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I love magic. I have always been amazed by magic and magicians. I’m awed and amazed by what magicians are able to perform.

I know each trick has some rational explanation for how they pull the rabbit out of the hat or how they saw the person in half. But I never cease to be amazed that when they open the lemon, squished in the middle is the dollar bill you signed and saw with your own eyes ripped into a hundred little pieces.

There are two ways to watch a magic show - one is to spend your time trying to figure out: “How’d they do that?” The other is to sit back in amazement, in wonder, and in appreciation.

When Moses returns to Egypt and demonstrates his signs, initially Pharaoh’s magicians replicate Moses’ feats, and Pharaoh turns away unimpressed. But eventually God performs signs the magicians can’t replicate, and we are left with the same question: how do we live in the presence of miracle?

With every breath, we inhale the gift of life. With each memory we rejoin a precious, or sometimes painful experience. With every peal of laughter and with every tear we shed, we experience the miracle of the expression of our souls.

This is what it means to be Jewish: to be part of a covenant with the Holy One where we follow the pathways of commandment and tradition, to live with conscious awareness of the gift of life, to raise up those oppressed by poverty or injustice, to grow each day in wisdom and knowledge, to fill our broken world with healing and holiness, and to fashion justice and strive for peace.

To be Jewish means to celebrate life with joy and laughter, and so we remember how we transcended imminent tragedy with the raucous joy of Purim. Join us on Sunday, March 8 with your family for The Greatest Showman Shpiel and a fabulous Purim Carnival. On Monday night March 9, leave your kids at home for an adult Megillah reading with the risqué premiere of West Side Shushan.

To be Jewish means to relive the story of the Exodus from Egypt, and our responsibility to retell the story of our wondrous redemption. Don’t miss our second Broadway Seder where the Haggadah comes alive with music and fun.

To be Jewish means to find ever more innovative ways to educate our children. Our new religious education model Beyachad brings children and parents together to experience the magic of Jewish life. Our Maimonides Institute for Jewish Learning continues to reinvent how we learn the magic of our Jewish heritage.

Jewish ritual and Jewish learning remind us that every day we are given tickets to God’s magic show, and invite us to sit back in amazement and appreciation for the extraordinary wonders that surround us.

And make plans to join us Saturday, April 4 for the Beth El Bash, when we honor some of the amazing magicians who make Temple Beth El the wondrous community we are - our “Rising Stars” Elizabeth and Adam Shonson, our “Community Stars” Gina and Greg Shugar, and our “Guiding Stars” Jan and Allen Lev.

The magic of Temple Beth El is found in how we come together to embrace the magic we find in one another, to celebrate the magic in Jewish life, and to revel in the magic that surrounds us each and every day.

To be Jewish means to celebrate life with joy and laughter, and so we remember how we transcended imminent tragedy with the raucous joy of Purim.
Proceeds from the Beth El Bash will provide financial support to ensure that all children and their families may participate in Temple programs. The new L’Dor Vador initiative will enable all our members to experience Judaism through music, art, creative worship, youth engagement and religious activities, in addition to supporting our scholarship program.

Join us for dinner, dancing & celebration with an exciting magic show!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
6:30 PM
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A MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Temple Beth El - Our Family Business

I bet you don’t know that family businesses account for 64% of U.S. gross domestic product, generate 62% of the country’s employment, and account for 78% of all new job creation. Family businesses are the largest single economic growth engine that powers our economy.

While Temple Beth El is not strictly speaking a “family business,” in some ways it is. Beth El’s family includes the congregants who own and run the enterprise, and many of the staff who were long-time congregants before working at Temple Beth El.

In fact, more than half our senior staff belonged as members prior to joining Beth El’s team, and that does not even count other staff who literally grew up at Beth El.

When I ask them why they work at Beth El, I most often receive a wonderfully consistent and beautiful answer. They work here because they want to do something meaningful with their lives. Our staff wants to work with people they love, to serve the congregation that they consider their family. They tell me that they are proud to be at Beth El and that their parents, spouses and children are proud of them as well.

Is this wise? Family dynamics are often dysfunctional, and it might be difficult to hold former congregants accountable for their job performance.

We have found that the benefits of hiring our most dedicated and caring congregants almost always outweighs the resulting management challenges. After all, when congregants need care, love and patience, there is no one better to help than our most caring staff who also happen to be congregants. We are all part of the same family. Our team has world class credentials, abilities, empathy, work ethic and intelligence.

The URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) leadership has asked me how we can break the first rule of synagogue management by hiring congregants and yet be one of the healthiest synagogues in America.

I think that the answer is obvious. We are all one family.

Welcome NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS

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

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Friday, May 8, 2020 • 12:00 – 2:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

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Dedication Opportunities
Proceeds will benefit Holocaust, law, and Jewish
ethics programs at Temple Beth El.

Supreme Court Sponsor: $2,000
Includes ten seats at luncheon, full-page program ad, and four
tickets to How to Fight Anti-Semitism: An Evening
with Bari Weiss and donor reception, Thursday,

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Includes two seats
and half-page ad.

Friends of the Court: $72
Seat at luncheon

This event is generously underwritten by
Jay and Marilyn Weinberg.

On display is The Blue Series, the record of the trials of the Nazis at
Nuremberg after World War II. These documents, traced to Justice
Robert Jackson and housed at Lynn University, were saved from
destruction by Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates. They are an enduring
testament to the good that lawyers and judges can do. This event
is generously underwritten by Jay and Marilyn Weinberg.

Application for Florida Bar Association CLE credits pending.

RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events
Questions: Aileen Spilka at 561-314-2656 or
aspilka@tbeboca.org.
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Capital Reserves and our Campus Improvements

Temple Beth El occupies 13 buildings totaling roughly 150,000 square feet on two campuses. Keeping all of these buildings in good working order is no small task or expense.

For the past several years we have put money away for major repairs and maintenance. We call these “capital reserves”. We did this so that when it came time for high cost items like roof replacements, window replacements, air conditioning unit replacements and exterior painting, we had the money available to undertake this work without another capital campaign or special assessment.

The capital reserves were funded from a combination of Facility Maintenance Fees (formerly known as the “Building Fund” - which no longer exists), money allocated from Congregational Commitment, and other revenue set aside from prior years.

To save money, we leveraged the presence of subcontractors and Kaufman Lynn Construction project supervisors already on-site, by completing maintenance work during the major renovation and expansion at both campuses. These are some of the major maintenance and upgrade items completed this past year.

**Beck Family Campus**
- Repaint exterior of all existing buildings
- Sealcoat and restripe parking lot
- Upgrade and expand Wi-Fi coverage

**Schaefer Family Campus**
- Repaint exterior of all existing buildings
- Reroof all existing buildings
- Replace nearly all air conditioning units (newer units were not replaced)
- Replace windows that did not meet current building code with hurricane impact glass or accordion hurricane shutters
- Upgrade and expand Wi-Fi coverage, throughout the entire campus

The total cost of these improvements was approximately $1.5 million. We are pleased that we accomplished all of this work without a special assessment or additional fundraising. All buildings at both campuses are now in excellent physical condition to serve the needs of our community for many years to come.

**Welcome Derek Hurwitch**

OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Derek is an experienced fundraising and marketing professional with extensive familiarity in the non-profit sector. He joins the Temple Beth El Family after 12 years as Chief Marketing Officer of the Alpert Jewish Family Service in West Palm Beach. Raised in Palm Desert, California, and Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Derek later played Division 1 college golf on scholarship at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He is an avid golfer and plays many of the Florida State Golf Association’s premier amateur events. Derek has two Shelties, Madison and Jackson.

GIFTS AND TRIBUTES

We apologize that there are no gifts and tributes listed in this issue of The Chronicle, due to the inaccessibility of the data during our transition from Chaverware to ShulCloud, our current synagogue database and member management system.

We intend to publish a double list of gifts in the May/June issue. We thank you for your patience!
The Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l Memorial Lecture and Weekend

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

WITH RABBI JAN KATZEW, PHD, DIRECTOR OF THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL AT HUC-JIR CINCINNATI; BLENDED TRACK ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AND JEWISH THOUGHT

Generously underwritten by the Beck Family Foundation

WHAT IS THE POINT OF LEARNING?

Friday, March 27, 2020
7:30pm Shabbat Worship with Lecture
Schaefer Family Campus

The Jewish community has always valued learning, and the role of learning in our country and among our people is a topic that is both timely and timeless. Rabbi Jan Katzew, PhD will reflect on the holiness of learning in memory of his close friend, the brilliant and amazing teacher, Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l.

STUDYING VIRTUE

Saturday, March 28, 2020
9:30-10:30am Shabbat morning worship with a d’var by Rabbi Katzew
10:30am Bagels
10:45am-12:00pm Lecture
Schaefer Family Campus

Mussar is a Jewish spiritual practice that gives concrete instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life. Studying the concepts of virtue (מידה) in some depth and breadth will allow Rabbi Katzew to teach us in understanding how Mussar can guide our lives today.

Rabbi Dr. Jan Katzew received his Ph.D. in Education and Jewish Thought from the Hebrew University (1997); his M.A. in Hebrew Letters and rabbinical ordination from HUC-JIR (1983); and his B.A. in Religious Studies, magna cum laude, from Wesleyan University (1978). He has served as a member of the adjunct faculty at HUC-JIR since 1999 and was the Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning at the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Dr. Katzew received the Distinguished Educator Award from the National Association of Temple Educators and was selected as a Jerusalem Fellow as an international leader in Jewish education by the Mandel School in Jerusalem.

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion provides the academic and professional training programs for the Reform Movement’s rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit professionals. 4,000 active alumni serve the Reform Movement’s 1.5 million members and nearly 900 congregations, representing the largest Jewish denomination in North America. Temple Beth El’s Patty Beck serves on the HUC-JIR Board of Governors, and our rabbis, Cantor Lori Brock, and Heather Erez are alumni. Who we are at Temple Beth El was shaped by HUC – JIR.

Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l was a distinguished rabbi and scholar, dedicated teacher and exemplary leader of the Reform Movement for nearly three decades. He died tragically in a plane crash on May 5, 2018, age 53, while President of Hebrew Union College.
HOW TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

AN EVENING WITH BARI WEISS

Thursday, May 7, 2020 • 7:00pm
5:30pm Meet and Greet Cocktail Reception for Sponsors
Schaefer Family Campus

General Admission
$36 per person

Benefactor Sponsor $180 per person
includes reserved seating, meet-and-greet cocktail reception at 5:30pm and
signed copy of Weiss’ book
How to Fight Anti-Semitism

Reception Sponsor $1,800 includes
premier seating, meet-and-greet
cocktail reception for four, and four
signed copies of Weiss’ book, How to
Fight Anti-Semitism

Grand Sponsor $3,600 includes reserved premier
seating, meet-and-greet cocktail reception for six, and
six signed copies of Weiss’ book How to Fight
Anti-Semitism

RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events or
561-391-8900. Contact Rabbi Jessica Mates
or Derek Hurwitch, Director of Development
for sponsorship opportunities.

Bari Weiss in her 36 years has accomplished
more than most of us will in a lifetime. Currently a staff
writer and editor for the Opinion section of The
New York Times, she was an op-ed editor at The Wall
Street Journal and has appeared on
The View, Morning Joe, and Real Time with Bill Maher
among others.

Bari is a proud Pittsburgh native,
became bat mitzvah at Tree of Life synagogue,
and is a graduate of Columbia
University. Vanity Fair recently called
her the Times’ “star opinion writer.” The
Jerusalem Post just named Bari
the seventh most influential Jew in
the world.
Celebrate Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
Shabbat Service:
Celebrate with 4th Grade
6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Our fantastic 4th graders will lead this family friendly service and then we will join together with our entire congregation for a savory oneg.

Kabbalat Shabbat:
Shabbat Zachor - Memory
6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
The Shabbat preceding Purim is called Shabbat Zachor – the Sabbath of Memory. This Shabbat we recall the story of Amalek, the arch-enemy of the Israelites, who is compared to Haman, the antagonist of the Purim story. How does memory shape us as modern Jews today?

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
Shabbat Service:
Sisterhood Shabbat
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Our Sisterhood, the Women of Reform Judaism will lead our Shabbat celebration.

Tot Shabbat:
March Madness
6:30pm
Beck Family Campus
Celebrate Shabbat and the NCAA Basketball Tournament with your friends. Children, ages (2-5) will work on their basketball skills with the coach from Kidokinetiks after the service.

Join us for pizza at 6:00pm.
There is no charge for pizza but RSVP at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
Shabbat Service:
Build Me A Holy Place
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
In the Torah portion this week, we culminate the construction of the Tabernacle. What does it mean to build a holy place – outside and inside – where God can dwell with us?

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
Shabbat Service:
Guest Speaker Rabbi Jan Katzew
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Rabbi Dr. Jan Katzew, Director of the Rabbinical School at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will deliver the Rabbi Dr. Aaron Panken z”l Memorial Lecture – Learning Matters: What Is The Role of Learning in America and Israel? See p. 8 for more information.
**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

Shabbat Service: Shabbat HaGadol
6:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
The first Shabbat HaGadol took place in Egypt five days before the Israelite Exodus. On this Shabbat before Passover, we reflect on our journey as a people from Egypt until today. And we will enjoy our last oneg cookie for a while!

Family Participation Service
6:30pm
Beck Family Campus
On this Shabbat before Pesach, join together for some Chametz-filled, pre-Passover fun as we bring some of the joy of the festival into Shabbat. Services will be led by our youth and other musical members of our congregation.

Join us for pizza at 6:00pm. There is no charge for pizza but RSVP is required at tbeboca.org/worship

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

Shabbat Service: Latza Matzah
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Why in 2020 do we still eat matzah and recall the plagues? How do the traditions of Passover bring meaning into our lives?

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

Shabbat Service: Family Service Led by 3rd Grade
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Join us for this lively Shabbat service led by our fantastic 3rd Graders!

Kabbalat Shabbat: Counting the Omer and Then Some
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
As we count the Omer, the fifty days between Passover and Shavuot, we take time on the spiritual power of counting our blessings and numbering our days.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

Shabbat Service: Led by Beyachad
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Celebrate with experiences brought to you by Beyachad families who spent the year learning expanding what Shabbat means to them.

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**A Survivor’s Story**

**SHABBAT SERVICE WITH MUSIC AND STORIES FROM THE SHTETL**
Friday, April 24, 2020
7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

This Shabbat service for Yom Hashoah commemorates the Holocaust through story and song. Aaron Kula and instrumentalists from his Klezmer Company Orchestra will join our cantorial team and special speakers for this meaningful Shabbat evening to sanctify the memory of the Six Million through story and song.
THE BROADWAY SEDER
SECOND NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, April 9, 2020 • 5:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

“There’s no seder like our seder...” The Passover story set to Broadway melodies—a hit last year—is back by popular demand. Inspiring and fun for all ages. Join Rabbi Dan Levin, Cantor Lori Brock, and Dr. Alan Mason for a lively, musical evening of Passover tradition and song, followed by a delicious seder meal catered by Artisan Foods.

MEMBERS
Adults: $80 | Children: $50 (ages 3-10)

GUESTS
Adults: $85 | Children: $55 (ages 3-10)

RSVP at tbeboca.org/special-events by Thursday, March 26.
Prices increase $10 for late registration.
Sponsored by Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

Young Adults
Post-Passover Pizza Party

Saturday, April 18, 2020 • 8:00pm
Terra Fiamma, Delray Marketplace
9169 W Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
$18 per person

Join Temple Beth El’s Young Adults as we break the Passover fast with pizza, salad, and beer. A week without chametz deserves a night with delicious pizza, cold drinks, and great friends!

This event is generously supported by the Temple Beth El Brotherhood and the Temple Beth El Sisterhood.
RSVP at tbeboca.org/adult-programming, and for more information contact Rabbi Greg Weisman at 561-391-8900 or gweisman@tbeboca.org.
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CIVIL DISCOURSE

What Should America’s Healthcare System Be?

Wednesday March 11, 2020 • 7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Temple Beth El’s Civil Discourse Series provides an opportunity for meaningful dialogue around the difficult issues that divide us today. The way we grow as a society is when we can share intelligent conversation with those with whom we disagree, and discuss controversial topics with open honesty and a willingness to listen.

• What should the government’s role be in providing Americans with healthcare?
• What role should the free market play in the provision of healthcare?
• Should there be a universal healthcare plan in America?
• What does Jewish tradition teach us about our moral obligations surrounding healthcare?

Please RSVP at tbeboca.org/adult-programming or contact Suzanne Bring in the clergy office for more information sbring@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900.

FROM WORST ENEMIES TO BEST FRIENDS:
The Transformation of Catholic Teachings on Judaism and the Jewish People from 1933 to Pope Francis

Sunday, March 29, 2020 • 1:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus
Dessert and Coffee
Rabbi Mark Winer has a front row seat to interfaith relations, not only in the United States, but also around the world. Join him for a portrayal of the amazing story of change within the Catholic Church.

Rabbi Mark Winer is a product of Reform Judaism, born in Utah, raised in Texas, graduated from Harvard, ordained at HUC-JIR (New York), and Ph.D. from Yale.

WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES
Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army, with Debbie Zimelman

Saturday, May 9, 2020 • 11:00am
Schaefer Family Campus
Bagels provided. Books will be available for purchase.

Women on the Front Lines is the first book to offer a photographic glimpse of these brave young women in action, along with descriptions—in their own words—of their fears, challenges, and accomplishments.

Debbie Zimelman has been a portrait photographer in Israel for over 25 years. With an expertise in documenting Israeli women, Debbie photographed inmates at Israel’s only women’s prison in her initial project. “Women on the Front Lines” is her first book.
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THE GREATEST SPIEL!
Purim Celebration & Spiel
Sunday, March 8, 2020
10:00 – 11:15am
With fantastic melodies from
The Greatest Showman, this fun
filled spiel will feature Beth El's own
Religious School students and parents!
Our entire community is guaranteed to
be uplifted and filled with Purim spirit!
Religious School parents and
children are invited to spend the day
at the spiel and carnival at the
Schaefer Family Campus.
There is no Religious School that day.

PURIM CARNIVAL
Spectacular Carnival with Rides, Games, and Fun for
Children of All Ages
Sunday, March 8, 2020 | 11:15am – 1:30pm
Our parking lot and Social Hall will be transformed into a
spectacular Purim Park! Amazing food including hot dogs,
hamburgers, veggie burgers, chicken breast, and fun snacks
such as frozen fruit smoothies, popcorn, cotton candy, and of
course, hamentashen! (Food is for purchase, no outside food
or drink permitted.)
Giant Slide • Bounce Houses • Shock Wave • Go Gator
Interactive Action Game • Indoor And Outdoor Games
Special Area For Our Pre-School Children
Wear your best king, queen, or other
fun costumes.
(Please, no scary costumes
or weapons of any kind.)

PURIM CARNIVAL TICKETS
Unlimited Rides and Games Wristband
Earlybird/Online*: $10 per person
Day of: $15 per person
Children 2 and under: Free
Adults accompanied by children: Free
Register at tbeboca.org/special-events or contact
Julie Guzy at jguzy@tbeboca.org
or 561-391-8900
*Online registration closes
at midnight,
Thursday, March 5, 2020.
WEST SIDE SHUSHAN
ADULTS ONLY PURIM SPIEL & CELEBRATION

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
7:00PM
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The Sharks and the Jets are nothing compared
to the gangs of Shushan, in this hysterical
“adults-only” version of the story of Purim, the
most joyous holiday on the Jewish calendar.
Party with us and celebrate Purim together!

No fee, RSVP at
tbeboca.org/special-events
or contact Debbie Eisenberg at
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Bikur Cholim Sings!

Bring music into your home for loved ones with memory-related illness

Studies show that after twenty minutes of listening to music, people with Alzheimer’s and dementia show a marked increase in happiness, eye contact, and talkativeness, and a decrease in fatigue. The effect of music on those suffering from memory-related illnesses has been described by neuroscientists as “lifting the haze.”

As part of Temple Beth El Bikur Cholim program (a group of volunteers that visits congregants who are homebound) members of the Shir Shalom Choir will visit your loved ones, bringing a customized musical experience. This is a wonderful chance to provide the patient, caregivers, and loved ones an opportunity to connect and recall fond memories together.

Please contact Michelle Auslander Cohen for details or to schedule a visit mcohen@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900

Community Interfaith Easter Dinner

A DAY OF FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2020
12:00 - 5:00pm
Wayne Barton Study Center, 269 NE 14th St., Boca Raton

For the 14th consecutive year, Temple Beth El and the Wayne Barton Study Center will co-host an Easter dinner for families in the East Boca Raton Lincoln Court and Pearl City communities. We help set up, prepare, and serve a buffet dinner, provide decorations, plan an Easter egg hunt, welcome the Easter bunny, and clean up at the end of this fun-filled afternoon. We need your help! Sign up to be a part of this inspiring project at tbeboca.org/social-action.
Our Congregation Mourns

Marilyn Anderson*, mother of David and Penny Klein
Carol Benach, mother of Laurie and Haynes Stevens, grandmother of Russell Pollack, Lane Stevens and Jake Stevens
Erika Bishins*, wife of Harold Bishins
Natalie Donn, mother of Jessica and Michael Goodman, grandmother of Roni and Leo Goodman
Antonio Frexes, father of Christina and Donald Keusch, grandfather of Bernard and Ana Keusch
Beatrice Gimelstob, mother of Herb and Elaine Gimelstob, grandmother of Debra and Bruce Green, great-grandmother of Rachel and Melanie Mochan
Jim Gordon, husband of Judith "Judy" Gordon
Abraham Jacobs, father of Paul Jacobs, grandfather of Kirby and Ben Kaplan and Sam Jacobs
Charles Lubetkin, father of David and Robin Lubetkin, grandfather of Austin Lubetkin, Sydney Lubetkin and Andrew Cohen
Haya Meyerowitz, mother of Aaron Meyerowitz and Andrea Schuer, grandmother of Eliana Meyerowitz
Stephen Michel*, husband of Barbara Michel
Marvin Miller, partner of Loretta Latten
Gerald (Jerry) O’Connor, father of Amy and Michael Goodman, grandfather of Matthew and Katherine Goodman
Albert Rosenblum, father of Stuart and Nicole Rosenblum, grandfather of Jordan and Jonah Rosenblum
Brian Rosenblum*, son of William Rosenblum, brother of Raymond Rosenblum
Sydney Sharf, grandfather of Jamie and Rodrigo Lledo, great-grandfather of Gavin and Mason Lledo
Gloria Smith, mother of Bonnie and Bradley Kirsch, grandmother of Brian Kirsch
Allan Smith, father of Bonnie and Bradley Kirsch, grandfather of Brian Kirsch
*Laid to rest in the Beth El Mausoleum

Mazel Tov To

Heidi and Jacob Edelman on the birth of their daughter Lucie Jane Edelman
Glenda and Ken Gordon on the birth of their grandson Cooper David Gugerty
Jennifer and Jonathan Greenwald in honor of the birth of their son Noah Benjamin Greenwald, big sister Hannah
Adrienne and Irwin Kotlove in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Elizabeth Kotlove
Allison and Matthew Pisciotta in honor of the birth of their son, Chase Robert Pisciotta, big sister Blake
Lynn and Marc Applebaum on the marriage of their daughter Lauren Applebaum to Dee Sheppard
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Wendy and Steve Walin in honor of the marriage of their son Derek Walin to Cassie Parker

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PRESERVING YOUR LEGACY
People might wonder how we came to be Sisterhood Co-presidents. We met in Mommy and Me 21 years ago. We travelled through the years and life events together. As our families became more independent we decided to give back and share more of our time with our TBE family. But how could we belong beyond being parents of Religious School students? We decided that we would try Sisterhood. We found the group to be friendly and like-minded. We wanted to serve a purpose and help nurture this place of belonging, a place for post-Religious School and B’Nai Mitzvot. Over the years we held the positions of co-VP’s of membership and then programming. We have built a vision and version of belonging and feeling welcome with our Sisters. We have built on those who served before us. We have built on what we believe would be good for our community. We try to offer programs that are fulfilling, fun and spiritual. We are conscientiously trying to welcome every member at each event we have. Please come to an event, please introduce yourself and we will seek you out to introduce ourselves as well, we want to welcome you! We want you to feel included as we were so many years ago. Please join us for our Sisterhood Shabbat, on March 13th, as we are part of the service and sit on the Bima. We are busy planning our Women’s Passover Seder, which is always empowering, spiritual and fun. We are also proud that Sisterhood is a sponsor for the Bash when Temple Beth El honors three amazing couples. It should be a magical night!

We are busy planning our programs for next year, if you have ideas for events and programs, please share them with us! We are always open to new ideas! Our next board meeting is March 12 at 7:00pm at the Beck Family Campus, all are welcome!

Women’s Passover Seder

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020 • 6:00pm**
**Schaefer Family Campus**
**$55 members • $65 non-members**

Please join us for an enlightening and interactive dinner and women’s Seder. Featuring Rabbinical Student Shoshanna Nambi from the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in a conversation with Dr. Meridith Gould.

Shoshanna will share the Ugandan Jewish traditions and what it is like growing up in Uganda.

RSVP at tbeboca.org/sisterhood

Sisterhood Contributions

**VOLUNTEER FUND:**
In honor of the birth of Cooper David Gugerty, grandson of Glenda and Ken Gordon, by Irene, Dr. Merrill, Melissa and Jennifer Epstein.

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In Memory of Albert Rosenblum, father of Stuart and Nicole Rosenblum, by Shari and Craig Schwamm and family.

Tribute cards are a great way to honor a loved one. The cost is $18.00 per card or 10 for $180.00, and the money is used to fund various Women of Reform Judaism projects. For further information and to purchase a card or cards, email Glenda Gordon at glendashopper46@gmail.com or phone Glenda at 561-302-3507. These cards are also available for purchase on the on Temple website.
Engagement. It is a word that means several things from the traditional, to mark one’s upcoming marriage, to connecting with others in a common cause. Engagement is a word I like to use when describing how Temple Beth El Brotherhood considers ways to connect with our large and diverse community. Our goal is to engage the men of our congregation in a way that enables them to have a positive impact. We all have things that are important to each of us. Helping each other achieve these goals is part of why we work hard as leaders. The key to helping each other is to communicate, to engage with one another and to connect with one another in a way that helps us learn. Our mission at Brotherhood is not just to raise money and get together for fun events, but to engage one another in important dialogue that adds to each of our lives.

The year has been flying by and upon the success of this year’s fantastic Golf Outing honoring Peter and Ilene Wohlgemuth, Brotherhood is flying high! We raised some of the money needed for Project Rampart (adding security to the Schaefer Family Campus) and also increased our support of the ELC and Parenthood groups by helping underwrite things such as Family Fun Day. We have also increased programming to benefit the younger fathers in our community. As we move into the spring months, we will be hosting our annual Men’s Pre-Passover Dinner with a discussion that will focus on the growing Antisemitism we are seeing around us these days.

We are also planning an NCAA watch event on March 19th at a location to be determined. Keep an eye out for updates. Also, don’t forget about our grand Mother’s Day Brunch in May. Please join us with your wives, mothers and children!

Reach out to us at info@tbebrotherhood.org to make suggestions for future programs. Better yet, come to our monthly board meeting which is held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Beck Family Campus. You will meet some new people and be a part of something—something that is helping to make our Temple an even better place for all of us.

upcoming events

Register online at tbeboca.org/brotherhood

**Breakfast with Brotherhood**
Sunday, March 1, 2020
9:30am -11:00am
JJ’s Cafe and Deli
The Garden Shoppes on Powerline and Palmetto
Join Brotherhood for our next casual breakfast at JJ’s Cafe and Deli. This is a perfect opportunity to schmooze with like-minded guys especially if you have kids in the Religious School. You can drop them off at 9:00am, join us at 9:30am and be back for pickup by 11:30am. Each person will pay for their meal.

Please register by Friday, February 28, 2020.

**Men’s Pre-Passover Seder**
Confronting the Plague of Antisemitism
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
6:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus
$45 per person; Price increases by $5 after March 16, 2020
Join Temple Beth El Brotherhood for our annual Men’s Pre-Passover Seder hosted by Rabbis Dan Levin and Greg Weisman. As we prepare for this year’s Passover celebration, join us for dinner and a discussion of how we are confronting the resurgent plague of Antisemitism.

**Mother’s Day Brunch**
Sunday, May 10, 2020
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Schaefer Family Campus
$26 per adult, $15 per child (3 to 12 years old) before May 1st; Prices increase by $5 after April 30th.
Enjoy food, music & family time to celebrate the most important ladies in our lives!
The Beth El Early Learning Center is a very special place. We have outstanding early childhood educators and a state of the art facility. We have an incredible maintenance team that keeps our buildings looking clean and new. Our administrative team is top notch, planning innovative programming, curriculum development, communications, and more. But what really makes our school feel like a community are our fantastic parent volunteers who serve on our Parenthood Committee. Parenthood is made up of Early Learning Center parents who work together to help make our Early Learning Center the very best it can be and provide unwavering support to our staff.

Our Parenthood volunteers are invaluable to the success of our school. They organize our annual Scholastic Book Fair, coordinate our Room Parent program, host our annual New Family Meet and Greets and Family Fun Days. They plan our Staff Appreciation Week that showers our teachers with love. Parenthood is one of the primary ways that we engage our young families by encouraging them to get involved and make connections with each other. Through social programs like Parents’ Night Out, Moms’ Night Out and Dads’ Night Out, participants are given the opportunity to meet others in our school and forge relationships. Even monthly meetings start with a “Schmooze Time!”. Our Parenthood volunteers are our advocates and champions in the community at large, spreading the word about our world class programs.

The best part is that Parenthood is not an exclusive club! There are lots of ways to get involved in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. If you would like more information about how you can become a part just reach out and let us know. We are waiting for you to join us! If you would like to get involved, please contact Parenthood at parenthood@tbeboca.org.

PARENTHOOD DATES

Wednesday, March 18
Parenthood Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 22
Parenthood Meeting 7:00pm

Monday-Friday, April 27-May 1
Staff Appreciation Week
March Madness
with Coach Angel from Kidokinetiks
Friday, March 13, 2020
6:00pm Pizza Dinner
6:30pm Tot Shabbat
Beck Family Campus
Celebrate Shabbat and the NCAA Basketball Tournament with your ELC friends. After a spirited Shabbat service filled with singing, dancing, praying and storytelling, children (ages 2-5) will work on improving their basketball skills with Kidokinetiks. We welcome all families with pre-readers (up to age 5) who wish to come and capture that special Shabbat feeling. What a fun way to celebrate the week’s end!

There is no charge for pizza dinner but RSVPs are required at tbeboca.org/early-learning-center or contact Lisa Stock at lstock@tbeboca.org or 561-391-9091

Volunteer Recognition
with an Ice Cream Social Oneg
Friday, May 15, 2020
6:00pm Pizza Dinner • 6:30pm Tot 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 (for the parents!) and an ice cream sundae dessert bar.

IMPORTANT DATES
Purim Celebration and Parade
Tuesday, March 10
Children are welcome to come to school dressed in costume

Spring Break for Early Childhood students
Monday-Friday, March 23 – 27
(Childcare is in session)
Mini Camp Available – Please register online

Passover Seders for 3 year olds classes
Thursday, April 2 at 9:30am

Passover Seders for 2 and 4 year old classes
Friday, April 3
2 year olds at 9:30am
4 year old classes at 11:30am

Erev Passover
Wednesday, April 8
Noon Dismissal

First Day of Passover
Thursday April 9 — ELC Closed

Yom Ha’atzmaut
Wednesday, April 29 – Celebration for Students (Israel’s Independence Day)

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It's the perfect way for Pre-K families to learn more about being part of the Temple Beth El community after the children graduate from the Beth El Early Learning Center! While the kids enjoy lunch and activities, parents learn about religious school with Heather Erez, Director of Youth Education and Engagement, and temple membership and community with Julie Guzy, Engagement and Programming Coordinator. Afterwards, we join current kindergarten students to splash and play in the Splash Pad and Big Back Yard!

For more information or to tour the recreation area, contact Sharon Stern at ssstern@tbeboca.org or 561-391-8900. Beck Family Campus, 9800 Yamato Road

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Q & A with Heather Erez

Since moving to Boca Raton three years ago from California, Heather Erez has worked to bring that “California creativity” to Youth Education and Engagement at Temple Beth El. Her goal: to create a Religious School program where kids want to attend and families want to belong, helping to create an exciting, fun, inclusive Jewish future.

What will Religious School look like next year for grades K-6?
We will continue with both options we offered this year – Beyachad Family Learning at Schaefer Family Campus where parents and their children attend twice a month together, and Sunday School at Beck Family Campus where children learn weekly with their peers. Next year, all Religious School students will start and end at the same time – 9:00am to 12pm.

We've heard a lot about #OnwardHebrew?!?! What is that?
It is our new Hebrew philosophy that our Religious School started working toward last year. Four prongs will provide our students with everything they need to be Bar/Bat Mitzvah-ready while learning modern Hebrew in a fun way that is developmentally appropriate.

First, T’fillah. By listening and reciting prayers every week, students learn the melodies and begin to recognize the Hebrew letters as we point them out.

Second, Jewish Life Vocabulary. Sent weekly in the Tuesday emails, cartoons present phrases Jewish children should know. Teachers reinforce the vocabulary in their classrooms and, year after year, the lists builds, adding to their overall vocabulary.

Third, Hebrew Through Movement. A native Hebrew speaker works with students to introduce phrases and concepts by only speaking in Hebrew and using body language, props, and movement to help the children understand. From Kindergarten through 6th grade, these three areas complement each other and students are then ready for the last step.

Fourth, one on one tutoring, “aleph-bet to the bima.” About 18 months before a student’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah, they will be assigned a tutor that will reinforce letter recognition and language decoding, move into prayer efficiency and end in learning to chant their Torah and Haftarah portions, bringing them up to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah day on the bima.

No student will fall behind. Lessons are tailored to best fit their learning style. Parents will be up to date on their child’s progress, and families will have a personal connection to one of our faculty members. Beyachad families have already started one-on-one tutoring this year, and are absolutely thrilled with the customization, convenience and results!

This looks very different than how I learned Hebrew…
It is! Families today are not able to set aside roughly three hours of Hebrew language study IN ADDITION to all the other things we want our children to know about Judaism. So Jewish educators around the country have been working to find alternative ways to bring Hebrew into our supplemental programs that meet the same goals, exceed previous outcomes and keep students happy and engaged.

Can I opt to just do the tutoring?
All of the aspects of our program result in a well-rounded student who is prepared not only for the skills of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony itself, but also the reasons why we engage in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at all. Each prong compliments each other and so the tutoring is embedded into our overall structure.

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When is the tutoring?
That is between you and your tutor. We pair you up with a tutor we feel will best fit with your child and the two of you agree on a mutual day, time and location to meet.

Why would someone choose the Beyachad program over Sunday School with all their friends?
Beyachad is a different type of commitment and approach. Parents engage with their own learning which enhances the experience for their child and in the home. At least one parent joins the student for every session that is led by a clergy member and myself. This past year, some parents came even when their child couldn’t attend! They found that they were getting so much out of it that they didn’t want to miss.

Sessions are mainly on Sunday mornings at the Schaefer Family Campus (east) from 9:30am-12:00pm, but there will be times we meet offsite for field trips, or on Friday evenings with “bring your own dinner” at 6:00pm and Shabbat program from 7:00-8:30pm. We also have two Saturday evening Havdalahs and one Saturday day-long retreat. Dates and locations will be posted on the website.

What about youth group or fun activities for our kids?
Youth group activities for K-3 are still included as part of your congregational commitment for enrolled students. They occur on the Beck Family Campus after religious school and always include lunch. Older students in 4th-5th grade start going offsite and nominal fees are charged to help cover admission and transportation costs, however, a majority is included in the congregational commitment for enrolled students.
Welcome Ross Glinkenhouse

Please welcome Ross Glinkenhouse to our education team. As an expert in play infused engagement, Ross comes to us from Northern California where he was most recently the Senior Regional Director of BBYO, a Jewish teen engagement organization. Before that he worked as a youth director in a synagogue in White Plains, New York and held various leadership roles throughout his summers at URJ Crane Lake Camp. As an alumni of FAU here in Boca Raton, Ross returns to the community with ideas and enthusiasm for outreach to our youth.

Ross’s addition to our team couldn’t come at a better time as we start to focus on how we reach out to our middle and high school students. With the support and partnership of the Va’adat Chinuch (Education Advisory Committee), Ross has already begun to reach out to our families, current and past, to get their views and dreams of how Temple Beth El could impact the lives of our teens. Please let us know your reflections and ideas as we start this process, and help us welcome Ross into our community when you see him around town.

Email him to say hello at rglinkenhouse@tbeboca.org

B’nai Mitzvah

Rachel Herman
Daughter of Stacey and Keith Herman
3/7/2020 @ 9:00am

Brandon Wigdor
Son of Melissa and Jordan Wigdor
3/7/2020 @ 11:30am

Carson Eisner
Son of Paige and Daniel Eisner
3/19/2020 @ 10:30am

Hayden Shapiro
Son of Lauren Shapiro
3/21/2020 @ 11:30am

Isabelle Shapiro
Daughter of Lauren Shapiro
3/21/2020 @ 11:30am

Emma Rubinstein
Daughter of Rachel and Craig Rubinstein
4/4/2020 @ 10:45am

Remick Silverman
Daughter of Jana Schreiber and Scott Silverman
4/25/2020 @ 10:45am
Religious School

4th Grade Shabbat
Friday, March 6, 2020
6:00-7:30pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Beyachad Sessions at the Schaefer Family Campus
Sunday, March 1, 2020
9:30-11:30am

Friday, March 13, 2020
6:00pm Optional Bring Your Own Dinner
7:00-8:30pm Program

Sunday, April 5, 2020
9:30-11:30am

Friday, April 24, 2020
6:00pm Optional Bring Your Own Dinner
7:00-8:30pm Program

Spring Break – No classes
March 20-30, 2020

8th Grade Retreat
Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29, 2020
Orlando, Florida
Spend a meaningful and fun Shabbat cooking together and volunteering at Give Kids the World!

All School Purim Spiel And Carnival
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Schaefer Family Campus
Religious School classes will not be held this week to enable all of our families to join in the Purim festivities! Each child has a part in the play, please be there! See page 16 for details

Passover Experience
Sunday, April 5, 2020
Beck Family Campus
10:00 -11:00am
6th Graders help lead our younger students through various stations talking about the Passover story. Come in your Israelite costume and get ready to escape Egyptian rule! Preschool and perspective families encouraged to join.

Pop Up Religious School
Sunday, April 12, 2020
10:00am-12:00pm
BurtAaronson Park
Get outside and enjoy some religious school offsite at a park with the whole family! Everyone is welcome to join us. This is not a drop off event, an adult needs to be present.

3rd Grade Shabbat
Friday, April 17, 2020
7:30-9:00pm
Schaefer Family Campus

Tribal Council

Shvitz and Schmooze
Sunday, March 15, 2020 and
Sunday, April 19, 2020
9:15-10:15am
Beck Family Campus
Youth Engagement

Jr BOFTY & BOFTY to the Xtreme Action Park
Saturday, March 14, 2020
7:00–11:00pm
$50 includes go karts, arcade games, pizza dinner, and a bonus activity: choose between a ropes course, laser tag or roller skating

BOFTY Banquet for 8th - 12th Grade
Thursday, April 23, 2020
6:00-8:30pm
$35 per person
Maggiano’s Little Italy of Boca Raton

Kidokinetics for Tribe Simeon (1st Grade) and Tribe Judah (2nd Grade)
Sunday, April 19, 2020
11:30am-2:00pm
Beck Family Campus
After lunch participants will get their wiggles out with games by Kidokinetics. An active way to end the Religious School day!

Rock and Bowl with Tribe Dan (3rd Grade) and Tribe Naphtali (4th Grade)
Sunday, April 19, 2020
After Religious School until 3:30pm
Participants will bus over to Strikes Bowling Alley for some rock ‘n roll fun after a pizza lunch!

Splash Into Kindergarten – with Kindergarteners!
Sunday, April 26, 2020
12:00-2:30pm
Beck Family Campus
Incoming kindergarteners are invited to learn about religious school and enjoy our amazing backyard and splash pad. Current kindergartners will be there to answer questions and join in the fun!

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Allyson Martinez

Through being a proud member of Temple Beth El, specifically a member of our youth group BOFTY, I found my voice in NFTY STR. NFTY STR inspires future leaders through teen powered engagement. Just like in BOFTY, teens pursue social action initiatives, religious programming and form unique relationships with each other through the commonality of their Jewish faith. The community that is built at every event is inspiring and accepting. Through my love of community on a local level in BOFTY, I decided that I would love to share that experience with people from other Temple Youth Groups across the state of Florida. NFTY STR and Temple Beth El have made me the leader I am today and have given me the skills and confidence in myself to find my voice and use it to empower others.

Elise Ecoff

The simple fact is when our children are growing up, much of our lives revolve around theirs. A significant portion of our time is spent supporting them on athletic fields, at fine arts events, and in school. We develop relationships with adults in our children’s world and their communities become our own. Then the inevitable happens - they grow up! And one day you find yourself at High Holy Day services looking around and the faces there are no longer familiar.

This may not be your experience, but it was mine. So when I had the opportunity to reconnect to my Jewish community by volunteering on the Va’adat Chinuch, a group of temple members and educators that provides support to the Religious School, I said yes. Using my career expertise to help shape the educational experience of our youngest congregants is a privilege and a joy. I’ve met so many wonderful people and have reconnected in a new and personal way to a community I didn’t realize I missed. Picasso said, “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” How fortunate for me to have found a meaningful way to give back and find a new home in the community we share.

Jacob Harris

It started when a good friend invited me to a basketball game on a Wednesday night with BBYO, the leading Jewish teen movement. In the past five years, my role with the organization has continually evolved. I was immersed in BBYO planning and leading a program about the role of the Israeli Defense Forces in Middle Eastern conflicts. Soon, I was President of my chapter conducting business meetings. For BBYO’s 94th International Convention, I hosted two Turkish teen, and at the 95th International Convention, I took on the leadership role of contacting Fortune 500 companies seeking event sponsorship to defer costs.

I even started a new chapter providing an inclusive home for Jewish teens in South Florida. From activity on the chapter level to the international level, each step has provided me with a unique experience to become a more confident, competent, and successful individual. However, my involvement in BBYO would not have been possible without the introduction to my Jewish identity provided by Temple Beth El. Growing up in religious school at Beth El opened me up to an organization that has changed my life, and given me more opportunities than I could have ever imagined.
MEGHAN MANDILE

To be honest if you had told me seven years ago I would still be involved with my temple I would’ve laughed, but staying involved with Temple Beth El was the best thing I’ve ever done in my life! Youth group is what really kept me in, and allowed me to experience a safe place where I could grow into my true self. In confirmation class, I learned valuable life lessons and morals that I cherish to this day. Throughout my eleven years at temple, I was able to grow into myself and gain the knowledge and experiences to become a leader. (My favorite is volunteering at Religious School!) Being committed to BOFTY exposed me to NFTY which gave me the opportunity to further my involvement in and learn more about the Jewish community with Jewish teens. Without TBE helping me to be the person I am today I would never have joined NFTY or taken a leap of faith and run to be the NFTY-STR Regional Programming Vice President, and thanks to the support of TBE I can proudly say I am the NFTY STR Regional PVP Elect.

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VISION
Temple Beth El of Boca Raton seeks to be a deeply compelling center of Reform Judaism, integrating the wisdom of Torah and tradition with the modern world in which we live.

Our congregation will:

Welcome, involve and inspire all who enter, embracing the unique contributions of every individual.

Reach out to the larger community to encourage participation in synagogue life.

Celebrate, grieve, heal and grow together through all seasons of life.

Strive to be a learned community that questions, studies, and honors the gift of Torah and the covenant with God.

Engage in inspiring worship and transformative experiences of Jewish spirituality.

Share a love and responsibility for each other, our community and country, for Israel, and for the future of the Jewish people.

MISSION
The mission of Temple Beth El is to inspire a passionate commitment to Jewish life, learning, community and spiritual growth.

ISRAEL FEST
PRESENTED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 • 5:30pm - 9:00pm
Mizner Park Amphitheater
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROFESSIONAL STAFF
Rabbi Daniel Levin
Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates
Rabbi Greg Weisman
Cantor Lori Brock
Michelle Auslander Cohen, CANTORIAL SOLOIST
Rabbi Merle Singer, D.P.S., D.H.L., D.D., RABBI EMERITUS
Steve Kaufman, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Mark Erickson, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Susan Stallone, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
Jason Reasor, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES
Elinor Josephson, DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING
Mike Sirowitz, MAUSOLEUM DIRECTOR
Derek Hurwitch, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Rita Diamond, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

MAIMONIDES INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING
Heather Erez, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT
Melissa Abell, ASST. DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT (GRADES 7-12)
Ronni Graf, DIRECTOR OF EARLY LEARNING CENTER
Robin Eisenberg, RJE, DIRECTOR OF JEWISH LEARNING AND LIVING EMERITA

*Past President
BLUE JEANS
SHABBAT

CELEBRATE ISRAEL’S INDEPENDENCE DAY
YOM HAATZMAUT
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020 • SCHAEFER FAMILY CAMPUS

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

6:00PM Rockin’ Israeli-themed musical Shabbat service celebrating our Jewish homeland

7:15PM Delicious Israeli-inspired dinner catered by Artisan Foods

RSVP for dinner at tbeboca.org/special-events
$24 per adult, $16 per child (4-12)
After Tuesday, April 21, 2020: $28 per adult, $20 per child (4-12)
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