the soul!” Refresh and renew with us through music and prayer.

JANUARY 11
6:30pm Tot Shabbat Shira
Bring on the music at the Beck Family Campus. A fabulous, musical service led by our teen musicians and youth choir, Shir Joy! Your children will be inspired by the musical talent of the many young people who surround us at Temple Beth El. Pizza dinner at 6:00pm before service. No charge for dinner but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.

7:30pm Shabbat Service: Peace Of Mind
Schaefer Family Campus
On this Shabbat we celebrate the valor and sacrifice of the soldiers of the IDF with our special guests from Peace of Mind. Join us for Shabbat dinner with the Israeli soldiers. See page 8 for details. RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events.

JANUARY 18
7:30pm Shabbat Shira: Gospel Shabbat!
Schaefer Family Campus
Martin Luther King said, “I have a dream...” and on this Shabbat we share that dream of freedom and equality. Professional Gospel Group, JSHARP will join our cantorial team to raise the roof in worship and song!

JANUARY 25
7:30pm Shabbat led by our 3rd Graders!
Schaefer Family Campus
Celebrate a musical and meaningful Shabbat service led by our 3rd graders!

7:30pm Kaballat Shabbat: The Ten Commandments
Schaefer Family Campus, Atrium
An intimate, reflective worship celebration of Shabbat where we will delve into our Torah portion, Yitro, and explore different interpretations of the Ten Commandments.

FEBRUARY 1 EARLY SERVICE
6:00pm
Shabbat at Six
Schaefer Family Campus
Our amazing 2nd grade class will open this lively, festive service filled with song and celebration.

5:45pm Shabbat Club
Schaefer Family Campus
Drop off your children (ages 3-10) for a wonderful Shabbat experience while you enjoy our 6:00pm service in our sanctuary. Pizza and the Shabbat Club are offered free of charge when you register online at tbeboca.org/worship.

FEBRUARY 8
7:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat
Schaefer Family Campus
Our Women of Reform Judaism will lead us in worship and song in this lively celebration of Shabbat.

**FEBRUARY 9**

**4:00pm-5:45pm HAVDALAH IN THE GARDEN**

Delray Beach Children’s Garden 137 SW 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach

$25.00/Family

Indulge your child’s need for a hands-on experience in a lush, natural environment while you have the opportunity to get together with friends in a magical setting. Price includes a garden tour, besamim (spice pouch) making, light hors d’oeuvres for adults and children, Havdalah service, and a donation to the garden. Space is limited. RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.

**FEBRUARY 15**

**7:30pm Shabbat Service: Raising 100 Voices: The Creation of American Values, Religious Voices**

Guest speaker, Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PHD will recount how a nonpartisan, multi-faith letter campaign came about following the 2016 presidential election with the support of Rabbi Aaron Panken, z”l. See page 10 for details. The Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l Memorial Lecture and Weekend with Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, PhD is generously sponsored by Patty and Louis Beck.

**7:00pm Family Participation Service: The Leader in ME!**

Beck Family Campus

The traits of great leadership begin with our youth! This service, led by members of Shir Joy and other musical members of our TBE community, will inspire and teach us about the qualities that define great leadership. Enjoy a pizza dinner at 6:30pm, followed by a casual family service, an activity and oneg. No charge for dinner, but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/worship.

**FEBRUARY 22**

**7:30pm Shabbat led by our 5th Graders!**

Schaefer Family Campus

Celebrate a musical and meaningful Shabbat service led by our 5th graders!

**7:30pm Kaballat Shabbat: The Seen and Unseen God**

Schaefer Family Campus Atrium

Explore this week’s parsha Ki Tisa.
This year Shabbat Shira, our Sabbath of Song, coincides with MLK Weekend. So what better time to celebrate Gospel Shabbat! On Shabbat Shira, we read Shirat HaYam, The Song of the Sea - the poem in the Torah which graphically tells the treacherous story of the Hebrews crossing the Red Sea to freedom. Our story is one of struggle - and Moses was not so different than Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Both were great leaders who lead their people to freedom and overcame adversity in the quest for civil rights.

Joining us will be the group, JSharp - a group of soulful gospel singers who will infuse their musical style into our Jewish text and raise the roof in song and prayer. Together we will embrace both our differences and our commitment to finding holiness in our world. Join us on Friday evening, January 18th at 7:30 pm for an evening of soulful worship and song!

—Cantor Lori Shapiro

Friday, January 18, 2019
7:30 pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Martin Luther King said, “I have a dream...” and on this Sabbath of Song, we share that dream of freedom and equality. Our cantorial team will infuse our Jewish text with the sound of gospel. The professional gospel group, JSharp, will join our cantorial team to raise the roof in music and prayer as we celebrate the Song of the Sea - our crossing to freedom!
Night of 50 Shabbat Dinners

Friday, March 8, 2019 | 6:00pm
Gather with your Temple Beth El family and friends for Shabbat dinner! Let’s have 50 celebrations all over town.

SIGN UP NOW! HERE’S HOW:

BE A HOST: Let the Temple know how many guests you can accommodate and we’ll place guests with you, or invite your own guests, or both! Hosts receive a special ‘thank you’ gift from the Temple.

BE A GUEST: Let us know if you have a particular home you’d like to attend, or a person you’d like to attend with. Whether you have a specific request or not, we will be sure to find you a wonderful place to spend Shabbat.

SHABBAT BLESSINGS: Hosts will decide if their household will enjoy Shabbat blessings led by our clergy on a live conference call at 6:30 pm, or by watching our specially recorded video at any time they choose. Then everyone will spend the rest of the evening enjoying Shabbat among old friends and new, brought together as part of our Temple Beth El family.

DINNERS: Dinners are not limited to homes – get together at restaurants, at a park, at a clubhouse, or wherever works best for you. You can cook, make it potluck, or order in.

There’s NO FEE to participate in this event, all event related costs have been generously underwritten by Brotherhood.

Register to be a HOST or GUEST at tbeboca.org/special-events or contact Rachael Rand at rrand@tbeboca.org. Deadline: Monday, February 25, 2019.

There will be a brief Shabbat evening service at 5:30pm at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus for those who wish to attend or are observing Yahrzeit and saying Mourners’ Kaddish.
SOCIAL ACTION

Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk
Sunday, January 13, 2019
7:30am Registration
8:30am - 12:00pm 5k Run/Walk
Sunset Cove Amphitheater at South County Regional Park

Join Temple Beth El in supporting Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation at the 2019 Steps for Life 5k Run/Walk in Boca Raton. Led by team leader Debi Jackman, we are raising funds and awareness for bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants.

Go to tbeboca.org/social-action for more information, to register to walk, or to make a donation.

City of Boca Raton Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, January 21, 2019
9:30 - 11:00am
MLK Jr. Memorial, 200 NE Ruby Street
11:00 - 4:00pm
Sanborn Square, 72 North Federal Highway

Join Temple Beth El, the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, and the City of Boca Raton for a ceremony and celebration honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., featuring city officials, inspirational speeches and musical performances by the Boca Raton Community High School Band and local groups.

Then, we will march from MLK Jr. Memorial to Sanborn Square for a celebration with music, family activities, face painting, rides, slides, and vendors.

For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build
Saturday, February 23, 2019
8:00am-12:00pm

Help build a house for an at-risk family who can benefit from the life-changing opportunity of homeownership. Minimum age is 16 years old to participate. Absolutely no experience is required! The build will take place in south Palm Beach County, and more information will be available closer to the build date.

Register at tbeboca.org/social-action.
For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.
RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER
OF REFORM JUDAISM
Consultation on Conscience
May 19-21, 2019
Washington, DC

The Consultation on Conscience is the Religious Action Center’s biennial gathering in Washington, DC. There, Reform Jews from across North America will gather with social justice leaders to deepen connections within congregations and across the Reform Movement, network with other communities facing similar social justice challenges and opportunities, build tangible organizing and advocacy skills, and make their mark on the federal, state and local landscape.

A delegation of members from Temple Beth El, led by Rabbi Greg Weisman, have already signed up, and we welcome all to join us! As a Temple Delegation, we have access to discounted registration fees, special programming and coaching, and pre- and post-conference opportunities.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org for more information and for our Delegation discount code.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
7:00pm
Home of Gina Shugar
Guardian Ad Litem

Have you ever considered volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem? This is an incredible opportunity to give back to the community by helping stand up for neglected, abandoned, or abused children by being their advocate in the court system. Guardians go through a training process.

Temple Beth El is seeking members who would do their training together and create a cohort of Guardians ad Litem to share and support one another in this important work. To start this process, there will be an information meeting at the home of Gina Shugar, who currently serves as a guardian ad litem, with two representatives of the Palm Beach County Guardian ad Litem program. Address will be provided to those who register at tbeboca.org/social-action.

For more information, contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Students Understand the “Other”

BY HEATHER EREZ
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In the elementary grades, the religious school focuses on identity; who we are as Reform Jews and where we fit in overall in the community. Students start to form the concept of “us and them” at a young age. Noticing and celebrating our similarities and differences to non-Jewish peers is essentially accepted among this age.

As students get older, their focus on “the other” takes on more of an academic approach in addition to the social interactions. Tapping into this interest, our 9th graders spend the year learning and visiting other houses of worship in our Comparative Religions class. Students had a conversation with a local Imam at the mosque, attended services at a Methodist church and took a tour of St. Gregory’s. Engaging the “other” brings our students into conversations where they are able to understand the differences in our religions while finding the many similarities as well.

As juniors and seniors in high school, our students delve into the various denominations of Judaism to find common threads within current issues. After choosing from a curated list of topics, they use Jewish texts to examine the values and the ways in which they, the students, form their own points of view. Sometimes, even within Judaism, we find ourselves engaging with the “other”.

Our high school uses a Jewish lens to create experiences and interactions with “others” providing students with skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

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B’nai Mitzvah

Noam Erez
Son of Heather and Shachar Erez
1/5/2019 11:30AM

Leah Hoffman
Daughter of Karyn and Glen Hoffman
1/19/2019 10:45AM

Marlee Barrio
Daughter of Debra and Alfred Barrio
1/26/2019 9:00 AM

Lindsey Heller
Daughter of Allison and Bill Heller
1/26/2019 11:30AM

Lylah Beck
Daughter of Jennifer and Ryan Beck
2/2/2019 5:30PM

Sidnie Passeroff
Daughter of Kelly and Michael Passeroff
2/16/2019 11:30AM

Harley and Marina Fowler
Daughters of Karen Smith
2/16/2019 6:00 PM

Evan Lansburgh
Son of Laura and Justin Lansburgh
2/23/2019 10:45AM

Emily Singer
Daughter of Anna and Michael Singer
2/23/2019 5:00PM
Religious School Important Dates

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OR HEBREW SCHOOL
Sunday, December 23 - Monday, January 7, 2019
Have a wonderful Winter Break.

THE BIG LUNCH 2019
Thursday, January 3, 2019
12:00-1:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Rabbis Dan, Jessica, and Greg can’t wait to catch up with your college kids at our annual College Homecoming Lunch. No charge.

PIZZA BY THE SLICE FUNDRAISER
FOR CAMP JENNY
Sunday, January 13, 2019
11:30am - 12:30pm
Beck Family Campus
Our BOFTY teens will be selling pizza during Religious School dismissal at the Beck Family Campus to raise money to send children-in-need to Camp Jenny this summer. Cost: $3.00 per slice or $5.00 for two. Avoid the line and pre-order your pizza now at tbeboca.org/school-event-calendar

3RD GRADE SHABBAT
Friday, January 25, 2019
Dinner at 6:30pm
$10/adult $5/child
Rehearsal at 6:50pm
Services at 7:30pm
Come and see your 3rd grader shine as they help lead Shabbat services. Start with a group Shabbat dinner.

3RD GRADE FAMILY EDUCATION DAY
Creating Your Utopia
Sunday, January 27, 2019
10:00-11:30am
Schaefer Family Campus

2ND GRADE SHABBAT
Friday, February 1, 2019
Family Pizza Nosh 5:00pm
No charge but you must RSVP
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Services at 6:00pm
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Saturday, January 12, 2019
6:30-9:00pm
Beck Family Campus
Join us for Family Havdalah (see page 19) and stay late for a movie under the stars. Free for 3rd/4th/5th graders that register to attend Family Havdalah Mystery Night, $10 for 3rd/4th/5th grader that do not attend Family Havdalah Mystery Night. Bring your blankets and pull up the best seat on the lawn.

TRIBES JUDAH (1ST GRADE) AND DAN (2nd GRADE) TU B’SHEVAT IN THE TREES
Sunday January 27, 2019
12:00-2:30pm
Beck Family Campus
Celebrate Tu B’Shevat in our own backyard! Lunch, games, and a special Tu B’Shevat project. Free to attend, online registration required. Transportation provided from the Schaefer Family Campus and back.

KINDERGARTEN SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
Sunday February 3, 2019
12:00-2:00pm
Beck Family Campus
Pre-game party including voting for your favorite team, sports, games and more! Lunch and dessert will be served. Free to attend, online registration required.

TRIBES NAPHTALI (3RD GRADE), GAD (4TH GRADE), AND ASHER (5TH GRADE) BOP INTO BOOMERS
Sunday, February 10, 2019
Boomers Boca Raton
Enjoy an afternoon with your friends go kart racing, bumper boating, mini golf, laser tagging, and rock wall climbing! $25 per student includes lunch and transportation.

NFTY CONVENTION 2019
Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18, 2019
Gaylord Texan Resort, Dallas, TX

BOFTY & JR. BOFTY
MIAMI HEAT VS. DETROIT PISTONS
Saturday, February 23, 2019
5:00pm Departure from the Beck Family Campus
Arrival back to the Beck Family Campus by 11:00 pm
$55, includes game ticket, meal voucher, and transportation
Registration Deadline Wednesday, February 20, 2018.

Register for all events at tbeboca.org/school-event-calendar
We are all different, we are all the same. How do we teach young children about what makes us unique while embracing the qualities that we all have in common? What is the difference between how we look, or how many people are in each of our families?

Children as young as 2 years old notice the difference between genders. At 2 ½ children recognize colors which they begin to apply to objects and skin color, and at approximately age 4-5 children begin to display gender appropriate behavior.

What does all of this mean?

Ultimately, children learn by what they see and hear so if we want children to learn to accept differences between one another here are a few suggestions:

- Give your child concrete experiences
- Model the behaviors you want your children to develop

Children want to know why people are different however, their questions are not based on bias or prejudice so answer their questions factually.

Here are some simple books you can also share with your child:

- **Whoever You Are** by Mem Fox
- **Elmer** by David McKee
- **It’s OK to be Different** by Todd Parr

We want to teach children to be proud of who they are, their accomplishments and growth; and we also want them to recognize that while we may all be different on the outside we are all alike on the inside.
Tot Shabbat Shira
Friday, January 11, 2019
6:00pm Pizza dinner
6:30pm Service
Beck Family Campus

Havdalah In The Garden
Saturday, February 9, 2019
4:00pm-5:45pm
Delray Beach Children’s Garden
137 SW 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach
$25.00/Family

Indulge your child’s need for a hands-on experience in a lush, natural environment while you have the opportunity to get together with friends in a magical setting. Price includes a garden tour, besamim (spice pouch) making, light hors d’oeuvres for adults and children, Havdalah service, and a donation to the garden. Space is limited. RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.

PARENT WORKSHOP:
Blessings of a Skinned Knee
Friday, February 22, 2019 | 9:15 am
Beck Family Campus (Breakfast will be provided)

How do you raise a resilient child who will grow up knowing how to adapt to challenges? How should parents handle their children’s emotional and/or physical discomfort? Join Rabbi Dan Levin and our Education Director, Heather Erez, in a conversation that allows us to see these difficult parenting moments as blessings.

There is no cost, but RSVPs are required. Open to adult Temple Beth El members who have children ages 5 and under. We thank Parenthood and Sisterhood for their support.

No fee but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center by Wednesday, February 20, 2019. For more information, please contact Rachael Rand at rrand@tbeboca.org or 561-391-9091.

Bring on the music at the Beck Family Campus. Enjoy a fabulous, musical service led by our teen musicians and youth choir, Shir Joy! Your children will be inspired by the musical talent of the many young people who surround us at Temple Beth El. Pizza dinner at 6:00pm before service. No charge for dinner but please RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center.
Our Town
FAMILY FUN DAY & OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 26, 2019
10am to 1:30pm
Beth El Early Learning Center
9800 Yamato Road, Boca Raton

Free

EXPERIENCE “OUR TOWN”
FULL OF FRIENDLY FACES AND LOTS OF ACTIVITY!
Doors open at 10:00am. Enjoy Tot Shabbat at 10:15am, followed by a yummy Oneg and our full program of activities starting at 10:45am.

Please register to attend at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center

- Meet our wonderful teachers
- Play soccer in Our Town Gym
- Wild Animal Experience
- Carnival Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Petting Zoo
- Meet Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue and tour a real fire truck
- Dine in our “food court” with a delicious lunch
- Bounce houses, glitter art and more
We celebrated the joyous holiday of Chanukah at “Chanukah under the Stars” at Mizner Park Amphitheater on December 7, 2018. It was a beautiful, festive and fun evening under the night sky!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE

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Greetings from Sisterhood and Happy 2019!

We hope that all of you enjoyed a Happy Chanukah and New Year.

One thing about Sisterhood at Temple Beth El: we are engaged in all sorts of ways...

**Mah-Jongg**

Mah-jongg has found its home in the hearts of Jewish women, and definitely here at Temple Beth El Sisterhood, too.

Mah-jongg began as a game that only Chinese men played centuries ago. However, according to an article published in the L.A. Times, American Jewish women have embraced mah-jongg since the 1920s, partly because of the closeness of Jewish communities. “Jewish communities stayed together for a long time, a lot of Jewish women vacationed together in places like Florida and the Catskills, and mah-jongg was a perfect way to spend the time.”

One of our most popular events has become Mah-jongg Madness, which will be held at Temple Beth El’s Schaefer campus on Thursday, January 10th. If you’re a seasoned player, or just a beginner, please join us. It’s a great way to engage with other women and promises to be an evening of fun and a little competition!

**Art**

On Friday, January 25th, join Sisterhood on a bus and a boat for an engaging “Art Fair on the Water” day trip, chaired by Andrea Corn.

The 3rd Annual Art Fort Lauderdale “Art Fair on the Water” is a gorgeous day that combines a water taxi, real estate tour and works of some of the most talented artists alive today!

This cutting edge art event is one of the most unique and beautiful experiences you can have in South Florida. Our trip will include greetings from Art Fort Lauderdale creator Evan Snow and several artists. SPACE IS LIMITED.

**Shabbat**

There’s no better way to be engaged than to attend a Shabbat service. On Friday, February 8th, please join us for Sisterhood Shabbat. Come to the service, or even better, please let us know if you would like to have a part in the service. We look forward to celebrating the Sisterhood at this inspiring, Sisterhood-led service.

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**Did You Know...????**

Temple Beth El Sisterhood hand-delivers, to each Religious School student, a Chanukah goody bag, complete with a dreidel, a box of candles and a bag of gelt, as well as sufganiyah (donuts)!

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**upcoming events**

Please look for Sisterhood and Temple Beth El weekly emails for details and registration info, or online at tbeboca.org/sisterhood.

**Mah-Jongg Madness**

Thursday, January 10, 2019 | 6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

**Fort Lauderdale Art Fair on the Water**

Friday, January 25, 2019 | 10:00am

**Sisterhood Shabbat**

Friday, February 8, 2019 | 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

**Lilith Salon**

Monday, March 11, 2019

**Women’s Passover Experience — Not Your Mother’s Seder!**

led by composer/performer Beth Schaefer

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Schaefer Family Campus
Welcome to 2019! It is amazing how quickly the year is going by. Your Brotherhood has been busy. We had an awesome Brotherhood mixer to watch the Dolphins back in October at the Yard House. There were many new connections made which is one of the best things about Brotherhood. You never know who you are going to meet. I met a new resident of Boca Raton who is also a new member of Temple Beth El. His name is Jon. As we got to talking, we realized we had a friend in common and we laughed about our mutual friend Mitch.

But it became really crazy when Jon sent me a text message while he was having breakfast with a friend (named Evan) in NYC a few weeks later. Jon mentioned my name as one of his new friend’s in Boca Raton and that we met through the Brotherhood at Temple. There aren’t many people with my name at a Synagogue and it turns out that I was Evan’s camp counselor back in 1986. Evan also sent me a picture of our bunk from back then! 1986 was an amazing summer for me because it was there that I met my wife Melissa. Jon reconnected me with my former camper Evan whose daughter is now looking at attending the University of Miami this fall. Talk about Jewish geography. All through our Temple’s Brotherhood.

We have some great upcoming events that we would like to invite you to be a part of. We will be having a special evening with David Samson, former President of the Miami Marlins, on Thursday, January 31st where food and drinks will be served. We also have lined up a “Roadtrip” down to the new TopGolf location in Miami Gardens for Thursday, February 7th. Our monthly Brotherhood meeting will take place on the bus ride to Miami Gardens, so we don’t expect too much to be accomplished this night. Except a lot of fun!

Take an opportunity to join our Brotherhood and see some of the things we do here in the Brotherhood at Temple Beth El. You never know who you will meet or whose lives you may impact.

—L'Shalom, Carlos

BY CARLOS ROMERO
BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT
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www.tbeboca.org/brotherhood

upcoming events Register at tbeboca.org/brotherhood.

Trip to Topgolf
Thursday, February 7, 2019
5:30pm, bus leaves from the Schaefer Family Campus

$75 per person for Brotherhood members, including bus, TopGolf and dinner
$90 per person for guests for TopGolf and dinner, plus $30 for the bus

Topgolf is golf on steroids. Join us for two hours of fun and games at this state of the art facility in Miami Gardens, including food and beverage. From non-golfer to PGA Professional, this event is made for everyone to participate and have a great time. Our monthly Brotherhood meeting will take place on the bus ride to Miami Gardens, so we don’t expect too much to be accomplished this night. Except a lot of fun!

Brotherhood Night with David Samson

FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE MIAMI MARLINS
Thursday, January 31, 2019 | 7:30pm
Silver Companies Garage
1001 E. Telecom Drive
Boca Raton

$40 per person for Brotherhood members, $50 for guests; includes food and drinks

David Samson will be visiting with the Temple Beth El Brotherhood to share his experiences in professional baseball, including a World Series title, and how his Jewish heritage has influenced his life. You will not want to miss this event which will be held at the Silver Companies “Garage” on Yamato Road. It is a special venue with uniquely special items for all of us to enjoy throughout the evening.
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