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... And The Study of Torah Is Greater Than All

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN
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In the Talmud, a story is told that Rabbi Tarfon and the Elders were asked: “Is study greater or is action greater?” Rabbi Tarfon answered and said: “Action is greater.” But Rabbi Akiva answered and said: “Study is greater.” The rest of the sages thought and then said: Akiva is right. Study is greater, as study leads to action.

I remember when I fell in love with Torah study. I was spending my junior year at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and saw a sign: “Anyone interested in learning more about their Judaism come on Wednesday night for the Beit Midrash Program.” I had just arrived in Jerusalem a few days before, and while I didn’t know what a Beit Midrash was, I had just flown more than 5000 miles to learn more about my Judaism.

That night I was introduced to Rabbi Josh Boretzky. Josh had grown up in Montreal and was not religious. After college, he went backpacking through Europe and decided to head over to Israel. They arrived on Friday and decided to go to the



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Western Wall. A man asked if he had anywhere to go for Shabbat dinner and invited Josh to join him. So began a journey of transformation and Josh never left Jerusalem.

He opened the book of Exodus and asked me to read the first verse. “These are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob...”

“STOP!” he said. “What’s the matter?” I asked. “There’s so much there!” Josh replied. I didn’t get it.

And so Josh proceeded to unpack that one verse. We spent two hours – who was Jacob? When did he become Israel? Why does the verse use both names? Why is Egypt called a ‘narrow place’? And I was overwhelmed with awe and wonder for the power and depth stored in a single verse of Torah.

Life is a short and precious gift. We should do everything we can to live deliberately and to make best use of that gift. And Jewish learning is the

key to developing the awareness and the skill to be spiritually awake and morally prepared to be all we can become.

Jewish learning does more than fascinate the mind. Jewish learning grows our moral core and awakens our spiritual consciousness. We put our children at serious risk if we do not carefully teach them to value wisdom and to champion the virtues of honesty, integrity, decency, compassion, justice, freedom, and peace. We need to be deliberate in educating our children and ourselves to wrestle with the moral choices that arise when these values inevitably collide. All of us need to learn how to be human and holy.

And in our adulthood, Jewish learning helps us to realize the larger purposes that can define our life’s value and meaning. Our tradition is a storehouse of wisdom to inspire us to live in service to something larger than our immediate personal cares and concerns, and to help us find real meaning and spiritual fulfillment. That is why the Talmud teaches that when two people sit together in study, the presence of God is felt between them.

Temple Beth El seeks to offer an ever-wider array of opportunities for us to engage in learning, from our earliest years in school through our adolescence, and adulthood. If we heed the advice of Shammai who said: “Make your study a fixed habit” then we will find our learning will inspire us to righteous action, to spiritual wholeness, to a life of meaning, purpose, fulfillment, and peace.

What I've Learned as Your Temple President



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This is the last article I will be writing as President of Temple Beth El.

My term is up, and it is time for transition. I could not be more enthusiastic about Wendy Walin, Gina Shugar, and the rest of the Board, who will assume office at the annual congregational meeting. They are incredibly dedicated, warm, smart, and want to do the best job possible.

For my last Chronicle article, I want to pass on some of the more important lessons I have learned and maybe make you chuckle a little.

So, here goes....

Beth El has a world-class team that should never be taken for granted

Behind the scenes and in private, the Beth El team is more caring, more considerate, and more thoughtful than is reasonable to expect. I know we should never take what we have for granted.

We, including myself, tend to assume that our clergy and professional team are always “at their best” whenever we meet them. This is a very flawed assumption and during the pandemic was an assumption too many made.

We need to remember that the Beth El team comprises individuals who are sometimes dealing with their own issues, challenges, health problems, and emotions.

When we forget that our wonderful staff and clergy team may need our help and support, we start down the road of taking the Beth El team for granted.

Never underestimate Cantors Lori or Michelle

At, or before, Shabbat Services, I tried my hardest to lighten up the mood by doing innocent and funny things to the clergy team.

In the beginning, Cantors Lori and Michelle appeared to be easy targets.

All I had to do was look at them during services and make a slightly funny face (like raising an eyebrow if something unscripted happened), and they would start to laugh while on the Bima.

However, Lori and Michelle are smart; they retaliated by simply moving my seat to a location where I had no eye contact with them.

It was tough to follow through on an agenda of things to accomplish

Every time I thought that we could make progress on a transformational agenda, intervening

events took precedence.

First, we had the construction project. While that was a planned event, supplier errors, change orders, weather, and many other random issues preempted almost all new initiatives.

But the most challenging events had nothing, yet everything, to do with our synagogue.

These terrible events are known simply by location. Charlottesville, Orlando, Las Vegas, Pittsburg Tree of Life, Parkland all took their toll and required months to recover. Of course, the political environment and related fallout created constant background stress. Oh, I almost forgot to mention the pandemic and shutdown as additional challenges.

Often Wendy Walin and I went from person to person, trying to evaluate who among our staff was coping and who needed emotional support. Our team simply cannot serve the needs of the congregation if they, themselves, need our help and support.

The last four years were much more taxing for our staff than most congregants. They had to deal with everything that we, as congregants, had to negotiate. However, they also took on the burden of the problems of our congregants, including those that lost loved ones to violence, the pandemic, or other tragedy.

We did many things to help our staff, some of which worked and others that failed.

The job of protecting and caring for our clergy and staff was among my greatest challenges and highest honors.

Rabbi Dan really wants to be every congregant's “first call” if they need help – maybe just not at 1 am to 4 am as I told others

Rabbi Dan gives out his cell phone number to every congregant, including our teens. When he gives out the number, he wants everyone to know that he should be their first call if they are in trouble or need help. It is one of Dan's wonderful unique attributes.

However, “unique” can also be “fun” as I decided to take Dan's desire to serve to a new level.

I regularly gave out Rabbi Dan's cell number and told people that he wanted to be called between 1 am and 4 am because he had trouble sleeping and would be awake anyway.

When I told this to large groups and new

members, it always got a big laugh and a frown from Aimee (Dan's wife)!!!

Jews have been socially “woke” for thousands of years

Simply by entering the Schaefer Family Campus we are reminded of Judaism's eternal commandments on how we are to treat others.

The Torah verses that greet us on the wall in the Minkoff Family Welcome Center as we enter Temple Beth El command us to love our neighbors, care for strangers, and love God.

And the Social Justice Wall, just to the right, embraces equality, kindness, freedom, defending the vulnerable, and justice for all.

Jews are commanded by God to fight this fight and have been at the vanguard of human rights for thousands of years.

Once, Rabbi Dan took the teasing bait

A few years ago, we had a singing group from NYC perform at the synagogue after Havdalah services. The singers were all college students and were exceptional.

Around 9 pm, the group was sitting in the sanctuary, where I found them asking Rabbi Dan for advice.

At first, I assumed Dan was giving some sort of inspirational “Rabbinic talk.” But as I approached, I quickly realized that the kids wanted to know where they should go out to party (after all, it was a Saturday night).

They clearly had heard stories about the wild South Florida bars. They wanted a truly fantastic night on the town that they would remember forever.

I listened for a moment to Dan waxing poetic about his favorite

nighttime spots in Boca Raton.

I want to be clear, Rabbi Dan is one of the coolest rabbis I have ever met. But I have never seen him have more than half a beer in a single sitting, and I am confident that he has no idea where a bunch of out-of-town college kids should go out for a truly wild night on the town.

The show stopper was a simple question.

I asked the kids why they cared about where a middle-aged rabbi who has been married forever with three kids and an aversion to alcohol would go out on a Saturday night.

The kids laughed, Aimee chuckled, and Dan appeared to begin to cry. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

With Gratitude



The Temple Beth El Board, Staff and Congregation thank Mark Sunshine for his leadership these past four years. Completing the multi-year, \$20 million construction and renovation of two campuses would've been enough for us – *dayenu!* Opening the door to a renewed social justice initiative would've

been enough for us – *dayenu!* But guiding the synagogue through the unknown consequences of a global health pandemic and ending up on financially solid ground, while continuing to be able to serve our members with a whole heart, is an accomplishment of which we all can be extremely proud.



Annual Meeting

**Thursday,
June 3 at 7:00pm**
Register at tbeboca.org/virtual

We invite you to join us via Zoom on Thursday, June 3 at 7:00pm for the Temple Beth El Annual Meeting. Please help us honor our outstanding volunteers and professionals as we celebrate this past year at Temple Beth El, and recognize our incoming Board of Trustees.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes:

- Confirm the slate for the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees
- Present the 2021-2022 Operating Budget
- Present this year's awards for outstanding volunteer, teacher and staff member!

Please help us celebrate the accomplishments of a year like no other! Registration is required, as participation is limited to Temple members.

**JOHN ROGERS AWARD
FOR EXEMPLARY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Ronni Graf

Director of our Early Learning Center (ELC)

Ronni was initially a teacher at the ELC and in 2015 assumed the role of Assistant Director. In 2018 she was promoted to Co-Director and in 2019 she took over as the sole Director.

Ronni and her team have created and sustained a culture of excellence at the Beck Family Campus that is the envy of all other Early Learning Centers in our area, both Jewish and secular. This year the obstacles she has overcome are extraordinary. It is a daily challenge to keep an early childhood center open during a pandemic with children as young as three months old who cannot wear a mask. Try telling a two-year-old to maintain a six-foot social distance and keep their hands out of their mouth.

When we reopened the ELC in September 2020 we had 140 students enrolled. The current enrollment is 235 and we already have 271 enrolled for next school year beginning in August 2021. These incredible results speak to the level of excellence Ronni insists upon from her team. She is a tireless worker and her passion for Temple Beth El, her team members and, most importantly, her students is palpable. Ronni is intelligent, dedicated, reliable and she has a heart of gold. Congratulations Ronni on this well-deserved award.



**ROBIN L. EISENBERG LEARNING
AND LIVING AWARD 2020-21**

Robyn Grad

Robyn is completing her tenth year as a lead teacher in our 3-year old program at the Beth El Early Learning Center. During that time, Robyn has consistently exemplified all of the qualities that are critical in an exceptional teacher. She is kind, warm, empathetic, organized and understanding. She is also silly, fun, and loves to sing and dance with her students.

Miss Robyn is highly requested by parents for a very good reason. With over 30 years of experience in early childhood education, she is very adept at working with a wide range of students and preparing them for future success. Miss Robyn believes, "Children need to feel secure and loved. That will give them a great foundation for the rest of their lives, both academically and socially." We are so thrilled to have Miss Robyn on our staff and are very honored to present her with this well-deserved award.



**JOSEPH Q. KLINE
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
IN VOLUNTEERISM AWARD**

Sonny Thal

Sonny has been a temple member for only 5 years, but has made a positive impact on the lives of so many, one would think she has been a member for many, many years.

From the moment Sonny joined Temple Beth El, she made it a priority to make the temple her second home, and an extension of her family. One of her first volunteer positions was to lead a Chavurah group. She nurtured and fostered this group so they are like family. No one in this group goes to the doctor alone, Sonny makes sure of it! Pre-Covid, they had Shabbat dinner together, sat together at Shabbat services, and welcomed new friends to join them.

When Covid hit, Sonny became a Chai Line to healing, planning her days around what she could do for others. She delivered food to members who were food insecure. She delivered chicken or soup to members of her Chavurah who didn't feel well. She was active on the Chaverim Team, calling members many times and checking on them throughout the year.

Sonny is an active member of the Engagement & Programming Committee and a leader of Cooks' Corner Circle. Somehow Sonny does all this while still staying in touch with her wonderful children, 14 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. We are all so proud that Sonny is the deserving recipient of the Joseph Q Kline Volunteer Award.



What I've Learned

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**I hope everyone feels that
Temple Beth El is a second home**

When I was a teen, I learned an important lesson about how a synagogue can make a meaningful difference.

I grew up during the Vietnam War era, and just like now, there was social unrest. Illegal drugs were everywhere, and several of my high school classmates didn't live to see graduation.

However, every child who participated in synagogue life graduated.

Mostly we did fun teen things at the temple, few of which had anything to do with prayer or Judaism. The synagogue was like a second home to hundreds of kids.

While we had a lot of fun, what we didn't do at synagogue was illegal drugs or engage in overly dangerous or self-destructive behavior.

I don't know how many teens were saved by my synagogue, but it was more than a handful.

One of my priorities has been to recreate that feeling from my youth for every member of Beth El.

I have tried to encourage everyone to think of Beth El as a fun second home and a safe place.

**One gag I tried to play on Rabbi Greg
backfired (sort of)**

Two years ago, Rabbi Greg's wife sat with me on the Bima when she was nine months pregnant. This presented an opportunity that could not be passed up.

I organized other congregants on the Bima to pretend that labor was starting during services.

Much to our later surprise, Tami's labor had actually begun during the service (she gave birth early the following day). During services, one of the women on the Bima that held Tammi's tummy said she thought she really felt labor contractions (Tammi didn't realize she was in labor at the time).

Greg was cool as a cucumber, didn't rush prayers, and then called me the next day to tell me the good news.

I never would have kidded about such an important event if I actually thought...well, you can guess the rest.

Being President of Temple Beth El has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Serving Temple Beth El has been a great honor. I will cherish the memories forever.

I only hope that I made a sustainable and positive difference.

Celebrate Shabbat



MAY 7 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service honoring our Matriarchs

On this Shabbat before Mother's Day, we celebrate the matriarchs in the Torah and today!

MAY 14 • 6:30PM

Tot Shabbat & Early Learning Center Volunteer Recognition

What better way to celebrate the end of the school year than a virtual ice cream party! Bring your favorite ice cream and toppings to our virtual Tot Shabbat and join Rabbi Greg and Cantor Michelle as we welcome Shabbat on Zoom. We will be honoring all of our amazing Parenthood volunteers with a special blessing.

7:30pm

Shabbat Service honoring our Confirmation Class of 5781

Celebrate our future leaders at this evening honoring the Confirmation Class of 5781!

MAY 21 • 7:30PM

Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

This evening we honor our wonderful volunteers who have given tirelessly of themselves in so many different ways during this past year. In this week's Torah portion of Naso, God offers the priestly blessing to Moses and Aaron, and we offer the same blessing to our wonderful volunteers. See next page.

MAY 28 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service: Memorial Day

On this Shabbat we honor the brave souls who paid the highest sacrifice so that we may live in freedom.

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.

Registration for Temple Beth El members to attend Shabbat Evening Services in person will open every Monday morning at 10:00am for that Friday's service, and will be open until Wednesday at 5:00pm. The link to register can be found in our Monday Morning email or at tbeboca.org/in-person.

JUNE 4 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service honoring our Board of Trustees

We are blessed to honor our newly installed Board of Trustees and new Temple President, Wendy Walin. Join us to recognize and celebrate their incredible dedication and leadership.

JUNE 11 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service: Power and Anti-Semitism

In this week's Torah portion Korach we learn what happens when leaders abuse their power. This evening we will explore how abuse of power can lead to the spread of hate.

JUNE 18 • 7:30

Pride Shabbat

On this Shabbat we will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for transgender people in our community.

JUNE 25 • 7:30PM

Shabbat Service: Music as Midrash

Our cantorial soloist, Michelle Auslander Cohen will weave her melodies with text to deepen our understanding and connection to our liturgy and traditions.

Come together to Celebrate our Volunteers at Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

**FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021
SHABBAT SERVICE AND
BLESSING 7:30PM**

Have you volunteered this year? It truly takes a village. Hundreds of our members have shared their time and skills, from committee work, to Chaverim Team calls, to delivering food and meals to those in need, to volunteering as leaders of Chavurot and Beth El Circles and more.

We will honor and thank all of our volunteers at our Volunteer Recognition Shabbat on Friday, May 21, 2021. If you are one of our many volunteers, we would like to show our thanks. Please send a photo of yourself to Debbie Eisenberg at deisenberg@tbeboca.org so we can include you in a special presentation!





A Learning Opportunity for Interfaith Families

Temple Beth El's own Rabbi Greg Weisman has recently been selected to be an 18Doors Rukin Rabbinic Fellow. This opportunity will bring events and learning opportunities for our interfaith families to the Temple.



UNLOCKING BEDTIME: CREATING JEWISH BEDTIME RITUALS FOR KIDS

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
8:30-10:00pm on Zoom

Join Rabbi Greg Weisman, an 18Doors Rukin Rabbinic Fellow, and other interfaith couples with young children to talk about bedtime. We'll learn about rituals, prayers and songs and discuss, in a totally non-judgmental forum, ways that you might want to bring a Jewish component into your child's bedtime routine. There will also be the opportunity to discuss bedtime rituals from the background/culture/religion of the parent who is not Jewish. Couples will get to hear from other interfaith couples with young children dealing with similar challenges and blessings.

Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org with any questions, and go to tbeboca.org/virtual to register for either or both of these programs.

UNLOCKING SHABBAT: LEARNING TO CREATE A FRIDAY NIGHT RITUAL

Thursday, June 10, 2021
8:30pm-10pm on Zoom

Join Rabbi Greg Weisman, an 18Doors Rukin Rabbinic Fellow, and other interfaith couples with young children to learn about Friday night Shabbat rituals and how Shabbat can be a time to slow down and be present with your family. We'll discuss, in a totally non-judgmental forum, ways that you might want to celebrate Shabbat in your home that are comfortable and meaningful for your family. Couples will get to hear from other interfaith couples with young kids dealing with similar challenges and blessings.

Journey to the Prayerbook: The Basics of Reading Hebrew

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF TEMPLE BETH EL



Taught by Cantor Lori Brock

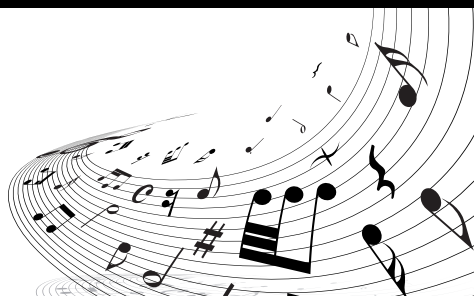
Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15 • 4:00-4:30pm on Zoom • Register at tbeboca.org/virtual

Over the last year, Cantor Brock has cultivated a true culture of Hebrew learning with her Hebrew classes. For those who missed the opportunity to start from square one, it is being offered again now! You will learn the Hebrew alphabet, the vowels and pronunciation and have a great time doing it.

This class is highly recommended for Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 5782, starting right after the High Holy Days. If you are interested in becoming part of the next Adult B'nai Mitzvah group contact Rabbi Mates jmates@tbeboca.org or 561-414-1005

Music as Midrash

WITH RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY



7:30pm on Zoom • Tuesday evenings, June 15, 22 and 29 Register at tbeboca.org/virtual

Behind the music embedded within each text that we sing aloud are stories and intricate connections between Hebrew words and themes. Explore some of these idea's as we discuss the midrash behind the music, deepen our understanding of the wisdom of our tradition and sing out with a new found understanding of the words we bring into the world.

The first class will be taught together with Cantorial Soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen.



Rabbi Josh Warshawsky

Shavuot: A Celebration of Holy Leadership



WHAT TORAH AND TRADITION CAN TEACH US ABOUT LEADERSHIP
RABBI ELKA ABRAHAMSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

Sunday, May 16, 2021 on Zoom
Visit tbeboca.org/virtual to register

7:30pm

JEWISH LEADERSHIP: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN, WHERE ARE WE, AND WHERE ARE WE GOING
A Conversation with Rabbi Elka Abrahamson,
President of the Wexner Foundation.

Since Abraham and Sarah led "the souls they created in Haran" on their journey to the land of Israel, Judaism has been shaped and defined by the quality and character of our leaders. The Wexner Foundation has been the guiding force developing Jewish professional and lay-leaders for North America and Israel for more than thirty years, and Rabbi Abrahamson is one of our country's most transformational experts on Jewish leadership. She will share with us what the Jewish people needs from our leaders in this remarkable period of Jewish life.

8:45pm

MOSES AND LEVEL FIVE LEADERSHIP
Taught by Temple Beth El
rabbinic team

The famed scholar of leadership, entrepreneurship, and business Jim Collins suggests that the most enduring and successful enterprises are led by what he calls "Level Five Leaders". Led by Temple Beth El's rabbinic team, together we will explore how Moses' personal journey to Sinai leads him to grow through Collins' five levels to be the most transformational leader in history.

Rabbi B. Elka Abrahamson is President of The Wexner Foundation. She oversees the Foundation's full range of activities in partnership with Foundation chairmen Abigail and Leslie Wexner. Rabbi Abrahamson, a dynamic speaker and an engaging teacher is optimistic about the Jewish future owing to the remarkable leaders she encounters in her rabbinate, many of them Wexner Alumni. She is a highly regarded leadership consultant and advisor.



Visit tbeboca.org/project-nuremberg

PROJECT NUREMBERG

**75 YEARS
AGO AND
5 MONTHS
FORWARD**

October 2021 will mark exactly 75 years since the end of the Nuremberg Trials, the Trials of the Nazis after WWII.

For over a decade, we have focused on the legacy of those trials with Temple Beth El's Project Nuremberg after Rabbi Mates rescued a record of the trials that was almost thrown away.

This year, join us for 5 months of Project Nuremberg as we move the program online, providing incredible opportunities for all to learn from the legacy of the Nuremberg Trials.

For years, hundreds of attorneys have gathered at Temple Beth El for the Project Nuremberg Lawyers Luncheon that brings high profile speakers to our community to show attorneys LAW is what brought order to a post-Holocaust, post-WWII world. Due to the pandemic, all Project Nuremberg events are moving online from May to October 2021, the 75th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials end.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS INCLUDE



Legal Team

Amy Spitalnick, Roberta Kaplan & Karen Dunn

who led the landmark federal lawsuit against the neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and hate groups responsible for the Charlottesville violence.

Thursday, May 27, 2021
7:00pm



Elan Carr, U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, Army JAG Corps officer and Iraq War Veteran

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
7:00pm

EMERGING ATTORNEYS IMMERSION NEW THIS YEAR

A unique experience for a special cohort of attorneys who have graduated from law school in the last 10 years.

Rising stars in the legal profession will be invited to join this special cohort that will meet monthly from May to October for specially curated sessions on Holocaust and the Law, while networking with one another and other attorneys. If you are interested or have someone to refer for Emerging Attorneys

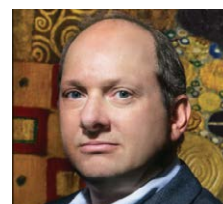
please email Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates jmates@tbeboca.org for more details. Space is limited.

Emerging Attorneys is sponsored by the family of Mel Weiss z"l in memory of him and his work in restoring reparations to Holocaust survivors.



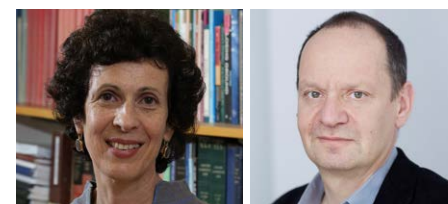
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- Meet and Greet with guest speakers at each event
- An online ad in all programs
- Gift box
- Ratline by Phillippe Sands



E. Randol Schoenberg

who represented Maria Altmann for the return of her family's Klimt painting, and was portrayed by Ryan Reynolds in the movie "Woman In Gold"
DATE TBD



Hebrew University Dean of Law School Professor Dapha Lewinsohn-Zamir in conversation with Philippe Sands, University College London Law Professor and author of *The Ratline: Love, Lies and Justice on the Trail of a Nazi Fugitive*

Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 10:30am
\$36 includes a copy of *Ratline* and *East and West Street* by Philippe Sands"

All speakers will receive the Marilyn and Jay Weinberg Project Nuremberg Rule of Law Award. CLE's will be applied for all events, pending approval. All events are on Zoom. More information and registration at tbeboca.org/project-nuremberg



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Lunch & Learn

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for viewing information.

POETRY AND HISTORY OR THE UNIQUE CASE OF NATAN ALTERMAN

with Dr. Rachel Korazim

May 4, 11, 18, 25 • 12:00 – 1:00pm—Zoom and Livestream

Natan Alterman (1910 -1970) is best known for a single poem – The Silver Platter. Yet he left behind thick volumes of poetry many of which are poetic responses to newspaper headlines. Alterman was a master of contemporary political poetry, much of which emerged in his weekly newspaper columns. In this series with Israeli Educator Dr. Rachel Korazim we shall examine four of them – all relating to important historical events of the early years of the state of Israel.

Rachel is a Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Rachel opens for her audiences a window to Israeli society through literature; through stories, poems and songs of the best of Israel's writers, she invites listeners to engage with Israel in an innovative way. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic – Rachel created a global community of

hundreds of learners who meet to study Israeli poetry online regularly. Until 2008 she was the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The Jewish Agency for Israel, Department of Education

- Session I – The clandestine Immigration under the British Mandate with the poem **A Response to an Italian Captain** *הברוש בוא: יקלטיא לבוה ברל*
- Session II - The War of Independence and the heavy toll of young life it took with the poem **The Silver Platter** *פסכה שגמ*
- Session III – War Ethics and the need call out misdeeds even while the fighting goes on, with the poem **For This** *לאז לע*
- Session IV – About freedom of speech and the right of Arab citizens to speak up with the poem **The Reprimand to Tawfik Toubi** *יבוט קיפוט תסנכה רבחב הפיונה*

PRIDE MONTH: LGBTQ+ INCLUSION

Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 12:00 – 1:00pm – Zoom and Livestream

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. This year Temple Beth El will celebrate Pride Month with this series where we will explore themes of LGBTQ+ inclusion in our current day. Rabbi Greg Weisman and the leaders of our LGBTQ+ Task Force will guide the conversation. Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org with any questions.



A Taste of Judaism®

Wednesdays, May 26, June 2 and June 9 • 7:30 - 9:00pm • Zoom or In Person (TBD)

Join Temple Beth El's rabbis for A Taste of Judaism®. This 3-session free program is all about showing people what is delicious about Judaism, our faith, our customs and our community.

Designed for “beginners” from any religious background, no previous knowledge of Judaism is required. Interfaith couples, in-laws of Jews, unaffiliated Jews, individuals exploring conversion, and anyone seeking

more knowledge about Judaism will find this course a good beginning.

Please spread the word to friends and family members who may be interested!

There is no enrollment fee, but pre-registration is requested.

Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at gweisman@tbeboca.org with any questions. Register at tbeboca.org/virtual



Racial Equity Reflection

“The learning is the doing.”

BY RABBI GREG WEISMAN

Earlier this year, Sara Selznick from the Thrive Collective taught those words to a group of Temple Beth El members during our Racial Equity Kickoff Event. What she was teaching us is that when we embark on a new endeavor, the first part of the process is a deep learning experience to understand the history and the context of whatever it is we are about to do. When it comes to racial equity, most of us have a lot of learning to do in order to understand how events and policies going back centuries continue to have an effect on our world today. And so, in this new racial equity initiative, the learning will be an essential part of the doing.

Albert Einstein was famous for saying that he would spend 55 minutes defining and understanding a problem before spending just five minutes solving it. The issues of racial equity and social justice that we confront today will certainly take more than five minutes to solve, but taking a significantly longer time

around racial equity will continue. With the help of the Thrive Collective, our partners from Delray Beach who are guiding our experience, we will be sharing articles, short films, podcasts, books, and other media that illuminate and elucidate issues of racial inequity through a monthly newsletter coming from the Temple.

To complement that we will have a discussion group that will meet in the weeks

So, in these next few months, our learning around racial equity will continue... we will be sharing articles, short films, podcasts, books, and other media that illuminate and elucidate issues of racial inequity through a monthly newsletter coming from the Temple.

after each newsletter is distributed, to give us a forum to discuss and contextualize what we are learning, and how we might be able to apply it in our own lives, congregation and community. We also anticipate more formal learning experiences like racial equity trainings and opportunities for parents to learn strategies for raising racially aware children.

This whole notion, of learning so that we might act in the future, is deeply Jewish. Our tradition teaches that the power behind the study of Torah is, among other things, that it leads to the performance of good deeds. When we take time just to learn, without having a specific outcome or objective in mind, we allow ourselves to wander into thoughts, problems, and potential solutions we never imagined even possible. We can sit in a space of wondering with friends old and new, neighbors who have different

life experience, and experts with wisdom and insight, so that together we can imagine a world made more fair and more just.

to think about and understand them before we begin to try is essential.

So, in these next few months, our learning



Learning Starts Early



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At Temple Beth El, lifelong learning is not only possible, but part of our mission. Through our Early Learning Center, children as young as 2.5 months old and their families are welcomed into our synagogue community and begin their educational journey that will last a lifetime.

Over the last 30 years, a growing body of research has overwhelmingly concluded that during the years 0-5, the foundations that shape children's future health, happiness, growth, development and learning achievement are established. Studies have shown that successes in school, family, community, and life in general can be traced back to these early years. In fact, early experiences provide the basis for the brain's organizational development and functioning throughout life. They have a direct impact on how children develop learning skills in addition to social and emotional aptitude.

At the Beth El Early Learning Center we understand the importance of our role in lives of every child that walks through our doors. Our "hands on," immersive, and experiential curriculum encourages children to be creative and independent learners. We focus on each individual student, building on their strengths and assisting with their challenges. We ask our teachers to make individual accommodations on their weekly lesson plans so experiences can be differentiated to meet the needs of each child. We scaffold their learning using open ended

questions and activities. We focus on process oriented art instead of product oriented art, encouraging children to express themselves and freely explore materials. Our ultimate goal is to set our students on a path of lifelong learning success as "out of the box," creative thinkers who will help shape our future as leaders, rather than "regurgitators" that follow the pack.

All of this takes place under the auspices of Temple Beth El, so our lifelong learning includes Jewish values, traditions, and customs. From the youngest ages children are immersed in Judaism through prayers, songs, foods, language, and love. We include synagogue membership in school tuition for all of our families, offer parent workshops, opportunities to meet with our clergy team and our auxiliary, Parenthood works to engage whole families. Most of our students will continue on into our Religious

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School after Pre-K graduation, so learning can continue through high school and beyond.

Learning starts early at Temple Beth El, but love of learning lasts a lifetime.



important dates

Monday, May 3-Thursday, May 6

Virtual Women in My Life Programs for Childcare and 2 year old classes (evening Happy Hour Zooms for adults only)

Wednesday, May 5

Virtual Women in My Life Programs for 3 and 4 year old classes (morning programs with children participation)

Monday, May 10-Friday, May 4

Staff Appreciation Week

Sunday, May 16

PreK Graduation at Schaefer Family Campus

Thursday, May 20

Last day of school – Noon dismissal for Early Childhood classes – Childcare in Session

Friday, May 21

Early Childhood Teacher Work Day – Childcare in Session

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day – School Closed

Tuesday, June 1-Friday, June 18

Summer Adventure Camp, Session 1

Monday, June 21-Friday, July 9

Summer Adventure Camp, Session 2

Parenthood

Wednesday, May 19

Final Parenthood Meeting of 2020-21



Tot Shabbat

Virtual Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

Friday, May 14 , 2021

What better way to celebrate the end of the school year than by honoring our amazing Parenthood volunteers with a special blessing.

Learning and Leadership



HEATHER EREZ
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In November of 2019 I was scheduled to interview Ross Glinkenhouse to come work at Temple Beth El as our new teen engagement specialist for an hour. About three and a half hours later, I hung up the phone excited and energized to implement the ideas we were building over this phone call. As one of us would say something, the other would have more to throw in and add to the conversation. I was jazzed; this was the start of the vision I had for our teens and Ross was going to help us implement it and bring it to the next level. With excitement, Ross moved to Florida and started working with us. 6 weeks later, we shut down for COVID and implementation was put on hold, but our ideas continued to soar.

Starting next fall, we will be launching facets of our new **Teen Engagement Program**, focusing on multiple gateways for entry for our teen members. With an umbrella teen led council structure where committees of teens can launch various programmatic or relational ideas, we envision more leadership opportunities and a myriad of interest groups that teens can choose to join. For instance, teen athletes or sports fan can form a league or tournament together; for those that want to work on community service hours, they can create a group of teens who volunteer on a regular basis and curate lists for others to join in periodically. For some, programming social events may be what energizes them, or being Teacher Assistants in the Religious School, the possibilities are endless. Transitioning to this engagement model not only

expands our reach but allows teens to engage in Jewish life in a way that is authentic for them.

This is all in addition to the Tuesday evening program, as well as a new pilot program called **Beyachad Teen**, made up of 6 Sunday evening sessions throughout the year that teens attend with a parent. Each session will delve into topics that affect our families with teens, such as substance abuse, suicide and depression, death, social pressure, and more. Taught by clergy, experts in the field and our education staff, thought-provoking and relevant conversations

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will create a structure for parents and teens to have these tough conversations as they gain more tools not only to help their own family, but teens in our community.

Ross and I are incredibly excited to see this come to fruition and encourage any teen to give voice to what is important to them, which is the only way for this model to be successful. No idea is to big or small. Please be in touch with us if you would like to support this transformational journey as we grow and expand our reach for teen engagement.

Please visit our website to learn more about all of the fresh ideas coming to our Temple Beth El teens.

Temple Beth El Teens elected to NFTY STR Regional Board

Temple Beth El has a long history of our teens becoming elected officials to NFTY STR (Southern Tropical Region). In March 2021 NFTY STR held its Annual Regional Elections, and Reese Marcus (Rising 11th grader) was elected as the region's Programming Vice President and Olivia Martinez (Rising 11th Grader) was elected as the region's Social Action President. We are excited that Reese and Olivia will be representing teens from Central Florida all the way to the Keys.

Coming off the Regional Board this year are Alyson Martinez, Regional President and Meghan Mandile, Programming Vice President. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to strengthen and inspire a new generation of NFTY.

** NFTY is the Union For Reform Judaism's Teen Youth Movement*

CLOCKWISE
Aly Martinez,
Olivia Martinez,
Reese Marcus,
Meghan Mandile



Blake Kornhaber



Sophie Jaffe



Brayden Ginnis

Blake Kornhaber
Son of Ari and Beth Kornhaber
May 1, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Sophie Jaffe
Daughter of Matthew and Renee Jaffe
May 1, 2021 @ 11:30 am

Brayden Ginnis
Son of Eric and Stefanie Ginnis
May 1, 2021 @ 5:30 pm



Grant Mandel



Emma Rubinstein



Jack Rubinstein

Grant Mandel
Son of Jason and Dana Mandel
May 8, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Emma Rubinstein
Daughter of Craig and Rachel Rubinstein
May 8, 2021 @ 11:30 am

Jack Rubinstein
Son of Craig and Rachel Rubinstein
May 8, 2021 @ 11:30 am



Sydney Jacobs



Ryan Goldman



Courtney Rosenthal

Sydney Jacobs
Daughter of Michael and Alissa Jacobs
May 22, 2021 @ 11:30 am

Ryan Goldman
Son of Jason and Joy Goldman
May 29, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Courtney Rosenthal
Daughter of Matthew and Amy Rosenthal
May 29, 2021 @ 11:30 am



Emma Johnson



Justin Swab



Ariella Tenenboim

Emma Johnson
Daughter of Bradley and Lauren Johnson
May 29, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Justin Swab
Son of Christopher and Nina Swab
June 5, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Ariella Tenenboim
Daughter of Uri and Izabela Tenenboim
June 5, 2021 @ 11:30 am



Brody Andrews



Daniel Sheinfeld



Aylah Kandel

Brody Andrews
Son of David and Elana Andrews
June 12, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Daniel Sheinfeld
Son of Aaron and Liliana Sheinfeld
June 12, 2021 @ 11:30 am

Aylah Kandel
Daughter of Ari and Leslie Kandel
June 19, 2021 @ 11:30 am

Religious School @ Beth El 2021-2022

Your partner
in raising
Jewish children.

Starting in Kindergarten, our students will build the foundation to help them grow to be literate and confident Jewish adults who find meaning in their identity and their tradition. The Big Ideas that stretch over the entire school curriculum include: Shabbat and Holidays, My Jewish Identity, Jewish History and Community, Jewish Literature, Hebrew, Prayer and Lifecycle and Israel.



Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
Sunday School
9am-12pm
Beck Family Campus
Starts August 22, 2021

3rd - 5th Grades
Two options:
Beyachad
A Family Learning Model
One Sunday a month
9am-12pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Starts late August 2021

—OR—
Sunday School
9am-12pm
Beck Family Campus
Starts August 22, 2021

6th Grade
Tuesdays | 7-8:30pm
Beck Family Campus and online
Rotating every other week.
Hebrew classes are one-on-one with a coach starting a year before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.
Starts August 24, 2021.

7th - 8th Grades Mitzvot and Middot
Tuesdays | 7-8:30pm
Beck Family Campus
Students will learn more about the Jewish Laws (*mitzvot*) and values (*middot*) and how they are brought forth in our lives today as a Reform Jewish community.
Starts August 24, 2021

2021 important dates

June 30 Last day for Early Bird Registration	August 31 First day of Tuesday classes for grades 9, 11, 12
August 22 First day of Sunday School	October 3 First day of Beyachad Teen
August 24 First day of Tuesday classes for grades 6-8 and 10	



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!
Visit tbeboca.org/religious-school-2021 curriculum information and to enroll for next year. Enroll before June 30 for an early bird savings of \$50 per student!
Tuition includes all school supplies, snacks, Consecration ceremony, Confirmation ceremony and retreat, Family Days, Shabbat Services, Bar/Bat Mitzvah fees. Must be a member of Temple Beth El to enroll.

K-2nd	\$990
3rd	\$1,760
4th-6th	\$2,000
7th	\$1,700
8th-9th	\$600
10th	\$1,800
11th-12th	\$600

** New families entering 5th-7th grade need to contact the religious school for tuition schedule. Contact Brigitte Livingstone at blivingstone@tbeboca.org or 561-391-9092.*

Teen Curriculum

NEW
THIS
YEAR

9th Grade
The American Reform Jewish Experience
Tuesdays | 7-8:30 pm Beck Family Campus
Reform Judaism is in many ways uniquely American. This course will explore our experience in America, with special attention on our communal life intersecting with Christians, Muslims and Orthodox Jews in our community. We will have a special focus on the unique aspects of living in South Florida and what opportunities and challenges that presents.
Starts August 31, 2021.

10th Grade Confirmation
Tuesdays | 7-8:30 pm Beck Family Campus Meeting weekly, these students will delve into their own relationships with God, Israel and Judaism with Rabbi Dan Levin. This course culminates in our Confirmation ceremony at the end of the year.
Starts August 24, 2021

9th - 12th Graders and Parents Beyachad Teen
Sundays | 7-8:30 pm Schaefer Family Campus
Six Sunday evening sessions throughout the year that teens attend with a parent. Each session delving into topics that affect our families with teens, such as substance abuse, suicide and depression, death, social pressure, and more. Taught by clergy, experts in the field and our education staff, thought provoking and relevant conversations will create a structure for parents and teens to have these tough conversations as they gain more tools not only to help their own family, but teens in our community.
Starts October 3, 2021

11th - 12th Grades Anti-Semitism Then and Now / Israel
Tuesdays | 7-8:30 pm Beck Family Campus
A new two-year looping curriculum created in partnership with March of the Living educators from South Palm Beach County, students will spend one year studying the rise of Anti-Semitism leading to the Holocaust until today and the second year they explore Israeli history from 1948 until today. Students who are enrolled in this course and attend the March of the Living trip will automatically receive a \$1000 stipend toward their trip.
Starts August 31, 2021

FOR MORE DETAILED CURRICULUM, VISIT tbeboca.org/rs-register

SISTERHOOD



BY **KAREN SCHLOSS**
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Life Lessons

Well, this is our last Chronicle submission. We wanted to use this space to express our gratitude for all of the life lessons we have learned during our term. Not only did we survive and thrive during the pandemic, but the year previous to that we grew in terms of leadership and friendship and sisterhood. We could not have even come close to what we presented without the amazing leadership and friendship of Rabbi Jessica. Our goal from the onset, even going back to VP of Membership and VP of Programming was to continue to elevate Sisterhood into an inclusive and special place. We have been honored to lead such an amazing board of supportive, creative, intelligent women of all ages and stages of life. It has been our pleasure. With that said, we know that the incoming board will continue to do amazing things and create meaningful programs and content for

all of the women at Beth El. Programming is underway for a year we hope will bring some hybrid programs in person and Zoom. In the coming months we have New York Times, USA Today, and Amazon Best Selling authors joining us, please grab a summer book (or two) and contribute to the conversations we will be having. Rochelle Weinstein, author of *This is Not How It Ends*, will be joining us on May 6th at 7 pm on Zoom. Please continue to look for our Sunday emails with upcoming programs! We will miss being at the helm, but know we will still be active and proud to be part of Sisterhood for many years to come!

With much gratitude and appreciation!
— Lisa and Karen

Sisterhood Book And Author Series

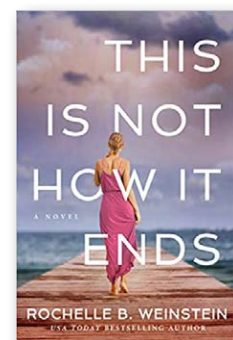
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Rochelle Weinstein, author of
This Is Not How It Ends
Thursday, May 6, 2021
7:00pm Zoom

Join Rochelle B. Weinstein discussing her latest book, *This Is Not How It Ends*, a moving novel of hearts lost and found, and of one woman torn between two love stories.

Rochelle is a USA TODAY and Amazon bestselling author. She is a “local”, born and raised in Miami, Florida. In the author’s own words: “After a colorful few years



[in the music and film industry in Los Angeles], I returned to Miami as an Account Executive at the acclaimed Beber Silverstein & Partners. Later that same year, I landed my first dream job ... I managed the advertising, marketing, and promotions for every record label in the country.... Life has a funny way of happening... Doors open and close. Avenues await. One path leads to another. I thought life

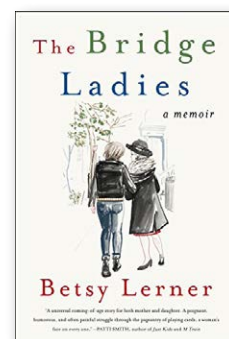
was fun before, but nothing is more fun than being a full-time author.”

Betsy Lerner, author of
The Bridge Ladies
Thursday, June 10, 2021
7:00pm Zoom

Join Betsy Lerner discussing her latest book, *The Bridge Ladies*, an unforgettable story of a hard-won—but never-too-late—bond between mother and daughter. “In her absorbing memoir, Lerner probes marriage, career, motherhood, depression, aging, death, and religion.” (Publishers Weekly)

“*The Bridge Ladies* reminded me of Tuesdays with Morrie... Exquisitely written, in this book are portraits of five women whose like we won’t see again. I devoured it in one greedy sitting, and started re-reading as soon as I finished.” (Will Schwalbe, author of the New York Times bestseller *The End of Your Life Book Club*)

Betsy Lerner is the author of several books including New York Times Bestseller *Calling All Minds* with Temple Grandin. Betsy received an MFA from Columbia University in Poetry and was the recipient of a Thomas Wolfe Poetry Prize, an Academy of American Poets Poetry Prize, and was selected as one of PEN’s Emerging Writers. She also received the Tony Godwin Publishing Prize for Editors. She is currently a partner with Dunow, Carlson and Lerner Literary Agency.



BROTHERHOOD



BY **CARLOS ROMERO**
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Happy Spring 2021 and to the great reopening we are all ready to experience. What a year it has been for the world! We have all had to adapt to a new normal and learn new ways of doing things. Thank goodness for humankind’s desire to improve their situation. It is incredible when you think about how we all became zoom videoconference experts this past year. Businesses connecting with customers and colleagues, grandparents having to learn how to use Facetime to stay connected to family and friends. It was an epic shift when you think about it.

I believe the traits of learning and adapting are foundational in our experience as Jews. Throughout history, our people have found new ways for doing things and contributed significantly to the improvements in living

standards we have all benefited from through the years. Think about it for a second—polio was eradicated thanks to the pioneering work of Dr. Jonas Salk—a Jew, Israeli technology development led to the creation of the mobile phone, and in the past year, Pfizer, led by a Greek Jew, developed one of the first vaccines for humankind to push back against the COVID 19 virus. Absolutely awesome when you think about it. We are small in number but high in contribution.

Contribution is something your Brotherhood is all about making happen. We have a great group of men that are looking to add to our shared experience here at Temple Beth El. Feel free to join us at our monthly board meetings—the first Thursday of each month—where we discuss how we can take our desire to make an impact to

new levels. Email Hayden Trepeck at HTrepeck@gmail.com to be sure you receive the meeting invite. Our weekly poker game continues to grow and new relationships are being forged each week. Reach out to Dr. Andrew Zwick if you would like to join us. He can be reached at bocadoc1@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future as we move on to a post pandemic world!

Brotherhood Mothers’ Day Chocolate Sale

Mothers’ Day this year is Sunday, May 9, and the Temple Beth El Brotherhood has a wonderful opportunity for everyone who wants to celebrate the mothers in their life.

Mindy’s Munchies is a fabulous chocolate store in Boca Raton, and they are offering a 10% discount to Temple Beth El families for their Mothers’ Day gifts. The discount is good for online and in-person purchases through Mothers’ Day, but delivery orders must be placed by Thursday, May 6.

The Brotherhood will also be collecting donations of \$36 to help deliver Mothers’ Day gifts to mothers in the Temple who have had a loss in the past year or are in other difficult situations.

For more information, to register to receive your discount code, and to make a donation to this effort, go to tbeboca.org/virtual.



Dedications

from January 11 to March 10, 2021

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.

50th Anniversary Youth Travel to Israel

in honor of:

Joel & Susan Ivers' beautiful Civil Rights
Trip memory book by Aline Fisher

in memory of:

Alvin Charles Unger by Aline Fisher
Augusta Unger by Aline Fisher
Stephen Feller by Aline Fisher

on the occasion of:

the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Aline Fisher
the engagement of Julie Blechman to
David Wyman and Jenna Blechman
to Jacob Blatt by Aline Fisher

Annual Giving 2020-2021

in celebration of:

marriage of Elana and Daniel by
Roberta & Jacob Kalmanson
the engagement of Robert Klasfeld to
Danielle Motola by Jan & Allen Lev
Hudson Samuel Paskal's Baby Naming
by Wendy & Steven Walin

in honor of

Adele Rose Spar-Goldberg by Susan
& Barry Podolsky
Madilyn Katz by Isrella Schear
Rabbi Greg Weisman's honor by the Elie Wiesel
Center for Jewish Studies by Aline Fisher
the birth of Max Elliott Gelsomino by Jules,
Jay, Noa, and Mya Wolfberg
the engagement of Julie Blechman to David
Wyman and Jenna Blechman to Jacob
Blatt by Susan & Barry Podolsky

in memory of:

Alvin Dern by Carol Tobin-Lewis
Donna Kramer's loved ones, Dewey and
Joanne by Freyda & Ed Burns
George Weiner by Brooke & David Lukes
Harvey Zipkin by Barbara Zipkin
Maida Rahn by Elinor & Jay Josephson
Paula Waldman by Freyda & Ed Burns
Sammy "Poppy" Schechner by Janice
& Harold Odesnik
Stephen Feller by Flavian & Raymond Starvish
Steve "Skippy" Feller by Janice & Harold Odesnik
Steve Feller by Judith Chason

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TBE for letting us stream the High Holy
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Disaster Relief Fund

in memory of:

Leon, father of Pepe Bakst by Ursula & Leonard Hess

Education & Youth Endowment Fund

in honor of:

Robin Eisenberg & Andy Broido's Anniversary
and Birthdays by Roberta & Lorrie Shafer

Barbara Feld, with gratitude by Lisa & Ben Lusskin

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Craig Donoff by Barbara & Jerry Lewin
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Stephen Feller by Eydie & Richard Kornberg
Stephen Feller by Robin Eisenberg & Andy Broido
Stephen Feller by Lesley & Bruce Zafran
Stephen Feller by Susan & Paul Levine

on the occasion of:

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General Fund

in memory of:

Stephen Feller by Jerry Isaak Shapiro

Music Fund

in honor of:

Cantor Lori Brock and Life and Music
of Debbie Friedman Program by
Andrea Corn & Robert Sugarman
Eliana Cohen's Bat Mitzvah by Diane More
Life and Music of Debbie Friedman
Program by Joanne Stern

in memory of:

Morris Cohen by Susan & Harvey Cohen
Norman Eidenberg by Sheila and Roger Shroeder

on the occasion of:

Life and Music of Debbie Friedman
Program by Peg Elefant

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Cantor Michelle for preparing Jakob for his
Bar Mitzvah by Lisa & Ben Lusskin

Myra R. Schwartz Cantorial Music Fund

in honor of:

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Cantor Lori Brock & Kira's Hebrew
Class by Carol Evenson

on the occasion of:

Life and Music of Debbie Friedman Program
by Barbara & Russel Johnston

Susan and Barry Podolsky Special Needs Fund

in honor of:

the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Judith Beiner
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Debbie
and Matthew Eisenberg
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Robin
Eisenberg & Andy Broido
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Robert Geller
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by
Freyda & Ed Burns
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by
Meredith & Marc Hirsh

the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Gary Berg
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by Jan & Allen Lev
the birth of Jamie Ella Podolsky by
Elinor & Jay Josephson

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of:

Kenny Feinsilver's birthday by Anne Chervony
Rabbi Dan and the Clergy for their compassion
and comfort by Karen Feller
Rabbi Dan Levin for the service for our mother
Beryl Small by Joe and Lisa Eiduson
Rabbi Greg Weisman for the baby naming of Skylar
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the birth of Daxton Ari Warren by Amy & Eliot Appel
the wedding of Andy Mandel and Michelle
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in memory of:

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Bar Mitzvah of Jakob Lusskin by
Pamela & Mark Polani
Elana's Marriage to David by Bobbi Berlin
Monroe and Alyce Satsky's 62nd wedding
anniversary by Carol & Darren Satsky
Rabbi Dan's guidance in preparation for Jakobs
Bar Mitzvah by Lisa & Ben Lusskin
Rowan & Braden Gershman's baby naming
ceremony by Julie & Darrin Gershman
the wonderful naming ceremony for Hudson
by Elizabeth & Scott Paskal

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Rabbi Dan Levin by Lana Sperling & David Saferstein
Rabbi Dan Levin for a wonderful wedding ceremony
by Nanette Fisher & Samuel Spiegel
Rabbi Greg Weisman by Natalie
Jouvenal & Gerhard Urbasch
Rabbi Greg Weisman for the funeral for
Jerome (Jerry) Yankow by B. Yankow
TBE for the vaccine by Arnold Levine

Racial Equity Program

in honor of:

Rabbi Greg Weisman and the racial equity program
by Hanita & Rabbi Mordechai Schreiber
Rabbi Greg Weisman, for your leadership and
passion on the racial equity program
by Susan & Barry Podolsky

Religious School Fund

in honor of:

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Josh and Claire's Marriage by Robin
Eisenberg & Andy Broido

the birth of Ava Shafer by Robin
Eisenberg & Andy Broido

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in memory of:

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in memory of:

my beloved husband, Robert Peter
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in memory of:

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in memory of:

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Josh and Sophia Lukes

on the occasion of:

the wedding of Elana and Daniel by Jan & Allen Lev

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