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# **Apart and A Part**

BY RABBI DAN LEVIN

What are the High Holy Days really all about?

In some ways, the Holy Days remind us of the gift of creation. Rosh HaShanah is sometimes called Yom Harat HaOlam, the day of the earth's beginning. In other ways, the Holy Days call us to account for our lives – our deeds and misdeeds, and to resolve through the process of Teshuva and repentance to return to the moral and good path.

But to me, the Holy Days are about something even larger. They are about celebrating what it means to be alive.

The High Holy Days force us to confront our mortality. They force us to think about how fragile life can be, and in so doing, help us to recognize that each and every moment is a holy and precious gift. What matters comes into very clear focus, and from that clarity we realize that to be alive means to be a part of something.

Our souls instinctively know we need to be a part of something larger than ourselves. From the moment we are born, we reach out, physically and

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spiritually, to our parents and our family. It is from them we learn our first lessons of love and care, obligation and duty, morals and principles. We learn that we come from somewhere, that we have stories, we have rituals, we have traditions. We learn the sting of rebuke and discipline, but we also learn that we can rely on our connections to those people for guidance, protection, care, and love.

But as we grow, we learn we are not simply a part of our families, but a part of a community. We discover neighborhoods where we share space and lives with other families. We find friends who feed our need for connection, people who share our interests and our passions, whom we like and who like us.

We learn that we are a part of this great nation, whose mission is to ensure freedom and equality and justice for all.

And we learn that we are a part of a people – a people who shares a covenant with the Holy One that has evolved through the centuries that demands a commitment to moral good and ethical choice, that requires of us an equal measure of compassionate

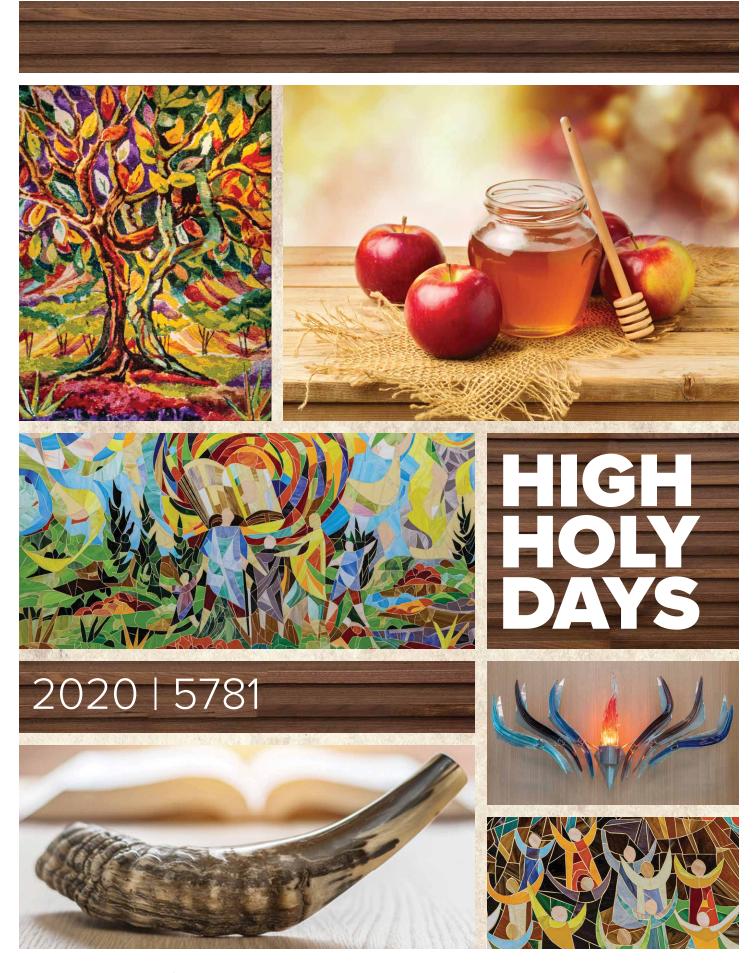


love and just strength, that promises us the blessings of wisdom and understanding, holiness and purpose – a pathway to freedom, to righteousness, and peace.

This year is like no other. We who are built to be a part of something find ourselves seemingly apart from everything. But while safety demands we keep apart from each other physically, our spirituality requires that we renew our commitment to be a part of all that matters.

In Pirke Avot 2:4, Hillel admonishes us: "Do not separate yourself from the community." As we begin the New Year 5781, don't be apart – be a part. Be a part of this dynamic synagogue whose mission is to inspire a passionate commitment to Jewish life, learning, community and spiritual growth. Be a part of our innovative religious school and youth program so that your children continue to grow in their moral and spiritual development. Be a part of an online class and learn something new this year. Be a part of efforts to sustain those whose livelihoods have been threatened by the economic downturn. Be a part of efforts to ensure that the sacred right to choose our leaders is open to all who seek to vote. Be a part of the Covenant of Israel, renewing your commitment to growing your spiritual core and your relationship with the Holy One.

May the New Year bring us physical healing from affliction and illness, and the understanding that being a part of something holy is what will heal us from being apart.



## This year, High Holy Day services will be celebrated online

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We invite our congregation and community to join us for the Holy Days on our Website Livestream, Facebook page or YouTube Channel!

We are pleased that we are able to provide most High Holy Day services free for our congregation and community, including our Congregational Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre, Yizkor, Family Participation, and our energetic and fun Young Children's Services.

Please visit **tbeboca.org**/ **high-holy-days-2020** for the most up-to-date service details and schedules!

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CLICK HERE FOR Service Schedule CLICK HERE FOR Pre High Holy Days Programs CALL TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE The offices at Temple Beth El are currently closed due to the pandemic. If you have questions about the High Holy Days and wish to speak with someone

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to view services

Days, and wish to speak with someone personally, please call 561-314-2298 and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 48 hours, during business hours. We wish you a healthy and sweet New Year, 5781!

#### For Temple Beth El Members Only

While our livestream of services will remain accessible to people all around the world, we are as committed as ever to building a unique and deeply meaningful experience for our members, with special events and features available only to them.

Members may log into their ShulCloud account at **tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/member** to register and receive Zoom links for the full array of programs available to them, including:

- A special High Holy Day gift bag for pick-up
- The ability to borrow a High Holy Day Machzor (prayer book, limited to two per household)
- An opportunity to submit a photo for an Erev Rosh HaShanah photo montage
- A "virtual" Erev Rosh HaShanah dinner
- A "virtual" Yom Kippur Break the Fast
- Selichot Seder
- Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur study sessions

If you are a Temple member and need assistance logging into ShulCloud, please contact Janice Odesnik, Database Manager at **jodesnik@tbeboca.org** or 561-314-2814.

#### **Temple Beth El Guests**

High Holy Day guests have always been an important part of our community, and we are grateful for their financial support. For guests who have purchased High Holy Day tickets in the past, please consider a donation in the amount you would have spent, or more if you are able. The economic downturn and other impacts of the pandemic have affected our congregation deeply. Please give generously so that we may continue to provide the help that is so desperately needed.

For more information, visit tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/guest.





## Preparing Your Home for Celebrating the New Year

#### As we prepare to welcome 5781 from the safety of our homes, here are some ideas and suggestions to help enhance your High Holy Day experience. Now would be a good time to make sure you have

- Candlesticks
- Kiddush cup
- Apple plate and honey jar Havdalah set
- Challah board and challah cover (maybe a new one just for Rosh HaShanah!)

We often welcome the new year with the sweetness of apples and honey. Those in our Temple family who have been to URJ Camp Coleman know of the famous Apple Brown Betty, a sweet and delicious apple dessert. Chef Nellie has shared the recipe with the whole URJ: See recipe on page 13.

# Rosh HaShanah Seder

BY RABBI GREG WEISMAN gweisman@tbeboca.org

While the majority of American Jews are Ashkenazi, tracing their roots to Eastern Europe, there are some wonderful Sephardic customs, that have their roots among the Jewish communities around the Mediterranean Sea, like in Spain, Italy, Greece, and North Africa. One custom is a Rosh HaShanah Seder, that celebrates certain foods for the symbolic blessings they bring:

#### **BEFORE EATING DATES (TAMAR):** May it be your will,



God, that enmity will end. (Tamar resembles the word for end, yitamu.)



#### BEFORE EATING POMEGRANATE:

May we be as full of mitzvot as the pomegranate is full of seeds.

**BEFORE EATING APPLE:** May it be Your will, God, to renew for us a good and sweet year.



**BEFORE EATING STRING BEANS** (**RUBIA):** May it be Your will, God, that our merits increase. (Rubia resembles the word for increase,



virbu.) Instead of string beans, Jews from Libya mix sugar and sesame seeds to symbolize plenty,

to symbolize plenty, because the grains are so tiny and numerous that they can't be counted.

BEFORE EATING PUMPKIN OR GOURD (K'RA): May it be Your will, God, to tear away all evil decrees against us, as our merits are proclaimed before you. (K'ra resembles the words for "tear" and "proclaimed.")

#### BEFORE EATING SPINACH OR BEET LEAVES (SELEK): Mav

it be Your will, God, that all the enemies who might beat us will retreat, and we will beat a path to freedom (Selek resembles the word for retreat, yistalku).

**BEFORE EATING LEEKS, CHIVES, OR SCALLIONS (KARTI):** May it be Your will, God, that

our enemies be cut off. (Karti resembles yikartu, the word for "cut off.") Jews from Persia tear the scallions and throw them behind their backs and over their shoulders. Sometimes they then say the actual names of the enemies they want to destroy.

#### BEFORE EATING FROM A HEAD OF LETTUCE: May it be Your

will. God. that

we be a head and



not a tail. In some communities they eat fish or a sheep's head, but a head of lettuce also reminds us to be leaders and not followers.

You can learn more about the Sefardi Rosh HaShanah Seder at myjewishlearning.com/article/asephardic-rosh-hashanah-seder/

> And of course, don't forget your round challah!

## How to High Holy Days at BY RABBI JESSICA SPITALNIC MATES

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Order socks, please. For the High Holy Days. Why the socks? Because we will view the High Holy Day services in our homes, on our couches, in our SOCKS. Ordering and gifting socks to wear for High Holy Day Service viewing to those we love will get them to think about Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur at home. These holidays help us find a place of closeness to God, forgiveness, community and love. With a bit of thought and prep, the High Holy Days of 5781, can set us on a path to holiness in the year ahead, with comfy socks on our feet.

FIND TIME. Don't worry about duplicating a High Holy Days worship experience at temple but dedicate some thought to bringing that awe and joy of coming to synagogue into the home. Think ahead of time where to view and what little touches can make a big difference, like setting up a picture of loved ones or beloved heirloom nearby as you watch services.

> FIND A SPACE that is special, comfortable and provides good viewing. A well placed monitor or iPad with a stand, a comfortable chair and some added

lumbar or neck support might be helpful as well. A quiet and peaceful spot in the home with soft lighting and few distractions. Maybe an ottoman or footstool.

FIND SAFETY with those you can be with safely. With these months under our belts, we know better who in our families we are regularly seeing and the opportunity to come together with those who we are quarantining with actually provides a chance for multigeneration families to tune in to the range of worship services we will have.

FIND FUN Director of **Education Heather Erez shares** suggestions of bringing together

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lots of comfy pillows and blankets. Younger ones might enjoy sitting on the floor to watch services and if attention span is a worry, fidget spinners or diamond art, coloring or drawing may provide ways for us to focus on the service in a way that relaxes us.

#### FIND YOUR TALLIT AND

**KIPPAH.** It might feel funny at first to pray out loud or rise and sit with the service. Saying Amen, singing along, following the machzor and wearing tallit and kippah will help.

FIND FAITH that your Temple Beth El community loves you so and put so much thought and care into these online services and programs. There is no substitute for being together but there will be new insights and understandings being up close and personal with us on screen. And at the end of the day no sore feet from being in dress shoes all day because you've worn those new socks! L'Shanah Tova.

# **High Holy Day Machzors**

#### (Prayer Books)

Machzors can be accessed free on a tablet or smartphone via the link on our website at tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/resources. The digital page numbers

match the print book page numbers that will be referenced during services. Temple Beth El members may also choose to borrow a set of Machzors (prayer books, two per household) for the duration of the High Holy Days.

Just register for a book pick-up time slot by logging into your ShulCloud account at tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/member. Books can be picked up at the Schaefer Family Campus, and must be returned to the Schaefer Family Campus no later than Sunday, October 4, 2020. If you would like to keep your books, your account will be charged at \$100 per book.

#### Machzor on Kindle If you would like, you can also purchase the eBook versions of the Machzors for your Kindle app for \$10 each.



# Elul Programs PRE-HIGH HOLY DAYS

Elul is the month that precedes the High Holy Days. We use the month of Elul to remind us of the liturgical season, and to help us prepare ourselves and our souls for the upcoming Holy Days.

#### **Elul Meditation** with Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah 8:00pm, Wednesdays, August 26, September 16 • via Zoom

Join us as we prepare for the High Holy Days by taking a deep dive into Jewish meditation practices that will get us ready for the important introspective work typically done at this time of year. By exploring the theme of teshuvah-repentance, re-turning and retuning—we will make a meaningful entrance into the season.

## The Torah Portions of the **High Holy Days**

Join Rabbi Levin for a three-part series as we explore the deeper messages and meanings to be found in the Torah portions for the High Holy Days.

#### 10:00am – via Zoom

Thursday, August 27 – Genesis 22 and Genesis 1 – Struggle and Rebirth: Rosh HaShanah Morning

Thursday, September 3 – Deuteronomy 28 – Choice and **Consequence: Yom Kippur Morning** 

Thursday, September 10 – Leviticus 19 – You Shall Be Holy: Yom Kippur Afternoon

## High Holy Days Cooking Class

With Special Guest Cantor in The Kitch -**Cantor Leslie Niren Cooking** with Cantor Lori Brock and Rabbi Jessica Mates Thursday, September 10 • 7:30pm on Facebook live and our website





LEFT TO RIGHT Cantor Lori Brock Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates and Cantor Leslie Niren

Before she went to cantorial school, Cantor Leslie Niren was a beloved staff member with strong family ties at Beth El. As cantor of Temple Emanuel-El in Dallas, Texas, Cantor Niren has impacted so many with her voice and her spirit and her culinary skills with her alternate persona "Cantor in the Kitch". Cantor Brock and Rabbi Mates join their friend for a fun evening of recipes, catching up and talking about how Elul can inspire. Recipes provided closer in time.

## Lunch & Learn: A View From Flui

#### A Sacred Space View from Elul **Tuesday, September 1** 12:00-1:00pm

Architect Richard Bluestein, Director of Education Heather Erez and JTS professor Barbara Mann, an expert on sacred space, will talk about how the Holy Days help reinforce the idea of space and how Judaism is as intentional about the places where pray as the words we say. This session will include ways to use your home as a sacred and comfy space for worship at home in this unusual year.

#### An English View of Elul **Tuesday, September 8** 12:00-1:00pm

Rabbi Tony Bayfield is a brilliant man and was the longtime head of the British Reform Jewish community. For Great Britain, he fought the battles that non-Orthodox communities often have to fight in the Jewish world. And he does it with an eloquence and wisdom that makes him such a beloved rabbi and friend. He and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks went from a contentious relationship to dear friends. He is also the reason Rabbi Jessica Mates is a rabbi and in conversation they will discuss their prep in the month of Elul for the High Holy Days.

#### An Israel View from Elul **Tuesday, September 15** 12:00-1:00pm

What better place to virtually visit in these days than Israel. Dear friends of Temple Beth El including past Peace of Mind Israeli solider participants and Rabbi Nir Barkin of our sister congregation YOZMA will speak to us about their High Holy Day prep personally and for the Holy Land at large.



#### Selichot 2020 Saturday, September 12, 2020 8:00pm

As we begin the celebration of the New Year in our own homes, we will commemorate Selichot with a special Selichot Seder. With song and with symbol, we embark on our annual journey of reflection through a unique evening of music and ritual and introspection. **tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020** 

## Beth El Talks

#### Monday, September 28, 2020 • 1:30pm

Register for the Zoom link for this Beth El Yom Kippur tradition, hearing impactful and meaningful stories from members of our congregation as we head into the new year.

Jennifer Liquerman works as a charge nurse at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. For the last several months, Jennifer has served in the hospital's COVID-19 units, providing direct care to so many patients battling the novel coronavirus. Jennifer will share her unique experience standing on the front lines as a nurse, a wife, and a mother. Jennifer was recognized recently as "Nurse of the Year" by BRRH.





Scott Poritz serves the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office in the Tactical Intelligence Division of the countywide Crime Prevention Unit. He has worked as a Law Enforcement Officer since 2002, and with the PBSO since 2006 focusing on community policing and crime prevention.

Eric Reid is the Television Play by Play broadcaster for

the NBA'S Miami Heat and has just completed his 32nd season. Reid has broadcast over 2,300 Heat games since the teams inaugural season in 1988. He is the two time Florida Sportscaster of the Year and a winner of 17 Regional Emmy Awards. Reid resides in Boca Raton with his wife Sonide. They have three children; Phyllisia, Andrew and Dariel.



## Tashlich 2020 Second Day Rosh HaShanah

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Meet at entrance to Spanish River Library

1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. in Boca Raton

#### 3:00pm Optional Nature Walk 4:00pm Tashlich ceremony

Don your mask and social-distance with Temple Beth El clergy as we spend time outdoors reflecting upon our actions of the past year. We will meet at 4:00pm by the bridge at Spanish River Library for the ceremony of tashlich where we will throw away our "sins" into a running body of water. For those who want additional time, we invite you to join us an hour earlier at 3:00pm as we take a contemplative nature walk before the tashlich ceremony.

## Virtual Rosh HaShanah Dinner and Yom Kippur Break the Fast

What's better than enjoying traditional holiday meals with temple friends and family? Members may sign up to receive a Zoom link so we can join together. tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020

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**SELICHOT** 

- As of August 26, 2020

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Friday, September 18	Rosh HaShanah Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner 🚥	6:00 PM	ZM		
Friday, September 18	Erev Rosh HaShanah Congregational Service	7:30 PM	Web FB YT		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Young Families Service	9:00 AM	Web FB YT		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Congregational Morning Service	10:00 AM	Web FB YT		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Family Participation Service	10:00 AM	Web		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Clergy Meet & Greet MEM	12:15 PM	ZM		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Family Program - Second Chances R5180	1:30 PM	ZM		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Study Session MEM	2:00 PM	ZM		
Saturday, September 19	Rosh HaShanah Teen Program - Mean Tweets & Untaneh Tokef 🚥	• 2:30 PM	ZM		
Sunday, September 20	Rosh HaShanah Congregational Morning Service	10:00 AM	Web FB YT		
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#### SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

#### Congregational

High Holy Days with Temple Beth El combine meaningful prayer, magnificent music, tradition and selfreflection. This year, all our clergy join together as we bring in the New Year 5781.

#### **Family Participation**

If you are a family with children ages 8 through early teens, you will enjoy Temple Beth El's Family Participation Service! Services include family-friendly liturgy, beautiful music, and a festive, participatory feeling. This year, families have "Zoomed in" to participate in the service! You will enjoy seeing your friends, neighbors and classmates as though we were all together in person.

#### **Young Families**

This service is designed especially for children ages 8 and under, and features Temple Beth El's famous High Holy Day skits. Through costumes, music and animation, Temple Beth El clergy will help you and your young children experience Rosh HaShanah in a fun and unique way!

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## A Season to Remember Your Loved Ones

#### BY HELAYNE ROSENBLUM

This is the time of year thoughts of those we have lost come to mind, and cherished memories flood back to the times we shared celebrating the High Holy Days together. It is a time to reflect on belonging and connection to our faith.

Rabbi Levin tells us, "The High



Holy Days focus our attention on memory. Rosh HaShanah is also called "Yom HaZikaron - Day of Remembrance". The Holy Days do not simply ask us to remember our deeds from the year gone by, but also to remember our loved ones whom we have lost. We learn through the process of memory to find wisdom in how best to use the gift of life that is given us, and to take inspiration from the love we shared with those who no longer walk among us."

A beautiful and touching tradition has always been to visit the graves of parents or close relatives by attending **Kever Avot** (Cemetery Services) at a local cemetery on the day before Yom Kippur. The theme of the prayers is peaceful eternal rest for the departed. We also kindle 24hour yahrzeit candles in memory of loved ones who have died.

In past years, the **Beth El** Mausoleum has held this ceremony in person for all who wish to attend, however during this particular High Holy Day season, where in-person services in large groups are not permitted, the **Beth El Mausoleum** has reimagined our services and is providing a virtual Kever Avot service in order for everyone to participate in, both in the local Jewish community, as well as around the globe. It can be viewed online on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 11:00am at tbeboca.org/high-holydays-2020/congregational.

We also remember our loved ones in prayer on Yom Kippur during afternoon Yizkor services, which this year will be held virtually by Temple Beth El on Monday, September 28, 2020. Yizkor in Hebrew means "remember." Yizkor services are for remembering our loved ones, no matter how long ago the person died. This affords us an opportunity to sustain the bond we have shared with those we have lost. The afternoon **Yizkor** memorial being held by Temple services Beth El are of course, available to everyone.

During this season of remembrance, as you honor the memory of your loved ones during the Days of Awe, everyone here at the **Beth El Mausoleum** and Temple Beth El wish you L'Shanah Tova.

7, 2020 Yizkor 7, 2020 Monday, September 28, 2020 4:00pm tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020

## High Holy Day Hunger Drive supporting Boca HELPING HANDS AND THE JACOBSON FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Food insecurity has been profoundly impacted by Covid 19, and supporting our local food pantries is critical to our community, now more than ever.

The brown paper bag which holds your "Sweet Taste of the Holy Days" gifts (if you did not receive a gift bag, you can just use a plain paper bag!) can



be filled and returned with nonperishables for our annual High Holy Day food appeal.

Please drop off nonperishable groceries such as (but not limited to) cereals, pastas, rice, peanut butter & jelly. Please refrain from glass containers.

#### DROP-OFF AT SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS ONLY

Monday, September 21 thru Thursday, September 24 10:00am – 5:00pm

Early Learning Center Families will have their own Food Drive at the Beck Family Campus. Watch your emails for more information.

#### September/October | THE CHRONICLE 11

Kever Avot Sunday, September 27, 2020 11:00am



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#### HHOLY DAYS 2020 | 5781 Spread the sweetness of Rosh HaShanah by being part of our Erev Rosh HaShanah photo montage. Please take a photo of yourself and your family holding this postcard and send the picture to us by: Scanning this QR code Visiting our website Emailing our team

hrosenblum@tbeboca.org We thank you for your membership and continued support of Temple Beth El. We wish you a year of health, happiness and many blessings.

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## **A** Sweet Taste of the **Holy Days Gift Bag** for Members!\*

LET TEMPLE BETH EL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH OUR **"SWEET TASTE OF THE HOLY** DAYS" GIFT BAG.

> \*Quantities are limited, so register early!

On Erev Rosh HaShanah, Friday, September 18 at 6:00pm, join together with your Temple family on Zoom to raise a glass together in one big L'Chaim (using the glass in your gift bag). We will light candles, say Motzi and Kiddush with our clergy and wish each other a year of health, happiness and blessing before we welcome Shabbat and the New Year. Then stay, if you like, for break-out rooms of virtual Rosh HaShanah dinner with your temple friends and family! L'chaim and L'Shanah Tova!

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Register for the Virtual Rosh HaShanah Dinner and L'Chaim at tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/member

Register at tbeboca.org/high-holy-days-2020/member to choose your date and location for gift bag pick up.



## **DIY Shofar**

Each year, we blow the shofar to call our attention to focus on the reason we are hearing the sound, to celebrate the joyous occasion of a new year and to remind us it's time to repent and forgive. Not only is it a holy mitzvah to hear the Shofar blasts every day in the month of Elul (month leading up to Rosh HaShanah) and on the High Holy Days, but it's fun to learn how to blow the shofar. In preparation, here is a fun way to make your own shofar.

Taken from a Cindy Hoppy article on Alphamom.com



1 Cut 1 toilet paper roll down the entire length

**2** Take the fringe off the plastic noisemaker



**3** Wrap the cut paper roll around the plastic noisemaker so one end is tight around the blower.

**4** Tape the cardboard of the toilet paper roll around the noisemaker securely.

#### MATERIALS:

3 Toilet paper rolls Plastic noisemaker Masking tape Scissors **Optional:** White/brown paint Paintbrush Markers Washi tape



**5** Pleat the other two rolls on one side so they can fit inside of each other.





6 Place the rolls inside of each other on the ends.

**7** Tape the shofar from top to bottom to secure joints

#### **BLOW YOUR SHOFAR!**

**Optional -** decorate with whatever artistic materials you have.



#### **Apple Brown Betty**

#### Ingredients

7 cups apples, peeled, cored and sliced (about 7 medium) 1 cup sugar 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

- 3 cups brown sugar
- 3 cups of self-rising flour
- 2 sticks margarine or butter

#### Preparation

Place apples in a large bowl. Add sugar and cinnamon and mix to combine. Put into a 9×13 baking dish. Mix brown sugar, flour, and melted butter until crumbly, like a streusel topping. Put on top of apple mixture and bake at 325 degrees for about 45 minutes or until brown and apples are done.

## L' Shanah Tova Cards for 5781 Send your loved ones some snail mail for Rosh HaShanah!

Taken from a Brenda Ponnay article on Alphamom.com

#### MATERIALS:

Paper for the cards Bubble wrap that is a bit smaller than the size of your card paper Nontoxic water based acrylic paint in 2 shades of yellow (you could use some orange to make one darker or white to make a lighter shade) Paintbrush Black marker/pen



**1** Use your lighter shade of yellow paint to paint the bubble wrap



**3** Let the paint dry.

4 Use the pad of your thumb to dip into the darker shade of yellow and press it onto the card to make the body of your bees.



**2** Press the bubble wrap, painted side down, onto the paper you are using for your card.



**5** Let the thumb print bees dry

6 Use a black pen to draw the rest of your bees and any messaging you may have.



# **BEHIND THE SCENES**



**BY CANTOR LORI BROCK** lbrock@tbeboca.org

I'm watching the first cut of Beth El High Holy Days and I have the chills. It's so beautiful to see the rabbis speaking and the choir singing in our sanctuary - it's our High Holy Days! I'm instantly transported to the feeling of awe and love and connected to the power of our people and faith.

Imagine behind the scenes, during the early-August days when we were filming, no one was in the room at the same time. The choir is in the social hall, socially distanced 20 feet apart. I sing on the Bima, isolated from everyone to keep everyone safe. Michelle is recording her parts from home because of exposure to Covid. Shofars are sounded and recorded from people's homes. Congregants record honors on their smart phones while sitting in Zoom with a staff member. Families are Zooming all week so they can be part of our Family Participation Service. Members of our adult choir and teens are recording their singing at home and submitting videos to be blended with others so we have group singing.

Creating the "cue sheets" was probably our greatest challenge. We had to think of every single thing that would happen during our service - ark doors opening and closing, Torah scrolls being lifted and carried to and from the ark - and each of these shots had a code - over 90 for each of our main services! And then each of us had to create an internal High Holy Day energy even though we had to assemble the service piece by piece.

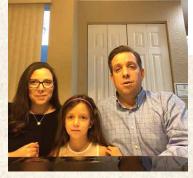
It's so unbelievably difficult and in the



The clergy and choir filmed High Holy Days Services and members Zoomed in to participate

end it's wonderful. I liken this experience to playing a game of chess with the pieces all being spread out in different houses it's challenging and a slow process but in the end the game is executed beautifully just not the way we've ever played it!

This year, preparing for the High Holy Days presented challenges we could have never imagined. But, when our first plan didn't go quite right, we always found another way. With our collective passion, ingenuity and creativity, and through the editing mastery of Plum Video Productions, we will all be sharing in these High Holy Days feeling a part of our Beth El community even though we are apart. May 5781 be a sweet year for us; Ken y'hi ratzon - may this be God's will.





# HIGH HOLY DAYS 2020 5781























# Moving Forward in 5781 Are you a shark or a guppy?



BY MARK SUNSHINE TEMPLE BETH EL PRESIDENT msunshine@ masunshine.com

I was minding my own business when Mr. Honey, my 9th-grade biology teacher, shouted from across the room:

"MR. SUNSHINE – ARE YOU A SHARK OR A GUPPY?"

I had no idea what I had done wrong, or why Mr. Honey was yelling at me. But I knew once I was in Mr. Honey's crosshairs, afternoon detention was inevitable.

Later that afternoon while Mr. Honey fed me milk and cookies (my punishment), he explained the difference between sharks and guppies.

Mr. Honey said sharks need to swim forward, or they die.

On the other hand, guppies stay in one place for days at a time, but because they don't move, guppies get eaten by predators.

Which brings me to the COVID-19 pandemic... Right now, it's easy to be a human guppy, put life on hold and do nothing other than wait.

Extra effort is required to connect with family and friends, work at our jobs, go to school, and even attend synagogue.

It is tempting to crawl into a small ball in a dark

Beth El is not giving up either. We are feeding and housing those among us who need help and teaching new technologies to hundreds of congregants, including the smallest among us. The Beth El Religious School has been re-envisioned, and we have brought worship into everyone's home. There are daily virtual events, and scores of programs that break down the barriers of time and space. corner and wait until there is a vaccine. Doing nothing feels like the path of least resistance and, in many ways, the right thing to do.

But, Mr. Honey said that guppies wasted their lives because they did nothing, experienced little, and just waited to die.

He said that waiting to die is not the same thing as living.

According to Mr. Honey, "living" requires the will to fight to move forward.

I took Mr. Honey's words to heart. I have always tried to live like a shark by fighting to move forward -I chose life over waiting.

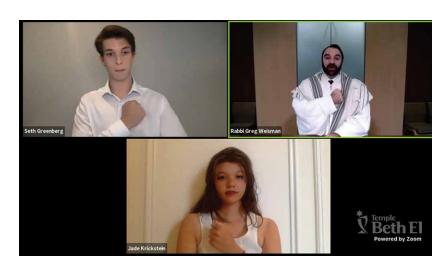
It makes no difference to me that things are hard right now; I cannot lay down and give up. I am fighting.

And, Beth El is not giving up either.

We are feeding and housing those among us who need help and teaching new technologies to hundreds of congregants, including the smallest among us. The Beth El Religious School has been re-envisioned, and we have brought worship into everyone's home. There are daily virtual events, and scores of programs that break down the barriers of time and space.

I am confident that Mr. Honey's lesson applies to every member of Beth El. All can find life and meaning during the pandemic by just trying to move forward and not be satisfied with the status quo.

So, am I a shark or a guppy... I am pretty confident I am a shark, and I hope you are also.





Members Zoomed in to help film High Holy Days services. See story on page 14-15.

# Get Acquainted with Shulcloud



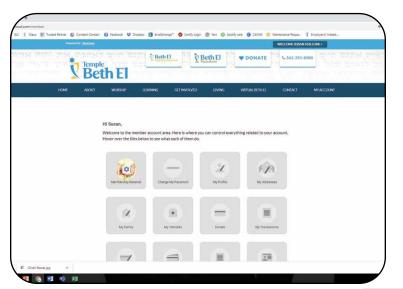
BY STEVE KAUFMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR skaufman@tbeboca.org

Most Temple Beth El members have already gotten to know ShulCloud. If you haven't, what are you waiting for?

ShulCloud is the Temple's new member database, financial management system, e-mail communication system, program calendar and event registration platform.

You can access ShulCloud by visiting our home page at *tbeboca.org* and clicking in the upper right corner where it says: "PAY/MANAGE ACCOUNT".

Soon we will use ShulCloud in new ways than we have before. If you don't have login credentials or have never visited the member portal, you might



miss out on important membersonly information and content.

For example, during the High Holy Days there will be special on-line programs only available to our members. Access to these members-only programs will be through the ShulCloud portal. If you have not created a ShulCloud username and password, you will not be able to participate in these programs.

This year the annual Yom Kippur Tribute Journal where we list the names of loved ones no longer with us and the names of those who we want to honor, will be entirely digital. The Book will be posted on the Temple's website and will be available for viewing before and during the High Holy Days. The submission and payment process for the Tribute Journal will be primarily through the ShulCloud member portal as well.

Similarly, our new Religious School 180 program will be managed through the ShulCloud portal to ensure that the only students able to access the content are registered members of the congregation who have paid the \$180 Religious School tuition fee.

With the ShulCloud on-line member portal, you can also log into your account to:

- view and update personal information
- view account balances and make payments and donations
- view and manage yahrzeits
- opt in or out of e-news subscriptions
- save a credit card on file to your secure account
- view the on-line membership directory

Finally, we are no longer mailing paper statements unless you opt out of electronic billing. Monthly statements are sent only via e-mail unless you inform us that you still want paper invoices. To opt out of electronic billing and receive invoices via U.S. Mail, please notify Janice Odesnik, Database Manager, at jodesnik@ tbeboca.org or 561-314-2814. Janice can also assist you with setting up your ShulCloud member portal account.

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# Celebrating Chai Members!



We are looking forward to recognizing our Chai Members, (those who have been part of our Temple Beth El family as members for 18 years or more), who have come to support our congregation in many ways, over so many years.

- Chai Members will be honored with a special blessing during our
   Virtual Simchat Torah Shabbat Service on Friday, October 9, 2020, beginning at 7:30pm. View services on our Website Livestream or on the temple's Facebook page.
- Chai Members will celebrate together during Virtual Onegs on Zoom! Directly after the service, Chai Members can kibbitz and chat together in small groups, joined by members of our clergy and lay leaders. Register to be part of an oneg and we'll provide you with information on how to participate.
- Chai Members will offer 'words of wisdom' to our congregation. The Membership & Engagement Committee will be calling each of our Chai Member families to say hello, express our appreciation for their support, and to ask them what three words come to mind when they think of Temple Beth El. We'll take these meaningful sentiments and create a word cloud – an image made up of these words. The more often a word is shared with us, the larger and more frequently it will appear in the image. We look forward to sharing this visual representation of our long-time congregants' heartfelt thoughts with the whole congregation!

To register to be part of an oneg, or for more information about the wonderful ways we are honoring our Chai Members this year, please visit **tbeboca.org** or contact Elinor Josephson at **ejosephson@tbeboca.org** or 561-314-2833.

# Celebrating New and Returning Members



#### Temple Beth El is happy to welcome our newest members to the Temple family. There are several welcome events you are invited to.

- New Members will be honored with a special blessing during Shabbat services on Friday, August 28 at 7:30pm.
   Join on our livestream or the Temple's Facebook page to receive a special blessing from our clergy, as pictures of our new members are shared with our Temple community.
- New members will celebrate together during Virtual Onegs on Zoom! Directly after the service, New Members can kibbitz and chat together in small groups, joined by members of our clergy and lay leaders. Register to be part of an oneg and we'll provide you with information on how to participate.
- New members can pick up a welcome gift bag on Sunday, September 13 between 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Schaefer Family Campus. Our celebration of our new members continues with a gift of Shabbat in a bag.

To register to be part of an oneg, or for more information about the wonderful ways we are honoring our New Members this year, please visit **tbeboca.org** or contact Elinor Josephson at **ejosephson@tbeboca.org** or 561-314-2833.

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

# Lunch &Learn

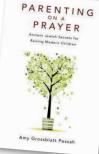
#### **OCTOBER 2020**

#### PARENTING, GRANDPARENTING AND SIMPLY LIVING ON A PRAYER

With Rabbi Amy Grossblatt Pessah author of "Parenting on a Prayer: Ancient Secrets For Raising Modern Jewish Children" Tuesdays October 6, 13, 20 and 27

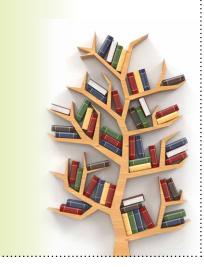
12:00 – 1:00pm

Don't let the title of Rabbi Pessah's book fool you. The lessons that lie within this treasured volume are ones we can all relate to. We will look at values



contained in the book including Boundaries, Words that Matter, Responsibility and Peace with our beloved teacher and author.

Get the Zoom link at tbeboca.org/virtual, or watch on our website at tbeboca.org/live.



# **GOT SHABBAT?**



#### **Celebrate Shabbat**

Life looks different all around us, but Shabbat is something you can always rely on! Rain or shine, pandemics or hurricanes, your Temple Beth El family is always there to welcome you with a smile at the end of your week. Join us every Friday for an engaging, fun and meaningful celebration of Shabbat.

Shabbat service schedule can be found at tbeboca.org/virtual. Join us for Shabbat evening services, Tot Shabbat and Torah study.

# Hands on Tashlich



BY **RONNI GRAF** BETH EL EARLY LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR rgraf@tbeboca.org

## Virtual Tot Shabbats

#### September 4, 2020 – 6:30pm New Year's Shabbat –

Come join us in bringing in the Jewish New Year 5781! After the service, celebrate at our Virtual New Year's dance party with Cantor Michelle spinning tunes! Wish each other a sweet new year at home with apples and honey.

#### October 16, 2020 • 6:30pm Pink Tot Shabbat-Breast Cancer Awareness

Unfortunately, Breast Cancer has touched many lives in our community. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Beth El Early Learning Center's mitzvah of the month for October will focus on helping to find a cure for this terrible disease. Wear PINK for this Shabbat and will be donating our tzedakah to the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

The High Holy Days are a special time on the Jewish calendar. It's a time of reflection on our past and excitement about the future. Rosh HaShanah, or "Head of the Year" is especially accessible to young children. Anyone that has ever known a young child knows that celebrating birthdays are something they are experts at. It is often a topic of conversation in early childhood classrooms. Framing the heliday as the birthday of the world m

the holiday as the birthday of the world makes it understandable for our youngest children.

One of my favorite parts of the holiday has always been "Tashlich." In Hebrew, Tashlich means, "casting off." The ceremony takes place in the afternoon of the first day of Rosh HaShanah. In the Jewish tradition, we act out "casting off our sins" rather literally. In the past we used small

pieces of bread to represent our missteps and mistakes of the past year. The symbolism of us throwing these sins into a body of flowing water, like the ocean, a river, or stream represents the ability for these sins to be carried away with the current and us to begin anew.

This "hands on" experience provides a very real lesson for young children to help their understanding of a very complex concept...saying I'm sorry and offering forgiveness. We think about the things that we've done wrong in the past year and then throw them away, with the promise to try harder in the upcoming year to make better choices. It's about



recognizing that we can always strive to do better. It encourages children to make more good choices that help others and ultimately help our world.

While small pieces of bread were traditionally used, in more recent years there has been recognition that bread can cause harm to wildlife and water fowl living near the bodies of water where Tashlich takes place. As an alternative, you can go on a nature hunt with your children looking for leaves, rocks, and sticks. We are lucky in Florida to have some very large leaves that are perfect for drawing on. While traditionally we have put our "sins" on the object to be tossed, I would suggest turning it into a positive experience. Ask your child not only what they did wrong in the past, but what they would like to do better in the future and focus on that. Have them draw a picture on the leaf or bark representing those wishes. Embrace this opportunity to have a family discussion of the choices you'd like to make in the coming year. Then walk to the water together, count to 10, throw you objects in and let your mistakes be carried away, leaving a clean slate to carry with you into the new year.

L'Shanah Tova, may 5781 be a year filled with sweetness and good things for all of us.

## upcoming events

- Monday, September 7 Labor Day – School Closed
- Friday, September 18 Erev Rosh HaShanah – Early Dismissal
- Monday, September 28th Yom Kippur School Closed
- Wednesday, September 30 at 7:30pm Virtual Parenthood Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday, October 1 Sukkot Holiday Program – School in Session
- Thursday, October 8 Simchat Torah Holiday Program – School in Session

- Wednesday-Thursday, October 14-15 School Portraits
- Wednesday, October 21 Mitzvah of the Month – Pink Walk
- Wednesday, October 28 Virtual "Man and Muffins" – 2 and 4-year old classes
- Thursday, October 29 Virtual "Man and Muffins" –
   3-year old classes
- Friday, October 30 Virtual "Man and Muffins" – Childcare classes

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

# **Religious School 180**



We are so excited to have launched our temporary online learning program for the 2020-2021 academic year, Religious School 180. Religious School 180 is an innovative, engaging and values-based curriculum utilizing technology that children are comfortable interacting with. It's a fun, interactive way to learn Hebrew and Judaism. Below are some upcoming classes and events. To learn more about RS180, contact me at herez@tbeboca.org



#### For more information about these events, visit tbeboca.org/virtual

HEATHER EREZ DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT herez@tbeboca.org



#### K-7th grade High Holy Day Preparation Sessions

with Temple Beth El Clergy September 15 – Making the Mark September 22 – Scapegoating September 29 – Sukkot 101

#### Live Weekly Sessions led by Clergy and Heather Erez about this year's Jewish Values Curriculum and Holidays.

Tuesdays, starting October 6, 2020 4pm for K-2nd grade

5pm for 3-4th grade

6pm for 5-7th grade

Additional content, including other opportunities to join live sessions, and all classes will be available 24/7 by logging into your ShulCloud account throughout the year.



## POP UP Rosh HaShanah with the Bible Players

September 8 at 5:00pm co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Register at **tbeboca.org/bibleplayers** 



10th grade Confirmation Class taught by Rabbi Dan

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm starting September 8.

#### Mini Courses for 8th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm Students can choose to participate in one or both of the courses taught by either Rabbi Jessica or Rabbi Greg.

**Love the Stranger as Yourself with Rabbi Greg** September 23, October 7, November 4,

November 18, December 9

#### I Have Your Back with Rabbi Jessica

September 16, September 30, October 14, November 11, December 2

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#### Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah for 6th and 7th Grade

Rabbi Jessica will be teaching a multi-part course for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to prepare them for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Students will be invited to participate with details and Zoom link.

## B'nai Mitzvah



Jason Fisher



Blake Slintak



Olivia Katz

Jason Fisher Son of Hannah and Michael Fisher August 22, 2020 @ 11:30am

Blake Slintak Son of Stacey and Andre Slintak August 29, 2020 @ 5:00pm

Olivia Katz Daughter of Suzanne and Ivan Katz September 5, 2020 @ 9:00am

Remick Silverman Daughter of Scott Silverman and Patricia Silverman September 12, 2020 @ 9:00am

Samantha Pike Daughter of Michelle and Matthew Pike October 10, 2020 @ 9:00am

Maxwell McDougall Son of Joanne Krasnoff and Shawn McDougall October 17, 2020 @ 9:00am

Asher Grossman Son of Gabriel Grossman Tracey & Michelle Labgold October 17, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Noah Grossman Son of Gabriel Grossman & Tracey & Michelle Labgold October 17, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Austin Schneider Son of Lauren and Adam Schneider October 24, 2020 @ 11:30am

Joshua Lerner Son of Sherry and Ken Lerner October 24, 2020 @ 6:00pm



**Remick Silverman** 

Asher Grossman



Samantha Pike



Noah Grossman



Maxwell McDougall

Joshua Lerner



# CANDIDATE ) RENV

On Sunday, October 18 at 7:00pm we will be hosting a Candidates' Forum in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council of South Palm Beach County. Hear from the candidates and make your choice!

# Every Voice, Every Vote

Reform Judaism and the 2020 Election Featuring Rabbi Jonah Pesner

#### Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:00-8:00pm

Join us as we will welcome Rabbi Jonah Pesner, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and Senior VP of the URJ to discuss the 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign and the RAC-FL Voter Engagement efforts with our Temple's leadership.



Go to tbeboca.org/virtual to register.

# Voter Engagement

# A leader should not be appointed until the community is consulted

– Talmud Brachot 55a

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BY RABBI GREG WEISMAN gweisman@tbeboca.org

Our tradition recognizes the importance of community members having a voice in their leaders. This year, the Reform movement and Reform congregations across Florida are encouraging all of their members to exercise their right to vote, and working to ensure that all voters have that opportunity.

As our nation prepares for this fall's election, Temple Beth El and the entire Reform movement is encouraging everyone who is eligible to cast their vote on (or

before!) Election Day, November 3. As engaged members of our

community, there are several things we can to do to prepare:

**REGISTER TO VOTE** – If you are not registered in Florida, or not sure if you are, go to **pbcelections.** org (Palm Beach County) or browardsoe.org (Broward County) to register or confirm your registration. You must be registered by October 5 to vote in this November's election.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL** – The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of our lives, and that includes our elections. To be sure that you have the chance to vote, even if you can't get to a polling place in person for Early Voting or on Election Day, you can sign up for a vote-by-mail ballot. The State of Florida allows all registered voters to choose this option. Even if you are sent a vote-by-mail ballot, you can still vote in person if you choose to by returning the vote-by-mail ballot at the polling place.

#### SUPPORT RAC-FL VOTER ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS -

Reform Jews across the state are working together to mobilize voters within our community and to combat voter suppression by engaging with marginalized voters. If you would like to learn more about this or support this effort, contact Jan Fine at janrandyfine@gmail.com.

## Be a Chai-line to Healing

A Lifeline for those in our community

# 2020-2021 Annual Giving Campaign

who need it most.

Will you be a Chai-line to healing in our community...a lifeline for those in our community who need it most? The global health pandemic has not spared our Temple Beth El family, and has made things abundantly clear...

#### We were not meant to be alone. We were not created to be in isolation. We falter without a sense of community and belonging.

In the past year alone, thanks to you, we have helped 500 families to be part of our Temple Beth El community through scholarships, subsidies and emergency assistance.

We anticipate that number will DOUBLE this year.

With the true impact of the pandemic just beginning to emerge, we see members of our congregation facing job loss, diminished income, and a massive downturn in business. We have congregants who must make difficult choices between purchasing groceries or medicine... clothing for their children or baby formula...paying rent or utility bills.

#### Will you please consider generously supporting this year's Chai-line to Healing Annual Giving Campaign?

Your gift will make the difference between community and isolation for those who need us most. Your gift will help ensure that we can reach out to every single member to offer a lifeline for physical and spiritual safety.

This past spring, a bar mitzvah child, son of a young widow with two other children, read from the Torah. His mother's salary had been cut by 50%. He had no idea that his mother had been struggling with finances, and barely had enough to purchase food for him and his two siblings. Temple Beth El stepped in with weekly food deliveries so the family would not have to worry about a healthy meal, which many of us take for granted. At dinner one night, his youngest brother opened the box with glee and exclaimed, "are these Temple Beth El peppers? Are these Temple Beth El meatballs?"

Without your support the bar mitzvah would never have taken place.

Without your support the older brother would not be able to continue in confirmation classes.

Without your support the food on this family's table would not look the same.

#### A lifeline in times of loss

A young family with children in religious school faced the tragic the loss of their mother to unforeseen metastatic cancer. Their father had stopped working in order to be a caregiver to his wife and children. Two grandparents had just recently passed away due to COVID-19. How could a family find the strength to survive such unimaginable loss, one after another? The temple was there to help them through the pain, and will be there to provide on-going emotional, spiritual and financial support to help this family heal.

With your support, this family will receive the spiritual guidance and comfort they need to help cope with this loss.

With your support, the children will receive their Jewish education in the wide embrace of a loving temple community.

With your support, the father will never feel alone.

#### Why is this year different?

- Time is of the essence.
- Due to the health and financial impact Covid-19 has had on many people in our temple family, the need is vast and growing every day.
- Temple Beth El must have the resources to welcome and help those who are vulnerable.
- A community isn't worth anything if it is only there for you in the good times. The measure of a community is how we support each other in moments of crisis. We CANNOT, we WILL NOT, let individuals and families lose their spiritual home and their connection to community.

#### Your commitment matters.

Our Chai-line. 18 Donors at 18 Levels for a goal \$1,000,000

The need is urgent. Our goal is critical. One Million Dollars. One Campaign. One Community. That's what it will take to get through this crisis, to ensure that Temple Beth El is there for EVERYONE who needs us.

Please give careful thought to this request and give as generously as you can. Fill out the enclosed card, and help create a Chai-line to Healing at Temple Beth El.



Complete your commitment to become one of our 18 Donors at 18 Levels for our Goal of \$1,000,000

Please fill out the back of this card

Donors	19	Donation Level	Total Amount		
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18		\$100	\$1,800		
18		\$180	\$3,240		
18	17	\$360	<u>\$6,480</u>	\$6,120	
18		\$540	\$9,720		
18		\$720	\$12,960		
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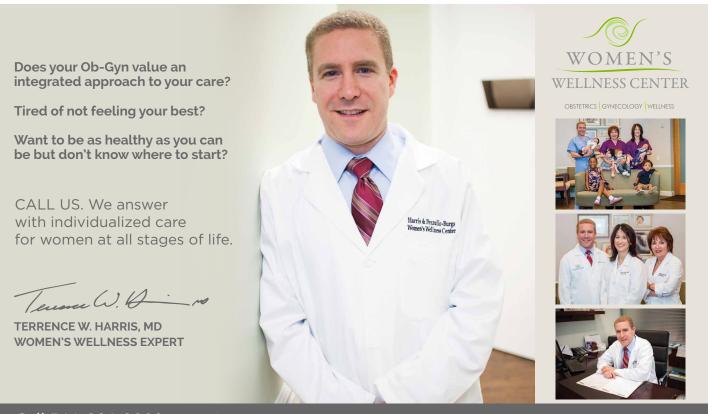
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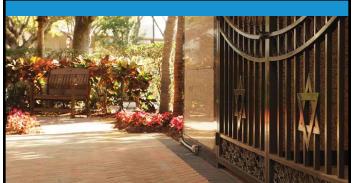
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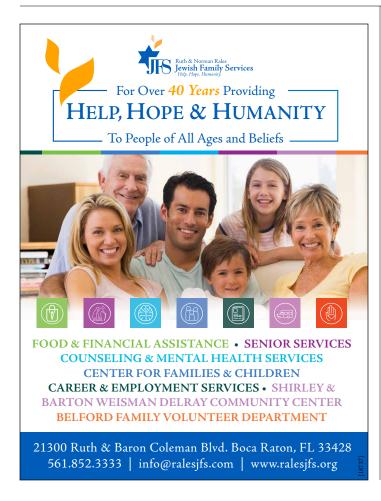
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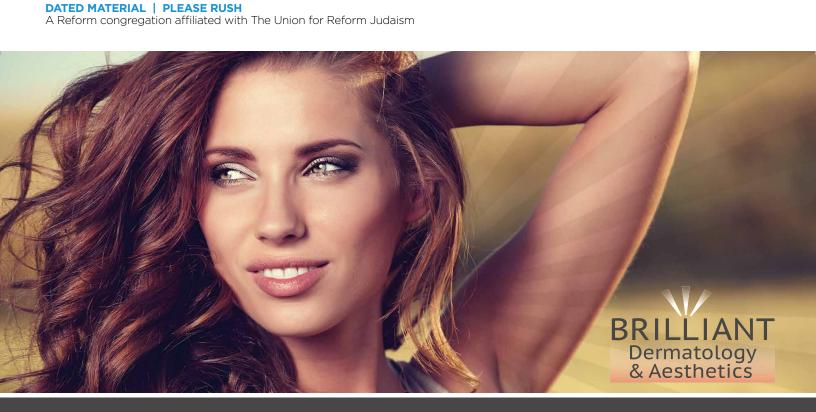
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