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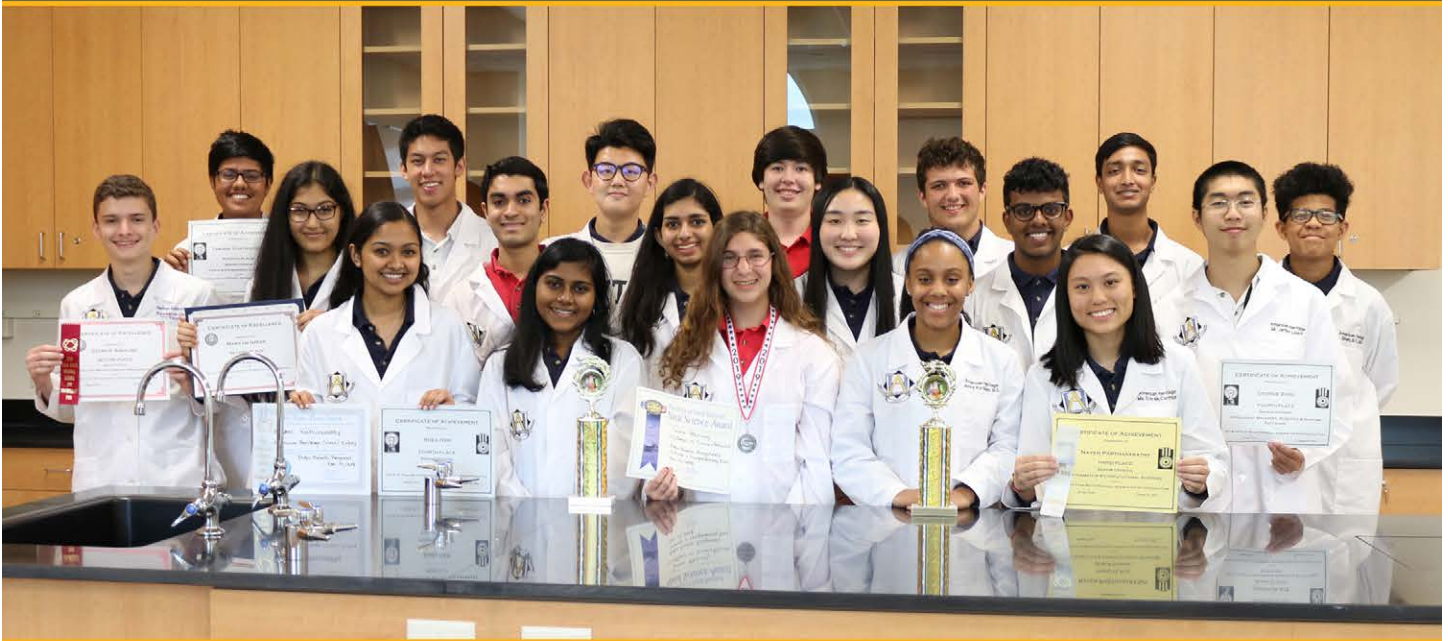
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# AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

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## #1 High School in Palm Beach County at Science Fair

**Congratulations to our winners:**

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# V'Shinantam – And You Shall Teach Them

## “THE SWIM TEST”

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN  
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When I was at my college orientation, our advisor explained to us the requirements we would need to meet in order to graduate. She listed the subject distributions and the various courses and other requirements we would need to meet. And then she said, “And don’t forget the swim test.”

Swim test? Yes, a swim test. Decades earlier, a college alum lost his son because he didn’t know how to swim, and in memorializing him at the college, he insisted the school ensure that every graduate know how to swim.

Here in south Florida, most of us as parents make sure our children learn to swim. As parents, it’s our job to make

responsibilities as parents.

In our society today we work hard at two out of the three. We do all we can to provide a strong education for our children, to make sure they attend strong schools and learn as best they can. We provide them opportunities to explore their interests and build strong bodies. We teach them to swim.

But we need to apply the same level of care and intention to our children’s moral and spiritual upbringing. We need to be intentional in teaching our children what are our essential values and principles. We need to help our children learn moral judgment and right from wrong. We need to help them to discover their identities

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sure our children are safe, and that we teach them skills necessary not simply to survive, but thrive.

In the Talmud, in tractate Kiddushin, we learn that a parent is obligated to teach a child certain things, including Torah and a trade – but we also learn that a parent is obligated to teach a child to swim. Children need to learn a trade to provide for their physical well-being, they need to learn Torah to build their moral character and spiritual core, and they need to learn to swim to be able to ensure their personal safety. If we do not educate our children and prepare them for adulthood, we have not fulfilled our

by telling them where they come from, who they are, and what we believe.

In the Torah, one of the most central commands we must observe as parents is “*V'Shinantam LVanecha* – You shall teach it to your children.” And Temple Beth El takes seriously the sacred trust a synagogue shares with parents in fulfilling this commandment.

For the last year, a talented and dedicated group of congregational leaders, parents, educators, and staff have explored what Jewish education at Temple Beth El ought to be. What should our children feel when they walk in their synagogue? What should they experience



in their classes and activities? What structures will work best with our busy schedules? What modalities tend to be the most engaging? How can we build a program where our children feel inspired to learn, where they build communities and friendships, where they learn to embrace the wisdom of their people’s texts, traditions, language, history, and moral frameworks and spiritual truths?

These are monumental questions, and the answers continue to unfold. But it is essential that we teach our children how our Jewish tradition teaches us how to build resilience and emotional well-being, self-confidence and self-respect, social consciousness and communal responsibility, relationship skills and moral decision-making.

Together we will build a Jewish learning center at Temple Beth El where our children have the tools to build a world on the outside that is filled with understanding and justice and goodness, and a world on the inside that is filled with wisdom, compassion, and peace.



# Important Lessons

BY **MARK SUNSHINE**  
TEMPLE BETH EL PRESIDENT  
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*"Pay attention to where you are going because without meaning you might get nowhere"*  
—Winnie-the-Pooh

I have always believed that Winnie-the-Pooh was the smartest bear in the forest.

The Pooh Bear is correct that without meaning our life's journey and achievements will be hollow replicas of what could have been.

For me, religious school provided much of my framework to make my journey worthwhile.

Synagogue was where I learned about making ethical choices and the difference between right and wrong, and made lifelong friends; lessons and friends that are as relevant today as they were in the 1960s and 1970s.

While I played sports, did many extracurricular activities and had an active social life (too active according to my parents,) none of those other activities taught me how to be good, kind or caring.

School and sports taught me lessons about how to compete and be on a team, but they were essentially

that nowhere in the book of life will it be recorded how many goals I scored or my high school GPA.

Beth El is changing and updating its religious school experience.

While we will be making use of new methodologies and techniques that allow for more effective, enjoyable and convenient teaching, we are not changing our steadfast commitment to help our children and parents be the best people that they can be regardless of their job, school or team.

Updated programs include family learning opportunities that are meaningful and engaging for parents and kids alike. These programs will provide an essential environment and framework for parents and children to reinforce their bond while teaching the moral framework (found in Torah and our traditions) and religious education, and fostering community.

Other programs will include different modes and methods of learning more technical subjects such as Hebrew language. Beth El is embracing the best and most effective teaching techniques and technologies to make learning as enjoyable and effective as possible.

Learning will be more convenient, both in terms of time and location.

So while some things are changing, Beth El remains dedicated to make sure that when children and families get to where they are going, the journey was meaningful and not an empty experience.

School and sports **taught me lessons** about how to compete and be on a team, but they were essentially silent about how to be a **good father, caring husband or respected member** of the community.

silent about how to be a good father, caring husband or respected member of the community. These lessons and values are just as important as the things that sports and academic work provide.

Family life is not a competition and I am certain

## Welcome **NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

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

Bobbi and Melvyn Cohen

Phyllis and Howard Cordover

Julia and Georg Cortolezis-Supp  
and their daughter, Charlotte

Elizabeth and Benjamin Edelston

Jenna and David Feldman  
and their son, Austin

Jill and Leonard Fishgold

Sandy and Louis Goldberg

Miriam and Joshua Gornitsky and  
their children, Ilan and Rafael

Carole and Stewart Krosser

Bonnie Levinson

Ruta and Dimitar Kouchev and  
their children, Emily and Oliver

Bonnie and Robert Sonneborn

Karen Warner



COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE TEMPLE BETH EL

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# MY BIG FAT GREEK (Jewish) ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019  
**BECK FAMILY CAMPUS  
IN THE NEW KEHILLAH CENTER**

Schmooze 5:30pm  
Dinner 6:00pm  
Annual Meeting 7:00pm

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.

Our Greek menu will include Greek salad, spanakopita, lemon roasted baby chicken, gyro slices topped with caramelized micro onions, sautéed haricots verts, crispy lemon potatoes and of course Bundt cake for dessert! You don't eat meat, that's okay...we've got vegan eggplant moussaka!

**Agenda for the Annual meeting includes:**

- Confirm the slate for the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees
- Present the 2019-2020 Operating Budget
- Present the following awards



Joseph Q. Kline Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award to Art Siegel



John Rogers Award for Exemplary Professional Service to Vinny Picataggio



Robin L. Eisenberg Learning and Living Award to Elaine Krinn

Dinner: Adults/\$25.00 • Children/ages 5 -13: \$16; under 5/free  
Prices increase to \$29/\$18 after May 23, 2019

To RSVP for dinner and /or the Annual Meeting, please register online at [tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events) or call Sharon Stern at 561-391-8900

# Construction Update

BY **STEVE KAUFMAN**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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Construction activities at the Schaefer Family Campus continue full speed ahead as we get closer to completing this multi-year project. **Phase Two**, which we anticipate will be complete in the summer of 2019, includes most of the public spaces that will have the most dramatic impact on our members and on our worship and learning experiences.

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## Phase Two includes

- the new covered drop off area
  - welcome center
  - inspiring new chapel
  - adult learning room
  - Sisterhood gift shop and
  - expanded and renovated rest rooms
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Phase Three, the final phase of the Project which contains most of the administrative offices, will begin this summer and be complete in early 2020.

An exciting feature we are incorporating into the project is a **state-of-the-art digital display wall**. This digital wall includes five 55-

inch monitors, two of which are interactive and will display all sorts of things that we want to highlight for our members and guests.

The digital wall will include all of the photos that used to hang in the hallway of the past confirmation classes, adult b'nai mitzvah classes and consecration photos. It will include volunteer and staff recognition awards as well as donor recognition in one central location. We can also easily change the image to simply have attractive scenery or artwork. We are still working through the implementation details as this will be a living project that will evolve, just as Beth El evolves as a Jewish community.







## Wedding Blessing & Champagne Oneg

*Please join us for the Aufruf (wedding blessing) of  
Cantor Lori Shapiro and George Brock  
at Shabbat evening services on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm.  
The couple will be married on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Tuscany Italy!*

*Celebrate following services at a  
Dessert and Champagne Oneg Extraordinaire!*

*RSVP at [tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events)*

In honor of their wedding, Lori and George have dedicated the beautiful, new Tree of Life in the Grand Gallery at the Schaefer Family Campus.

In lieu of gifts, the couple asks that you make a donation to this dedication via the Fulfilling the

Promise Campaign at

[tbeboca.org/](http://tbeboca.org/)

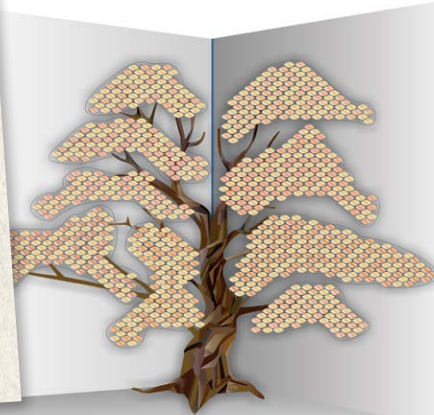
[fulfilling-the-promise](http://tbeboca.org/fulfilling-the-promise)

or call Leslie Viselman,

Director of Development,

at 561-391-8900.

Donations of \$360 or above will include a leaf on the tree with an inscription of your choice.



# SHAVUOT



**CHOOSE  
A  
LOCATION**  
*Space is  
Limited*

**WINE AND  
CHEESE  
AND OTHER  
DAIRY DELIGHTS  
AS WE LEARN  
TORAH  
TOGETHER!**

**EREV SHAVUOT  
SATURDAY  
JUNE 8, 2019**

**Shavuot Festival  
Morning Service  
with Yizkor,**

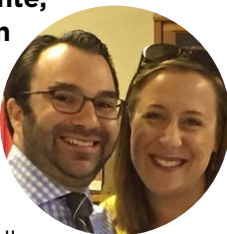
**Sunday, June 9, 10:30am  
Schaefer Family Campus**

**5:30pm**

**The Home of Rabbi Greg  
and Tami Weisman  
Mizner Pointe,  
Boca Raton**

Enjoy pizza  
and wine  
(for the  
adults!)

at this  
family friendly  
celebration of Shavuot in  
the home.



RSVP at [www.tbeboca.org/worship](http://www.tbeboca.org/worship) or to  
Suzanne Bring in the clergy office at [sbring@tbeboca.org](mailto:sbring@tbeboca.org).

**7:30pm**

**The Home of Jennifer and  
Brad Berkowitz  
Seven Bridges,  
Delray Beach**

Wine, cheese and  
cheesecake will set the  
stage for an evening with  
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic  
Mates who will show us  
how cheesecake is like  
Torah, and share her love  
of the land of "milk" and  
honey.

**8:00pm**

**The Home of Ilyne  
Mendelson and  
Steve Terk in Toscana,  
Highland Beach**

Enjoy wine, cheese and  
cheesecake, and discover  
the origins of wine in the  
Torah through a fun game  
led by Cantor Lori.





# Temple Beth El of Boca Raton

*in conjunction with the*  
South Palm Beach County Bar Association *and* Lynn University

PRESENT

*10th Anniversary*



project

**NUREMBERG**

**LAWYERS LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 • 12:00-2:00PM**

Please arrive at 11:45am so we can begin the program promptly.

## **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PROJECT NUREMBERG**

Over a decade ago, Lynn University almost threw away a set of books from the Nuremberg Trials. Known as the Blue Series, Rabbi Mates, rescued them from destruction and has for the last ten years brought together hundreds of attorneys to learn about these trials that used the Rule of Law to bring order to a post- Holocaust, post-WWII world. Several events will mark this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what has come to be known as Project Nuremberg. Project Nuremberg is generously underwritten by Marilyn and Jay Weinberg.



# SPEAKERS AND HONOREES

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Project Nuremberg, special recognition is given to Rabbi Jessica Mates and the Project Nuremberg Committee.



**Ben Ferencz** We are honored to be joined by Ben Ferencz, an investigator of Nazi war crimes after World War II and the Chief Prosecutor for the United States Army at the Einsatzgruppen Trial, one of the twelve military trials held by the U.S. authorities at Nuremberg, Germany. His work has long focused on issues of international criminal justice and world peace.



## **Former Mossad Agent Avner Avraham, Jay and Marilyn Weinberg Rule of Law Award Recipient**

The former Mossad agent who famously worked to reveal and publicize the insider story of the historic 1960 capture of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann inspiring MGM's movie "Operation Finale" starring Oscar Isaac and Ben Kingsley – for which Avraham served as a key consultant.



## **Professor John Q. Barrett, Jay and Marilyn Weinberg Rule of Law Award Recipient**

Our very first speaker at the Nuremberg Lawyer's Luncheon, St John's University Professor of Law, expert on U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Nuremberg prosecutor Robert H. Jackson.

## **Florida Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Luck Civility Award Recipient**

Justice Robert J. Luck was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court by Governor Ron DeSantis on January 14, 2019. He previously served on the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami after his appointment there by Governor Rick Scott in 2017.



# PROJECT NUREMBERG EVENTS

**Circle of Friends Meeting with Mossad Dinner, Havdalah and Discussion with Former Mossad Agent Avner Avraham**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 6:30pm**  
**The home of Rabbi Jessica and Mitchell Mates**

Space is limited. See information on page 11.  
RSVP at [tbeboca.org/adult-programming](http://tbeboca.org/adult-programming)

**Senior Circle with Former Mossad Agent Avner Avraham**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 1:00pm**  
**Schaefer Family Campus**

Followed by dessert and coffee  
No Fee/RSVP at [tbeboca.org/senior-circle](http://tbeboca.org/senior-circle)

**Special Screening of "Operation Finale"**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 3:00pm • Schaefer Family Campus**

Followed by a talk with Avner Avraham whose declassification of the Eichmann capture led to the making of this Hollywood movie.  
\$5 suggested donation for movie benefitting BOFTY's Camp Jenny.  
RSVP at [tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events).

**Senior Circle Breakfast**  
**The Face of the Soldier and the Legacy of War**  
**Sunday, June 2, 2019 • 11:00am**  
**Schaefer Family Campus**  
**Dr. Sam Edelman and Flora Zolin from Honor Portraits:**  
**Photo Portraits of Veterans**

*Dr. Edelman is a world-renowned lecturer on Holocaust and Israel Studies, and a founding faculty member of the the New Academic Council for Israel. He will discuss the impact of U.S. antagonism toward Jews on the Nazis final solution, how the U.S. tried to redeem itself with the War Refugee Board, liberating the camps, and helping Jews get to Palestine.*

*Following that we will hear from Flora Zolin, co-organizer of a local group of photographers and volunteers who offer free portraits of those who have served in the military, along with their significant other. If you are a veteran, you will be able to sign up for a portrait sitting at a future date.*

# Civil Rights Journey to the Deep South

**WITH RABBI GREG WEISMAN  
FEBRUARY 22-25, 2020**



## **COME TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
7:00pm  
Schaefer Family Campus**

Relive history with Temple Beth El and Rabbi Greg Weisman on an incredible journey through the Civil Rights movement in the Deep South, as we explore the theme "For We Were Once Strangers in a Strange Land." This moving and inspiring three-day trip will uncover why Jews, as a people who have known oppression, must care and act when others are oppressed.

Trip highlights include the Martin Luther King Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Human and Civil Rights Museum, the Equal Justice Initiative, Freedom Park and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

The trip begins in Atlanta on Saturday evening, February 22, 2020 and concludes with time to return home on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Cost will be \$1,000-\$1,100 per person, double occupancy, plus airfare, depending on the number of participants.

RSVP for the informational meeting at [tbeboca.org/social-action](https://tbeboca.org/social-action) and learn more about this incredible opportunity.

Contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at [gweisman@tbeboca.org](mailto:gweisman@tbeboca.org) or 561-391-8900 with any questions.



## Jacobson Family Food Pantry

**Help support those in our community who are food insecure by donating unopened non-perishable food items. Collection bins are in the Main Office at the Schaefer Family Campus and in the Welcome Center of the Beck Family Campus.**





# Lunch & Learn



Bring your  
own lunch.  
Drinks  
provided.

## ISRAELI AUTHORS SOCIETY FROM AHARON TO AMOS

**Tuesdays May 7, 14, 21 and 28**

**June 4, 11, 18 and 25**

**12:00-1:00pm**

**Rabbi Jessica Mates and  
Rabbi Greg Weisman**

One died at the very beginning of 2018 and one died at the very end. Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz were wordsmiths for the people of the book. Their lives paralleled the most significant events of the Jewish people in modern times, and their use of modern Hebrew expresses the complexities of the impact of the Holocaust on Israeli society. Using literature, video and media coverage, we will paint a picture of these two Israeli literary giants.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*An active group  
for Temple Beth El  
members in  
their 60's and 70's*

## Havdalah with Mossad

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

**6:30pm**

**The home of Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates  
and Mitchell Mates**

**\$25 per person**

**\$30 per person after April 24**

**Space is limited**

Join Rabbi Jessica and her husband Mitchell Mates at their home for a delicious Italian dinner, wine and an intriguing discussion with Former Mossad Agent Avner Avraham.

Avner Avraham became a master of disguise during his 28-year career with Mossad, the National Intelligence Agency of Israel. He retired four years ago with countless stories about close escapes

and quick thinking. Today, the one-time spy is best known for publicizing the story of "Operation Finale," the Mossad's 1960 capture of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, illustrated in a 2018 MGM feature film of the same title, on which he served as an advisor.

Address and directions to follow with registration confirmation.

Register at [tbeboca.org/adult-programming](http://tbeboca.org/adult-programming). For more information contact Elinor Josephson 561-391-8900 or [ejosephson@tbeboca.org](mailto:ejosephson@tbeboca.org)

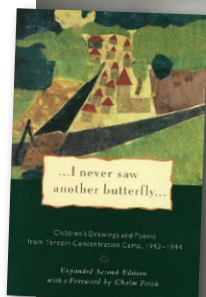


## Yom Hashoah



**Friday, May 3, 2019  
6:00pm  
Schaefer Family Campus**

Join us for this special Shabbat service where we will remember the Holocaust through music, prayer and dialogue. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, who have been studying the Shoah (Holocaust) will share their thoughts during this meaningful, musical service.



# *Celebrate* Shabbat

## **MAY 3 EARLY SERVICE**

**6:00pm** Yom HaShoah Shabbat with our 8th Graders

**Schaefer Family Campus**

Yom HaShoah is a sacred day in which we remember all those who were lost in the Holocaust. Our 8th Graders will help us pay tribute during this meaningful service.

## **6:30pm Tot Shabbat**

**Ice Cream Social and Parenthood Volunteer Recognition Shabbat**  
**Beck Family Campus**

Join us for the last Tot Shabbat of the school year to honor all of our amazing Parenthood volunteers with a special blessing. Stay after the service for a delicious Oneg complete with wine, and an ice cream dessert bar.

Pizza dinner at 6:00pm before the service. No charge for dinner, but please RSVP at

[tbeboca.org/early-learning-center](http://tbeboca.org/early-learning-center)

## **MAY 10 EARLY SERVICE**

**6:00pm** Israel Blue Jeans Shabbat!  
**Schaefer Family Campus**

**7:15pm** Dinner, RSVP for dinner at [tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events)

Wear your favorite blue jeans and rock out to an Israeli themed service celebrating our Jewish homeland! Join with our musical groups, clergy and great musicians to celebrate Israel Independence Day!

## **5:45pm Shabbat Club!**

Drop your children (ages 2-10) off for a wonderful Shabbat experience. While you enjoy services, they can enjoy a Shabbat experience with their friends and our fabulous Early Learning Center teachers. FREE but you must register! [tbeboca.org/worship](http://tbeboca.org/worship)

## **MAY 17**

**7:30pm** Shabbat Service Honoring our Confirmation Class and Graduating Seniors

**Schaefer Family Campus**

Celebrate an uplifting Shabbat as we honor our confirmation class and hear reflections from our graduating seniors.

## **MAY 24**

**7:30pm** Shabbat Evening Service with guest speaker

**Rabbi Nir Barkin**

**Schaefer Family Campus**

We will welcome Rabbi Nir Barkin from Kehillat Yozma in Modiin with his words about Reform Judaism in Israel. This musical service will also feature our newly formed vocal group, Shir Chadash!

## **MAY 31**

**7:30pm** Shabbat Evening Service: Milestones

**Schaefer Family Campus**

Why do we mark milestones like birthdays and anniversaries? This week, as Rabbi Dan and Aimee Levin celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and Rabbi Greg and Tami Weisman celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary, we will explore the passing of time and the marking of special occasions.

## **JUNE 7 EARLY SERVICE**

**6:00pm** Shabbat Evening Service: The Gift of Torah

**Schaefer Family Campus**

On this Shabbat before we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, we will come together in discussing the meaning of Shavuot, and how to see the Torah as a gift in our everyday lives.



# BLUE JEAN SHABBAT

## JUNE 14

### **6:30pm** Tot Shabbat Splish Splash Shabbat Beck Family Campus

**Summer Fun Tot Shabbat Service followed water fun on our splash pad!**

Come in your bathing suit and don't forget to bring your towel to this Tot Shabbat celebrating summer. After the service join us in our Big Backyard for splash pad, water slides and more! Wear your water shoes and come ready to get wet. Children who aren't potty-trained must wear swim diapers.

Pizza dinner at 6:00pm before the service. No charge for dinner, but please RSVP at [tbeboca.org/early-learning-center](http://tbeboca.org/early-learning-center)

### **7:30pm** Shabbat Service: Flag Day Schaefer Family Campus

On Flag Day, the anniversary of the adoption of the American flag, we will explore the power and importance of symbols and symbolism in our tradition.

## JUNE 21

### **7:30pm** A Musical Shabbat Evening Service Schaefer Family Campus

Explore beautiful Shabbat melodies, both old and new, and discover how music can help us create a deeper and more spiritual Shabbat experience.

## JUNE 28

### **7:30pm** Shabbat Celebrating the Marriage of Cantor Lori Shapiro and George Brock! Schaefer Family Campus

Join us for this exciting musical service and for the aufruf (calling up to the Torah) for our Cantor Lori Shapiro and fiancé George Brock. An extended oneog will follow services. Let's celebrate! Please RSVP at [tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events).

**Friday, May 10, 2019**

**Schaefer Family Campus**

**Blue Jean Shabbat Celebration  
of Yom Haatzm'ut/Israel's  
Independence Day**

**SPECIAL  
EARLY  
SERVICE  
TIME**

**6:00pm** for a rockin' Israeli themed musical Shabbat service celebrating our Jewish Homeland!

**7:15pm** Join the fun with activities, games and a delicious Israeli inspired dinner catered by Artisan Foods

Wear your favorite blue jeans to this musical Shabbat celebrating Israel, then stay for Israeli-themed fun and food with your family and friends!

RSVP for dinner at

[tbeboca.org/special-events](http://tbeboca.org/special-events)

Adults/\$23.00

Children/\$15.00

ages 4 - 12

After Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Adults/\$26.00

Children/\$18.00

ages 4 - 12





THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS  
OF TEMPLE BETH EL  
INVITES YOU TO SHARE IN ITS

# Confirmation Service

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019 14 IYAR 5779  
1:30 PM

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES  
TEMPLE BETH EL OF BOCA RATON  
SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

REESE ARON  
JACK BERSHAD  
SHIRA BROCKMAN  
JAMIE FEUERMAN  
MANDY FEUERMAN  
MORGAN FOWLER  
ALEX GAYNOR  
SEAN GERSTEIN

SHELBY HOTZ  
MEGHAN MANDILE  
ALYSON MARTINEZ  
SARAH NELSON  
OLIVIA NICASTRO  
LOGAN PERKINS  
JOSHUA RADOFF  
LUCAS ROCHWERGER

BROOKE SEFTON  
JOEY SHEINER  
SEAN SIEGEL  
ALEXANDER SLINTAK  
AMIE SPATZ  
LAUREN SQUITIERI  
STACEY WIENER  
JESSICA WINOGRAD



Sisterhood compiles and presents each student with his or her own book of best wishes. These messages are a wonderful, convenient way to acknowledge this simcha. Proceeds from Uniongrams benefit the WRJ Y.E.S Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects.)

## SEND UNIONGRAMS

to Members of the 2019 Confirmation Class! **\$36 for the whole class**

Your name as you wish it to appear \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Uniongrams online at [www.tbebocaorg/sisterhood](http://www.tbebocaorg/sisterhood) or send a check for \$36 payable to Temple Beth El to 333 SW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33432, Attn: Sisterhood Uniongrams

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 2.0

☆ COMMUNITY • VILLAGE • PEOPLE • TRIBE ☆

Register for the 2019-2020 school year online at [tbeboca.org/religious-school](http://tbeboca.org/religious-school).

What makes Jewish education special at Temple Beth El? Our children (and their families) are given a warm welcome into a large, caring, loving temple family. We share a love and responsibility for each other, and for educating our children with a sense of tradition and a strong moral core; we celebrate good times and comfort each other in difficult times. More often than not, food is involved!

## THE VISION

### Prayer for Our Children

*Temple Beth El values Jewish education as a communal responsibility: essential and experiential, relevant and resonant.*

*May every child find their Jewish voice and be heard, feel welcomed and known, discover meaning and connection, celebrate curiosity and experience joy.*

*May they live and learn with intention, care deeply for our history and our traditions, practicing faithfully and teaching others.*

*Guide them to act from a moral core, to do the work of peace through leadership and service. Inspire holiness in our children, our families, our community, and our world.*

## THE DREAM TEAM

In the spring of 2018, a group was formed to reimagine religious school at Temple Beth El. Their work led to new ideas and a new vision for the school.

### CO-CHAIRS

Barbara Leventhal and  
Crystal Romero-Sherman  
with  
Rabbi Dan Levin and  
Heather Erez, RJE

Naomi Denish  
Elise Ecoff  
Barbara Feld  
Chari Gordon  
Ronni Graf  
Tracey Grossman

Jacob Harris  
Susan Moldow  
Craig Rubenstein  
Sydney Siegel  
Mark Sunshine  
Rasheena Taub  
Wendy Walin



Create an  
**ONLY AT BETH EL**  
Jewish learning  
experience where  
each child feels  
valued, loved and  
included.

Experience  
and learn the  
Jewish holidays  
and  
calendar

Build a  
strong  
sense of  
community

Make  
lifelong  
friends

Become  
knowledgeable  
and caring Jewish  
adults with strong  
moral decision  
making skills

Build a  
spiritual identity  
through the lesson  
of Torah and  
tradition.

## THE PROCESS

**MAY 2018**

Dream Team  
created  
aspirational goals





## WELCOME TO THE Tribe

### TEMPLE BETH EL'S K-6TH GRADE EXPERIENCE

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For questions contact Heather Erez, Director of Youth Education and Engagement at [herez@tbeboca.org](mailto:herez@tbeboca.org)

Don't forget there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee or building fund.



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Each student will become part of a Temple Beth El tribe, where they will belong until they graduate.



The fundamentals of Jewish learning, Jewish values and Jewish community. An integrated Hebrew program, that will include robust T'fillah (prayer), Jewish Life Vocabulary, and the Hebrew Through Movement program.

#### OPTION A TRADITIONAL MODEL

##### K-3rd grade

- Sundays 9:00am-11:30am
- Beck Family Campus only
- Optional enrichment 11:30-12:30pm

NOTE  
earlier start  
and end  
time

##### 4th-6th grade

- **One Day a Week Option**  
Beck Family Campus only  
Sundays 9:00am-12:30pm
- **Two Days a Week Option**  
Beck and Schaefer Family Campus  
Sundays 9am-11:30pm and  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
—OR—  
Sundays 9:00am-11:30pm and  
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

NOTE  
earlier start  
and end  
time

#### OPTION B BEYACHAD FAMILY LEARNING MODEL

##### Schaefer Family Campus only

##### 3rd-6th Grade

- Adults accompany and learn with students
- 1 Friday a month
- 1 Sunday a month
- 3 Saturday gatherings throughout the year
- One-on-one Hebrew tutoring for 5th and 6th grade

“ From the moment my family became members, we felt as if we had a new family in Boca Raton. My children come home from religious school each week singing new songs and explaining the Jewish holiday or custom they learned. I am thrilled to continue Jewish heritage through my children in such an amazing environment!  
— Shayna Martinoff ”

“ Our children attend by choice, learn without preaching and participate without judgment. They know that they are safe, they are not judged and most importantly, they cannot fall because our community will always hold them up.  
— Naomi Denish ”

#### JUNE 2018

Learned the history of youth education and engagement at Temple Beth El

#### FALL 2018

Solicited feedback from current and past religious school families and students.

#### SUMMER 2018

Researched models from around the country



## TEMPLE BETH EL'S 7TH GRADE EXPERIENCE

# The Mitzvah Year

Most of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders are focusing and reflecting on their own experiences as they become Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

As a class, they will turn their attentions outward as they give back to the community.

Students will choose mitzvah projects that speak to their interests, and work together with their classmates to make a difference.



“ We listen to our parents, we can tweak and reflect to make sure the experience is optimal for every child and family, no matter their background or upbringing.  
—Heather Erez

## TEMPLE BETH EL'S 8TH-12TH GRADE EXPERIENCE

# #JewishAdulting

*Applying the Lessons of Torah to Everyday Life*



### Tuesday Nights

- Being Jewish in Our World
- Moral Decision Making
- Social Action/Social Justice
- Social/Emotional Self Care
- Jewish Identity/Feeling Jewish on the Inside
- Israel, Holocaust and the World

### Who's Teaching?

Classes will be taught by Rabbi Dan Levin, Rabbi Jessica Mates, Rabbi Greg Weisman, and Heather Erez, Director of Youth Education and Engagement. Guest lecturers and our education staff will provide additional opportunities to learn.

**Madrichim** – Teacher Assistant Training in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, followed by TA'ing in classrooms throughout high school.  
Sundays 9:00am-11:30am  
Beck Family Campus only

**Confirmation** – In 10<sup>th</sup> grade an exploration of the student's Jewish heritage and identity, culminating in the Confirmation ceremony and celebration at the end of the year.

### WINTER 2018

Board of Directors approved proposed program changes. Budget and implementation process created.

### MARCH 2019

Dream Team created vision statement and prayer for our children.



## Religious School Important Dates

**No Religious School**  
Sunday, May 12, 2019  
Mother's Day

**Confirmation Dinner and Shabbat Service Honoring our Senior Class of 2019**  
Friday, May 17, 2019  
Schaefer Family Campus  
Dinner at 6:00pm  
Service at 7:30pm

**Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos**  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
Schaefer Family Campus  
1:30-9:00pm

**Confirmation Service and Reception**  
Sunday, May 19, 2019  
Schaefer Family Campus  
Service at 1:30pm  
Reception immediately following service

**Last Day of Religious School Celebration**  
Sunday, May 19, 2019  
Schaefer Family Campus  
Beck Family Campus  
9:30am-12:00pm  
**Parents invited to join at 9:30am for Kehillah!**

## Youth Engagement

**THE RAPIDS WITH TRIBES NAPHTALI (3RD GRADE) AND GAD (4TH GRADE)**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**8:30am - 4:30pm**  
**\$55 per person**

**CLUB MED WITH 5TH - 12TH GRADE**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**8:00am - 6:30pm**  
**\$60 per person**

**BOFTY BANQUET FOR 8TH - 12TH GRADE**  
**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
**\$35 per person**  
**Maggiano's Little Italy of Boca Raton**

**CIT TRAINING**  
**Monday, June 3, 2019**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Beck Family Campus**  
Counselor-in-Training for our Beth El Early Learning Center Summer Adventure Camp. Get great experience working with our youngest children in a fun, summer camp setting. \$50 for the first session, and \$30 for each additional session. Includes t-shirts, materials and Friday lunches  
Session 1: June 3 - 21, 2019  
Session 2: June 24 - July 12, 2019  
Session 3: July 15 - August 2, 2019

## B'nai Mitzvah



Shayne Buddman



Morgan Small



Seth Goldstein



Summer Bernstein



Samuel Mullen



Nicholas Ciano



Jacob Tannenbaum



Cayla Trinkofsky



Benjamin Hirsh



Jake Sudit



Jacob Garrett

Shayne Buddman  
Daughter of Cari and Jessica Buddman  
5/4/2019 @ 9:00 AM

Morgan Small  
Daughter of Kevin Small  
5/4/2019 @ 11:30 AM

Seth Goldstein  
Son of Annette and Michael Goldstein  
5/4/2019 @ 6:00 PM

Summer Bernstein  
Daughter of Alexandria Bernstein  
5/11/2019 @ 10:45 AM

Samuel Mullen  
Son of Shari and Geoffrey Mullen  
5/11/2019 @ 6:00 PM

Nicholas Ciano  
Son of Ariana and Steve Ciano  
5/18/2019 @ 10:45 AM

Jacob Tannenbaum  
Son of Michelle and Michael Tannenbaum  
5/25/2019 @ 9:00 AM

Cayla Trinkofsky  
Daughter of Kim and Cliff Trinkofsky  
5/25/2019 @ 11:30 AM

Benjamin Hirsh  
Son of Meredith and Marc Hirsh  
5/25/2019 @ 5:30 PM

Jake Sudit  
Son of Natalie and Isaias Sudit  
6/1/2019 @ 9:00 AM

Jacob Garrett  
Son of Brianna and James Garrett  
6/1/2019 @ 11:30 AM



# It's Graduation!

BY **CINDY KORSHIN**

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What's so special about a preschool graduation? According to Merriam Webster, a graduation is the award or acceptance of an academic degree or diploma. Are preschoolers engaged in academics? Do they "deserve" a diploma?

Harvard research shows in the first few years of life, more than 1 million new neural connections are formed every second. The brain architecture is built over time and shaped through experiences.

We also know that what happens early matters for a lifetime and it's better to get it right the first time than to try and fix something later on. Development and the impact of experience on development is a back and forth interaction. We also know that we cannot separate cognitive development from social/emotional development. Emotionally and socially confident children are more productive in learning.

So how does the early learning center experience factor into all of this?

When a child experiments with hands-on learning opportunities, the goal is to intentionally combine prior knowledge with something new so that the experience becomes something unique and the learning is enhanced. The other thing that is essential for children is "play". Play allows children to use their creativity, while creating healthy brain development. Through play children engage and interact with the world around them. Our days are filled with multi-sensory experiences, positive guidance, structure, love and warmth. Our children are engaged, involved, enquiring and problem solving.

There is a famous quote from Benjamin Franklin that says "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn".

The preschool experience is all about creating the foundation for what comes later in life and shapes our learning capacity for the future. I think that is truly worthy of a celebration...with or without a diploma.

## GRADUATION 2019

The Pre-Kindergarten Graduating Class of 2019  
Cordially invites you to their

### Graduation Gala

Thursday, May 23, 2019

18 Iyar, 5779 at 6:30pm

Temple Beth El • Schaefer Family Campus

Merle E. Singer Sanctuary

Light bites, yummy snacks, delicious dessert reception  
and DJ following the ceremony.



# Tot Shabbat

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND PARENTHOOD VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SHABBAT

May 3, 2019

6:00pm Pizza Dinner

6:30pm Tot Shabbat

Beck Family Campus

Join us for the last Tot Shabbat of the school year to celebrate together. We will be honoring all of our amazing Parenthood volunteers with a special blessing. Stay after the service for a delicious Oneg complete with wine and ice cream dessert bar.



## SPLISH SPLASH TOT SHABBAT

June 14, 2019

6:00pm Pizza Dinner • 6:30pm Tot Shabbat

Beck Family Campus

Come in your bathing suit and don't forget to bring your towel to this Tot Shabbat to celebrate summer. After the service join us in our Big Backyard for water fun on our splash Pad, water slides, and more! Wear your water shoes and come ready to get wet. Children who aren't potty-trained must wear swim diapers.

No fee for pizza dinner, but please RSVP at [tbeboca.org/early-learning-center](http://tbeboca.org/early-learning-center)

# summer

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## ADVENTURE

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# CAMP

**STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS!**  
Register at  
[tbeboca.org/early-learning-center](http://tbeboca.org/early-learning-center)  
**HOT LUNCH INCLUDED!**

**June 3 to August 2, 2019**  
**May 28-May 31, 2019 (mini-camp)**

At the Beth El Early Learning Center, we specialize in the early childhood years, and have worked to create the ideal summer day camp experience for children ages 2-5. Beth El's Summer Adventure Camp has lots of fun in store!

**NEW this summer**



## Mommy & Me

**FOR BABIES 12-18 MONTHS**  
**FOR BABIES 18-24 MONTHS**

Register at  
[tbeboca.org/early-learning-center](http://tbeboca.org/early-learning-center)  
or call the school office at 561-391-8900.





## SISTERHOOD UPDATE



BY **AIMEE LEVIN**  
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### upcoming events

#### Lilith Salon

Monday, June 3

Be sure to read your weekly Temple Beth El and Sisterhood emails for a new calendar of events!

#### Board Installation

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since embarking on the journey of leading your Temple Beth El's Sisterhood. Exactly as it should be, we have learned, guided, stumbled, been inspired, challenged and have progressed in our efforts to increase membership with inclusion of all ages, and bring a wide variety of meaningful programming and an overall awareness of what Sisterhood does.

The nominating committee has assembled a strong, fresh-thinking new Board for the 2019-2020 term, to be installed on May 21st, and we are so excited to see what comes next!

The most incredible "Happy Purim" packages were mailed out to over 70 Temple Beth El college students, including a beautifully decorated box containing Purim information, mini-hamantashen, Kosher gum and chocolates, as well as a grogger. It's so much fun and appreciated for the kids to receive these!

The Women's Seder was a highlight of the Passover season, which took place during Passover on April 23rd. Titled "A Women's Celebration of Passover Through Story and Song", Beth Schafer provided inspirational readings, and the Haggadah for this year was originally created. Beautiful affirmations

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were placed into "Dayenu".

As we reflect on our tenure, we are proud that the Sisterhood has continued its heritage and philosophy through inclusion, diversity of programming and embracing the strength of Jewish women. Truly, we are all Sisters". Thank you to everyone who has been involved, whether serving on a committee(s) or the board, or by attending and participating in our many events throughout the year. It doesn't happen without everyone's efforts and commitment. We are especially grateful to our advisor, Rabbi Jessica, who teaches and inspires us always.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your co-Presidents and to be such an integral part of life at Temple Beth El. Sisterhood is an unbelievable "family" of 400+ extraordinary women, and we are proud of your dedication every day.

The Sisterhood torch has been passed but the flame continues in our hearts.

Temple Beth El's Sisterhood is definitely "Sister-Good"!

## BROTHERHOOD UPDATE



BY **CARLOS ROMERO**  
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Happy Spring! As we continue on through 2019, and have seen the completion of the Beck Family Campus expansion, we look forward to the future possibilities for growth and learning. And with growth and expansion comes the responsibility to remain vigilant in protecting our children as well as protecting the entire Temple Beth El community.

Your Brotherhood has made a decision to help support efforts to secure our community. We created "Project Rampart" to raise \$150,000 to build a fence around the

Schaefer Family Campus. We are asking all Brotherhood members to participate in this effort. As a start, your Beth El Brotherhood has made a \$25,000

We created **"Project Rampart"** to raise \$150,000 to build a fence around the Schaefer Family Campus. We are asking all Brotherhood members to participate in this effort.

gift to jump start the project. Call me if you would like to support "Project Rampart", or to learn more about other things we are doing to support our safety efforts.

As for upcoming events, our always popular Mother's Day brunch will be here soon and it is the best deal in town! Come join us for some food, music & family time to celebrate the most important lady in our lives!! Many thanks to Dr. Andrew Zwick for making this day happen for our community.

This year has been a wonderful time for all of us at the Brotherhood. We have succeeded in many areas, yet we still would like to engage more men here at Temple Beth El. We would like to hear from you if there are ideas we've not considered....ideas that will expand our engagement and interaction with the many fine men in our Temple. Thank you!

#### Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 11:00am-2:00pm

Schaefer Family Campus

Enjoy food, music & family time to celebrate the most important lady in our lives!!

RSVP at [tbeboca.org/brotherhood](http://tbeboca.org/brotherhood)

\$24/adults and young adults 13 and older

\$14/children 6-12



# The Beth El Bash

**APRIL 6, 2019**

Over 425 people came together for this year's Beth El Bash! This fun and fabulous party took place in the new Kehillah Center, and in a giant tent in the big backyard at the Beck Family Campus.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, we raised \$250,000 for Temple Beth El Scholarships and the new Susan and Barry Podolsky Special Needs Fund.

With these funds, our educational programs can be enhanced to include trained staff, learning tools and equipment, and teacher training which can support the diverse academic and behavioral needs of our students from Preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

This cause is near and dear to Susan and Barry's heart. As Susan shared in the video shown that night, these resources weren't available many years ago when they were raising their children. *"My dream," said Susan, "is that the children in our preschool and in our religious school could spend their time in the classroom because specialists could be there to create learning opportunities for their specific needs."*

**To view the video or donate to this important initiative, visit**

[tbeoca.org/Susan-and-Barry-Podolsky-Special-Needs-Fund](http://tbeoca.org/Susan-and-Barry-Podolsky-Special-Needs-Fund)







## The Beck Family Campus House Party

**APRIL 7, 2019**

We threw a House Party to bless the new classroom additions and Kehillah Center, as we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the Beck Family Campus. We hung our beautiful new Mezuzahs, welcomed the new ark to the Kehillah Center and joined our Religious School and Beth El Early Learning Center families for a day of food, family and fun.





# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> -Religious School (SFC & BFC) <b>12:30 PM</b> -Club Kitanim Pool Party (OOT) <b>1:00 PM</b> -Senior Circle <b>3:00 PM</b> - "Operation Finale" Screening	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> -Membership Committee Meeting (OOT)	<b>7</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> -Lunch and Learn <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (BFC) <b>6:00 PM</b> -Shir Chadash Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> -High School Tuesday Night Teen Dinner (BFC) <b>6:30 PM</b> -Confirmation Class <b>7:00 PM</b> -6th Grade Hebrew Class Tuesday Night (BFC) <b>7:00 PM</b> -Shir Shalom - Adult choir <b>7:00 PM</b> -High School Grade 9, 11 and 12 Classes (BFC)	<b>1</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (BFC)	<b>2</b> <b>Yom HaShoah</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (SFC & BFC) <b>6:30 PM</b> -Brotherhood Board Meeting (BFC)	<b>3</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> -Project Nuremberg Lawyers Luncheon <b>6:00 PM</b> -Shabbat Service: Yom HaShoah Shabbat <b>6:00 PM</b> -Ice Cream Social Tot Shabbat Pizza Dinner (BFC) <b>6:30 PM</b> -Ice Cream Social Tot Shabbat Service (BFC)	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> -Club Med Day Trip for 5th-12th Grade (OOT) <b>8:30 AM</b> -Rapids Day Trip for 3rd and 4th Grades (BFC- OOT) <b>9:00 AM</b> -Bat Mitzvah of Shayne Buddman <b>9:30 AM</b> -Shabbat Morning Torah Study <b>11:30 AM</b> -Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Small <b>6:00 PM</b> -Bar Mitzvah of Seth Goldstein <b>6:30 PM</b> -Circle of Friends Havdalah (OOT)
<b>12</b> <b>No Religious School</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> -Brotherhood: Mother's Day Brunch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> -Lunch and Learn <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (BFC) <b>5:00 PM</b> -BOFTV Board Meeting (BFC) <b>6:00 PM</b> -Shir Chadash Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> -Middle School Tuesday Night Teen Dinner (BFC) <b>7:00 PM</b> -6th Grade Hebrew Class Tuesday Night (BFC) <b>7:00 PM</b> -Shir Shalom - Adult choir <b>7:00 PM</b> -Confirmation Class <b>7:00 PM</b> -7-8th Grade Tuesday Nights (BFC) <b>7:00 PM</b> -Civil Rights Trip Info Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (BFC) <b>7:30 PM</b> -Israel Trip 2019 Orientation #2	<b>16</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> -ELC Graduation Rehearsal at SFC <b>4:30 PM</b> -Religious School (SFC & BFC) <b>7:30 PM</b> -Board Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> -Confirmation Shabbat Dinner <b>7:30 PM</b> -Shabbat Service: 12th Grade Confirmation Shabbat	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> -Shabbat Morning Torah Study <b>10:45 AM</b> -Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Ciancio <b>1:30 PM</b> -Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>19</b> <b>Last Day of Religious School</b> <b>5/19 - 5/21</b> -Religious Action Center Consultation on Conscience (OOT) <b>9:30 AM</b> -Religious School (SFC & BFC) <b>1:30 PM</b> -Confirmation Service & Reception	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> -BOFTV Banquet (OOT)	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> -Lunch and Learn <b>6:00 PM</b> -Shir Chadash Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> -Sisterhood Installation (OOT) <b>7:00 PM</b> -Shir Shalom - Adult choir	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> -Mausoleum Committee Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> -Program Evaluation Task Force <b>7:00 PM</b> -Parenthood Meeting & Dinner	<b>23</b> <b>Last Day of School - EARLY DISMISSAL ONLY - Noon Dismissal at ELC (BFC)</b> <b>Lag B'Omer</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> -ELC Pre-K Graduation at SFC <b>7:30 PM</b> -Men's Study Group (OOT)	<b>24</b> <b>Camp Jenny</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> -Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> -Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Tannenbaum <b>9:30 AM</b> -Shabbat Morning Torah Study <b>11:30 AM</b> -Bat Mitzvah of Cayla Tinkofsky <b>5:30 PM</b> -Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Hish
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day - School &amp; Offices Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> -Lunch and Learn <b>6:00 PM</b> -Shir Chadash Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> -Shir Shalom - Adult choir <b>7:30 PM</b> -Civil Discourse Program	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> -Social Action Committee Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> -Annual Meeting Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> -Annual Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> -Shabbat Evening Service	<b>Blue Jeans Shabbat</b> <b>Friday, May 10</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Early Service Time</b>

**Annual Meeting & Dinner**  
**Thursday, May 30**  
**5:30pm**



# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9:00 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Jake Sudit 9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study 11:30 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Garrett
<b>2</b> 11:00 AM-Senior Circle Breakfast	<b>3</b> 6/03 - 6/16-Israel Trip (OOT) 7:00 PM-Litvith Salon (OOT)	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn 5:30 PM-Facilities and Technology Meeting 7:00 PM-Shir Shalom - Adult choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM-Brotherhood Board Meeting (BFC)	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM-Shabbat Service	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study 5:30 PM-Shavuot (OOT) 7:30 PM-Shavuot (OOT) 8:00 PM-Shavuot (OOT)
<b>9</b> Shavuot 10:30 AM-Shavuot Festival Service w Yizkor	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM-Int Shabbat Pizza Dinner (BFC) 6:30 PM-Int Shabbat Services Splash Splash (BFC) 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study
<b>16</b> Father's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM-Lunch and Learn	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM-Mausoleum Committee Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service honoring Cantor Lori Shapiro and George Block	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Torah Study
<b>30</b>						

# In Honor of

From 1/18/2019 to 3/20/2019

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY YOUTH TRAVEL TO ISRAEL FUND

to thank

Patty and Louis Beck for a great weekend by Myra and Rabbi Merle Singer

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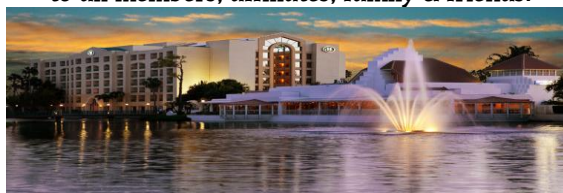
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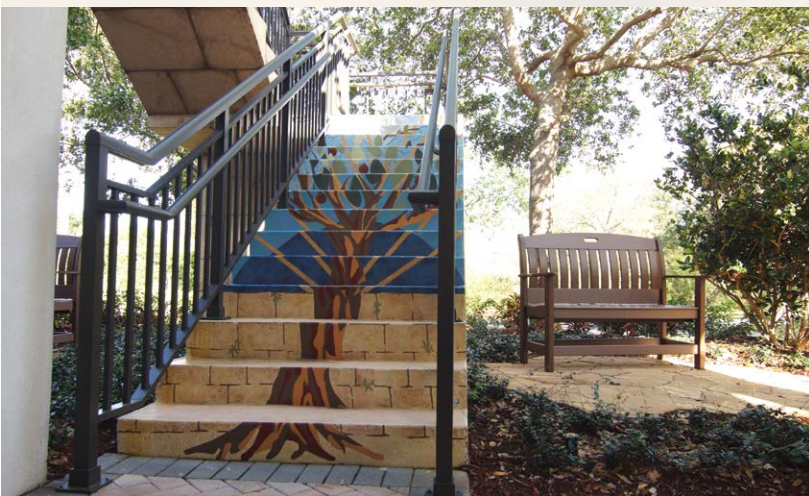
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